

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, Wetzal, Falkoski**
 Absent: **Loesner (work)**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

An unidentified audience member asked Councilman Carelli if the balance of the unpaid newsletter advertising fees were still unpaid and if someone was working on it. Councilman Carelli stated that half was not paid and he would have to check with the finance office.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Falkoski stated that the Police and Fire Departments would like to purchase a digital message board with grant money and asked if the \$2,000 from Target would benefit that. Mayor Budesheim said that it would if they haven't spent it already.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he had a problem with the Capital Budget Amendment. Bond Counsel has advised that the vehicle cannot be purchased out of the Capital Fund if it will be used for patrol. After discussing the matter, Council decided to table Resolution No. 66-2012 and Ordinance No. 08-2012 until a determination is made.

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 65-2012;** Chapter 159 Special Item of Revenue for Target Donation to the Police Department in the amount of \$2,000.
- 2) **Resolution No. 67-2012;** Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Improvements to Highland Avenue, Hillside Avenue, Wilson Avenue and Carper Lane in the amount of \$300,000.00.

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

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ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCES (continued):**ORDINANCE 07-2012****AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE NEW JERSEY FOREST
SERVICE SHADE TREE COMMISSION CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 100-C**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 transmitted to governing body with August 6th agenda)

Councilman Astarita reported on the garbage issues and presented examples of shed costs.

- 2) Decision as to salary for Dan Sturm’s appointment as Emergency Management Coordinator. (Chief Sturm’s proposal transmitted to governing body with August 20th agenda)

Councilman Carelli reported that Chief Sturm made a presentation to the Finance Committee. Chief Sturm presented his proposal to the Council.

Thereupon, Mayor Budenheim appointed Jim Regeling Jr. and Pat Cleary as Deputy OEM Coordinators.

Councilwoman Wetzal asked for a breakdown of the salaries. Councilman Carelli explained how the budget was prepared this year and last year for Mayor and Council salary and wages and the Office of Emergency Management. Chief Sturm requested a \$5,000 annual stipend for the OEM Coordinator, \$2,500 for one Deputy and \$1,000 for the other Deputy. Councilman Guis stated that he supported the salary for the Coordinator but we should revisit the deputies in January. Councilman Falkoski said that we should be able to find \$2,500 to meet this obligation for the balance of the year with the amount of work that needs to be done to be in compliance. Councilwoman Wetzal stated that she did not support exceeding our budget this year and expand to a three man OEM team. Councilman Falkoski stated that we would take the risk of losing the ability to have the OEM structure here, having the state take it over and losing some of the grant money we receive. Councilwoman Wetzal stated that this is the beginning and if they remain a three person team those numbers will multiply in the new year. There was additional discussion regarding the matter.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to establish the annual salaries for the following positions, effective August 16, 2012:

OEM Coordinator, Dan Sturm	-	\$5,000.00
Deputy OEM Coordinator, Jim Regeling	-	\$2,500.00
Deputy OEM Coordinator, Pat Cleary	-	\$1,000.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Astarita, Carelli, Guis, Falkoski**
 Nays: **Wetzel**
 (4 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)

- 3) Proposal for sewer projects from William Ryden in the amount of \$20,500 tabled at the August 6th meeting until a letter is received from Dan Kelly of the PRBRSA stating the project is acceptable.

Councilman Guis reported that the new numbers look good but the CFO isn't sure we have enough money to do it without going to bond. It was decided to wait until the next meeting.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM:

- 1) Request from The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to "sign on" to the Borough's Open Space and Recreation Plan. This will allow them to contribute some of their own Green Acres grant money to Riverdale's projects (if needed, and with the approval of their Board). The use of these funds would only be for projects that the Borough would like assistance. In order for The Land Conservancy to expend their state funding in Riverdale, Green Acres requires that they go through the "sign on" process.

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to allow the Land Conservancy of New Jersey to "sign on" to the Borough's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

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

Mayor Budesheim reported that we took part in the new program established by the County for the buyouts. We've been approved in the amount of about \$880,000. We also have applications before the Green Acres program and the Land Conservancy hopefully will help us out. That represents 75% of the appraised values right now.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that she noticed our shared services agreement contract with Butler for 9-1-1 services expired last year. They billed us \$8,000 a year for 2009, 2010 and 2011 and they did bill us for 2012 at the same amount. The Best Practices policy requires us to submit this to the State. Mayor Budesheim stated we will approve a three year extension.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to approve a three-year contract for shared services with the Borough of Butler for 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance as follows:

2012	-	\$8,000.00
2013	-	\$8,000.00
2014	-	\$8,000.00

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

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT (continued):

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that Target has requested extended hours for the day after Thanksgiving and she will put it on the next agenda for approval.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Carelli reported that Linda Roetman did an excellent job arranging the Forestry Seminar sponsored by the Shade Tree Commission and we had a very nice turnout. Each person that attended received five education credits and each town needs eight for the year.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski read a letter from the Pompton Lakes Awards Committee who voted to give merit awards to Sgt. James McIntosh and Patrolman Gary Keil who assisted with a hostage situation. The awards will be presented at the September 19th meeting of the Pompton Lakes Mayor and Council at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal building.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that we still have problems with the pumping station on Riverdale Road. The new pump has been ordered, a new motor for the Muffin Monster, and we're trying to get proposals on maintenance of that entire station. The river cleanup this spring went well on the lower end. On the upper end, Pompton Lakes has agreed to act as the middle man and we can have the same contractor.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to authorize payment not to exceed \$50,000.00 to the Borough of Pompton Lakes to complete the debriaring and desnagging of the river using the same contractor who did the other grant work.

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

Councilman Guis reported that he would like to follow up with the central station alarms.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzal reported that the street fair went well. There was a good turnout and positive feedback on the vendors this year. She thanked the police and fire departments and the DPW for their help.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported on problems at the library. They're periodically getting water in the basement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

An unidentified audience member asked if the river cleanup would get down to Morris Avenue. Mayor Budesheim said that is the goal.

Glenn Venza asked if we make money on the street fair. Councilwoman Wetzal replied that we get a stipend from JC Promotions and it varies between \$400 and \$600 depending on the number of vendors. The only cost is that our employees get paid for the day. Mr. Venza asked councilman Carelli where the \$7,200 came from in the OEM budget. Councilman Carelli replied that there is zero money left in the OEM budget and salary has been paid out of the Mayor and Council line item.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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