

September 15, 2014

The regular 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 Budesheim presiding.

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Closed Session	-	August 4, 2014
Regular Meeting	-	August 18, 2014
Workshop Meeting	-	September 3, 2014

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Guis
Nays: None
Abstain: Mastrangelo (August 4, 2014 only)
Carelli (August 18, 2014 only)
(5 ayes – 0 nays – 2 abstentions - motion carried)**

PRESENTATION TO HONOR TEEN VOLUNTEERS TO THE RIVERDALE LIBRARY.

Mayor Budesheim stated that it is a tradition each September to acknowledge the youth volunteers at the library. They volunteer their time working with the librarians. This is a tribute to their parents that they instill community service, especially at the library, that is a great environment. Children's Librarian Lara Cohen explained the program and expressed her gratitude to the volunteers. Mayor Budesheim presented them with certificates.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO 1:

Joseph Falkoski, 513 Cotliss Road, asked the Council for assistance with a problem his neighborhood is having with noise from the Blu Ale House. He said the noise is so horrendous that he and his neighbors call the police almost every night and shortly after they leave the noise is doubled. They have tables outside on the sidewalk but I don't remember them getting approval to lift their walls like garage doors. In effect, they increased their square footage. I am here to petition to the Council to please do something about this. We have a "peace and order" ordinance and "amusements" ordinance that specifies that people cannot do anything that will interfere with other people's lives.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he does not believe they came before the Planning Board and he instructed our Zoning Officer to send them a notice of violation for having tables on the sidewalk. If they want to have the doors open and tables on the sidewalk they will have to come before the Planning Board and that is when it can be stopped. He is also going to discuss with the Police Chief having summonses issued to the DJ's and asked Mr. Falkoski to continue to call in complaints.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO 1 (continued):

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 09-2014**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

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

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- 2) Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance, and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 10-2014**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 88-B**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following):

a. Kunzman Construction – Payment #3 Glenburn Rehab	\$17,787.00
b. Darmofalski Engineering	\$ 960.00
c. Darmofalski Engineering	\$ 240.00
d. Darmofalski Engineering	\$ 1,080.00
e. RFM Printing - October Newsletter - A&E o/e	\$ 938.85
- 2) Award of bid for Reroofing of the Borough Hall to low bidder Willcof Roofing and Construction, 1400 Cedar Lane, Hamilton, NJ in the amount of \$71,250.00.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Riverdale Road Sewer Pump House.
- 2) Mathews Avenue water tower telemetry system.
- 3) Introduction of Ordinance No. 06-2014; Ordinance Establishing Chapter 93 Entitled "Emergency Management" (Ordinance TABLED at June 16th meeting).
- 4) CDL Program

No discussion took place.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Jalloh reported on the audit report as it relates to the Council members and advised that the group affidavit and resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

Councilman Carelli asked why the audit was so late. Mayor Budesheim stated that he would speak to the auditor.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli asked who the certifying officer and supervisor for the pension and benefits was and if they've had training. He heard that things weren't getting done in a timely manner and was concerned that we could be fined. Clerk Jalloh stated that he is the supervisor and the Assistant Municipal Clerk is the certifying officer and assured him that everything is up to date.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that the most important issue is implementing the CDL program since this can become an issue in terms of liability. Borough Attorney Oostdyk agreed and recommended we hire an outside consultant. Mayor Budesheim stated he would have two proposals at the next meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that with the help of Dan Salameno he had obtained proposals to get the ball fields into shape.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the proposal for a sprinkler system at Independence Park/George Koegler Ball Field from Homestead Lawn Sprinkler Co., Inc. in the amount of \$7,156.00.

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

Councilman Astarita asked Mr. Dan Salameno to describe the other improvements proposed for the ball fields which include aeration, seeding, build new pitchers mounds and new clay and will enlarge both fields at a total cost of \$7,500. He stated that the fields will get more use and bring in revenue.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the proposal to enlarge, aerate, seed, build pitchers mounds and add clay at the ball fields at Independence Park/George Koegler Field from O'Connell Sports, Inc. at a total cost of \$7,500.00.

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

PERSONNEL: Councilman Revis reported on the issue of salary increases for borough personnel. He distributed a salary summary that had been prepared by Councilman Carelli which has a basic two percent increase across the board as well as promotional increases for members of the DPW. He recommended that the Finance and Personnel Committees address the issue of salary increases as we make up the 2015 budget and that evaluations be done on the employees. He also recommended that Mr. Carelli's schedule be accepted and put on the agenda for the next meeting with increases retroactive to January 1, 2014. Councilman Guis had additional recommendations for several of the DPW positions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO 2:

Keith Hamilton, 14 Van Duyne Ave., suggested that selling advertising space to local businesses might be another way of adding revenue at the ball fields.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Mayor Budesheim commented on the last meeting's public portion where accusations were made by audience members regarding the wedding that the town paid for because of a double booking at the Glenburn. He said that he was accused of trying to make a borough employee look bad and found that extremely offensive. It was also referred to that this was just a con or ruse and that the wedding had actually taken place two weeks prior in the Dominican Republic. Mayor Budesheim stated that he was confronted with a very upsetting situation and had to make a decision and try to make this right. He did obtain a copy of the wedding invitation and the bill for the party tent. He stated that the bride was here to give her side of the story.

Christy Moldonado introduced herself as the bride and thanked the Mayor for picking up the responsibility. She said that she was distraught and angry when told that she could not have her wedding at the Glenburn on the date she reserved and explained why she believed the date was confirmed and that the borough employee was wrong. She said it was ridiculous to be accused of committing fraud and asked who the person was who stated she was married two weeks prior. Mayor Budesheim told her it was Mr. Dave Desai who was in the audience.

Mr. Desai explained to Ms. Moldonado that he got that information based on a bridal registry at Target and said he never accused her of fraudulent activity. The point of the discussion was why the Mayor did not try to stand behind his employees.

The Borough Attorney stated that the public portion had been closed and Councilman Astarita stated that this is not an appropriate venue for this discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk