

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, Falkoski, Loesner, Wetzel, Guis**
 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 - September 19, 2011
 Workshop Meeting - October 3, 2011

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Dan Salameno, Jr. of the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale Little League addressed the Council regarding their request to make improvements and maintain the baseball fields at Independence Field. He explained that they would rototill and bring in new clay with the help of professionals. They would like to move forward before winter so the fields are ready for the upcoming season. The cost for materials would be a few thousand dollars. Mayor Budesheim stated that we are looking to improve the state of the fields and there are funds available in the Open Space Trust Fund. He thanked Mr. Salameno for his interest and told him to contact the Borough Clerk's office for a purchase order when he obtains the price for the clay.

Joan Garcia stated that she would be more comfortable if the proposal was also brought to Pompton Lakes and both towns shared in the cost. Mr. Salameno stated that tens of thousands of dollars were spent in Pompton Lakes at the Joe Grill fields and over \$30,000 was spent on clay that got washed away by the flooding. He is going to be the Finance Chairman and find new avenues for raising money for the Little League. An unidentified member of the Little League Board stated that Pompton Lakes doesn't have the funds right now and they really want to get the fields done. Joe Grill fields are not reliable and it would really benefit the league if we could use these two fields almost exclusively.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATION: "DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE.

Mayor Budesheim declared the month of November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the Borough of Riverdale.

COPY OF PROCLAMATION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 105-A

ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 13-2011

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT
OF THE CLOTHING BIN ORDINANCE TO THE ZONING
OFFICER**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 13-2011 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 106-B

- 2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 14-2011

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 128 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
ENTITLED “PRECIOUS METALS, GEMS, AND JEWELRY
DEALERS”**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 14-2011 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 107-C**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Darmofalski Engineering 2012 State Aid Apps \$1,840.00
 - b. Darmofalski Engineering Mathews Ave Phase II \$3,910.00
 - c. Darmofalski Engineering Riverdale General Consults \$1,150.00
 - d. Morris County MUA Disposal Services \$12,576.26
 - e. North Jersey Media Group Publication \$ 303.52
 - f. GDF Suez Energy Sept. – Oct. \$2,081.63
 - g. JCP&L Sept. – Oct. \$1,572.37
- 2) Resolution to memorialize the agreement with “The Land Conservancy of New Jersey” a nonprofit organization to retain their services to preserve and protect open space for flood mitigation, natural, historic, recreational and agricultural purposes commencing on July 2, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2012 for a fee of \$12,000, to be paid quarterly at \$3,000 for each quarter. (copy of agreement distributed to governing body with agenda)

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. 107-D**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CLOTHING BIN APPLICATIONS:**

- 1) The Read Foundation, Inc. at Route 23 North – BJ’s Wholesale Warehouse Club. (originally applied to place bins at 276 Paterson Hamburg Turnpike and was denied by council) This location has been approved by the zoning officer.

Mayor Budesheim stated that this was originally by Real Auto Body and we turned them down at that location. The new location has been approved by our Zoning Officer.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Loesner, to approve placement of clothing bins by The Read Foundation, Inc. at BJ’s Wholesale Warehouse Club.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Carelli, Falkoski, Loesner, Guis**
 Nays: Astarita, Wetzel
 (4 ayes – 2 nays – motion carried)

- 2) RE USA bins located at Route 23 North – BJ’s Wholesale Warehouse Club and have been approved by the zoning officer.

This application was not complete and was TABLED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Confirmation of League of Municipalities attendance, Mayor Budesheim, Councilman Falkoski, Councilman Carelli and Tax Collector MaryAnn Murphy. Any cancellation has to be done by October 30th or municipality will be responsible for payment.

There was no discussion on this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From Leigha Stigman, Property Administrator advising that the Board of Directors of the Grande at Riverdale Condominium Association has instructed Wilkin Management to inform the Mayor and Council that they are still disputing the Municipal Services Reimbursement for snow removal in the amount of \$5,762.68. Wilkin Management has previously spoken to the Mayor's office and is working to schedule a meeting with him and the Board Members to discuss this matter. (copy of letter distributed to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated that he met with the new administrator. He said his recommendation to their homeowner's board was that our offer was fair. The formula set up by Councilman Guis is dollar for dollar based on what we spent and the amount of roads at the Grande. We are not responsible for shoveling walks and cleaning out parking spaces. They had set up meetings with me and then not shown up. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we have an agreement with them and the only thing they can dispute is the figures in our formula. Mayor Budesheim stated that no action is to be taken.

- 2) From Dan Salameno, Jr. stating the he is part of the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale Little League and during the past few years has helped take care of the baseball fields at Independence. Because of the flooding problems at Joe Grill, these fields have become an invaluable part of the Little League and he would like to address the maintenance of these fields. (copy of letter distributed to governing body with agenda)

This item was addressed during public participation No. 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report for September 2011. The amount coming to Riverdale 2010 year to date was \$244,181. The amount for 2011 year to date is \$143,971. One of the reasons for the difference is we lack a traffic squad right now. He also reported that 28 applications were received for a patrolman. He read a memo from Chief Kevin Smith with his recommendation that we hire the top candidate and swear him in at the November 21st Council meeting. He asked the council to make a motion to support the hiring of this patrolman

Mayor Budesheim stated that this is coming as new information to the Council and it should be discussed at a workshop meeting. Councilman Falkoski stated that the matter had been discussed at other meetings. Mayor Budesheim stated the Chief Financial Officer told him there is no money in this year's budget and he doubts there will be money in next year's budget. Councilman Falkoski stated that he obtained the police salary and budget numbers from the bookkeeper. He also stated that we are lacking revenue coming in right now because we don't have a patrol officer doing traffic. Mayor Budesheim stated that he goes by the numbers from the CFO and is not prepared to make this appointment tonight. Councilman Falkoski stated that he asked the Council. Mayor

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Budesheim stated that it is his appointment and he is not going to make it tonight. Councilman Falkoski stated that there may be a way around that if the balance of the Council wants to do something. He said it's foolish not to do this. We're losing more money in revenue from lack of a traffic squad than we are anything else. I asked for a motion from the Council. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it is the Mayor's appointment. If the Mayor declines to appoint and the Council feels an appointment is necessary, there is a mechanism to do that but we're not at that point yet. Councilman Astarita stated that we have to be very sure that we have the funds before we allow this to happen and we need the input of our CFO. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that we should discuss it at length at a workshop meeting.

Councilman Falkoski reported on problems with Ladder 31. Fire Chief Dan Sturm reported that it was damaged while responding to a house fire during the flood. The repair has been made and we hope to be reimbursed by FEMA. The cost is \$1,600 for labor and \$1,500 for parts.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve payment for the repair to Ladder 31 in the amount of \$3,100.

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

Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the official date for the tree lighting will be Monday December 12th at the school lawn.

Councilman Astarita reported there will be a meeting of the Community Development Revenue Sharing Advisory Committee on November 2nd and he will be out of town on business. Councilman Loesner will attend.

Councilman Loesner reported on the new State Health Benefit Plans. Open enrollment for employees started today and runs through November 11th. The state hasn't put together plan summaries yet so we don't know exactly what the plan or deductibles are. Each HMO is now offering two options plus two high deductible plans. The new coverage costs can be discussed at the next workshop.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Glenn Venza asked if there was anything planned for the month of November being declared Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Budesheim stated that there were no plans but was open to ideas.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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