

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 3, 2009 General Election as follows:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Paul M. Carelli	Borough Council	3 Years
Steven Loesner	Borough Council	3 Years

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

TRIBUTE TO COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BUSH:

Mayor Budesheim thanked Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, Freeholder Margaret Nordstrom and Freeholder Director Gene Feyl for attending. The Mayor stated that Donna Bush came on the Council 15 years ago and it was a pleasure, honor and privilege to work with her that entire time. We appreciate all you have done and your presence here with your experience will not be easily replaced. Assemblyman DeCroce thanked Councilwoman Bush and her family on behalf of himself, Senator Pennacchio and Assemblyman Jay Weber for her efforts from 1994 to 2009. Freeholder Director Feyl thanked Councilwoman Bush on behalf of the Freeholders and read a proclamation honoring her commitment and service to the Borough. Mayor Budesheim personally thanked Councilwoman Bush and presented her with an anniversary clock from the Council representing her time with them.

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BUSH:

First of all, I want everyone to know that it was my honor to serve. It really has been for the last fifteen years. I feel like you are the ones who need to be honored. In that service I was given the opportunity to learn so much about so many facets of life and government that there is no way that anyone could possibly imagine the amount you can learn in fifteen years about the way things operate. I've had a chance to reflect these last few months, especially as my term was coming to an end, on what an experience as a Councilwoman is like. The thing that kept coming back to my mind is that I have actually become a part of the history of Riverdale and that, to me, is an overwhelming thought. You can become a part of history in the place where you are living. I looked for more to say or something to quote and that kept coming back to me. To become a part of history in a town is just overwhelming to begin to try to digest and understand. Thank you very much for mentioning the projects that I worked on because all of those are very important to me and I drive past them daily. The very first project that I started on was the redecoration and renovation of this municipal building, which is now outdated. I did tennis courts which have now been knocked down and now we have a Community Center. That was fabulous. Renovations at the Fire Department, the starting of a new public library, which we've never had a public library, and Bill Budesheim, our Mayor, was instrumental in that. It felt so important that we needed to not just be a little satellite garage library station, but we needed to become an independent public library to really

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BUSH (continued):

serve our community. We've really become one of the beacons in Morris County. For a small town, that is quite an accomplishment. Buildings and Grounds, I'm sorry about all of the problems that the building of the library continues to have. As with renovation those kinds of things happen but you learn how to deal with them. One thing I think I've said over and over again is that the town is not the physical development that's going on in the town. The town is really the people and the people that you work with. I have been so honored to work with the group of people here and those that have gone on before. The people I know as colleagues truly take the heart of Riverdale into account when making any decisions. It's not an easy task, but I know that everyone up here has made decisions and it was not for personal gain and it was not for personal recognition. It was really just for the good of the town. That's such a good feeling, to be leaving saying the decisions that you made right or wrong down the line, things that maybe could have been redone in a different way, were made because of the time and the weighing of the issues were done with the thought of how it will benefit Riverdale. That I'm truly proud of being able to do. I think that's something that happens on a local level. Not to discount the state or county, but I think you're just more and more removed from the people that you meet day to day and those people who will call you for things. That commitment that the Mayor and Council have is amazing. I certainly want to thank all the citizens who re-elected me and had confidence in me to speak for them. I need to thank my family because they certainly allowed me the time that was needed to prepare for meetings, to read the material, to attend meetings and events which were really a lot of fun also. I will miss them. I have to thank my husband who always advised me to do the right thing and was always telling me to think very carefully about my decisions and was probably my toughest critic as a citizen. When I came home from a meeting, it was what happened at the meeting, why did it happen and what was the vote. It wasn't just walking into a place where the meeting is over and just relax. I always knew that there was going to be some accountability to my husband who is also a constituent and someone who is very knowledgeable about everything that goes on in government. It is everyone here who deserves the thanks. I am going to miss the meetings but I'm planning on replacing them with Monday night yoga. Hopefully, that will continue at the Community Center. Graciously, my husband has gotten me water color painting lessons that I'll be taking, a series, and I may exhibit one day at the RAC. Thank you all.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REMARKS BY SAME.**COUNCILMAN STEVEN LOESNER:**

I'd also like to thank Donna for her service to the borough. I first met Donna and Randy back when I coached my first baseball team in 1995 when I had their son, Jared, on the team. I've had the pleasure of knowing the both of them and working with Donna so many times on different projects in town. It's been a pleasure. I can't tell you how good I feel to take your spot and I won't let you down. I can guarantee you that. I'd also like to thank Paul, my running mate, who talked me into this back in March. If you had asked me last January if I thought I'd be here tonight I would have said you were nuts. It just goes to show you what can change in a year. I had such a good time, though, going out and meeting everybody in town and I think Paul feels the same way. We talked to so many people. It took us weeks and weeks but it was really an eye opening experience to actually get out and meet people face to face and be able to spend time with them. After the elections, the people that I didn't even know that would come up to me when they'd see me in the street and offer words of encouragement and say we know you're going to do a good job and you won't let us down. It's just humbling for me. I plan on working as hard as I can. I know I've worked with everybody up here already so I'm no stranger. I'm looking forward to a good year.

COUNCILMAN PAUL CARELLI:

I would like to thank the residents of Riverdale who voted for me in the last election. I look forward to the continued opportunity to serve the community. It has been the utmost honor and privilege to be a member of the Governing Body for the last ten years. This year, as we've seen tonight, the reorganization is a little bit bitter sweet. While I welcome the opportunity and look forward to serving with my running mate and new Councilman Steve Loesner, I am also sad to see my former running mate, Donna Bush, leave the Governing Body. Donna has served Riverdale for fifteen years and we are all grateful for her service to Riverdale. She has been an example of class, thoughtfulness, common sense and composure. I've always tried to learn from her example and I will miss her on the council. Thank you, Donna, for your support over the years. For the first time this year I was challenged in the Primary and General Elections. Not taking anything for granted, Steve and I hit the streets to talk to as many residents as we could. This experience was so gratifying. The people we met along the way were knowledgeable and really nice. Riverdale is a great town with great people. It's an honor to serve. Over the last three years we've accomplished a lot. A new Senior Community Center, basketball court, playground, updated Police and Fire Departments, a growing library – just to name a few. As Finance Chairman, I am happy to say that the borough's finances are sound and the future is bright. Our taxes remain the lowest in Morris and Passaic Counties. As times get tough, I promise that I will continue to serve the residents and look out for your best interests. My commitment is to you. I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Loesner, Wetzel, Carelli**
 Absent: **None**

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

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

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to appoint Robert Oostdyk as Borough Attorney.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Falkoski asked for clarification of resolution No. 3-2010 and No. 6-2010. Borough Clerk Talerico explained Resolution No. 3-2010 and Borough Attorney Oostdyk will check into resolution No. 6-2010.

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 1-2009;** Re: Official Legal Newspaper – Suburban Trends.
- 2) **Resolution No. 2-2009;** Re: Annual meeting schedule – 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- 3) **Resolution No. 3-2009;** Re: Bank Signatures and Depositories.
- 4) **Resolution No. 4-2009;** Re: Delinquent Taxes.
- 5) **Resolution No. 5-2009;** Re: Local Public Contracts Law.
- 6) **Resolution No. 6-2009;** Re: Work Periods – Law Enforcement.
- 7) **Resolution No. 7-2009;** Re: Official Holidays – Borough Employees.
- 8) **Resolution No. 8-2009;** Re: Cash Management Plan

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGES 4-A, B, C, D, E, F, G AND H

COUNCIL TO SELECT PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Falkoski offered the name of Paul Carelli as Council President; motion seconded by Councilman Astarita.

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

MAYOR BUDESHEIM NAMES COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Budesheim stated the 2010 Council Committees:

Councilperson Carelli	Finance	2 nd Loesner
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 Loesner	Personnel	2 nd Carelli
Councilperson Guis	Vehicles	2 nd Carelli

COUNCIL TO APPOINT PLANNING BOARD LIASON:

Councilman Astarita offered the name of Joseph Falkoski as Planning Board Liaison, motion seconded by Councilman Carelli.

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

2010 APPOINTMENTS MADE BY MAYOR BUDESHEIM AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Council had received a copy of the 2010 Appointment List.

Mayor Budesheim requested Council confirmation of the 2010Appointments.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, for Council confirmation of the 2010 Appointments as listed.

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

COPY OF 2010 BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE APPOINTMENT LIST IN FULL PAGE NO. 4-I

REMARKS MADE BY MAYOR WILLIAM BUDESHEIM:

I want to thank everyone for coming here this evening. Freeholder Doug Cabana is here. Thank you for coming. I wish Donna the best and I hope she sticks around and we've got her on committees and I hope she sticks with them. There are going to be changes this year. We have new officers in the Fire Department who are going to be sworn in this evening. There are going to be changes in the Police Department with retirements. The Building Department is going to have changes with workloads decreasing. All of these things will be under review. One thing that is not going to change, as Mr. Carelli stated, is our low tax rate and our budget restraints. That's something I promise you will continue. The biggest challenge we have this year is fulfilling our COAH responsibilities, the Council on Affordable Housing. That's something that has to be done by June 8th and we met with our Planner recently and the requirements and regulations are just absurd. As an aside, one thing that they projected over the next eight years Riverdale should have created 1,500 new jobs. I don't know where. I don't know if they're expecting us to solve the unemployment crisis for this whole country. It's absurd, but we have to provide housing for this projected growth. If anybody's driven along the Hamburg Turnpike they've seen the transformation of the Glenburn Estate. We've done that with the assistance of many grants from the Morris County Historic Preservation Committee – almost \$350,000 in grants. The difference is night and day. We have our work cut out for us. I welcome Steve. I've known you a number of years, worked with you on the Planning Board and I'm sure you'll do a fine job. We appreciate you taking over for Donna. Tonight we'd like to swear in the Fire Department.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Budesheim introduced Chief Daniel Sturm, Assistant Chief James Regeling, Jr., Captain John Peine, Captain Michael Davis, Captain James Regeling Sr., Lieutenant Jimmy O'Connel, Lieutenant Daniel Burick and Lieutenant George Giordanetti

The Oath of Office was administered to the officers of the Fire Department.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The Oath of Office was administered to the members of the Recreation Committee.

Freeholder Doug Cabana extended his congratulations to Councilwoman Bush for all the service she performed for the borough and the county.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

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