

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, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:**

Regular Meeting - October 21, 2013  
Workshop Meeting - November 4, 2013

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 15-2013**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A  
CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 19.05, LOT 3  
(MARY-ANN BOOTH) AND A CONTRACT FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF BLOCK 30, LOT 57 (WES ROSENBERG)**

**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. 129-A**

- 2) Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCES (continued):****ORDINANCE 16-2013****AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE  
ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS  
APPLICABLE TO ROCK CREEK CROSSING AND  
REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS,  
DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES**

**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. 130-B**

- 3) Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 17-2013****AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE REVISED  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE  
AND AMENDING WATER RATES**

**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. 130-C**

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

**ORDINANCE 18-2013****AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE  
AND AMENDING CERTAIN SEWER RATES**

**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. 130-D****RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
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| a. New Jersey D.O.T. | Purchase Property Riverdale Rd. | \$42,600.00 |
| b. Kovach Roofing    | Deposit for Library Roof        | \$12,500.00 |
| c. Success Printing  | Signs for Recreation            | \$ 305.00   |
| d. Krista Osborne    | Reimburse Fright Night Expenses | \$ 231.21   |
| e. Disney On Ice     | Recreation Trip                 | \$ 1,418.00 |

**RESOLUTIONS (continued):**

- f. Jessica Weaver Refund – Glenburn Cancellation \$ 300.00  
 g. RFM Printing Newsletters – Not to Exceed \$ 1,341.14
- 2) **Resolution No. 77-2013;** Approval of a Liquor License Person to Person, Place to Place Transfer from Rupperts of NJ, Inc. to RS ESL Limited Liability Company, d/b/a/ Blu Ale House.
  - 3) **Resolution No. 78-2013;** Transfer of Appropriations.
  - 4) Approval of release of escrow funds to Goldie Sommer, 230 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, NJ for a 2008 planning board application that has been completed and no longer exists.
  - 5) Approval of proposal from Paul Darmofalski, Borough Engineer for the septic system design for the DPW garage due to failure of the system in the amount of \$3000.00.
  - 6) Approval of the purchase of 7 Dell semi rugged laptops and docking stations including Track Star GPS software and Barracuda Spam & Virus Firewall from Dell in the amount of \$20,283.66. (two other price quotes have been received for higher amounts)
  - 7) Approval of additional tax appraisal services to be performed by Appraisal Systems, Inc. as requested by Tax Assessor Shawn Hopkins to cover a “Narrative Appraisal Report” in the amount of \$7,500 for BJ’s Wholesale Club, Tenant/Taxpayer v. Borough of Riverdale and Cresskill Hills, LLC/BJ’s Wholesale Club v. Borough of Riverdale, Block 40, Lot 5.01. An additional hourly rate of \$125 per hour is included for appearances at conferences, court, etc. (copy of proposal transmitted to Governing Body with agenda)
  - 8) **Resolution No. 79-2013;** Memorial Street Sign Policy.
  - 9) **Resolution No. 80-2013;** Random Drug Testing Policy.
  - 10) Approval of the auction of the 2004 Dodge Durango, VIN#1D4HB38NX4F190801, through GovDeals services. It has been determined the vehicle should be eliminated from the Riverdale Police Fleet.
  - 11) Authorization of the services of William Ryden, P.E. to perform engineering preparations for a RFQ to purchase pump replacement and flow meter replacement (muffin monster).
  - 12) Approval of a one day liquor license for the Riverdale Land Conservancy, Inc. 274 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ to the purposes of a Fund Raising Holiday Party to be held at the Glenburn with the proceeds going to the Riverdale Land Conservancy, Inc. for the benefit of Community and Private Events.
  - 13) **Resolution No. 81-2013;** Chapter 159 – Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund – Grant - \$215.85.

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 131-E, F, G, H, I AND J****UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) DPW – Determination of where the responsibility lays for the water/sewer lines for major projects – discussed at the October 7<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he received updated maps from Bill Ryden for the Sewer and Water Departments and they’ve been give to the DPW Superintendent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):**

- 2) Building Department – Shared Services – discussed at the October 7<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated we are still working on this.

- 3) Purchase of DOT Property located at the Magnus Tract from the DOT for an amount of \$15,000 to \$16,000 – discussed at the October 7<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated we are still waiting for the exact price.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim stated that our new bookkeeper gave two weeks notice on Friday. She is training her replacement, Susan Ramirez, who started today. Susan has asked for a salary of \$18.00 per hour to train and \$22.00 per hour beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to appoint Susan Ramirez as part-time bookkeeper at a starting salary of \$18.00 per hour and \$22.00 per hour beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ROLL CALL:**       **Ayes:     Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel**  
                           **Nays:     None**  
                           **Abstain: Carelli**  
                           **(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - motion carried)**

Mayor Budesheim stated that Route 23 Auto Mall has a need to relocate some of their vehicles. I let him put about 25 or 30 cars inside the garage of the Verizon building. I got a certificate of insurance and he's paying us \$500 for the month. I would like to go out to bid to lease that space.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to go to bid to lease parking space in the Verizon building.

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

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Borough Clerk Talerico notified the Council that we received our continuation certificate for the quarry and they are supposed to send their bonding.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Carelli asked if there was a comment on the Public Hearing for Shared Services for Tax Collection. Mayor Budesheim stated that we had to put that off two weeks and it will take place two weeks from tonight. Councilman Carelli stated that the estimated cost savings were not in the agreement. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated it must be included.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Falkoski reported he has two applications for membership in the Fire Department.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the applications for Majer Biokua and Patrick Filippini for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department.

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

Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report for the month of October.

Fire Chief Dan Sturm spoke regarding non-resident membership in the Fire Department.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Guis reported the pump station on Morris Avenue is just about done and we should be testing it soon. We've been completing the river project with the plantings to stabilize the banks and the contractor is doing a good job. It should be finished by the end of this week.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Councilwoman Wetzel reported that they hosted the first holiday craft show at the Glenburn yesterday and it was well attended. I reached out to Pompton/Riverdale Little League and we have a meeting scheduled to discuss field use, scheduling, and possibly developing fees.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Councilman Astarita reported that the library roof will be started when they get the check in the next week or two. I attended the CDBG meeting on Thursday where they went over the completions for the 2012 program year funds. The deadline for applying for CDBG grants is January 10<sup>th</sup> and the hearings will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Mastrangelo reported on hours of operation. I looked at all 39 municipalities in Morris County and found no one leaves at 1:00 on a Friday. I'd like to go back to an 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday schedule with a half hour paid lunch. That will come to 37-1/2 hours. I think it's generous. I think the residents deserve the borough to be open a full day on Friday. The residents are paying taxes, they're paying for full-time employees, and we're getting like 30 - 32 hours per week. I think it needs to change. I'll make that a motion.

Councilman Astarita stated that he agrees. We pay our employees well and the taxpayers deserve to have the borough hall open and it should be. I think a 35 hour work week is good. I know most people work 37-1/2 or 40 hours.

Councilman Falkoski stated that he understands that they work late on Thursday night to make up for that gap on Friday afternoon so I don't see where there's a shortage of the hours, just when they're working it. Councilman Mastrangelo stated that they're not here late on Thursday. Mayor Budesheim stated that only two are. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that the front office is not here late. We're here at 8:30 instead of 9:00 to make up for the half day on Friday. Councilman Falkoski stated that the employees aren't all scheduled for the same number of hours in a week. Mayor Budesheim stated that the DPW and Police work 40 hours and the office works 32-1/2 hours.

Councilman Carelli stated that these people were hired at 32-1/2 hours and have been working that for many years. I have a survey that was done of 44 towns mostly in Morris County, 31 of which are 35 hours, 10 are 32-1/2 and there are only 3 that are 37-1/2. There's no one working 40 in the offices.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

Councilwoman Wetzel asked for clarification of the motion, whether the evening hours were eliminated and whether they would get one or two breaks.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated his biggest thing is he wants people here at the borough on Friday afternoon in case a resident comes for whatever they want to do. I don't care about the breaks since they're not leaving the building.

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> the office staff will work 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday with a half our paid lunch as per the borough ordinance.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

Bill Harris, Rock Creek Crossing, thanked the Mayor and Council for introducing this ordinance tonight. He thanked the Police Chief and Engineer for all the work they did.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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