

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, Loesner, Wetzal, Carelli
Absent: None

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Mayor Budesheim asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the installation of cisterns in the Stoneleigh and Hartung sections of Riverdale. The following residents were heard:

Wayne Turner	Charles Dampman
Henry Vitz	Paul Papadopoulos
Craig Silberman	Janet Pulmone
Melissa Harsley	James Westervelt
Russ Hatzel	Tom Batelli
Damon Hahn	Mike Moratto

Wayne Turner stated he is for the cisterns but feels it is wrong that only the property owners in that section of town have to pay the expense rather than the whole community sharing the expense. Several residents had questions regarding cost and fees. Charles Dampman was concerned with the effect on well water. Another resident was concerned with blasting. Paul Papadopoulos suggested investigating the option of fire hydrants in the Hartung section. Mayor Budesheim stated that Councilman Guis will look into the dry pipe system and we will try to get any additional information needed to make a decision. Fire Chief Dan Sturm also answered questions from the residents. Mike Moratto inquired about mandatory sprinkler systems for single family residences. Mayor Budesheim said he would send another letter to the residents when he has more information.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Budesheim to declare the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness month in support of the Turn the Towns Teal Awareness Campaign.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Falkoski commented on the resolution to approve E-Ticketing. The Court Administrator told him the system would assist her with records storage however the police officers have concerns that they will be harassed into becoming money-making machines. Lincoln Park is using the system but had to purchase new computers to use the software. Since the Police Chief is on vacation he recommended we wait until the next meeting to take action on this item. Mayor Budesheim stated this is not an enticement to have the officers write more tickets. The purpose is to make it easier and add to efficiency. Councilman Falkoski also had questions on the cost. The proposal he

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

received did not agree with the figures obtained over the phone by Mayor Budesheim. It was decided to table the following resolution:

Approval of a contract for E-Ticketing with Info-Cop. (to be explained by Mayor Budesheim)

Mayor Budesheim stated that he obtained price quotations for a pavilion for Glenburn. A 30 x 40 foot pavilion is approximately \$5,500 installed. Funds are available in the Open Space Trust Fund.

Councilmen Loesner and Astarita asked for clarification of Resolution No. 6. Mayor Budesheim stated that the DPW positions include two promotions. The DPW foreman received his license for Certified Public Works Management. A discussion regarding the issue ensued. Councilman Loesner stated that we end up top heavy with a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and a Foreman and he doesn't see the benefit. Mayor Budesheim stated that employees who get certification get rewarded and neighboring towns pay higher salaries to DPW workers. Councilman Astarita stated that we don't need an assistant and at this point in time I don't think we can justify the position or the raise. We've done our salary ordinance and I don't think we should change things. Councilman Loesner stated that with such a small department we don't need this many levels of redundant supervision. Mayor Budesheim stated that he should visit the DPW garage and see what the employees are actually doing. Councilman Guis stated the two percent across the board for cost of living was one discussion and these individuals have gone above and beyond and gotten certification and excelled in doing their job.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion that the previously approved salary resolution not be changed. The motion was not seconded.

Councilman Carelli stated that five of the salaries listed are corrections and we need to separate them.

Councilman Loesner recommended tabling the resolution and getting a list of each position's exact responsibilities so the Council can make an informed decision.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to approve the following resolution as submitted to the Council:

- 6) **Resolution No. 56-2010;** Salary Amendments (including promotions and salary increases for DPW Assistant Superintendent, DPW Foreman and DPW Senior Utility Person).

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 67-B

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to approve the following resolution, excluding three DPW promotions:

Resolution No. 56-2010; Salary Amendments (excluding promotions and salary increases for DPW Assistant Superintendent, DPW Foreman and DPW Senior Utility Person).

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

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

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 54-2010;** Chapter 159 – Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund - \$12,796.11 – State of New Jersey – Division of Highway Traffic Safety.
- 2) **Resolution No. 55-2010;** Annual Audit Review of Comments & Recommendations by Governing Body to be evidenced by group affidavit form of governing body.
- 3) Approval of the placement of 4 coin operated amusement devices at Wes' Tavern, PSA Golf Game, United Bowler Game, Juke Box, and a Pool Table. Fees have been paid and the machines have been verified by the Police Department.
- 4) Approval to purchase a pavilion for Glenburn at a cost not to exceed \$6,000 (2 price quotes have been received per Mayor Budesheim).
- 5) Authorization of Municipal Clerk to issued a check in the amount of \$500 from the Food Pantry Trust Fund to be utilized for a debit card to be used by Gloria Carelli to make purchases for the food pantry. (this procedure has been approved by the Borough Auditor as a form of purchasing in lieu of refunding already paid expenses)

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 68-D AND E**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that the Morris County Clerks are requesting their governing bodies pass a resolution to ask the GRC to try to eliminate some of the frivolous OPRA requests. Some requests take hours and we cannot charge for our time. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that OPRA abuse is becoming a major problem and he would work with her on a resolution. It will take a state legislative act to correct the problem and pressure needs to be brought to bear on the state.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that the Finance Officer told him we have a number of requests for payment without purchase orders. He asked everyone to make sure their departments are following state law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guis reported that we got our FEMA applications in from the flood. They totaled just under \$32,000 and we should get 75% of that back.

Councilman Loesner reported the response of donations for the troops has been phenomenal.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Tom Batelli of Canella Way asked the Council to please not give any escrow money back to Canella as there are still unresolved DEP issues.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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