

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

Mayor Budesheim announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Staff Sergeant Michael Onembo of the Riverdale Armory addressed the Council regarding a memorial they are planning for one of their soldiers who was killed in action in Afghanistan. They would like to plan an annual 5K walk and run starting on the 28th of September and would like support in shutting down the roads. They also are requesting an honorary renaming of Riverdale Road to Olivera Avenue. Mayor Budesheim stated that we would be happy to assist and asked for the information on the soldier who lost his life.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Guis requested that Resolution No. 3 be tabled as he doesn't feel there is enough information in the paving proposal.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills.
- 2) **Resolution No. 36-2013A;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- 3) Tabled
- 4) **Resolution No. 38-2013;** Professional Agreement – Appraisal Systems, Inc. for Professional Real Estate Appraisal and Tax Appeal Services not to exceed \$5,000.00. (copy of agreement distributed to Governing Body)

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli,
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 41-A, B AND C

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From Pat Cleary, Riverdale Fire Department advising that the Borough currently has two ordinances that are redundant. 1) No parking on Borough streets when they are snow covered and 2) No parking on Borough streets from December 1st through April 1st. If the objective is to make sure roads are clear from plowing the first ordinance allows you to achieve that objective.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued):

With the advancements in weather forecasting and the advance notice we receive, there is no longer a need for the second ordinance. (copy of complete letter transmitted to Governing Body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated the ordinances are not redundant as they cover two different issues. One is overnight parking and the other is no parking any time the streets are snow covered. The issue addressed is a real problem and a burden to many residents. Council discussed the issue and it was decided that relaxing the requirements would create more problems than it would solve.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that Border's has a tenant coming in - Joanne's Fabric. He also reported that the Borough Engineer has prepared quotes to do the planting along the river which is part of the riverbank stabilization and desnagging. We need to issue purchase orders for the plant materials and labor.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve purchase orders for labor to install plants at \$1,400 a day for five days not to exceed \$7,000 and for the plant material from Ernst Seeds in Meadville, PA not to exceed \$27,500. (Other prices were obtained).

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzl, Carelli,**
 Nays: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated he has one matter to be discussed in closed session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that they have been meeting with the different departments and will meet with Fire Department soon. He passed out a document which he described as a side by side of the budget the CFO prepared and the Finance Committee recommendations. He explained that his document has the proposals of the department heads and Council Chairmen and includes a 2% increase for the full time borough employees. He explained how the numbers in his budget were arrived at and stated it will be given to the CFO for his review. We were able to keep it under cap which is basically a flat increase based on the new revaluation. This budget as proposed would be a \$10 increase on the average home. We would like to introduce this budget at the next meeting. He asked the Council to review it and provide feedback.

Councilman Mastrangelo asked if we could look at allocating salary increases based on performance rather than across the board. Councilman Carelli stated that we could look at that. We would need to have an evaluation policy in place.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

Fire Chief Sturm reported that there is a meeting on April 4th at 7:00 pm at the firehouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

There was a discussion regarding the honorary renaming of Post Lane in honor of firefighter Joe Ezzo who died on that street in the line of duty.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to authorize the honorary renaming of Post Lane for deceased firefighter Joe Ezzo.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Carelli,**
 Nays: Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Budesheim
 (3 ayes – 4 nays – motion denied)

Mayor Budesheim stated that they should choose another street.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that snow season is almost over and reimbursement for the condos will be coming up. He recommended we prepare a resolution to petition the state to allow local fingerprinting. He also proposed that we do an ordinance to charge a cleanup fee to the little league for leaving trash at the ball fields. Borough Attorney Oostdyk will prepare an ordinance. Councilman Guis reported that we have three alarms that don't ring to anywhere. One is at the Community Center and two are at the water towers. He suggested we talk to Pompton Lakes about shared services for central station monitoring for municipal alarms. The telemetry on the water towers is currently serviced through copper wires that are becoming more difficult to maintain. We have a price of about \$15,000 to go to radio transmitted telemetry. We can piggyback the alarm signals on that telemetry and the radio control. He advised the Council that we need to think about what we want to do.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that Recreation Committee member Diane Szabo passed away over the weekend and she will be greatly missed. There was a great turnout for the egg hunt and Easter Bunny events over the weekend. Summer Recreation registrations are underway and reports will follow.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported on prices obtained for lawn care and seeding for the fields at Independence Park. Councilwoman Wetzel suggested the time frame should be discussed with each league's field representative. Councilman Astarita will get in touch with Shawn Dougherty. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that another quote would be required.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that there was a request for employees to be allowed to use a vacation or personal day to have July 5th and December 24th off. Alternatively they could give up Columbus Day for these dates. Mayor Budesheim clarified that the Council voted to have Columbus Day as a holiday so if we want to make that a work day and declare Christmas Eve and July 5th as holidays it needs to be approved.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to modify the Official Borough Holiday schedule for 2013 to eliminate Columbus Day and include July 5th and Christmas Eve.

ALL IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, asked if the public can see the budget drafts. Councilman Carelli stated that he'd rather not until the Council reviews them and they are complete. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded that it will be available through the Borough Clerk in advance of the meeting when it will be voted on.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

An unidentified audience member stated that the new street sign on Parkway Entrance says Riverdale Parkway and it must be an error. Mayor Budesheim stated that is the legal street name.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None**

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the following resolution:

- 5) **Resolution No. 42-2013;** Approval of an additional \$4,500 to the maximum payout on the professional agreement for legal services with Weiner Lesniak, LLP.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli,
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol J. Talerico, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk