

The regular 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 Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Carelli, Guis, Loesner, Wetzel, Falkoski**
 Absent: **Astarita**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - March 19, 2012
 Workshop Meeting - April 2, 2012

Councilman Loesner noted a correction to the minutes of March 19th. The last line of the first paragraph on page 37 contains a comment attributed to him that was made by Councilman Astarita.

Thereupon, Councilman Loesner set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve the above listed minutes as corrected.

ALL IN FAVOR

Abstain: Falkoski (March 19, 2012 only)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012 AS “THE RIVERDALE WOMAN’S CLUB DAY” IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE.

Mayor Budesheim proclaimed April 11 as Riverdale Woman’s Club Day in the Borough of Riverdale. They had their 60th Anniversary and dinner at the Community Center and were presented with a Proclamation honoring them for their 60 years of service to the community.

COPY OF PROCLMATION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 47-A

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 06-2012

CALENDAR YEAR 2012 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

ORDINANCES (continued):

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 06-2012 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 48-B**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

Mayor Budesheim announced the meeting was open to the public for comments on the budget.

An unidentified audience member commented that the municipal and school budgets will result in a \$100 tax increase on individual households. Councilman Carelli stated the municipal portion is about \$48. Mayor Budesheim stated the school budget that will be voted on tomorrow represents approximately a \$26 annual increase on a \$350,000 house. The unidentified audience member also inquired whether salaries were reduced since we lost a number of employees last year. Mayor Budesheim stated we are down four employees in the Police Department and one in the DPW. There would have been a reduction if those four employees were here all of last year, but the balance is made up in scheduled raises per the contract.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.**Resolution No. 47-2012 – INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT TO 2012 APPROVED BUDGET.**

The Municipal Clerk read the Amendment to the 2012 Approved Budget.

Chief Finance Officer Ken Sesholtz explained that the amendment corrects an error he had made in the calculation of the levy cap.

Thereupon, Councilman Loesner set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, for the Adoption of the 2012 Municipal Budget and the Amendment to the 2012 Budget.

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

Mr. Sesholtz stated there is no need for resolution No. 3 Emergency Temporary Appropriations.

COPY OF 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND AMENDMENT IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 48-C

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Loesner stated that last month we made a new DPW Superintendent and we need a resolution to set his pay at Level A of the salary structure. There was a brief discussion regarding who would get standby water pay.

An unidentified audience member asked if the raise for the DPW Superintendent was at least as much as the amount he made on the weekend. Councilman Carelli stated it was about a 3-1/2% raise. Councilman Guis stated that he was promoted from Foreman to DPW Superintendent.

Thereupon, Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Payment of Claims.
- 2) **Resolution No. 43-2012;** Urging the New Jersey DEP to Provide Critical Funding on an Emergent Basis for the Repair of the Bascule Flood Gates at the Charlottesville Dam to Protect the Residents of Riverdale, Bloomingdale, Butler, Pequannock and Pompton Lakes.
- 3) Removed.
- 4) **Resolution No. 45-2012;** Tax Identification Statement (Recycling Tonnage).
- 5) Approval of driveway curb cut at Carelli Residence, 42 Cottage Place. Application and drawings transmitted to Borough Engineer and approved.
- 6) Resolution to approve the designation of Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$100,000 for the river de-snagging project.
- 7) Resolution to approve payment to Dan Salameno for work done on Independence Field for Loader rental in the amount of \$311.42 and one load of infield mix in the amount of \$1,050, for a total amount of \$1,361.42. Total paid to date for field maintenance \$4,144.75.
- 8) **Resolution No. 46-2012;** Municipal Enlistment in the Military Initiative to find Employment for our Returning Veterans and the Spouses of Those Who Continue to Serve. (N.J. League of Municipalities requesting that all 566 municipalities pass this resolution)
- 9) Mayor to appoint Ruth Pasquariello as Riverdale Historian with confirmation of borough council.
- 10) Approval of salary increase for DPW Superintendent Steven Schotanus to the amount of \$85,608 (Level A) effective April 1, 2012.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Carelli, Guis, Loesner, Wetzel, Falkoski**
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Carelli (Resolution No. 5 only)
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Building Department Re-Structuring and funding.

Councilman Guis reported on this item during Committee Reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) **Ordinance No. 02-2012 (tabled at March 19 Mayor and Council meeting)** vetoed by Mayor Budesheim as of March 7, 2012 with his statement of objections which was forwarded to the Governing Body by the Clerk on March 8, 2012. The council can over ride the veto by 2/3rd vote of the full council. Ordinance was adopted by the governing body on February 22, 2012

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

and ordinance was forward to Mayor Budesheim by the Clerk for his approval on February 24, 2012.

There was no discussion on this ordinance.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that Morris County is going to repave Hamburg Turnpike from Route 287 to the Bloomingdale border. He has been in touch with DOT Commissioner Simpson's office regarding the Route 23 improvements and will be sending him a letter on the items that we're concerned with. The Mathews Avenue repaving project is starting tomorrow for about 6-8 weeks. He reported on a meeting last Thursday with the Mayors in the area and NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin on the flooding. They've given us a 15 point plan for flood mitigation that will be on our website tomorrow. He asked everyone to read it and provide comments. Tomorrow he is going to Trenton for the Energy Receipts Task Force Committee meeting. The state retains literally hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. This used to be part of our local property tax and the state started collecting it and said they would turn it over to us. They're retaining about 55% of all the money they collect. He asked the members of the Governing Body to attend the dedication and tour of the Glenburn on Saturday, May 5th, at 10:00. He announced that proceeds from the Lia Sophia jewelry sale at Rock Creek club house this Saturday between 11 am and 3 pm will be donated to the Riverdale Food Pantry.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Carelli distributed a draft of the social media policy and asked for comments so it can be adopted at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported there is a membership application for the Fire Department from John James Mullen.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Loesner, to accept the application from John James Mullen for membership to the Riverdale Fire Department.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Councilman Falkoski reported the court report for March 2012.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported on restructuring in the Construction Department. We had a special relationship with the previous Construction Official because he had retired and we provided with him with an automobile and paid him only \$5,000 a year. Councilmen Loesner and I had met with the acting Construction Official and he has proposed that he would take over as Construction Official, Building Sub-Code and Building Inspector including all of The Grande inspections. He is looking for \$34,000, or \$17,000 each, for those two positions. We would then raise our current plumbing inspector to plumbing sub-code and he would take over The Grande inspections plus the sub-code responsibilities at the same rate we paid in 2011. He explained that after working out all of the numbers we end up with a \$5,300 increase which would be prorated for the rest of the year and would be about \$3,000. The Grande

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

still has to be finished and the inspections still have to get done. I envision we'll be doing a lot of examination in some sort of joint shared service in the Building Department next year but for this year we have a responsibility to finish this project and this seems like a reasonable approach. Councilwoman Wetzel asked how many hours he would work here for that salary. Councilman Guis stated that it's one of those positions where the job gets done and it depends on the level of work each week. There was additional discussion regarding the position and salary.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mayor Budesheim reported that Mayor Katie Cole of Pompton Lakes is here this evening to request a contribution of \$2,000 from our Open Space Trust Fund to finish the work on the ball fields at the Joe Grille complex. Mayor Cole stated that she was approached by the Little League to reach out to Riverdale to ask for help with the cost of clay. Councilman Guis stated that when we had the floods in 2010 we gave quite a bit of money for the fields. He asked if any of that money was generated from FEMA to recoup any of that. Mayor Cole replied that there was FEMA money for some other things but no money was generated for the fields themselves. Councilman Guis stated that when we were approached to help with that project, we were told that we might get some of that back because nobody could wait for the FEMA money. The amount was \$25,000 and he would like to see a report that says FEMA denied it or if something did come back. Mayor Cole said she would check on that. Mayor Budesheim stated that he understands the concern but he never asked for anything back because they had even more devastating floods after that. Councilman Guis stated that we have been funding some money for the Little League for the fields here in Riverdale also. Mayor Cole stated that the Little League said they have not received money directly from Riverdale. Mayor Budesheim recommended we authorize this contribution since our kids use those fields more than our own and it's coming out of the Open Space. Councilman Carelli concurred. Resident Joan Garcia stated that it's one of the worst flood areas in that area and we keep putting more money into the fields. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that the flood problem is ongoing and random. In the meantime we do use those fields and they need clay there to play.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to authorize up to \$2,500 to purchase clay for the ball fields at Joe Grille Field in Pompton Lakes.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Carelli, Loesner, Wetzel, Falkoski**
 Nays: Guis
 (4 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)

FINANCE: Councilman Loesner reported that the last two weeks they've been working on the budget and the amendment and a few other things with regards to the Open Space going into next year. Going forward we still have the Building Department to work on.

Mayor Budesheim asked Police Chief Smith how the investigation on the postal inspection is coming along. Sgt. Bogert replied that it shouldn't be discussed. Mayor Budesheim asked if it was near done. Sgt. Bogert replied that he did not know.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

An unidentified audience member suggested someone look at the low power lines and telephone lines on Mathews Avenue prior to the construction. Councilman Loesner stated that would be checked when they do the One-Call. Mayor Budesheim stated that we would double check.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

An unidentified audience member asked if there would be sewage capacity for the streets that got letters to vote on sewers or if they're not getting them. Councilman Guis stated that right at this moment he did not believe so. The audience member asked if the vote would be voided since we're not moving forward. Mayor Budesheim clarified that we do have capacity in the sense that it's on the books but we have Inflow and Infiltration that really peaked during the storm. At the last report there was still I&I coming into the pipes and we're still trying to find the source into our sewer system. Once that's cleared up, there is capacity. The audience member asked how long the vote will remain valid before it is voided and they revote based on the ability to connect to the sewer system. Mayor Budesheim stated that the letters were to get a sense of whether the people wanted us to go forward or not. Before we do anything we have to have an ordinance and that requires a public hearing. At that time, if the people have changed their mind, they can come in and say they do not want to go ahead with this project. If someone wants to change their vote, it will be duly noted, but we're going to continue to try and resolve this and make it work because a number of the residents want the sewers. The audience member asked if it does move forward and everyone on the block can hook up to it, will there be an issue with capacity or leakage or any possibility we won't have the ability to hook up to it. Mayor Budesheim replied there would not. Councilman Guis explained that we get our approvals in advance and they will never tell you to unhook from the sewers. The audience member stated he is worried about the raw sewage. Mayor Budesheim stated that occurred during Irene when the sewer treatment plant was flooded.

An unidentified audience member asked if we were paying for this I&I. Mayor Budesheim replied that we pay hundreds of thousands of dollars. We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars looking for it and still feel it's largely the meters. TCR spent over \$200,000 looking for it with one of the biggest engineering firms in the state and they couldn't find it. The audience member also requested the streetlights be turned on later.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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