

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, Wetzell, 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 Councilman Astarita, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills.
- 2) Mayor to appoint 4 part time dispatchers for the Police Department with consent of Borough Council contingent upon a successful background check:
 - a. Kyle Aug
 - b. Edward O'Connell
 - c. Kelli Delia
 - d. Samuel Greedyk

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 88-A

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim stated that he has spoken with the DPW Superintendent and Councilman Guis about the need for a new truck. He is looking at a Ford F-250 with a plow in the vicinity of \$30,000 through the Morris County Co-Op.

Mayor Budesheim stated that our Tax Collector is now back to work after recovering from her accident in the municipal building. She's been out over two months and we had to bring in a tax collector from Butler. Originally this was going to be a shared service however it took so much time that she spent about 25 hours here and we have to put her on the payroll for those hours.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to authorize putting Cora Wright on the payroll at the rate \$45.00 per hour for 25 hours worked as part-time Tax Collector.

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

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

Mayor Budesheim reported that we received the contract from Butler for the shared services agreement for Tax Assessor at \$20,000 per year. Butler is meeting tonight and will be voting on this. He has started and was here a few hours today meeting with Mr. Clemack and going over the pending tax appeals and issues that have come up because of the re-val.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to approve the Interlocal Service Agreement for Tax Assessor Services between the Borough of Butler and the Borough of Riverdale.

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

Mayor Budesheim stated the County notified him about a snow plowing program. They will pay us \$100 per hour to plow and provide the salt we need for Hamburg Turnpike and Riverdale Road. He told them we are interested and is waiting for a contract.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the bookkeeper is retiring the end of October and he has had many inquiries about replacing her. He would like to start advertising for the position so we can interview and have someone start around September 1st.

Mayor Budesheim reported on sewer allocation. We did some remediation with manholes at The Grande and we hope that will help with our I&I problem. We have the pipe and we're putting the pumping station on Hamburg Turnpike. We have other people who are looking for sewer allocation. I've asked the Sewer Authority to inquire whether the towns have any allocation that they're willing to sell and at what price.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he was called by the realtor who has the property where the Texaco station was next to the Verizon building to see if we're still interested. We have some COAH money left and were looking to use that as possibly open space. I was talking with Jersey Central because they are interested in purchasing that property to build the sub-station and put it right on Newark Pompton Turnpike.

Councilwoman Wetzel asked about the hours for the bookkeeping position. Mayor Budesheim stated it would be a part-time position and he is looking for someone who can multi-task and be cross trained for the Building Department.

Mayor Budesheim reported that for the last two years we have contracted with the New Jersey Land Conservancy at \$12,000 per year to assist us with the flood buyouts on Harrison Road and the end of Riverview Terrace. Our contract with them was up on June 30th. I met with the County representative for the Open Space Trust Fund that will be funding about 75% of that buyout. She feels that we don't need them right now and that she will work with me to finish this grant process and the acquisitions. This will save \$12,000 if the Council has no objections. There were none. Mayor Budesheim directed the Borough Clerk to advise the Land Conservancy we no longer require their services and to request our files be turned over to us.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he met with Councilmen Falkoski and Mastrangelo, the Chief and Police Special Kyle Parrill about bringing him on as a full time Patrolman

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

effective September 1st. There are a few proposals on how to fund this but I think we all agree there will be enough money too bring him on.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the appointment of Kyle Parrill as a full time Probationary Patrolman effective September 1, 2013 and to be sworn in at the September 4th meeting.

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

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that Target has requested an extension of hours of operation for Black Friday. Also, our CFO has requested the council vote on adopting the “Surplus Policy” which was not put on the agenda.

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

Resolution No. 57-2013; Approval of the Surplus Policy of the Borough of Riverdale providing guidance in determining the level of surplus that should be maintained to support municipal operations. (policy was transmitted to governing body)

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. 90-B**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated he has a potential litigation matter to be discussed in closed session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that he left two copies of the updated Forestry Plan for Linda Roetman on her desk.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the concerts and summer recreation are completed for this season and everything went well. We’ll be working on plans for the Street Fair which is Monday of Labor Day weekend. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that the school Superintendent has left and she felt that they should look into shared services for that position. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it is a board decision. Any feedback from us would be purely advisory. It was decided that Councilwoman Wetzel would reach out to the school board as a resident and representative of the council.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the Glenburn is paved. He started getting prices for the basketball courts at Independence Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, thanked Councilman Astarita for spearheading the repair of the parking lot at Glenburn.

Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road, asked if we had to submit a plan to COAH on how we would utilize the Verizon property. Borough Attorney Oostdyk replied that we didn't know so we left it open ended but it would be used for affordable housing purposes. Mayor Budesheim stated that Push-to-Walk is going to see if they can reconfigure the site and put the patio homes as we originally discussed.

Glenn Venza, Macopin Avenue, asked if there was a profit from the concerts. Councilwoman Wetzel replied that there was a profit but it is not a town function so she would not give a report at a town meeting. It is run by Friends of the Riverdale Concert Series, Inc. Mr. Venza asked if they pay the DPW workers who set up and tear down. She responded that they've never been billed for that and will explain it to him after the meeting.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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