

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis
Absent: None

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:

Regular Meeting - September 15, 2014
 Workshop Meeting - October 6, 2014

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

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Warren Shepps, 67 Newark Pompton Turnpike, came on behalf of the Riverdale Seniors. Shepps thanked Mayor Budesheim for separating the funds for the seniors on the budget. Shepps asked for an update for the following year’s budget which Mayor Budesheim responded that the seniors will have their own line item on the budget. Shepps stated that he would like the town to have electronic defibrillator’s set up in the various public facilities with training. Mayor Budesheim stated that he has the paper work to begin the training courses.

Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road, asked if the job descriptions for the Borough employees were completed. Mayor Budesheim stated that they weren’t completed yet. Desai also asked if there is currently an organizational chart, which Mayor Budesheim stated that there wasn’t any. Desai also asked for update for the sewer I&I. Mayor Budesheim stated that the Borough received some applications but was suggested to wait for more. Desai also asked for an update with the water billing. Councilman Carelli responded that he and Councilman Guis sat with the officials from Butler and that the large work load was still being done and should be done by the next council meeting. Desai asked if a root cause for the billing error was discovered by Butler. Councilman Carelli responded that it was not because of any one reason but was more concerned was that the current billing format is correct.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

MAYOR BUDESHEIM PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 2014 AS PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Budesheim read the proclamation.

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ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 09-2014

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED “PERSONNEL” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

ORDINANCES (continued):

The assistant 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 Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo to close the public session

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, **RESOLVED** that ordinance No. 09-2014 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: None

(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

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2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 10-2014

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

The assistant 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 Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo to close the public session

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that ordinance No. 10-2014 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: None

(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

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3) Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, Seconded by Councilman Carelli, to introduce the following ordinance, and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2014

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE JOINING THE MORRIS ENERGY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 ET SEQ.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: None

(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

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4) Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, Seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to introduce the following ordinance, and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2014

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126 ENTITLED “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis
Nays: None
(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

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5) Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to **TABLE** the introduction of Ordinance No. 13-2014.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis
Nays: None
(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

Thereupon tabling Ordinance No. 13-2014, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, Seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to not establish the position of paid recreation director.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Wetzel, Guis
Nays: Mastrangelo, Revis
(4 ayes- 2 nays- motion carried)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2014

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING THE ORDINANCE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis
Nays: None
(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

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RESOLUTIONS:

Prior to voting on the resolutions, Councilwoman Wetzel requested to remove only the Recreation Director line item from Resolution No. 65-2014.

Prior to voting on the resolutions, Councilman Guis asked Mayor Budesheim what was included in the price for Resolution No. 64-2014.

Prior to voting on the resolutions, the Council felt best to vote on resolution number 7 separately after discussion.

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

- 1) Payment of Claims (including the following):
 - a. RFM Printing - November Newsletter - A&E o/e \$ 932.85
- 2) **Resolution No. 64-2014;** Resolution Authorizing Payment to Tri-State Safety Solutions, LLC to Provide CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing, Written Programs and Training.

- 3) **Resolution No. 65-2014;** Establishing Salaries for 2014-~~REMOVE RECREATION DIRECTOR~~

RESOLUTIONS: (continued)

- 4) **Resolution No. 66-2014;** Resolution Authorizing Revisions to the Borough of Riverdale Cafeteria Premium Payment Plan and Section 125 Flexible Spending Accounts and Cash Benefit Option.
- 5) Authorization of extended hours request for Home Depot located on Route 23 North to be open one hour earlier at 5 a.m. on November 28, 2014 subject to receipt of appropriate fees.
- 6) Authorization to advertise for receipt of bids to be opened on December 23, 2014 for Garbage Collection and Recyclable Collection.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Revis, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: Mastrangelo

(5 ayes- 1 nay- motion carried)

- 7) By request of the Council, the resolution authorizing to change the status of Connie Andersen from part time to full time at her current rate of pay (\$15 per hour) for an annual salary of \$29,250 based on 37.5 hours per week. (Per recommendation of the Personnel Committee), was discussed and voted on separately.

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve above resolutions; authorizing the change of status of Connie Andersen from part time to full time, effective November 1, 2014, and to receive benefits beginning January 1, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Guis

Nays: Wetzel

(5 ayes- 1 nay- motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 99-A, B, C, & D

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Mastrangelo requested to add the purchase of the lot near the armory on unfinished business.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis stated that there is a company still interested in purchasing the “Verizon Building” within the guidelines and regulations with COAH. Councilman Guis requested that the “Verizon Building” be added to unfinished business.

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to not sell the “Verizon Building” and contact the company interested that would use this property within the regulations of COAH.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carelli, Wetzel, Guis

Nays: Astarita, Mastrangelo, Revis, Budesheim (to break tie)

(3 ayes- 4 nays- motion denied)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel wanted to clarify her position, from the previous meeting, on the security camera system being used in the Police Department.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita provided an update on the baseball field.

PERSONNEL: No report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Ave, commented that he thought it was disingenuous and underhanded that one of council members distributed re-work of an ordinance to only one other council member.

Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road, voiced his displeasure of the decision process of changing a part-time employee to a full-time employee without the Borough having an organization chart and job description.

Keith Hamilton, 14 Van Duyne Ave, asked if we sold the “Verizon Building” if we could purchase another specific property in the Borough. Mayor Budesheim responded that the specific site is very costly. Hamilton stated that the lack of action from the council has allowed more uncorrected water billing cycles to pass.

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

ALL IN FAVOR**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Budesheim stated the reasoning behind changing the part-time employee to a full-time status. Mayor Budesheim stated why the Borough outsourced the water and sewer billing. Mayor Budesheim provided an update with the water billing.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned: 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jimmy Homsy

Assistant Municipal Clerk