

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, Guis, Loesner, Wetzel, Falkoski**  
                           **Absent:**       **None**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:**

Regular Meeting       -       May 21, 2012  
 Workshop Meeting    -       June 4, 2012

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RIVERDALE'S APPLICATION TO THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.**

Mayor Budesheim announced the meeting was open for the public hearing for the application to the Open Space Trust Fund.

Aaron Cela of the Land Conservancy of New Jersey made the presentation. He stated that this is the official public hearing for the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund grant in which the borough seeks to purchase seven flood damaged properties and convert them into open space for flood storage and active recreation purposes. Six of these properties are located on Harrison Road along the border of Pequannock and the other one is located on Riverview Terrace adjacent to public parkland. This funding will be combined with what we hope will be Green Acres funding and the money will be used to buyout these homeowners and turn it into parkland for the public use.

Mayor Budesheim asked if there were any questions from the public.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Budesheim asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the plan for resolution #53-2012. Councilman Astarita asked what the implications were and if it has any negatives. Mayor Budesheim stated this is for the Stormwater Managements and deals with development and redevelopment. Any plan has positives and negatives and it means

**RESOLUTIONS (continued):**

some curtailment in development in some areas. Councilman Astarita requested that resolution #53-2012 be tabled for further review. Mayor Budesheim stated that we had a quote of \$5,000 for labor to install lighting at Glenburn. He obtained a quote of \$3,550 from Q & S Electric to do the same work plus some additional work. Councilman Carelli asked for clarification of the need for renewal of the agreement with the Land Conservancy of New Jersey. Aaron Cela replied that it would be to finish the job. Once we apply for this funding we take on the role of negotiating with the landowners and handle it from grant application through closing. Borough Attorney Oostdyk concurred.

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
  - a. N.Y. Mets Recreation Dept. Trip \$1,937.50
  - b. Carefree Bus Tours Recreation Dept. Trip Trans. \$ 800.00
  - c. Krista Osborne Recreation Trip/tolls & tips \$ 166.00
- 2) Approval of the 2012 Agreement with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at a total sum of \$12,000 with quarterly payments of \$3,000. (copy of proposal and agreement transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 3) **Resolution No. 51-2012;** Enabling Resolution for the application to the New Jersey D.E.P. Green Acres Program Local Blue Acres Floodplain Acquisition Program.
- 4) **Resolution No. 52-2012;** Approval of 2012/2013 Liquor License Renewals.
- 5) Approval of change of work order in the amount of \$1,386.00 for a new door for the Community Center Director's office. (from CDBG – elevator grant)
- 6) Approval to hire Q & S Electric, 279 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, for installation of outside lighting at the Glenburn at a cost of \$3,550.00.

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

- 7) Payment to Hometown Newsletters for June newsletter in the amount of \$250.00.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Guis, Wetzel, Falkoski**  
**Nays: Carelli, Loesner**  
**(4 ayes – 2 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 72-A, B AND C****UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Appointing of Construction Official/Building Sub-Code Official per letter received by Municipal Clerk from Chris Ferrara of the Department of Community Affairs stating that per State Law NJSA 52:27D-126.b in a non-civil service municipality shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Documentation of the Borough's appropriate appointment(s) for these officials must be supplied to the Department of Community Affairs no later than June 1, 2012. Recent letter received has the date of June 18<sup>th</sup> as the final date for the governing body to appoint a Construction/Sub Code Official for a four year term. (copy of letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):**

Councilman Guis reported that he and Councilman Carelli met with the Acting Construction Official/Building Sub-Code Official. They agreed to make the appointment with a salary through November 1<sup>st</sup> and then we'll see if we can get the extra money. If not, we'll be back where we are. Councilman Guis stated he didn't have an alternative right now.

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

Mayor to appoint John Scialla as Construction Official/Building Sub-Code Official with confirmation of borough council.

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

**REMINDER:**

- 1)     On Wednesday, June 27, 2012 the governing body has agreed to host a Freeholder Meeting here at the Borough of Riverdale. Diane Ketchum will contact the Municipal Clerk prior to the event.

Mayor Budesheim announced that the Freeholders will be presenting us with a plaque for the Glenburn at this meeting.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported that there is a vacancy on the Board of Health and he would like to appoint Susan Conroy to fill the unexpired term.

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

Mayor to appoint Susan Conroy as Board of Health member with confirmation of Borough Council.

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

Mayor Budesheim reported that two months ago we declined an invitation from the Mayor of Pompton Lakes to have a meeting to discuss sharing police services. He has since asked the Pompton Lakes Mayor if they would be interested in Riverdale providing police services for Pompton Lakes. She said they were interested in a joint meeting where both towns abolish their police departments and form an authority. I told her Riverdale was not interested in that and she was going to talk to some people on her council but has not gotten back to us. Rumors are starting and I wanted to let everybody know that we've had no meetings.

Mayor Budesheim designated Lori Clinton as Social Media Coordinator.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that she had emailed the Governing Body a petition from residents to abandon a dwelling at Mickens Avenue. Councilman Astarita stated he met with the Zoning Officer and that is being resolved. She also received the reservation form for the League of Municipalities Convention and asked that anyone planning to attend let her know as soon as possible since rooms get booked quickly.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that he received an estimate from our environmental consultant on the purchase of 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike. The total cost to do the seven recommendations they made is \$25,695.00. The property owner sent a letter agreeing to certain tests but is raising questions about others. There was a brief discussion regarding the matter.

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

**Resolution No. 55-2012;** Authorizing the Borough Attorney to enter into a professional agreement with PK Environmental for additional environmental testing of the property at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike at a cost of \$25,695.00.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 74-D****COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Carelli reported on an article in the Trends regarding the shared services agreement with Bloomingdale that we took action on at the last meeting. The article indicated that several council members in Bloomingdale were upset because they didn't know anything about it. He wanted to say publicly that he wasn't negotiating in bad faith or trying to exclude them and apologized if they didn't know about it. Mayor Budesheim stated that a Bloomingdale Councilman and the Mayor were both here at that meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Falkoski reported the court report for May 2012.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Guis stated that at the last meeting Police Chief Smith brought up the possibility of buying another Police Department SUV. I've been working with the Chief and our mechanic and the two 2004 SUV's are in bad shape. We potentially had a plan to purchase one patrol car and one SUV this year. Obviously with our budget situation, a patrol car was out of the question. My concern is that we've been trying to overcome where we were when at times we had one reasonable car and the rest were literally broken down more than running. I believe the SUV's should be aggressively looked at right now. If we want to have it by this winter we should probably have it ordered by August. Councilman Carelli asked about the use of other vehicles we have and there was discussion regarding the matter.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** No report.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Councilman Astarita reported that he met with the Library Committee and there was a carpenter ant problem along with some termites. They approved an exterminator and it's been done. For the workshop meeting he would

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

like to bring up several things regarding the Community Center and the Glenburn. June Carelli obtained prices for floor refinishing at the Community which is about \$4,400. There is a garbage issue at the Glenburn with garbage being left inside and it leaks which can lead to a rodent problem.

**FINANCE:** Councilman Loesner reported that he asked the CFO to prepare a budget report once the June bills were approved and to have it ready for the July regular meeting. He also reported that he met with Mary Lou Radcliffe at her property on Riverview Terrace. He and Councilman Guis will take another look at it.

Mayor Budesheim reported that the Morris County OEM sent out a heat advisory for Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> and may extend to Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. He announced that anyone requiring assistance can call the front office to notify the OEM and we will find a cooling station and provide water.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

Joan Garcia stated that she understands Mr. Petracca was fined again for illegal dumping and wants to know what is being done about the fact that he's a repeat offender and he's just given a fine that he may or may not pay. Police Chief Smith stated it is a matter for the court. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the court ultimately has the authority to put him in jail or fine him or put him on probation. Mrs. Garcia asked if the dirt dumped on his property is tested and found to be toxic will he be forced to remove it. Mayor Budesheim stated he would think so.

An unidentified resident spoke regarding witnessing illegal u-turns and cars running red lights on Route 23 at Windbeam Road. He requested more of a police presence on Route 23.

An unidentified resident stated that the Council approved a building inspector until November but it's a four year appointment. He asked what happens in November. Mayor Budesheim stated that November 1<sup>st</sup> by law we can transfer money from line item to line item and I think the committee's intent was that hopefully we can find the money to continue paying him.

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: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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