

June 16, 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, Wetzel, Guis
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - April 21, 2014
Workshop Meeting - May 5, 2014

Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis
Nays: None
Abstain: Astarita
(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstention - motion carried)**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO 1:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

SWEARING IN OF PATROLMAN ANDREW DUFFY:

Mayor Budesheim stated that Andrew Duffy prepared a bio. Even before graduating William Paterson University I knew that this was where I belong. I worked as a Class I Special for the Town of Cresskill and also was hired as a Class II Special for the City of Hackensack. With that training and experience of the Bergen County Police Academy I gave myself the tools needed to become a full time patrolman. I am very pleased and honored to become part of the Riverdale Police Department and cannot be any more thankful for the opportunity that has been granted to me.

The Assistant Municipal Clerk swore in Patrolman Andrew Duffy.

Mayor Budesheim announced that the Chief has made the recommendation that Daniel Salvati be appointed as a Patrolman. He is a Riverdale resident who has been working as a Class II and has rave reviews from the Academy.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to appoint Daniel Salvati as Patrolman in the Riverdale Police Department.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Road Opening Permit request from Chris and Caroline Polhemus to add a driveway and apron at 16 Halsey Avenue. (copy of request sent to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated that Halsey Avenue is going to be repaved and curbed so the engineer thought this should be done now.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the Road Opening Permit request from Chris and Caroline Polhemus to add a driveway and apron at 16 Halsey Avenue, conditioned on the approval of the Borough Engineer.

ALL IN FAVOR.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that the pump house repairs for the well are more extensive than we originally anticipated. We're replacing the pump and motor as well as the shaft. He asked that sewer allocation, telemetry and sewage pump upgrades at Riverdale Road be added to unfinished business.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that we're moving forward with the playground installation at Freedom Park. RER has donated the mulch which will save us over \$2,000 out of Capital.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the roof on the municipal building needs to get done before the next winter so I'd like to go out to bid using the same specs as last time. I'm still waiting for prices for the punch list the Fire Chief and I went through. We had Independent Edison Door Company take a look at what is needed to get the doors up to safety standards and the cost is \$5,627.00. I will obtain another quote.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to go to bid for re-roofing of the borough hall.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: Councilman Revis welcomed Mr. Homsy to the dais. Our personnel plans are moving along. Mr. Jalloh has taken the initial steps to make sure we have clearly defined job functions and responsibilities in the office staff.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO 2:

Police Chief Smith asked if the start date for Officer Duffy could be pushed up from July 15th to July 1st. Mayor Budesheim stated the motion will be amended that he's hired effective July 1st.

The following residents had questions and comments on the water and sewer billing errors:

Barbara Lukash, Mathews Avenue
Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road
Rob Napholz, 11 Overlook
Dan Sciarra
Keith Hamilton, 14 Van Duyne
Carol Yomtov, 62 Rock Creek
Chris Scilingo, Cedar Street
Michael Reilly, Greenwich Street
Vincent Pellegrini, Cedar Street
Bill Harris, 9 Rock Creek Terrace

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jimmy Homsy
Assistant Municipal Clerk