

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, Guis, Loesner, Wetzel, Falkoski**
 Absent: **None**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - August 20, 2012
 Workshop Meeting - September 3, 2012

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

Abstain: Astarita, Carelli (August 20 only)
Loesner (September 3 only)

RIVERDALE LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Elizabeth Boyle	Vaiona Toska	Hallie Mansoor
Christine Holl	Jessica Titus	Sana Malik
Amanda Edwards	Yuti Gandhi	Cassidy Tibbits

Mayor Budesheim stated that this is the tenth year we have recognized the young people who have volunteered their time helping out at the library during the summer. This is a great program and we are proud of the young people who dedicate their time here. He also thanked the parents. Councilwoman Wetzel presented certificates to the volunteers. Library Director Carol Heinz expressed her gratitude to the volunteers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Will Felegi asked if the council would find a way to bring the newsletter back. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that she was not spearheading it but had suggested the Mayor and Council all work together. There is a small publication being put out at the Community Center and Library with recreation and Community Center events so some information is getting out there. One idea is to have the newsletter put on line and just have some paper copies available since the majority of people can access the internet.

John Conroy asked if we were looking into shared services. Councilman Loesner stated that he approached Pequannock but they didn't seem to be interested. We did look into garbage collection with Bloomingdale and we learned we are not allowed to take our garbage to another county. Councilman Carelli explained that the big savings would have been lower tipping fees in another county. We looked at Construction with Bloomingdale as well.

Barbara Lukash, Mathews Avenue, asked why it is when people speak they don't mention their name or where they live. She said that would proper protocol so it can be addressed properly in the minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1 (continued):

Mayor Budesheim agreed and said he should start requiring that.

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

ALL IN FAVOR**RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Budesheim stated that our lease on the copy machine is about ready to expire. We could continue to lease but by purchasing it outright there's about a \$5,000 savings over leasing. The cost is pretty much the same as the machine we have and the service contract is identical. The lease is inside our cap and by purchasing it that relieves almost \$459 a month. The new machine would give us the capability to fax.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Q & S Electric- Open Space Trust - \$3,550.00 less 20% to be held until work is complete for total payment of \$2,850.00 per Mayor Budesheim.
- 2) Approval of request for a one day extension of Target store hours on Friday, November 23, 2012, the day after Thanksgiving, not sure of the time opening but would like the flexibility to be open at any time on this day. (copy of letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 3) **Resolution No. 66-2012;** Capital Budget Amendment.
- 4) **Resolution No. 68-2012;** Best Practices Worksheet 2012 Appropriations.
- 5) **Resolution No. 69-2012;** Tax Sale Certificate #10-00002 Redemption. Block 12 Lot 10, B and M Provisions LLC, in the amount of \$7,390.77.
- 6) **Resolution No. 71-2012;** Cancellation of Taxes, Block 26, Lot 21.03, North Jersey Ind. c/o W. Patterson. Amount of \$6,129.45 in tax payments due are to be cancelled as the property is now owned by the Borough of Riverdale.
- 7) **Resolution No. 72-2012;** Settlement of Tax Court Litigation – Riverdale South v. Riverdale Borough.
- 8) Approval of the purchase of a new borough copier from Atlantic Copier in the amount of \$26,157.00 to be charged to the Capital Account and availability of funds has been verified by Ken Sesholtz, CFO. (copy of proposal distributed to governing body with agenda)
- 9) Approval of a “One Day Social Affair Liquor License” for Fashion & Beauty Week a Non Profit Organization, to hold a Network Mixer Party & Runway Preview, to raise funds and awareness for the Diabetes Research Institute. (copy of application distributed to governing body with agenda)
- 10) **Resolution No. 73-2012;** Riverdale Library Petty Cash change in custodian to Carol Heinz.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 105-A, B, C, D, E, F AND G

ORDINANCES:

- 1) **Introduction of Ordinance No. 08-2012:** Bond Ordinance Amending Section 6(d) of Bond Ordinance Numbered 4-2010 and Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$40,000 to Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance Numbered 4-2012 Finally Adopted March 15, 2010 in and by the Borough of Riverdale, in the County of Morris, New Jersey and Authorizing the Issuance of \$38,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing the Appropriation.

Mayor Budesheim stated that nothing has changed since this ordinance was tabled at the last meeting. No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) 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.

Mayor Budesheim reported that the CFO advised there is money in the budget to start the engineering on the sewer project.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski to authorize Sewer Engineer William Ryden to begin work based on his proposal in the amount of \$20,500.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Letter from Best Buy to open the store at 12:00 a.m. on November 23, 2012 the day after Thanksgiving. Thank you for your consideration. (copy of letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Councilwoman Wetzel asked if they are looking for police coverage and if we are leaving it to the discretion of the Police Chief. Mayor Budesheim stated that the Chief should be instructed not to enter into any agreement until it is discussed by the Governing Body.

Thereupon, Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the request from Best Buy to open the store at 12:00 a.m. on November 23, 2012 the day after Thanksgiving.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Borough Clerk Talerico distributed correspondence that was received today from a property owner regarding sewers. Mayor Budesheim stated that he would speak with him and provide the information he is looking for.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that we closed on the Verizon building last Tuesday. He thanked Joe Stewart of Q & S Electric for the great job he is doing with the parking lot lights at Glenburn and the pavilion lights. The Borough Engineer recommended we hold 20% of the payment until the work is completed. The Mayor reported that he purchased a 10 x 10 wood shed at Home Depot for \$550 which is less than half of the others we were looking at.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk advised the Council that at the next meeting an individual will be making a request to extend the six month disability period, which is at the discretion of the Mayor and Council per the collective bargaining agreement with the PBA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported the court report for August 2012.

Mayor Budesheim asked Councilman Falkoski to check into why the Police Chief has not been attending the Council meetings. Mayor Budesheim asked for clarification of a requisition for \$500 deductible for body work on a police car before he signs it. Councilman Falkoski will check into it.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that our electrical inspector was injured over the weekend and will be out for three to six months. There are inspections that need to be done and our ordinance allows \$25 to \$35 per hour for a part time inspector.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to authorize the Construction Official to hire a part time electrical inspector at the rate of up to \$30.00 per hour.

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

Councilman Guis reported that the roof at Mario's is leaking and we have one quote and will be obtaining two others.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No Report

FINANCE: Councilman Loesner reported that the State has only put out a guideline for healthcare benefits for 2013. They haven't put out specific numbers yet but the guideline is an 8% increase. The high-deductible plans are going up significantly less – 3% on one and 0% on the other. If the plan is only to provide for the high-deductible plan, I suggest you do it quickly. The open enrollment period starts October 15th and there is substantial savings to be had there.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, asked if there was any update on the uncollected advertising dollars for the newsletter. Councilman Carelli responded that it's not finalized but it's about \$10,000 billable, \$4,000 collected and we'd have to bill around \$6,000.

Riverdale Library Director, Carol Heinz, asked for clarification of Resolution No. 73-2012. Borough Clerk Talerico responded.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

Kathy Olson, Halsey Avenue, asked what the town was planning for the Verizon building. Mayor Budesheim explained the plan to use it for COAH, affordable housing, and it will stay residential in nature. The total amount of \$650,000 was paid for from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund through contributions by developers. When they set up the number of units that we need, those units will have to be built and occupied within 10 years. Someone has approached us about possibly leasing the property in the meantime. Mayor Budesheim stated his vision is the units will be one or two stories and the density will be kept as low as possible.

John Conroy asked about the tax burden on the property. Mayor Budesheim stated that the property is exempt the same as other municipal property. Mr. Conroy asked if the stores open late on Black Friday pay for the police in full. Mayor Budesheim replied that they do. Mr. Conroy asked if we go to a high deductible health plan would it include the police. Councilman Loesner said that it should since their contract is up.

Glenn Venza asked about the savings for the different plans. Councilman Loesner replied that they put out a guideline of 8% for planning the 2013 budget. They didn't get specific.

Mayor Budesheim asked Councilman Falkoski for clarification of a \$1,900 expense on the bills list for an accreditation for the police department. He asked that the bill be held until Councilman Falkoski gets more information.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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