

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK READS CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:

Municipal Clerk Carol Talerico read the certification of the determination of the November 7, 2006 General Election as follows:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Donna Bush	Borough Council	3 Years
Paul Carelli	Borough Council	3 Years

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The Oath of Office was administered to the Borough Council Members.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Bush, Wetzell, Guis, Carelli, Falkoski**
 Absent: **Astarita (ill)**

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REMARKS BY SAME.

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BUSH:

I want to thank all the citizens of Riverdale who've elected me to my fifth term as a council member. It is really a great experience to be part of local government. I've been given so many opportunities to meet and to learn from many dedicated elected officials in the town, on the county level and throughout the state. I have great pride in Riverdale and how the Mayor and Council, Police Department, Fire Department and all of our department supervisors and employees conduct the day-to-day business necessary to run a town in a fiscally, ethically, and morally responsible way. My colleagues on this dais truly do earn your respect every day for their dedication and hard work and it is a pleasure to work with them all. I look forward to another term on the Council. This year one of my tasks is going to be the overseeing of the forming of the Riverdale Municipal Alliance Committee. This committee objective will be to provide different wellness programs for all the ages of our community and we look forward to enhancing programs that will be offered at the new Senior Community Center for all ages. The founding committee members who are willing to do this volunteer work and give their time to form the alliance will be appointed this evening. They, along with the many other volunteer appointments that will happen tonight, are the real reason that Riverdale is a great place to live. Thank you to my family for their support and for their understanding when I'm not available to them but am working for our larger family – the community of Riverdale. Congratulations to my running mate, Paul Carelli, and to all the appointees this evening. I was looking for a little bit of words of wisdom, a quote, that I could use for tonight because I think we've a spirit of volunteerism that's going to be honored tonight. The words of the anthropologist, Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." That's what Riverdale's about. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN PAUL CARELLI:

I also would like to thank the residents of the Borough of Riverdale for electing me to a third term on the Council. It's been a privilege and an honor and I really appreciate all the support I've gotten over the last three years. Just looking back over those three years, at about the same time Mayor Budesheim became our Mayor, I was thinking about some of the things we've accomplished together with this governing body. Our Senior Community Center is a building we can all be proud of. It's a beautiful building and I can't wait until all of the residents get to use it. One of the things we talked about three years ago was community spirit and trying to revive that and getting the people of Riverdale involved in different activities. I think we've accomplished that with our concerts in the park, our street fairs, fright night festivals and holiday gatherings. We've really done a lot of things to really revive our community spirit. I'm also proud of being the Finance Chairman over the last three years. It has been a challenge and one of the things that was the biggest challenge was to purchase and update a lot of the equipment in Riverdale. We had in our Police Department vehicles that were aging and our Fire Department as well. I'm very proud when I see our Police Department, one of the finest groups of gentlemen and ladies that you'd ever find, with our equipment, our new cars, the new laptops in the cars, and new dispatching system. All that software and things that had to be done and at the same time keeping the municipal tax rate low. Our Fire Department last year had a double wetdown for two new firetrucks. It's been a challenge and I'm really proud of what we've been able to accomplish. I'm also proud that we've been able to establish a relationship with the Board of Education. Every year we sit with them early on and have some pizza, the finance committee, and we talk about ways that we can share services and cut costs for the residents. That's really been beneficial. I look forward to the next three years that will be more challenging and I'm so happy to be a part of this governing body and to be a part of Riverdale. Thank you.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY – BY MAYOR AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Budesheim offered the name of Robert Oostdyk as Borough Attorney.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to appoint Robert Oostdyk as Borough Attorney.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 1-2007;** Re: Official Legal Newspaper – Suburban Trends.
- 2) **Resolution No. 2-2007;** Re: Annual meeting schedule – 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- 3) **Resolution No. 3-2007;** Re: Bank Signatures and Depositories.
- 4) **Resolution No. 4-2007;** Re: Delinquent Taxes.
- 5) **Resolution No. 5-2007;** Re: Local Public Contracts Law.
- 6) **Resolution No. 6-2007;** Re: Work Periods – Law Enforcement.
- 7) **Resolution No. 7-2007;** Re: Official Holidays – Borough Employees.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGES 3-A, B, C, D, E, F, AND G**COUNCIL TO SELECT PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:**

Tabled until next meeting.

MAYOR BUDESHEIM NAMES COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Budesheim stated the 2007 Council Committees:

Councilperson Carelli	Finance	2 nd Bush
Councilperson Falkoski	Public Safety	2 nd Wetzel
Councilperson Guis	Public Works	2 nd Astarita
Councilperson Wetzel	Community Relations	2 nd Falkoski
Councilperson Astarita	Buildings & Grounds	2 nd Guis
Councilperson Bush	Personnel	2 nd Carelli
Councilperson Guis	Vehicles	2 nd Carelli

2007 APPOINTMENTS MADE BY MAYOR BUDESHEIM AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Budesheim read the names into the record of the 2007 Appointments.

Mayor Budesheim requested Council confirmation of the 2007 Appointments.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, for Council confirmation of the 2007 Appointments as listed.

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

The Oath of Office was administered to the Appointees.

COPY OF 2007 BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE APPOINTMENT LIST IN FULL PAGE NO. 3-H

Councilwoman Bush set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to appoint Joseph Falkoski as council representative to the Planning Board.

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

REMARKS MADE BY MAYOR WILLIAM BUDESHEIM:

I would like to thank everyone for coming to the Borough's reorganization meeting. This format is a first for us. Tonight we invited all of the appointees to attend in order that they may be sworn into office at a more formal setting than usual. The reason we decided to do it this way is to put the proper emphasis on the role these men and women plan in the functioning of this local government. Without their dedication and commitment to service the municipality would not have the reputation it has for efficiency, friendliness and accomplishment. The past year was not without many successes and realization of goals. We took possession of the Van Ness House, our first foray into open space and historic preservation. All our departments have been evaluated and organized to attain greater performance and accountability for the tax money needed to run them. Our Police Department, rated number one in 2005 in Morris County, has

REMARKS MADE BY MAYOR WILLIAM BUDESHEIM (continued):

seen an improvement in 2006 proving once again that our department is the best of the finest. Our Fire Department continues to be trained in the latest firematic techniques and represents the best of the bravest. Our DPW continues to amaze all in the tasks they are willing to take on and to complete. Recently they reconstructed the girls locker room at the school, by way of example, in which they saved the taxpayers over \$70,000. Our CERT teams are always available when called upon whether it be the summer concerts, the street fair or health clinics. The front office is just that. They are on the front lines in dealing with the public, professionals and other municipalities. If they don't have the answers, they know where to get them, and they do. Our Health Department continues to provide health awareness and protection to the public from all sorts of threats. The Recreation Department has become extremely active and innovative in the types and number of programs being offered to residents. Without our Planning Board and the experience and knowledge of those accumulated, the reasonable planned growth of the town would not be possible. Our court system has the difficult task of processing efficiently and properly the summonses issues by the number one Police Department in the area. The Construction Department has had its hands full with the amount of building going on within the community. They have handled it in a way that makes the town proud of them. Our legal, engineering and planning officials are among the most professional I have ever come across, making our decision making that much easier and more responsive to the needs of the borough. Looking to the future, we are within days of completing the Senior Community Center on Loy Avenue. Not only will this first-rate facility provide the venue for so many programs in existence and in the planning stage, but is a monument to the spirit of cooperation and working together. This became a joint effort of the governing body and the Board of Education. Tonight we launch the Municipal Alliance Committee, giving us the resources available to other towns in our war against drugs and substance abuse. The number-one agenda for this year comes under planning and it's two prong. The preservation of open space is No. 1-A. Redevelopment of the community business zone is No. 1-B. We intend to maintain the quality of life while maintaining a stable and affordable tax base. Looking forward to working with all within the community, I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you.

Mayor Budesheim stated that without the volunteers, contributions, donations and support from the residents and business community we would not be able to do half of what we've done. Tonight we express our appreciation for the year 2006. Mayor Budesheim and Councilwoman Wetzel presented certificates of appreciation to the recipients.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

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