

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: Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Absent: Astarita, Guis, Wetzel**

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - April 15, 2013
Workshop Meeting - May 6, 2013

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Nancy Salazar, Newbury Place, asked for the status of improving the line of sight at the corner of Newbury Place and Newark Pompton Turnpike. Mayor Budesheim stated the Zoning Officer has been in touch with the property owners and the shrubbery will be cut.

John Conroy asked if any updates were made to the budget. Mayor Budesheim said he would talk about the budget later.

Carolyn Masone, 274 Hamburg Turnpike, stated that she is speaking in her capacity as President of the Riverdale Land Conservancy. The paving of the small parking lot at Glenburn is in bad shape and it is a safety issue. Mayor Budesheim responded that the Borough Engineer and Councilman Guis are not in agreement on the method of repair. He will turn the matter over to Councilman Astarita who is in charge of Buildings and Grounds.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 06-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND PROVIDING FOR FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR FIELD
CLEAN UP AFTER USE BY ORGANIZATIONS**

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

ORDINANCES (continued):

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

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 06-2013 as amended and read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Nays: None
(3 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 60-A

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Precision Landscaping Start-up fee \$2,438.50
 - b. Darmofalski Engineering Horton Escrow a/c \$ 780.00
 - c. Gloria Carelli Food Pantry Trust \$ 500.00
 - d. Railco Metalcraft Capital a/c \$2,400.00
- 2) Mayor to appoint Steve Schotanus to oversee PEOSHA Air Quality Standards with confirmation of council.
- 3) Approval of release of escrow funds to Majestic Home Developers in the amount of \$313.46.
- 4) **Resolution No. 45-2013;** Refund of Taxes – Block 40, Lot 6.04, McCarter English, Year 2011 - \$14,024.80 – County Board Judgment.
- 5) **Resolution No. 46-2013;** Refund of Taxes – Block 12.01, Lot 3.701 – Year 2009 to 2012 - \$4,095.24; Block 12.01, Lot 3.702 – Year 2009 to 2012 - \$1,189.52; Block 12.01, Lot 3.703 – Year 2009 to 2012 - \$822.60 – Property Owners Leon & Berit Belyea – Reason – County Board Judgment.
- 6) **Resolution No. 47-2013;** Refund of Taxes – Block 40 Lot 3.2410 – Year 2010 - \$350.61 – Property Owner Law Office of Michael A. Vespasiano – Reason – County Board Judgment; and Block 40 Lot 3.2213 – Year 2010 – \$171.64 - Property Owner Guarino – Reason – County Board Judgment.
- 7) Authorization to reschedule the regular meeting of Monday, June 17th to Monday, June 24th at 7:30 p.m. in order to hold a public hearing and adoption of the municipal budget.
- 8) Payment to RFM for the June Newsletter - \$1212.43.
- 9) Authorization to go to bid for the DPW truck.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Nays: None
(3 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 60-B, C, D AND E

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that the price for a new post and street sign for Pappa Joe Ezzo Way is a total of \$925. Alternate methods of installing the sign were discussed and Mayor Budesheim will check with the DPW.

Mayor Budesheim reported the financial report for the newsletters. Printing charges for the first six months came to \$5,770.86. So far we've collected \$9,030.00.

Mayor Budesheim reported on the arbitration award with the PBA contract. The borough did quite well with a 3 year contract. The first year is a zero percent raise, second year half a percent raise and the third year one and one-half percent raise that doesn't take effect until July 1st. The overtime issue was determined in favor of the borough when it comes to court time and lunch money doesn't have to be paid out. Clothing allowance for lieutenants was taken out and a few other non-economic issues were determined.

Mayor Budesheim commented on the budget. We can't introduce it tonight because we need four council people present which is why we're having an emergency special meeting on Friday at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Guis had made some suggestions to cutting some of the budgets at the last meeting. The Personnel Committee met with the Police Chief to see how we can afford one additional officer without making those cuts. All agreed the cuts would not be in the best interest of the town. Analyzing the overtime it was apparent that we would save enough with the reduction to cover the salary for at least one officer beginning July 1st so we will be appointing one of the specials. We are on the road to re-staffing the Police Department to where it should be without affecting any of the other budgets.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli stated that he has a problem with much of what Mayor Budesheim reported about the budget. The Finance Committee, of which I'm the Chairman, passed out a budget to the Council and waited six weeks for no response. We came back and passed another version out, spent the better part of 2-1/2 hours at a special meeting to go over it, and came to a consensus on what we were going to do. I got an email last night with a budget that had nothing that we discussed. That's a problem. It's unprofessional and disrespectful to the Finance Committee. We made cuts to hire one officer and I thought that was the consensus at the last meeting. I did some calculations today with regard to the latest news on the PBA contract and with the reduction in salaries there's another \$15,000 so I'm ready to say we should hire both officers. Unfortunately I cannot make the special meeting this Friday and don't feel its right anyway with two other members unable to attend.

Mayor Budesheim stated that there was not a consensus and no vote at the last meeting. He and Councilman Carelli continued discussing the budget, police overtime and hiring new patrolmen.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report for the month of April.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that they've interviewed six candidates for Tax Assessor and have it narrowed down to one or two. We are also waiting for a response regarding shared services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Council discussed rescheduling meeting dates.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the following changes to the meeting schedule:

- 1) Cancellation of Special Meeting scheduled for May 24, 2013 at 9:00 am.
- 2) Cancellation of Special Meeting scheduled for May 29, 2013 at 9:00 am.
- 3) Cancellation of Regular Meeting scheduled for June 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm.
- 4) A newly scheduled Special Meeting to be held on May 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm to Introduce a COLA Ordinance and to Introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget.
- 5) A newly scheduled Regular Meeting to be held on June 25, 2013 at 7:00 pm to have a Regular Meeting and full agenda along with the Adoption of the 2013 Municipal Budget.

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss the issues of Attorney Client Privilege and Contract Negotiations.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Absent: Astarita, Guis, Wetzel

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

John Conroy spoke regarding the budget and police overtime. The Mayor and Council responded to his questions.

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 Councilman Carelli, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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