

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

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:

Keith Hamilton, Van Duyn Ave., asked if the Mayor was the editor of the town newsletter, which the Mayor replied yes. Hamilton then expressed his concern of a bear hunting article which was posted on the latest newsletter and thought that it should be removed and the Mayor should apologize of the posting of the article.

Mark S., Greenwich Street, expressed his outrage of the content of a bear hunting article which was posted in the latest town newsletter. S. believed that it should have never been posted in the newsletter. S. also stated he wanted to be removed from the mailing list if similar articles were posted.

Keith Hamilton, Van Duyn Ave., asked why Councilman Mastrangelo presented the wedding relocation in the manner he did at the previous meeting and expressed his view that he was unsatisfied and confused as to why Councilman Mastrangelo made it seem as if he didn't know about the payment and issue before mentioning it at the previous meeting. Hamilton accused Councilman Mastrangelo of not knowing about the payment. Hamilton was displeased with how the discussion of the wedding relocation payment was brought up.

Unknown citizen, asked if the married couple had a contract and made a payment for the facility rental.

Keith Hamilton, Van Duyn Ave., expressed his concern with the front office not receiving a check or contract for the rental agreement.

Dave Desai, Cotliss, asked if the Mayor requested any receipts of the renter's costs for tent rental and other party rentals for the day of double booking before paying for the relocation of the wedding. The Mayor had answered no. Desai believed that the cost for the agreement to relocate the wedding was overpriced. Desai checked the bridal registry for the married couple at Target for a different date from the rental agreement and was in the Dominican Republic. Councilperson Wetzel stated that, since she missed the previous meeting, we should've been given proof of the wedding date and location from the couple. Desai stated that we should've asked for more proof that this couple intended to have their wedding reception at the same location, date, and time in his belief that the couples actions all along were intended to defraud the Borough.

Mark S. Greenwich ST., asked if someone had gotten injured at the new location of the wedding reception if the Borough would be held responsible. The Mayor deferred the question to the Borough Attorney who stated that we wouldn't have been responsible.

Dave Desai, Cotliss, stated that he didn't believe the new system for the booking of rental facilities was any better than the previous method. Desai then asked the Borough attorney if the Borough was exposed to any potential law suits from the idea that there was a ruse and plot to defame a Borough employee. The attorney replied no and that no defamatory statements were ever said. Desai claimed that the only reason the discussion of the payment to the Grand Chalet was ever brought up was so that the Mayor can make a Borough employee look bad. Councilman Astarita rejected the statements made by Desai and stated that there was no ruse or a plot made by the Mayor and Councilmembers and that the Mayor saved the Borough a substantial amount of money by avoided a potential law suit.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1 (continued)

Keith Hamilton, Van Duyn Ave., asked who the Mayor spoke to at our insurance company and if they were an attorney for the insurance company. The Mayor said he was and that the Mayor explained to him the entire situation. Councilperson Astarita asked Hamilton and Desai if they thought the Riverdale citizen who rented the property tried to trick the Borough to pay for their wedding. Councilperson Astarita then stated that it would be reasonable to obtain proof of the wedding date for the use of the rented property. Hamilton was unsatisfied with the delivery of the information of the wedding payment at the previous meeting.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR**RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilperson Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilperson Guis, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Payment of claims
- 2) Payment to Corby Associates, INC for the remaining balance of \$5,250 for playground installation.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: None

(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 84-A**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

- 1) Personnel Ordinance
Mayor Budesheim stated that unless any changes are to be made then this will be introduced at the next meeting.
- 2) NJDOT Municipal Aid Applications due 10/14/14
Councilperson Guis will sit with the borough engineer, Paul Darmofalski, to complete the application.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Budesheim distributed another ordinance (Department established; officers." After some discussion, the Council agreed to make some minor changes to the ordinance which will be introduced at the next meeting.

Mayor Budesheim spoke with the Butler auditor and said that auditors would not have been able to pick up the incorrect billing. Councilperson Guis wants some independent assurance that the current billing for water is accurate with being done by Butler. The Council is comfortable with Butler to account for back billing and the current accurate reading of water usage and meter sizes. The Council agrees that they would like a letter from Butler stating that the current billing is accurate before revisiting the resolution already passed to bill back for six (6) years. Councilperson Wetzel requested to look at the figures as to who owes how much and felt comfortable with Butler to do the accounting.

Fire department requested to restrict parking on one side of Post Lane, from Newark Pompton Turnpike down all the way around the bend. Mayor Budesheim stated that he would meet with both the fire and police chief to gather more information for the next meeting.

Mayor Budesheim got a quote for a new telephone service through Quikteks for \$7,100. Another vendor never got back to provide a quote (has another quote). Estimated savings of \$600-\$700 a month for phone charges. A T1 line would be necessary (mainly for the police department). Monthly service charge would be \$521.48 and the T1 line is an additional \$300 which would be a total of \$821.48 before taxes and fees. Approximately \$900 a month compared to about \$1,600 currently.

MAYOR REPORT: (continued)

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilperson Wetzel, to approve the above payment for the telephone service contract with Quikteks

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: None

(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: Asked the Council to update the clerk with their current email address and to respond to the clerks email as there has been some email delivery issues.

Payment approval for North Jersey Mineralogical in the amount of \$150 for a refund of deposit made for a rental.

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the above payment.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: None

(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIANACE: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilperson Mastrangelo stated that Police Officer Kyle Parrill passed his one year probationary term and Chief Smith recommended that his appointment be made permanent.

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the permanent appointment of Police Officer Kyle Parrill.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilperson Mastrangelo obtained a quote for a video security camera system for the Borough Hall and Police station. Want to expand also to the DPW facilities, fire house, pump house, and police department. Gave copies of quote to the rest of the Council.

PUBLIC WORKS: Nicolas Laprezioso obtained his CDL certification (raise of \$1/hour). After performance review, requested to be moved Utility Person A at a rate of \$.56/hour. Total increase of \$1.56/hour.

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the permanent appointment of Nicholas Laprezioso as Utility Person A. Hourly rate of \$16.56/hour in combination with his CDL certification. Effective September 1, 2014.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: None

(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

Requested that the CDL program is something that must be done and looked into for quotes and to be added to unfinished business.

Councilperson Guis asked if the snow plow reimbursements had been calculated yet and Mayor Budesheim stated that he would check to see if the vouchers were ever sent back.

Councilperson Guis asked if the video camera security system can be extended to the telemetry water tank location.

Councilperson Guis asked for an update with the I&I. Mayor Budesheim responded that the engineers have the forms set up and are waiting for vendors to send in their quotes.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilperson Wetzel was satisfied with the new playground equipment which was installed. Thanked the DPW for their help with the preparation for the new equipment and thanked RER for their donation of the mulch.

The summer concert series are completed and thanked the DPW for all of their help all summer.

The street fair was successful. Councilperson Wetzel enjoyed all her years of planning these public events and offered her help for whomever is responsible for them next year.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita stated that we are waiting on the receiving of more bids for the Borough roofing project.

PERSONNEL: Clarified some aspects of the ordinances that were previously discussed which will be introduced at the next meeting. Asked for input from the council and department heads for a 2% across the board raise.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Unknown citizen, asked if a cross walk could be placed outside of the library or town hall. Councilman Guis responded that it was looked into previously with the borough engineer but wasn't worth the trouble and was tabled.

Mark S., Greenwich Street, asked if the council knew about the recent frequent power outage throughout parts the borough. Mayor Budesheim responded that he will check because he wasn't aware as he receives daily reports regarding power usage and power outage.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilperson Wetzel, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jimmy Homs
Assistant Municipal Clerk