

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Astarita, Carelli, Falkoski, Loesner, Wetzel, Guis**
 Absent: **None**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Frank DeCento of Harrison Road asked if there were any plans for flood buyouts. He heard that Pequannock is buying out all of their houses which will leave only 6 houses on that street. Mayor Budesheim replied that Pequannock had approached us to become part of their application for the FEMA grant and the Council had voted to do this. We didn't hear back from them and he had heard from a resident that we were dropped. We've contracted with the NJ Land Conservancy and they will file the application for us with Green Acres for the Blue Acres Program and also for FEMA. They are working with our Engineer and we will be moving forward on that.

Dan Sciarra of Munn Avenue asked for an update regarding the railroad facility. Mayor Budesheim stated that our attorney received correspondence from them. We explained to them they still have to come before the Planning Board and they agreed. We asked the engineer to measure the stacks that are not supposed to be more than 9 feet high. The Surface Transportation Board ruled against us so we are trying to enforce the rules in the court order. Mr. Sciarra said there has to be some way of getting them in to the Planning Board. Borough Attorney Oostdyk said the Planning Board attorney would be in touch with their attorney. Mr. Sciarra stated he had residents who would like to testify in front of the judge. Mr. Oostdyk did not know if the judge would allow that. Mayor Budesheim asked Mr. Sciarra what changes he expects. Mr. Sciarra said he wants to take care of some of the noise. Mr. Sciarra asked for the name of the facility. Mayor Budesheim replied that the New York Susquehanna Western Railroad is the owner and testified they are the operators of the facility. Mayor Budesheim said they expressed a willingness to appear and he believes they will.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Falkoski stated the Police Department has information regarding the contract renewal for their copier. Chief Smith stated the cost is \$50 less per month and answered questions regarding the contract. Councilman Astarita requested resolution No. 5. Councilman Guis stated that PSE&G is running a new gas line through Cottage Place. He recommended we authorize an inspection to be sure they put down repair pavement according to specs provided by the town.

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

- 1) Payment of Claims – Utility Bills/Insurance&Library.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 2) Approval of **Change Order #1** to professional agreement with DMC Associates, Inc. Land Surveyors that was approved for 2011 Tax Assessment Map approved on December 29, 2010.
- 3) **Resolution No. 66-2011**; Renewal of Membership in the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for a period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016.
- 4) Approval of a 5 year contract with Ricoh for a copier for Police Department at a cost of \$191.32 per month.
- 5) Approving payment of \$199.50 to Reiner Group for service of air conditioning at Fire Department, pending research by Councilman Astarita.
- 6) Authorizing up to \$500 for inspection by the Borough Engineer of PSE&G road opening to run gas line on Cottage Place.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 102A & B**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported that the low bid for restoration of the interior of the house at Glenburn was \$420,000 from Dell-Tech. All of that will be paid by the County except \$84,000 which comes out of our Open Space Trust. There is a total of \$426,000 available.

Councilwoman Wetzel asked what the renovations would cover. Mayor Budesheim described the work that would be included. Councilman Astarita stated that we have the opportunity to create another jewel in Riverdale. We've been working on this since we prevented a strip mall from going in there. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that the Glenburn is quite beautiful and it was a good decision to go through with it.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the award of contract for Glenburn House Phase 2, to Dell-Tech Inc., 930 New York Ave, Trenton, NJ for a total bid of \$420,000.

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

Mayor Budesheim reported that the DPW Superintendent has recommended the soccer field at Independence Park be shut down for a year. A number of years ago we spent \$40,000 on resurfacing and it is going to be destroyed if we don't shut it down after this season. Councilman Astarita will look into the matter.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Borough Clerk sent a memo to all department heads regarding monthly reports on cash receipts. Borough Clerk Talerico reported that to date she had only received reports from the Police Chief and the Water/Sewer Department.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he wanted to receive a quote before we hire the labor attorney for the police grievance. Borough Attorney Oostdyk agreed and will advise him to provide a quote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Falkoski reported on the Fire Department's joint application with Pompton Lakes, Bloomingdale, Kinnelon and Pequannock. He presented a memorandum of agreement to the Borough Attorney and asked who should be the signatory.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported on the annual Street Fair and thanked everyone who helped. There were not as many vendors as in the past because the date was rescheduled. The police chief alerted her to a concern that a student from St. Mary's school purchased a shock gun and it became an issue when he wanted to bring it to school. She will address the issue with the fair promoter and follow up with the school principal. Aside from that, it was a good day. She reported the year to date financial report for the Senior Community Center. She also reported that Fright Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center and details will follow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Patti Watson of the Riverdale Art Center voiced their support for the Glenburn estate and thanked the Council for their support of the RAC. She showed the Council a painting of the Glenburn by Carl Richards. It was done for the RAC and was put up for auction at the Art and Food Festival at the Glenburn. Her husband got the painting at the auction. She asked if it could be displayed at the municipal building for a period of time to show what you've done and what you've persevered. Mayor Budesheim stated we would be honored to have it and thanked her.

Mark Olynyk of Harrison Road asked what the town's position is with regard to buying out the houses on Harrison Road. Mayor Budesheim told him we've contracted with the NJ Land Conservancy who will be applying for funding for buyouts. Mr. Olynyk asked if there was a timeline. Borough Attorney Oostdyk told him his experience is that it would take several months after approval of the application through the County and Green Acres. It's usually not years but it is a process. The FEMA program is a much longer timeline before you get approval. Councilwoman Wetzel asked him if we could get feedback as to whether all six owners are interested in the buyout.

John Pryotack of Baroque Jewelers addressed the Council in regard to Ordinance 9-2008. He stated it has been a real hardship for him to hold purchased gold for 45 days. Councilman Falkoski stated that the ordinance is being amended to 20 days and explained the reason for the wait period. Mr. Pryotack said the state ordinance is 3 days which they feel is more than enough. Councilman Falkoski explained that the Council discussed the matter several times and in conjunction with the Police Chief and the conclusion was that reducing the wait to 20 days was fair and reasonable. Mr. Pryotack asked if there was any chance of lowering that. Mayor Budesheim said that he agreed with him but it is up to the Council. Councilman Loesner asked Mr. Pryotack if he was required to buy gold or if it is a business decision. Mr. Pryotack stated it is a business decision and he has been turning it away due to this ordinance. He also has turned business away because he cannot disassemble anything. He stated that he is the only jeweler in town so this ordinance pertains only to him. Councilman Astarita explained that the ordinance is to protect the residents and the public.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk replied to Councilman Falkoski's earlier question regarding the signatory on the Fire Department's joint application. The agreement should be signed by the Borough since it requires a commitment to spend money.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Loesner, to authorize the approval of a joint grant agreement for the Fire Department with the Boroughs of Pompton Lakes, Bloomingdale, Kinnelon and the Township of Pequannock.

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

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