

The workshop 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 William Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 13-2013

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE
 OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE
 BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY TO CABLEVISION
 OF OAKLAND, LLC**

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

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

Gary Shaw, Government Affairs Director for Cablevision, thanked the Mayor and Council for moving this forward.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Carelli asked if we would be getting free service in the Community Center. Mr. Shaw stated that we would.

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 13-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 123-A

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Budesheim stated that on the advice of Counsel we had to dismiss the bids we received for the roof project. After a brief discussion it was decided to reject all bids and wait until February or March to re-bid.

Deputy Borough Clerk Forbes stated that Resolution No. 77-2013 will be carried to the next meeting as we are waiting for the police investigation report.

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills/Claims
- 2) **Resolution No. 76-2013**; Resolution rejecting all bids for the Reroofing of the Borough Hall project.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 124-B AND C**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported that the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled on the COAH issue. They more or less struck down the COAH law because it wasn't strict enough. The court gave COAH five months to come up with an acceptable plan. This, unfortunately, is not going away.

Next Monday, November 11th, we will be shutting down Overlook Road and the Enclave development because they will be working on the rock wall. It will be shut down 24/7 for about three weeks. We have an emergency road going through two back yards that enters onto High Street in Butler. We've got everything worked out with emergency services, garbage, post office and the school.

Two residents are willing to sell their properties for the flood buyout. We will have contracts and introduction of an ordinance for the next meeting.

We're working with the engineer and will be doing Title 39 for Rock Creek Crossing. That ordinance will also be ready for introduction at the next meeting.

Our Facilities Director is requesting additional hours. I've asked her to prepare a journal of the events she does each year. We will probably have it for the next workshop to see if there is justification for expanding her hours.

Fright Night was a phenomenal success at the Glenburn. Bills for the event were turned in today which leaves just \$150 in Celebration of Public Events. The director should get a blanket purchase order before she spends the money. Councilwoman Wetzol will speak to the Recreation Director.

We are going to be working on restructuring the Police Department to provide the maximum protection for the residents. Most of us agree you need a second in command and that it should be a Lieutenant. Because of various things going on right now we weren't able to do it but Sgt. MacIntosh has been doing the work of a Lieutenant according to the Chief. He gave me a list of some of his responsibilities over and above running his squad. There are four Sergeants and when another Sergeant is put in charge

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

to have authority over the other three it puts everybody in an awkward position. We can't make a Lieutenant now because the ordinance needs clean up work. I'd like to designate him as the second in command under the Chief until the Lieutenant position is filled and to give him the stipend that would go to the Lieutenant. The PBA agreed to make that first step \$2,000. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the Chief designates second in command and the Council approves the stipend. Councilman Falkoski stated that a title should go with it so everyone is aware he is second in command. Councilman Mastrangelo stated he had no problem with the stipend but hoped it didn't mess us up with the lawsuit. Councilwoman Wetzel was concerned that there could be an issue with the other sergeants who are not getting this appointment or increase in salary. There was discussion regarding the matter.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve a temporary annual stipend of \$2,000 to Sgt. James MacIntosh effective November 1, 2013 to remain in effect for the period he is designated as second in command by the Chief of Police.

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

Mayor Budesheim stated that at the next meeting he will have an ordinance to amend the sewer and water rates. The gear box for the muffin monster broke and that cost is \$3,800. The muffin monster was \$19,000. The repair for the water main break by BJ's parking lot was about \$7,000. Councilman Guis stated the new vortex pumps will be about \$30,000 and we're still running over on the flow.

The Drug Testing Policy and computers for the police cars will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Budesheim reported on shared services. We have an offer for the Building Department and we are waiting for the town to get back to me as to whether it will be acceptable to them. The Governor just signed Senate Bill 533 which allows shared services for all of the tenured positions. There is a pilot program in five or six counties and Morris County is on of them. I spoke to Butler about providing Tax Collector services to us. I sent a notice to our Tax Collector that at the next meeting we'll have a public hearing on the proposed shared service agreement for Tax Collector and the amount of money to be saved. We're looking at \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year in savings. Councilman Falkoski asked if we looked at the effect of service to the residents of the town. Mayor Budesheim stated that for the vast majority of the taxpayers their tax is paid by their mortgage company. They can still drop their payment off here. Councilwoman Wetzel was concerned that we are always looking to go to another town as opposed to making ourselves available to offer services. I think the more we lose the more we become part of another town and depersonalize ourselves as a borough. Mayor Budesheim stated that we are so small we don't usually have excess personnel and most of our people are working part time. Councilwoman Wetzel felt that perhaps we should make a part-timer a full-timer and take on another town. It would save our employee and bring money in.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP:

- 1) Street sign parameters – Policy to be on November 18th Agenda.
- 2) Excess Surplus Land known as Route 23, Section 3, Parcel VX16B1C being offered for purchase by the Borough of Riverdale. (Possible November 18th Agenda item if information is finalized.)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP (continued):

Mayor Budesheim stated he is waiting for the final figure.

- 3) PBA Random Drug Testing – Policy in working stage. (Possible November 18th Agenda item if finalized.)

This item was discussed during the Mayor Report.

- 4) Building Department – Shared Services – Agreement in working stage. (Possible November 18th Agenda item if finalized.)

This item was discussed during the Mayor Report.

- 5) Borough hours of operation.

Councilman Mastrangelo reported that he noticed some discrepancies in the ordinance and employee handbook. I'd like to propose that we go back to a five day week 8:30 to 4:30 with ½ hour paid lunch. That would be 37-1/2 hours. Mayor Budesheim stated that a lot of employees were hired to work 32-1/2 hours. This has been in effect for at least the past 20 years and has not changed. There was a discussion regarding the matter.

- 6) Library roof proposals.

Councilman Astarita spoke with the low bidder and it will be possible to do it before the weather gets really cold. I called five people and received two quotes. The low bid was \$21,500 for the entire library roof.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the proposal from Kovach Roofing in the amount of \$21,500 to re-roof the library.

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

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported the total expenses budgeted for the Construction Department this year is about \$85,000. Our anticipated revenue this year was \$88,500. We have to keep this in mind and how it will affect the next budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported that the Police Department took in \$24,390 this month in various fees.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzol reported on requests for use of our fields. There is increasing interest and she was concerned with overuse. She suggested we look into collecting fees to use for maintenance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that he will be attending the CDRS meeting in Morristown on November 14th if we're thinking about putting in for any funds from the CDBG.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 9:05 p.m.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton asked if the employees had a break on Fridays when they have a half day. Mayor Budesheim stated that they do not.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda C. Forbes, R.M.C.
Deputy Municipal Clerk