

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, Guis, Loesner, Wetzel, Carelli**
 Absent: **Falkoski**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that we had been providing dispatch service to Kinnelon for 30 years and they switched to Butler. The contract called for 180 days notice and he asked Borough Attorney Oostdyk to follow up. He also reported on the Best Practices checklist. He reported that Rock Creek is interested in the tax sale certificate for Block 11, Lot 11 at full value. He also reported that Marie Pra who has been working with the Tax Assessor will be retiring and we need to find someone to replace her.

Mayor Budesheim stated that we need to give Borough Clerk Talerico direction regarding authorizing payroll checks for the Police Captains. This matter was discussed at the last meeting. Mayor Budesheim then distributed spread sheets and reported on the accumulated vacation, sick days and comp time for the Captains. The total cost of that is \$180,000 between now and when they retire. We also have to address the policy of saving all of your vacation days until just before retirement. We are without key personnel in the department for the next five or six months. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we need to look at the contract. Mayor Budesheim stated another issue is the accumulated comp time for the other officers. Police Chief Soules stated that he and the Mayor have discussed the comp time and we can make sure it is used quicker or have a policy. He said there are competent people in the department. There will be a meeting regarding job assignments and I think we'll do the job. Mayor Budesheim stated that the 12 hour shifts cost us almost \$100,000 and his recommendation is to go back to 8 hours shifts. There was a discussion regarding shift schedules. Councilman Loesner will research whether it would benefit the town.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico asked the Governing Body whether they want to attend the conference in Atlantic City and whether she should send a deposit. Several members said they would attend. She also asked whether the Council would like the Borough Engineer to complete the grant agreement for the ADA elevator. Mayor Budesheim and Councilman Carelli stated they would fill it out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Wetzel reported that Recreation has a proposal for Fright Night with a request to spend not more than \$2,000. Last year the event cost much less. It was decided the cost should not exceed \$500.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Councilman Loesner reported on date selection for the 2011 holiday schedule. He also reported on the state requirements for a certified Recycling Coordinator. We are required to have someone in this position by January 15, 2012. He recommended we create the position next year, determine the salary and put it in the budget. He is still researching wages for mechanics and DPW employees.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Guis clarified resolution No. 8. The Water Engineer recommended full replacement of vales and water pipes.

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

- 1) Approval of payment for the following:

a) Izod Center	Disney on Ice Trip – 11/24/10	\$ 885.00
b) DEP	Water Project DEP Permit	\$2,500.00
- 2) Approval of release of Maintenance Bond to Target Corporation in the amount of \$1,385,145 which has reached the end of its two year duration period and has been approved for release by the Borough Engineer.
- 3) Approval of release of escrow funds to Erickson Living in the amount of \$741.31 which has been approved for release by the Borough Engineer.
- 4) **Resolution No. 64-2010;** Supporting the Morris County Municipal Clerks and Urging the State Legislature to Reform the Open Public Records (OPRA) Law.
- 5) **Resolution No. 65-2010;** Refund of Tax Overpayments to Virginia B. Puder, Esq. for Timothy Jones & Kendra Rowan, Block 11, Lot 1.26 in the amount of \$664.75 for 2009 decided by County Board Appeal.
- 6) Acceptance of letter of resignation as Construction Official & Building Sub-Code Official from John Scialla.
- 7) Appointing and reinstatement of Joseph Montemarano as Construction Official & Building Sub-Code Official.
- 8) Approval of proposal for engineering services in connection with the Arlington/Haycock/Mead Water Project for William Ryden, P.E. (copy of proposal submitted to Governing Body)
- 9) Approval of expenditure for Halloween Festival in amount not to exceed \$500 and \$100 deposit to Coconut Joe's DJ for the event.
- 10) Authorizing payroll checks to be issued to Police Captains Peine and Roemmele through December 31, 2010.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 96-A AND B**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilwoman Wetzels set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed Session being completed, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to open the meeting to the public.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Astarita, Guis, Loesner, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: Falkoski

Mayor Budesheim advised that the closed session was to revisit the previous closed session regarding a request for pay for the position of Affordable Housing Liaison.

Clerk Talerico addressed the council stating that she had done a survey with all of the Affordable Housing Liaisons in Morris County and received answers of Lincoln Park \$4,125, Washington Township \$5,000 Morris Township \$6,000 and Pequannock Township \$12,100, and other towns responded that the pay has been included in their salaries and gave no specific amount that may have been considered as part of that salary.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that she had called Paul Darmofalski regarding the work he had performed as the affordable housing liaison when he had been appointed. She stated that Paul had told her that it was not a time consuming job and that he had probably put in approximately 10 to 15 hours per year at \$115 per hour.

Clerk Talerico stated that may be so but she knew that the only input Paul had ever had as the liaison was to do the yearly monitoring reports and at that time there were only a small number of affordable housing units at the Rock Creek Crossing site. He also did not have to field any telephone calls regarding the affordable housing nor did he have to take care of any of the correspondence that came into the Clerk's office from COAH. This was all handled in the Clerk's office. Affordable Housing has become a much more involved job as of late and we also did not have an ordinance at that time that literally spelled out what the responsibilities were for this position. You would not only be paying for the hours spent to do this job but the responsibility that is involved. Clerk Talerico also mentioned that you are not creating this position for me, it already exists and has existed, and I am just the one performing the work.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the council could vote on this when the council goes back into open session and he would recommend the salary at \$7,000.

The council also revisited the increases for the borough DPW men for the certifications that they have obtained such as Recycling Coordinator, Water License – Councilwoman Wetzel stated she still did not see why an employee should be given an increase for a certification unless they are the ones doing the job.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Recycling Coordinator position was going to be required as of January 2012 and a pay increase was going to have to be given and felt that there was no reason this should not be extended at this time. Also he stated how a mechanic earns much more money than our mechanic does and felt that if we did not satisfy this differential we may lose a good mechanic. Mayor Budesheim also stated how much more income is earned in other municipalities in their DPW departments and did not feel ours should be any different.

Councilman Loesner stated that he was planning on getting some salary information through OPRA requests and also salary information regarding housing liaison through OPRA requests. Clerk Talerico stated that she had already done that and did not think he would get any different information than she did, and showed Councilman Loesner the copies of the e-mails depicting the salaries she had mentioned in the beginning of the meeting. Councilman Loesner looked at the information and stated he still did not know

CLOSED SESSION (continued):

where the salary should fall between the numbers obtained and would like to put this off until our next meeting.

Councilman Astarita asked if these items were going to be voted on separately because he had to abstain from one of them.

Councilwoman Wetzel suggested that being it is so late in the year maybe the council should address these issues after the first of the year along with next years budget.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he felt that this should definitely be concluded at the next council meeting because this has already been going on for the past 2 meetings and even a longer period of time for Carol.

Closed Session adjourned and council returns to open session.