

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Joan Garcia commended the DPW for the job done during the snow storm.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Powder Mill homeowners association asked if any of the escrow could be kept for maintenance of the drainage ditch. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that is the purpose of a maintenance bond. It was decided to approve release of the escrow with the condition that the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney look at it to determine whether any of it can be held.

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

- 1) Approval of payment to Panoramic Landscape Services for work approved by governing body to the access road on Overlook Road in the amount of \$4,358.40.
- 2) **Resolution No. 73-2011; Transfer of Appropriations.**
- 3) Approval of the release of Powder Mill Development's escrow funds as approved by Borough Engineer, Paul Darmofalski, he states that all of Riverdale's conditions have been satisfied and the DEP matter at the site has also been settled and approved by the DEP. Approval is with the condition that the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney determine if any amount can be held for maintenance.
- 4) Approval of the release of the Target Maintenance Bond that has expired.
- 5) Approval of Professional Agreement with Appraisal Systems, Inc. 50 Park Place, Newark, NJ for the purpose of appraisal services for 2011 Tax Appeals. **(copy of agreement transmitted to Governing Body with Agenda)**
- 6) Approval of payment to Appraisal Systems, Inc. for appraisal services performed with regard to tax appeals in the following amount:

a. Target Corporation tax appeal	\$1,500.00
b. HD Development	\$1,500.00
c. Riverdale Crossing	\$2,000.00
d. BJ's Wholesale Club	\$1,500.00
- 7) Utilities Bills List.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 121A & B**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) Consideration and approval of the applications for extended hours of operation on November 25, 2011, the day after Thanksgiving, for the following establishments who have applied and paid the required fees per Chapter 110-3 of the Borough Code.
 - a. Target – waiver for hours 12 am to 6 am.
 - b. Walmart – waiver for hours 12 am to 6 am along with police dept. services
 - c. Sports Authority – waiver for hours 5 am to 6 am.

Borough Clerk Talerico confirmed that all fees have been paid. Target has also requested to pay Riverdale Police officers directly. Mayor Budesheim stated that it has to go through the municipal budget. There was a brief discussion regarding the requests for police services which will be left to the discretion of the Police Chief.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve the applications for extended hours as specified by Target, Walmart and Sports Authority.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Submittal of Certificate of Determination and Award regarding the Bond Anticipation Note renewed by Kenneth Sesholtz, Finance Officer in the amount of \$2,850,000 for a period of one year as required meeting the reporting requirements of the Local Bond Law. **(copy of Determination of Award transmitted to Governing Body with Agenda)**

Mayor Budesheim stated that no action is required.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that members of the OEM team who helped out during hurricane Irene were honored and recognized by the Governor in Trenton for their service to the community.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported on problems she was having returning the court office copier to Ricoh. Borough Attorney Oostdyk will look at the contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Wetzel passed out the October revenue report.

Councilman Loesner reported on information from the State Benefits and Pension website concerning healthcare renewal premiums for 2012. Health care premiums are increasing 10.5% next year. A package containing the information was distributed to the Council for review and further discussion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Joan Garcia asked if there was anything new regarding hiring a police officer. Councilman Falkoski stated that it would not be discussed tonight.

Tom Batelli spoke regarding concerns with the release of Powder Mill escrow funds. Mayor Budesheim explained that is why it was approved with the condition.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed Session being completed, Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to open the meeting to the public.

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

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita to approve the following resolution:

- 1) **Resolution No. 72-2011;** Authorizing the Execution of a Supplemental Consent Order Concerning Certain Third-Party Defendant Municipalities for the Settlement with the Novartis Direct Defendants in the Action Entitled “New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection v. Novartis Corporation, et al.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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