

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

**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:**

John Conroy, Hartung Avenue, asked Mayor Budesheim what he brought the total savings up to when he did his worksheet for the shared services agreement. Mayor Budesheim stated it's not so much a savings but preventing having to subsidize the department. Next year the anticipated revenues will fall far short about \$54,000 which means we'd have to subsidize that with our tax cap levy which is \$90,000. Mr. Conroy stated that he prefers going this way but wants to know we'll get services equal or better than what we get today.

Will Felegi, Rock Creek Crossing, read an excerpt from an article saying the state is talking about a bill to try to force us to do shared services.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 1)        **Resolution No. 82-2012;** Transfer of Appropriations.
- 2)        Authorization of an End of Year Special Meeting to take place on Friday, December 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to finalize any financial matters deemed necessary to close out the year's business.
- 3)        Approval of half payment for Affordable Housing Trust Fund work to be performed on home of qualified homeowner in the amount of \$9,250.00 to be paid on a confidential basis as required through the Affordable Housing Rules and Regulations. This project was approved by the governing body at the August 6, 2012 meeting up to \$20,000 payable from Riverdale's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- 4)        Approval for payment of the following items:
 

a. RFM Printing	Newsletter – Recycling Grant	\$1,102.00
b. Postmaster	Bulk Mail Permit – A&E o/e	\$ 190.00
c. Postmaster	Newsletter Mailing – A&E o/e	\$ 310.30

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

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**TABLED ITEMS (from November 19, 2012 meeting):**

- 1) **Resolution No. 81-2012;** Professional Agreement – Jacqueline A. DeGregorio, Esq. of Weiner Lesniak, LLP to investigate the complaint filed by an employee at a rate of \$150.00 per hour. **Tabled Resolution from November 19<sup>th</sup> Mayor & Council meeting due to absence of Certification of Availability of Funds from the Finance Officer.**

Borough Clerk Talerico stated that she has not received a certification of funds from the Finance Officer. Councilman Carelli stated that the CFO was concerned that the agreement contained an hourly rate not to exceed 60 hours which was \$9,000. He said that \$4,500 would be okay. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we could start with that and come back to the council to extend it if the number of hours is not adequate.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 81-2012;** Professional Agreement – Jacqueline A. DeGregorio, Esq. of Weiner Lesniak, LLP to investigate the complaint filed by an employee at a rate of \$150.00 per hour, not to exceed \$4,500.00, pending official certification of funds from the CFO.

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

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- 2) Shared Services Agreement between Lincoln Park and the Borough of Riverdale for Construction Department Services. (After discussion between the Governing Body it was decided to table this item in order to gain more facts from Mayor Budesheim regarding the savings to be procured due this agreement)

Mayor Budesheim asked for a motion. No motion was made.

Mayor Budesheim asked if there was any reason why the Council is not moving forward with this.

There was no response.

**INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY:**

- 1) “Certificate of Determination and Award” Issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$80,000 on November 29, 2012 with a maturity date of November 29, 2013, numbered 2012-1. Interest rate per annum is 1.25% payable at maturity, awarded and sold note to Lakeland Bank, Oakridge, New Jersey.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim stated that we were able to do the December newsletter because the cost for sending out the recycling schedule was more than the cost of a 28 page newsletter. We have two other mailings that have to go out to all of the residents during the year. One is the Stormwater Management Report which costs another \$1,500, and the Water Confidence Report usually costs \$2,500 - \$3,000. It's about \$5,000 to \$6,000 that we were saving by incorporating these mailings into the newsletter. He asked the Council if they would consider, if we continue with the newsletter, that the town pay the postage which is \$310.00 a month or about \$3,700.00 a year, and is about half of what

**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

we'd pay to do the other mailings. The advertising will cover the cost of the printing. If the Council agrees I will work on getting sponsors starting in January.

Councilman Falkoski stated that if one cost equates the other he has no problem with that.

Councilwoman Wetzel asked about budgeting for the postage and collecting payments from the sponsors. Mayor Budesheim stated that the postage cost for the water confidence report will come from the Water Department, recycling schedule from the Clean Communities and stormwater management from Streets and Roads. The rest we will budget for in A&E. All other costs will be paid by the sponsors.

Councilman Guis stated the proposal sounds good but he would like to see a monthly report.

Councilman Carelli stated that about 40% of the newsletter is ads and suggested a smaller newsletter might be a better option. It would be interesting to know what it would cost to do it with no advertisements and just budget the money. We started out with 4 pages which went to 8 then 12 then 20 then 28 pages full-color and it gets expensive.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that it grew significantly and we try to cover a lot of areas. I like the newsletter and it serves a great purpose but I do think it got beyond its scope of things that pertain to the town.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he needed an answer in order to begin work on the January newsletter.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to resurrect the Riverdale Newsletter for a period of three months after which it will be reevaluated. A monthly financial report is to be submitted to the Council to include the amount billed for advertising, amount collected for advertising, cost of printing and cost of mailing.

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

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to remove the Chevy Impala from the insurance policy and add the Lexus to the insurance policy.

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

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to accept the application for membership to the Riverdale Fire Department from Russell Stammer as a Chaplain.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

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

Councilman Falkoski reported the Fire Department is requesting that we name a street in honor of Captain Joe Ezzo who served the borough for 44 years and is the only individual who died while serving the borough. This issue initially came up in March 2012 but we never made a decision.

Councilwoman Wetzel clarified why she originally said no to this request. There have been other requests that we declined and that becomes an issue. I wasn't asked to vote on the first two streets being named after somebody and I wasn't in favor of that either. I think the Fire Department can find something personal to dedicate to Mr. Ezzo at the firehouse as opposed to naming a street. We did dedicate a street lamp to him.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to name a borough street in honor of Captain Joe Ezzo.

**ROLL CALL:**       **Ayes:     Carelli, Loesner, Falkoski**  
                           **Nays:     Guis, Wetzel**  
                           **(3 ayes – 2 nays – motion carried)**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Councilwoman Wetzel reminded everyone of tomorrow's celebration at the Community Center at 6:30.

**FINANCE:** No report.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Councilman Guis stated he would like to resurrect the subject we've talked about since April – the SUV for which the money was vetoed. I would like to make a motion for all the reasons previously stated to override the veto.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to override the Mayor's veto of **Bond Ordinance #08-2012**.

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

**COPY OF BOND ORDINANCE IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 135-C**

Councilman Guis reported on the sewer pumping station at Morris and Hamburg Turnpike. I spoke with the engineers and the best estimate is \$300,000. We have \$80,000 left on the communities grant. They are ready to go out to bid and a question has come up on the generators. I had been a proponent of a portable generator for the firehouse, this new pumping station and the senior center which functions as an emergency shelter. I am changing by mind. It might be better to look at full time standby generators at all three locations. We had specified the pumping station to go out to bid without a generator with merely a transfer switch and the ability to hook a generator up to it. We have the option to put a standby generator into that contract or do more research and possibly do these three buildings with a generator contractor. We may get a better product if we separate the two. He asked the Council how they would like to proceed and answered their questions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to authorize going out to bid for the Sewer Pumping Station at Morris Avenue and Hamburg Turnpike with two alternates within the bid spec; one alternate for a portable 25 kilowatt generator and the second for a permanent natural gas fire standby generator.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue, stated that the Council tonight approved spending over \$47,000 and would not even discuss saving \$54,000 by entering a shared services agreement. He said this Council is disgusting.

John Conroy stated that four people on this Council said they were going to look into shared services. If you're on the Council you represent the taxpayers first and I don't see that going on. Approving this is taking a step in the right direction. If you don't have what it takes to run this town so the taxes stay low my recommendation is you step down. Three of you said you looked into shared services and couldn't do anything about it. The Mayor came up with a real plan and no one wants to vote. I'm getting tired of it. What does not discussing it mean for this proposal? Mayor Budesheim stated that he asked for a motion and there was none so the issue is dead.

Allen Lewis, 16 Morris Avenue, stated that he's glad the newsletter got approved because he is a sponsor. It did get me business and I was able to help a lot of seniors in this town. I think the shared service is a good idea if my taxes are not going to go up. I'll drive to Lincoln Park. He asked why the inspectors can't be contractors. Mayor Budesheim explained that if you have a Building Department state law requires you have certain employees. Mr. Lewis stated he does not agree with Morris Avenue getting sewers. Everyone voted yes to go to bid for the pumping station. Councilman Guis explained the pumping station is not for sewers for Morris Avenue. It is where the station is located for a previous project. Mr. Lewis asked the Mayor to provide the residents with an itemized cost of sewers for Morris Avenue. Mayor Budesheim stated that when the issue comes up for a formal vote we will have more concrete figures available. Mr. Lewis expressed thanks for the great job with the cleanup on Morris Avenue. He also thanked Councilwoman Wetzel for the great job with the clothing drive at the Senior Center.

Carolyn Masone, President of Riverdale Land Conservancy, reported on the Glenburn Estate. The Riverdale Land Conservancy was started in 2006 to guide, support and rehabilitate the Glenburn. We've been working very closely with HMR Architects and the Morris County Historic Trust to ensure the preservation of this historic site. Countless hours of volunteer time has made all of these things happen. This year we hosted the dedication of Glenburn and gave tours throughout the weekend. Rental of the property generates income for the town. We participated in the state's Pathways to History Tour this year for the first time. So many people are interested in what this community has done with this property. Outpouring from the community and generous donations from former residents and decedents of the property encourage us to continue our efforts in rehabilitation and fundraising activities. We just completed our fifth year of our farmer's market. The grand total from the farmer's market fees for the five years is about \$19,500. Other donations we've received from the Loehmann's photo shoot, the Art and Food event, donations from Riverdale Square events and individual donors total almost \$12,000. The Riverdale Land Conservancy also covers costs that are not eligible to be covered under grants from the Morris County Historic Trust. This included removing bats, removing mold, paying for grills and picnic tables, interior décor,

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):**

lighting, electrical work. Among future plans we want to have a sign, landscaping, additional interior improvements, community outreach through education events and exhibits that promote local history. We have also received donations of beautiful period appropriate furniture. She thanked the Council for taking the gamble on the Riverdale Land Conservancy because it has benefited the community greatly.

June Carelli, Facility Director, reported on the rentals and activities that have taken place at the Glenburn Estate. There were a total of 13 house rentals, 26 barn rentals and 50 activities at the estate. The amount of visitors is frequent and numerous phone calls come in for rental requests. I show both the barn and house weekly for private use. We've had everything from bridal showers, first birthday parties and a haunted house birthday party in October. In 2013 we have three weddings and nine confirmed rentals overall. There are four confirmed activities. I'm confident these numbers will double if not triple.

Mayor Budesheim expressed his appreciation to the Riverdale Land Conservancy and Facility Director June Carelli for the time they put in. You've made it one of the gems of the community and I thank all of you.

John Conroy asked for clarification of the salary for Sam Dedio in the Building Department. Mayor Budesheim responded.

Allen Lewis stated that he had his son's Christening at the Glenburn and it was amazing.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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