

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:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 54-2013;** Authorization of Examination of the 2013 Municipal Budget to be assumed by the Borough of Riverdale normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 76-A**

**ADOPTION OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

Mayor Budesheim announced the meeting was open to the public for comments on the budget.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Councilman Astarita was recognized for a point of order. At the last meeting I made a motion regarding a salary which was seconded but not voted upon. It did impact the budget so at this point I would like to withdraw that motion. Councilman Mastrangelo stated that he made the motion which was seconded by Councilman Astarita. Councilman Mastrangelo withdrew the motion.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, for the Adoption of the 2013 Municipal Budget.

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

**COPY OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 76-B**

**MAYOR APPOINTS MICHAEL REILLY AS PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER:**

Mayor Budesheim stated that Michael Reilly went through the Police Academy on his own as a Class II Special and he's been filling in where needed since October of last year. He is a 2002 graduate of Pompton Lakes High School and has been a member of the Riverdale Fire Department since 2002. He graduated Farleigh Dickinson University in 2007 and was a Police Dispatcher here in Riverdale since 2012. I'm proud to make the appointment, with the consent of the Council, for Michael Reilly to be a probationary Patrolman.

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

- 2) Mayor to appoint Michael Reilly as a Probationary Police Officer and to assume the salary as set forth in the PBA 335 union contract with confirmation of council.

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

The Deputy Borough Clerk swore in Michael Reilly as a Probationary Police Officer.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 3) Payment of Utility Bills. (including the following)
  - a. Dell-Tech, Inc.       Open Space Trust (Glenburn)       \$6,110.00
- 4) Award of proposal for removing and replacing 12 manholes to T.W. Industrial, L.L.C. (2 proposals were received and T.W. Industrial has been determined by the QPA to be the lower bidder) (tabled from the June 17<sup>th</sup> mayor & council meeting)
- 5) Approval of a Social Affair Permit for the sale of Wine and Malt Alcoholic Beverages to be sold at an affair to be held at the Glenburn on August 1, 2013 from 5 PM to 10 PM by the organization named Sheryl's Den Animal Rescue – 284 Wooley Road, West Milford, NJ. Approval will then be transmitted to the ABC for their approval and issuance of the permit. (copy of application transmitted to governing body with agenda)

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 77-C**

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:**

- 1) Ordinance No. 10-2013 – Construction Code Fees – tabled from the June 7, 2013 mayor and council meeting for further discussion. (copy of ordinance transmitted to governing body with the June 17<sup>th</sup> agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated that he had some questions. Some of these fees are already addressed in Chapter 82, some are part of the construction code and others are confusing.

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS (continued):**

In addition to the inconsistencies, the financial impact this will have on residents is onerous in this economic time and may cause people not to apply for permits. I don't see the point of raising the fees to this extent at this time. Councilman Guis stated that a lot of these fees have not been raised in ten years and our Construction Official proposed these rates as being commensurate with the surrounding area. Increasing the fees will help bring the department closer to becoming more self sufficient. Council discussed the proposed fee ordinance. It was decided to obtain additional fees being charged by surrounding towns.

- 2) Glenburn driveway replacement.

Council agreed that repair is necessary and discussed various methods of repair and cost. Councilman Astarita will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

- 3) Shared Services – Tax Assessor.

Councilman Mastrangelo reported that Butler has a shared services proposal for us. We've been without a Tax Assessor for two months and have interviewed six people. The Borough Attorney will prepare a resolution for authorization of an agreement for the next meeting.

- 4) Cross River Fiber – request for municipal consent for use of the Right of Way in the Borough of Riverdale to locate, place, attach, install, operate and maintain fiber optic facilities within this right-of-way. (copy of letter of request along with additional documentation transmitted to governing body on June 25, 2013 by the Borough Clerk and also with this agenda)

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

**Resolution No. 55-2013;** Resolution Approving Right-of-Way Use to Cross River Fiber.

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

- 5) Consideration of entering into an agreement with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to have them work on obtaining NJDEP Green Acres grants and other areas for grants and Open Space Activities listed as in the past. The agreement fee is same as in the past at a rate of \$12,000 for the year effective July, 2013 through 2014 payable on a quarterly basis of \$3,000 per year. (copy of letter and information transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated this matter will be on hold until he talks with them.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Deputy Clerk Forbes advised the Council that reservation forms are here for the League Convention in Atlantic City. Mayor Budesheim advised her not to make reservations at this time.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported that we have a contract for central station monitoring at the Riverdale Road sewer pumping station. Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to authorize a contract for central station monitoring of the sewer pump station at Riverdale Road at a cost of \$70.00 per month.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report.

Fire Chief Sturm reported that FEMA raised our 75% payback to 90% and we will receive an additional \$15,200. That will bring our total from the storm to \$97,900. We also received from FEMA three 6,500 watt generators.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Councilwoman Wetzel reported the July report for recreation events.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

Tom Batelli, Cannella Way, stated that we should go with shared services for the Construction Department.

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, stated that our Construction Department fees are comparable to Pequannock and Lincoln Park now. He also asked about patch paving the parking lot at Glenburn.

Nancy Salizar, Newbury Place, asked for the status of the line of sight problem at the corner of Newbury and Newark Pompton Turnpike. Mayor Budesheim stated that no ordinance was found that specifically addresses the issue. He will bring Butler's ordinance to the Council for review. Councilman Mastrangelo said that he drove through five or six times and had no problem. He found the line of sight goes 150 yards. Mayor Budesheim asked the Police Chief to have the Traffic Officer make some recommendations.

June Carelli asked the Council to discuss an upcoming event to be held at the Glenburn on August 1<sup>st</sup>. She said this is the first time the Glenburn will have an event like this and safety is her main concern. I want to be sure the Council agrees. Jed, owner of Coney Island Pizza, described the event being planned which will benefit three non-profit organizations – The Riverdale Land Conservancy, Sheryl's Den Animal Rescue of West Milford, and the Riverdale Art Center. The goal is to have 200 to 300 people and the event will begin at 7 pm and be over by 10 pm. Council discussed their concerns with regard to safety, capacity, parking, bathroom facilities and traffic. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that this is not a town function so there is a usage fee for the building. Jed stated

that Sheryl's Den will apply for the use permit for the Glenburn. He thought that since the Riverdale

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):**

Land Conservancy would be receiving 1/3 of the profit that would be in lieu of the usage fee. Councilman Astarita stated that they are an autonomous group. Councilman Carelli stated that it is a private event that has nothing to do with the borough Council other than authorizing the use of that facility. It comes down to making sure there's enough police protection and everyone is safe and not walking along Hamburg Turnpike at night. Police Chief Smith stated that once the event is approved he will sit down with Jed and put a plan in place to make it work. June Carelli stated that as long as everything is done properly, requests are met, we get the contract and I see how everything is going to be laid out on the property I would approve this project.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the event to be held on August 1, 2013 at the Glenburn pending the approval of Facility Director June Carelli and Police Chief Kevin Smith for setup of the program, security and parking.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:54 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli**  
                           **Absent: None**

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, that if Borough Clerk Carol Talerico retires by March 31, 2014, she will still be entitled to her \$9,000 unused sick time payout.

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

Mayor Budesheim stated that he brought in a tax collector from another town since our tax collector has been out for a month and will continue to be out until the end of July. There are some issues that have to be addressed by the Personnel Committee for that position.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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