

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, Loesner, Falkoski
Absent: Wetzel

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

- 1) Payment of Bills:
 - a. N.Y. Yankees Recreation Trust a/c \$2,277.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 58-2012;** Certification of governing body that all members have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "General Comments & Recommendations" as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body.
- 3) **Resolution No. 59-2012;** Corrective Action Plan.
- 4) Resolution authorizing the payment of snow removal costs for the 2010/11 season as follows:

a. Rock Creek Crossing	-	\$5,582.50
b. Powder Mill	-	\$2,791.25
c. The Grande	-	\$7,675.94
- 5) Resolution authorizing the payment of snow removal costs for the 2011/12 season as follows:

a. Rock Creek Crossing	-	\$1,007.54
b. Powder Mill	-	\$ 503.77
c. The Grande	-	\$1,385.36
- 6) Resolution to authorize the purchase upgraded software for the court recording system to be downloaded to new computer. Furnishing and installation of software cost of \$6,550.00 and computer cost of \$800.00, to be charged to administration capital account.
- 7) Resolution authorizing the release of the Performance Letter of Credit #1089 for Powder Mill Development in the amount of \$94,728.00 to Samuel Cannella, Developer.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Glenburn garbage issues – fees to possibly be included in rental fees. It appears Chapter 135 “Senior Community Center” needs to be amended to include new anticipated charges and increases. (copy of Chapter 135 distributed to governing body with agenda)

Councilman Astarita reported that he is working on these issues.

- 2) Appointing of Vincent Pellegrini as Plumbing Sub code Official – tabled at the July 16th Mayor and Council meeting. (John Scialla still carrying title until appointment has been completed)

Councilman Carelli distributed a spread sheet and reported on the salaries being paid for Construction Official, Plumbing Sub-Code and Plumbing Inspector. We are still paying Mr. Scialla for Plumbing Sub-Code since we didn't appoint Mr. Pellegrini. Once we appoint Mr. Pellegrini, Mr. Scialla will cease getting that payment so it does not affect the budget at all. We would no longer be paying the Plumbing Inspector salary. Councilman Guis agreed that it is to our advantage financially and every other way to make this change. Mayor Budesheim stated that if we were to do as you propose, we'll be spending \$81,327 which is \$1,400 over our budget. If Mr. Pellegrini gets appointed and makes the same salary he's making now we'll be \$600 under budget. These figures are from the CFO. Councilman Falkoski asked how we would be spending more money if the salary for Plumbing Sub-Code is budgeted and we stop paying Mr. Scialla and pay Mr. Pellegrini. Mayor Budesheim stated that you just gave Mr. Scialla a \$21,000 raise and the money wasn't appropriated. Councilman Carelli stated that we would have to do a transfer to pay him for that position for the entire year. There was disagreement about the numbers. Mayor Budesheim asked Mr. Pellegrini if he would take the position for his current rate of pay until November 1st and if there are no funds available then you would continue getting that pay through January 1st. Mr. Pellegrini indicated he would not. Councilman Falkoski stated that if we have to pay someone \$573.96 until the end of the year to do plumbing inspections the question is who we will pay it to. Councilman Guis stated that if we appoint Mr. Pellegrini we save half a year Plumbing Inspector salary which helps fund the salary for Construction Official. Councilman Astarita stated that he is confused on how our CFO comes up with different numbers. Mayor Budesheim said he tends to go with the CFO. Councilman Carelli stated that we should at least make the appointment and stop paying Mr. Scialla as plumbing sub-code. He agreed with the Mayor that it would be about \$1,400 over budget to pay Mr. Scialla through the end of the year. Mayor Budesheim stated that he's not prepared to make an appointment for a position where we don't have the money.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that he met with the president of Ber Plastics regarding the truck traffic on Morris Avenue. Ber Plastic leases the right-of-way for the dirt road from the railroad and that is their main ingress from Hamburg Turnpike. The only time trucks come in on Morris Avenue is when drivers are

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

new and don't know that they're not supposed to use Morris Avenue. A sign will be put on Morris Avenue limiting truck traffic to a certain gross weight.

FINANCE: Councilman Loesner reported that we should be getting the state health care rates for 2013 soon. We talked last year about moving the employees to high deductible plans which didn't come out in time to make an informed decision. I'd like to give them as much notice as we can about what our intentions are going into 2013.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that he has a proposal from our Sewer Engineer, William Ryden, to start the plans for the sewer projects. The estimated total is \$20,500 and we have the capital improvement ordinance in the sewer department that would cover this. I would like to get authorization to have him start preparation plans for Newberry, Brown, Oak, Parkway and Morris. Councilman Guis was concerned that we didn't have a commitment in writing from Dan Kelly stating that we can hook up. The last report still shows us as being over allotment. Mayor Budesheim will ask Mr. Kelly if he is willing to do that.

Mayor Budesheim reported that he was contacted by Morris County about a resident who needs a new septic system and they qualify for a COAH unit. The cost for a new septic is between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The husband is working, the wife is severely ill, they have a handicapped child and they don't have the funds to do this. We have under our spending plan under COAH \$150,000 donated by developers for housing rehabilitation. I spoke to our COAH planner, Bob Michaels, and this would definitely qualify. There would be a 10 year deed restriction on the house that it could only be sold as a low or moderate income house during that time. There are no other restrictions. This would be administered by the county and we would just provide the funding out of that trust fund.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Loesner, to authorize funding in an amount between \$15,000 and \$20,000 from the COAH trust fund for a new septic system for a qualified Riverdale resident, to be administered by Morris County.

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

Mayor Budesheim asked if the Finance Committee was working on shared services with other towns for the Construction Department and DPW. Councilman Loesner stated he made contact with Pequannock for the Construction Department and was rebuffed.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he would like to appoint Dan Sturm as OEM Coordinator effective August 16th and that he would stay on as Deputy OEM Coordinator. Dan has all of the qualifications and I think it would be appropriate that he takes over.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to appoint Dan Sturm as OEM Coordinator and Mayor Budesheim as Deputy OEM Coordinator effective August 16, 2012.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

An unidentified audience member asked if the OEM Coordinator would be paid. Mayor Budesheim replied that they could speak with the gentleman and report back at the next meeting to make a determination. The audience member asked about the concerns with hooking up to the sewer. Councilman Guis explained the ongoing infiltration and influx problem and his concern is that the director of the sewer authority has verbally told the Mayor that we can hook up and he would like that commitment in writing before we expend funds.

Russ Hazel, Deputy OEM Coordinator, resigned his position and stated it is important for Chief Sturm to be able to appoint his own deputy. Mayor Budesheim and Chief Sturm agreed there would be a meeting to discuss the matter.

Tom Batelli stated that there is a large sink hole near building 7 at Powder Mill and he questioned the release of the performance letter authorized in resolution No. 7.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to hold release of the Performance Letter of Credit #1089 for Powder Mill Development in the amount of \$94,728.00 to Samuel Cannella, Developer (resolution No. 7) until the Borough Engineer looks at the sink hole.

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

Glenn Venza asked if Mr. Pellegrini and Mr. Scialla are being paid to do the same job. Mayor Budesheim explained that one is a plumbing inspector and one is a plumbing sub-code official.

Joan Garcia stated that it's a little disconcerting that we have at least three employees who have titles but right now there isn't money to pay them for the job they're doing. Councilman Guis responded regarding the DPW employee.

Tom Batelli asked how the snow removal cost is calculated. Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Councilman Guis responded.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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