

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:** **Carelli, Wetzel, Falkoski**
 Absent: **Astarita (work), Guis (vacation), Loesner (work)**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm, Assistant Fire Chief Regeling

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

Mayor Budesheim commented on the events of the past week. This has been the greatest natural disaster this area has suffered in many years and the community has really pulled together. I'd like to thank Councilman Guis for all his assistance throughout the week – whenever we needed it he was there. The volunteers, the Fire Auxiliary, the Fire Department, the OEM, the CERT team, residents just stopping in asking if they could help. It was a great display of the community pulling together. This was the first time we had such an event where we were able to use the social media that we've been working on for the past year. Lori Clinton is our Social Media Coordinator and we've gotten many compliments from people on the free flow of information. I'm really proud of that and I'd like to thank everybody. Also, Congressman Frelinghuysen called a number of times to make sure we were doing okay and he's one of the best as far as reaching out to the community and he's been a great friend to Riverdale. Freeholder Ann Grossi also called to see how we were doing. This is our first major event that we've had with our new OEM Coordinator and Assistant Coordinators and that's exactly what they did. It ran smoothly and I was really proud of the job that they did and are still doing because this event isn't over yet. We still have two neighborhoods that are without power – Hartung and Stoneleigh sections and a few houses here and there. We've been in constant contact with JCP&L and residents have been calling continuously. We're putting together a file because no matter who calls or who you speak to, we get a different answer. The latest update shows we still have over 600 houses without power and they keep pushing back the dates when they expect to have power restored. It's been frustrating, extremely unfair and unjust and we will be filing a complaint with the BPU. Mayor Budesheim thanked the OEM Coordinators, staff and volunteers for the excellent job.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

John Conroy, Hartung Avenue, stated that quite a few people in his development showed appreciation to the Mayor and Gary Mastrangelo for going to every house to ask how they can help. He also stated that he was opposed to adding another \$40,000 onto the bond. He cited the reason was that last year Paul Carelli told us they were reducing the bond payment by \$300,000 and he was trying to increase it to \$400,000. When asked how you were going to pay for this he answered that the taxpayers would have to pay for it. He told me he never said that. Mr. Conroy handed the Deputy Clerk a copy of the minutes from the meeting where the statement was made.

Joan Garcia, Stoneleigh, asked if it was possible to open a gas station for those that have no power. Mayor Budesheim said he would work something out.

Melissa Harsley, Wilson Avenue, thanked the Mayor and others with him who brought them bread and water after the storm. She stated she would like thank any other members of the board as well if they would like to say something as far as what they did for this.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1 (continued):

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

ALL IN FAVOR.**ORDINANCES:**

Public Hearing & Adoption of Ordinance No. 08-2012: Bond Ordinance Amending Section 6(d) of Bond Ordinance Numbered 4-2010 and Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$40,000 to Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance Numbered 4-2012 Finally Adopted March 15, 2010 in and by the Borough of Riverdale, in the County of Morris, New Jersey and Authorizing the Issuance of \$38,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing the Appropriation.

Mayor Budesheim announced that we need a minimum of four council people to be present to take action on the ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Budesheim stated that we need a minimum of four council people to take action on resolution No. 79-2012.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzol, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Requests for approval of extended hours for November 23, 2012 the day after Thanksgiving from the following:
 - a. The Sports Authority – at The Riverdale Crossing shopping plaza, to open at 12 am. (letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)
 - b. Lukoil – 100 Rt. 23 North, to be open at 12:00 am. (letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 2) **Resolution No. 77-2012** – Refund of Tax Overpayments – Block 40 – Lot 2.7406, Michael Collins in the amount of \$749.40 for the year 2012 – County Board Judgment.
- 3) **Resolution No. 78-2012** – Renewal of Inactive License pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 (Special Ruling of Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control) for Liquor License #1433-33-002-002, License Name – Dexter’s Inc. under ABC Docket No. 08-12-7824.
- 4) Approval of payment to NJSEA/Izod Center Group Sales in the amount of \$715.00 for Disney on Ice Recreation Program to be paid from trust fund.
- 5) **Resolution No. 80-2012;** 2013 Green Communities Grant.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Carelli, Wetzol, Falkoski**
 Nays: None
 (3 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

The following resolution was **TABLED**:

Resolution No. 79-2012; Transfer of Appropriations.

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 123-A, B AND C

Mayor Budesheim announced that Councilman Falkoski needs to leave the meeting for a family situation. This means we will not have a quorum and cannot conduct any business. He asked if there was any business to bring forward.

Councilman Falkoski stated that he would like to add his appreciation and thanks to the hardworking people and volunteers who helped out in the past week.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Deputy Clerk Forbes reported that Councilman Loesner, who could not be here tonight, asked her to announce that he is uncertain how many more meetings he will be able to attend and he would like his last paycheck to be donated to the American Red Cross on behalf of the citizens of Riverdale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Wetzel reported there is a drive being conducted for supplies for victims of the hurricane here and those living at the Jersey Shore. Items can be donated at the Community Center Monday through Friday from 10:00 to 8:00.

Councilman Falkoski left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting is adjourned due to lack of a quorum at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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