

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, Carelli, Guis, Wetzl, Falkoski**
 Absent: **Loesner (vacation)**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Joan Garcia asked if there was anything that could be done about a bear that lives in the Stoneleigh section. Officer Pat Harden responded.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Carelli commented on resolution No. 2. He stated that no documentation was provided with the agenda. The Borough Clerk sent the change order and it looks like it's to renovate a bathroom and the work was done two months ago. We shouldn't be authorizing spending the money to do additional work two months after it is done. It's another area where we are not adhering to the purchasing rules and he asked if anyone could comment. Councilman Astarita stated that someone had to approve it for the contractor to do the work. Mayor Budesheim stated that he was there and the Land Conservancy. This was supposed to have been offset by credits we were getting.

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills List.
- 2) Approval of Change Order #1 for the Glenburn Project, Contractor Dell-Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$6,340.
- 3) **Resolution No. 54-2012;** Participation in the Morris County First Responder Identification Card Program.
- 4) Memorialize the approval of PK Environmental Professional Agreement to be known as **Resolution No. 55-2012** with a total amount of \$25,695.00 to be paid out of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the purchase of property at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike. (copy of proposal transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 5) Approval of the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Forest Fire Services in the amount of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000 for firefighting equipment, maintenance and training.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Floor Refinishing at Riverdale Community Center – 3 quotations received by Councilman Astarita – JDL Wood Floors, \$3,942.75; Tri Star Flooring LLC, \$4,400.00 and Keri Wood Floors, \$7,203.00.

Councilman Astarita stated that the quotes seemed excessive and that the Community Center Director would like to use Tri Star Flooring. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that you don't have to use the lowest quote if you have a reason. There were differences in the finish on the quotes and Borough Clerk Talerico suggested they specify what they need and get it re-quoted.

- 2) Reiteration of appointment of John Scialla as Sub Code Official at June 18th Mayor & Council meeting regarding his salary.

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 at a salary of \$34,000 per year effective July 1, 2012 through November 1, 2012, with confirmation of borough council.

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

- 3) Tabled **Resolution No. 53-2012** Consent Resolution, Wastewater Service Area Map for Morris County Proposed Amendment to the Upper Delaware, Upper Raritan and Northeast Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). Tabled at the June 18th Mayor and Council meeting to be revisited at workshop meeting. (information was transmitted to governing body with the June 18th meeting agenda)

Mayor Budesheim asked if everyone had a chance to look at the resolution. Councilman Carelli stated that he did and is not sure exactly what it all means. Borough Attorney Oostdyk asked if we have gotten a recommendation from our Engineers. Mayor Budesheim said we do not. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that she doesn't feel qualified to approve or disapprove it and would rather have a recommendation from our professionals. Mayor Budesheim said it's more from a planning perspective. There are no planned sewers on the other side of the highway and that restricts development. After discussion, it was decided that Resolution No. 53-2012 be tabled until the next meeting.

- 4) Glenburn garbage issues – fees to possibly be included in rental fees.

Councilman Astarita explained that the DPW is having a hard time clearing the garbage left by the renters. The bags were leaking inside the building which was causing odor and other issues. We're seeing a lot of use of that building and we should develop a plan to deal with the garbage. Any cost should be included in rental fees. Councilman Astarita will set up a meeting with the Mayor, DPW Superintendent and Glenburn Director to develop a plan.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From Linda Roetman, Zoning Officer stating that zoning permits for sheds, pools, fences and signs is \$10.00. In checking with surrounding towns it has been observed that Riverdale has the lowest fees in the area. Most of the surrounding towns charge \$35.00 for these permits. It is requested that the Mayor and Council consider raising the fees for these permits as \$10.00 is very minimal and the fee should at least cover the paperwork and time involved in preparing and researching the permits, especially in the matter of signage.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that the courts ruled on the Verizon business personal property tax. In order for them not to pay the tax they have to document and that has been our position all along. Mayor Budesheim also reported on the flood property buyouts. He met with the County and they will work with us and possibly provide us 75% on the funding. They will meet with us again on Friday and give us maps and all the information we need. He asked that Councilman Guis and the Borough Engineer attend. We're still going through Green Acres to try to get money from the State. He also reported on the Purchasing Policy. Councilman Loesner had sent an email as Finance Chairman suggesting that the Mayor review all purchase orders. The Mayor agreed with the idea and he will review every purchase order before it is issued. Borough Clerk Talerico asked for clarification. Mayor Budesheim stated that he would approve all requisitions prior to a purchase order being issued.

Mayor Budesheim asked the Council to reconsider a promotion for DPW employee Rob Nichols to the position of Foreman effective July 1st. He stated that not doing this is destroying initiative and incentive because he is doing the work and was told this would happen and when the time came he was told no. We have a great department that is short handed right now and it would benefit us to have him in that position. There was a discussion regarding the salary increase. Councilman Astarita agreed with the promotion. Councilman Carelli stated that this Council already voted to promote him effective next January 1st and he didn't know who promised him July 1st. He got a 10% raise last year when we restructured the DPW salary guide and this would be another 8% in a year where once again no one else is getting a raise. Mayor Budesheim argued that this is a promotion. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that this then leads to other job promotions and raises in other departments and we need to consider that. We have a letter regarding a similar situation in the Police Department. Audience member Joan Garcia asked if the Foreman position needs to be filled. Councilman Carelli explained that we have a Utility Person and a Senior Utility Person who would be the overseer of a group and there's a Foreman position as well. That job does not have to be filled but it would be nice to fill it. We are promoting him as of January 1st but he has to wait because of the budget and other factors that we have to consider as well.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion to promote Rob Nichols to DPW Foreman effective July 1, 2012.

Motion: Fails for lack of a second.

Mayor Budesheim stated he has a matter for closed session.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that we are starting to have problems with the software for the court room recorder. It is very important for court and all of the boards use it for recording and transcribing the minutes. She will check into the cost of new software and bring it back to the Council since the company cannot replace what we have.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that he has one matter for closed session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Carelli reported that he and Councilman Guis will work out the details for Plumbing Sub-Code for the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski stated that there is correspondence on the agenda. The Zoning Officer has submitted a request that fees for permits for fences and signs be increased. Most of the surrounding towns charge about \$35.00 for those permits and we charge \$10.00. We might want to consider raising those fees.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that we discussed an SUV for the Police Department at the last meeting. I went through the capital accounts and there is apparently enough money there to cover it. The line item in the ordinance is for administrative equipment, police vehicles and equipment, and fire vehicles and equipment. We should double check to be sure there's nothing else anybody has planned for those funds. It could take a while to get this ordered and if we don't do it now we're putting ourselves backwards. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that our IT person told us we need to upgrade our server and our Word program is out of date.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported the Recreation Committee report. Summer Recreation is up and running and the Summer Concert Series starts a week from Wednesday from 7:30 till 9:00.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No report.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss matters of litigation and property acquisition.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Astarita, Carelli, Guis, Wetzel, Falkoski**
 Absent: **Loesner**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Gary Mastrangelo stated that it isn't fair to make the employee who took over Walt Mahon's position wait until January for a raise and that he should be paid retro back to March. Councilman Guis responded that we're not talking about the Superintendent position and he feels giving him the full Foreman position on January 1st as voted on will be a better position for him.

John Conroy stated that he would like to see Cotluss and Stoneleigh zoned for sewers.

An unidentified audience member asked the status of the sewer capacity. Mayor Budesheim stated that he spoke with the sewer authority and there is capacity.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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