

May 19, 2014

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: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Guis
Absent: Wetzel (vacation)**

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:

Keith Hamilton, Van Duyne Avenue, spoke regarding the number of cross walks on Newark Pompton Turnpike. He asked if additional crosswalks have ever been considered. Councilman Guis replied that it has not been brought up before and he doesn't know if we're restricted by the DOT but he will bring it up to the Borough Engineer and get Police Department input. Mr. Hamilton also asked if plans include a sidewalk where they are expanding the doctor's facility on Van Duyne Avenue. Mayor Budesheim suggested that he check with the Planning Board Administrator.

June Carelli, Riverdale Facility Director, invited the Mayor and Council to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Dave Desai, 22 Cotliss Road, asked the amount of town matching funds required for the bid for the Glenburn House and Store Rehabilitation. Mayor Budesheim replied that matching funds are 20% but did not have the exact number. Mr. Desai asked what happens if there are cost overruns. Mayor Budesheim replied that it would be voted on by the Council.

Jeff Romaine, Greenwich Street, asked if the Glenburn property was running in the red as it was stated that it would never cost the taxpayers any money. Councilman Guis stated that we're in the red. Mayor Budesheim stated that he is not sure it was ever claimed that it would never cost the taxpayers money. It depends how you look at it and what costs you want to assign to it. Every facility in this town runs in the red. Councilman Guis explained that there were volunteer groups that were going to get very involved and once it was purchased those groups disappeared. Mayor Budesheim stated that any money that goes toward the Glenburn comes out of an Open Space Trust Fund which was voted and established by the voters.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita 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 04-2014

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168, "ZONING" OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

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

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ORDINANCES (continued):

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

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 04-2014 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 05-2014

**CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL
 BUDGET APPROPRIATION 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.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 05-2014 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Carelli asked Councilman Revis if he was recommending approval of resolutions 4, 5 and 6. Councilman Revis replied that he was.

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

1) Payment of Claims.

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RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 2) Award of bid for Glenburn House and Store Rehabilitation to Kunzman Construction, 238 Oak Summit Rd., Pittstown, NJ in the amount of \$271,582.00. (copy of recommendation letter from HMR Architects distributed with agenda)
- 3) **Resolution No. 42-2014;** Authorization of Examination of the 2014 Municipal Budget to be assumed by the Borough of Riverdale normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
- 4) Appointment of A. Tejan Jalloh, RMC as Municipal Clerk at the annual salary of \$12,000 effective June 1, 2014.
- 5) Appointment of Jimmy Homsy as Bookkeeper/Assistant Municipal Clerk at the annual salary of \$40,000 based on 35 hours per week.
- 6) Approval of salary increase to \$15.00 per hour for Office Assistant Connie Andersen.
- 7) Approval of the following payments:
 - a. Darmofalski Engineering - Highland, Hillside, Wilson, Carper \$3,600.00
 - b. Darmofalski Engineering – General Consultation \$1,200.00
 - c. RFM Printing – June Newsletter - A&E o/e \$1,061.14
- 8) Approval of payment to Power Supply Electrical Contractors for deposit for lighting inside the Glenburn in the amount of \$18,124.50.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Guis**
 Nays: **Guis (Resolution No. 2 only)**
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Councilman Revis clarified that the part-time Municipal Clerk will attend one meeting a month that may not necessarily be the first meeting of the month. The person in resolution No. 5 would attend the other meeting of the month.

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Mayor Budesheim stated that we have two appointees to the DPW who are recommended by the DPW Superintendent. Councilman Guis stated that this will bring us up to eight and I do recommend this at this time. We have another man who will probably be out for six or eight months if not permanently.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to appoint Nicholas Laprezioso and Nicholas Lemba as DPW Laborers at a salary of \$15.00 per hour with a start date of May 21, 2014.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis asked if we had followed up with the Water/Sewer Engineer regarding the bid specification that were authorized at the last meeting. The Deputy Clerk will verify what was approved and Mayor Budesheim will follow up with Mr. Ryden.

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli stated he would report during the public hearing for the budget.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that two Junior Firefighters applied for membership.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the membership applications of Howie Vanderhoff Jr. and Kory James Smith for membership as Jr. Firefighters in the Riverdale Fire Department.

ALL IN FAVOR.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported on the status of work at the firehouse. He also asked if a fence would be put around the Morris Avenue sewer pumping station. Councilman Guis will discuss the matter with the DPW Superintendent.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Revis thanked the Council for supporting the appointments tonight and stated they will be very pleased with the results.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Councilman Carelli stated the meeting was open to the public for a hearing on the 2014 Municipal Budget.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Councilman Carelli announced that the Municipal Budget as introduced on April 21st would be a 3% tax increase and he had challenged the Council to do better. The resolution to amend the budget would make reductions of about \$65,000 which would reduce the increase from 3% to 1.7% or an average \$35.00 average tax increase for the residents. He explained the amendments.

Mayor Budesheim stated his objection to this is the reduction in the debt service payment. We are getting so close to paying off our debt and any delay in that is only going to hurt.

Councilman Astarita stated that this budget is about compromise. I'm satisfied with what Paul said regarding dropping the tax rate for this year. Looking at this we can move forward and know we put together a good budget and that's the way the process should work.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that he did not agree with items two and three. I think paying down the debt should be our number one priority and taking \$20,000 from the police department is a mistake.

Councilman Guis stated that we're spending a lot of time over something that equates to extending our debt by one month.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve the following resolution subject to the final validation of the Chief Finance Officer:

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Resolution No. 43-2014; AMENDMENT TO 2014 APPROVED BUDGET

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT (continued):

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Astarita, Carelli, Revis, Guis
 Nays: Mastrangelo
 (4 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)

Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment to be held on June 2, 2014.

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Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 44-2014; Emergency Temporary Appropriations

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Purchase of DOT Property located at the Magnus Tract from the DOT for an amount of \$15,000 to \$16,000 – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.
- 2) Adoption of Wanaque Borough's fee schedule by ordinance per the Department of Community Affairs notice that this is required for all Shared Services Agreements per Uniform Construction Code Statute #5:23-4.17e. (email sent to governing body and borough attorney regarding this on January 23, 2014 explaining the telephone call the clerk received from the DCA)

No discussion took place.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO 2:

Dave Desai, 22 Cotliss Road, stated that he was impressed to see everyone cooperate and come to a compromise on the budget.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

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Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda C. Forbes, R.M.C.
Deputy Municipal Clerk