

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:

Steve Revis thanked the Mayor and Council for recognition of his service on the Board of Education. The cooperation that developed between the Board and the Council over the years can serve as a shining example to other municipalities. The children and taxpayers have all benefited by that great relationship.

Mike Van Ry, President of the Riverdale Fire Department, followed up on a request to name a street in honor of Pappa Joe who died 30 years ago. Pat Cleary asked what the reason was for not wanting to name Post Lane. There was discussion regarding the matter. Councilpersons Guis and Wetzel were not in favor of naming any streets for anyone.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to rename Post Lane in honor of deceased Firefighter Pappa Joe Ezzo.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Carelli, Budesheim (to break tie)
Nays: Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel
(4 ayes – 3 nays – motion carried)

Nancy Salazar stated that bushes and trees are blocking the line of sight at Newberry Place and Post Lane. Mayor Budesheim will have the Zoning Officer handle the matter.

John Conroy asked when the homeowners would find out the change in their taxes. Mayor Budesheim responded that the new tax bills go out in July.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Budesheim clarified resolution No. 2. This is the result of an employee complaint about potential mold and mildew when our roof was leaking. The state sent us “need to comply” notices which are mostly paperwork. The compliance has to be completed by May 23rd or we will be fined \$830 per day for each violation. It will cost an additional \$4,950 to have that taken care of so the total expenditure is \$6,950 which is not in the budget. The DPW Superintendent will be appointed to oversee this.

There was a discussion regarding resolution No. 3 and a change in the Morris County Co-op bid award. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that the base amount for the truck went up from \$131,000 to \$133,969.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

Councilman Guis asked for an update of the Redevelopment Plan for the Verizon building. Mayor Budesheim and Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded.

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills. (including the following)
 - a. Precision Landscaping Deposit (open space) \$500.00
- 2) Approval of expenditure in the amount of \$6,950 for a “Written Program (IAQ) Indoor Air Quality Standard” for all municipal buildings as PEOSHA requires by N.J.A.C. 12:100-13 to be performed by RAMM Environmental Services, Inc.

- 3) Authorization of the purchase of a new DPW Truck as authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 5-2013, in the amount of \$232,590.00 purchased through Morris County Co-op. Purchase to be made after the 20 day estoppel period as required by law with an ending date of May 12, 2013.
- 4) Authorization to schedule a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. to act on the following:
 - a. Area in Need of Redevelopment Resolution
 - b. Introduce an Ordinance for the Redevelopment Plan
 - c. Introduce an Ordinance for a Pilot Program – Payment in lieu of Taxes
- 5) **Resolution No. 44-2013**; Authorization of Appraisal Systems, Inc. to represent the Borough of Riverdale with regard to County Board Tax Appeals.

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. 53-A AND B

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Prestige Paving, LLC to install asphalt parking lot from Hamburg Turnpike to parking lot 55' long X 30' wide 120' long. Install 2" FABC top course Mix I-5 rolled and compacted for a total price of \$2,700.00. (this item tabled at the last two council meetings)

Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the above paving project.

Councilman Carelli asked where the money was coming from. Mayor Budesheim stated it is coming out of Capital. Councilman Guis stated that in spite of Mr. Darmofalski's letter he is still not in favor of doing this. He recommended we remove the pavement and put \$300 worth of RCP down and roll it. We can do this with our own people and equipment. When we get the money we can pave the whole thing and do the job right. This is a \$2,700 band aid that is only going to last a year or two. Mayor Budesheim felt it is a mistake to wait as it is an unsafe condition. Councilman Guis stated there are other places in town that are also unsafe and need paving.

Councilman Astarita stated that he agreed with Councilman Guis and withdrew his second of the motion made by Councilwoman Wetzel. Mayor Budesheim stated that we don't need a motion if we can do the job for less than \$500.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that we received a grant of \$215,000 to pave the Stoneleigh section. We'll need to begin surveying to prepare the bid specs.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to authorize the Borough Engineer to obtain the surveys needed to prepare bid specifications for the Stoneleigh section paving project.

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

Mayor Budesheim stated that our Tax Assessor, Joe DeStefano, passed away a little over a week ago. He had worked here close to 30 years and will be sorely missed. The Personnel Committee will begin interviewing for a replacement.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that he distributed another worksheet with an update to our municipal budget. It is a side-by-side comparison of what was originally passed out versus what the CFO had changed. We want to introduce this budget on May 20th so I would like to get a consensus or opinion from the Council

tonight. Councilman Falkoski stated he was not in favor of removing the money for hiring two new police officers. Councilman Carelli answered questions regarding the budget.

Mayor Budesheim suggested a special meeting to discuss the budget. Council agreed to have a special budget meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons Wetzel, Guis and Astarita will not be able to make the next meeting on May 20th. Council agreed to reschedule the regular meeting of May 20, 2013 to Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in order to have a quorum.

Councilman Carelli stated that it's been almost five years since we did work at the Community Center as far as putting in the playground and basketball court. It is well used and we had talked about possibly putting in a pavilion and paver porch. In addition there is some work that has to be done with equipment at Freedom Park and I'd like to see if we could start doing some of these things. We are able to fund a lot of it through our Open Space Trust Fund.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that the basketball court at Freedom Park needs replacement or repair. We should also look at the playground equipment. The chain link fencing at the soccer fields needs repair. Councilman Astarita suggested we keep this in mind for CDBG grants next year.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No report.

PERSONNEL: No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

John Conroy asked how much we owe in bonds. Mayor Budesheim responded about \$2.1 million.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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