

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 4, 2008 General Election as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Theodore Guis	Borough Council	3 Years
Elaine Wetzel	Borough Council	3 Years

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REMARKS BY SAME.**

**COUNCILWOMAN ELAINE WETZEL:**

I want thank the residents of Riverdale for their support, yet again. I know this is a tough economic time for everybody and tough political times and I just hope everybody trusts us to do a good job. I think that we work very hard to keep things pretty tight in town and I look forward to working with everybody once again. Everybody puts a lot of time and effort into what we do here and I think it does pay off. I just hope the residents understand that it's going to be tough this year, but I know everybody will work very hard and do the best that they can to keep things running smoothly here in town. I look forward to working with everybody yet again.

**COUNCILMAN THEODORE GUIIS:**

I'd like to thank the public for re-election. As Elaine was saying, this year is going to be tough. However, if the past years are any indication, a lot of the projects we've been able to work because we've had a lot of volunteerism in the town. We've had people helping us with donations and that's been particularly rewarding for me. A lot of the work at the Senior Center and where we've had help from residents and businesses in town, and I'll do my best to continue trying to maintain the level of service and hopefully do more with less because times are going to be a little bit leaner.

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

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**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, Bush, Falkoski, Guis, Wetzel, Carelli**  
                           **Nays: None**  
                           **(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**MAYOR BUDESHEIM NAMES COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Budesheim stated the 2009 Council Committees:

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

**COUNCIL TO APPOINT PLANNING BOARD LIASON:**

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

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

**2009 APPOINTMENTS MADE BY MAYOR BUDESHEIM AND  
CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:**

The Borough Clerk and Mayor Budesheim read the names into the record of the 2009 Appointments.

Mayor Budesheim requested Council confirmation of the 2009 Appointments.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, for Council confirmation of the 2009 Appointments as listed.

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

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**RESOLUTION:**

Borough Clerk Talerico stated that Resolution No. 9-2009 was requested by the Finance Officer.

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

- 9)       **Resolution No. 9-2009;** Transfer of 2008 Appropriation Reserves

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 3-J**

**REMARKS MADE BY MAYOR WILLIAM BUDESHEIM:**

Here we are, another year, and again we look back on what was and look forward to what may be. In the past year, in March, Governor Corzine began his assault on the smaller more efficient communities in New Jersey. In spite of that, our municipal share of the tax rate went up just enough to cover the loss of state aid. In May we had the chemical spill on I-287 resulting in a response of over 200 emergency personnel from the region. The Riverdale Fire Department proved that they have what it takes in any emergency. We continued with our free summer concert series in the park enjoyed by many thousands. We were awarded a grant to build the youth center in the lower level of the Senior Community Center. The dedication of the building was held in November and was attended by many residents, Freeholders and other officials. In December we started the Riverdale Food Pantry for those residents in need of assistance and it has been met with overwhelming response by those contributing to the pantry. Looking ahead, we do have our work cut out for us. Areas that have to be addressed this year are the municipal budget, how to continue providing the same level of service at the same level of cost. We'll try our best, but under the new fiscal policies thrust upon the municipalities by the state, the state is almost guaranteeing an increase of four percent in local property taxes each year. This was done supposedly in the name of local property tax reduction. COAH - where to go and how to solve the problem of another unfunded state mandate. Some day we will be told what our obligation will be and how we will be able to meet those obligations. This must be done before the end of the year. Sewers – we are under a new connection moratorium forced on us by the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewer

**REMARKS MADE BY MAYOR WILLIAM BUDESHEIM (continued):**

Authority. The Authority claims that we have an inflow and infiltration situation resulting in hundreds of thousands of gallons of treatable waste that we must pay for but for which we cannot bill anyone. We have spent three years looking for this mysterious I & I problem but we can't find it. The developer has hired a sewer engineer and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars including the placing of 18 meters to monitor the pipes. They can't find it. The Authority itself has told me that they work on the Riverdale problem every meeting. They can't find it. However, tonight, we received a new bill from the Authority for 2009. This new adjustment is for an additional \$96,000 in charges based on an increase of the inflow and infiltration. They were able to determine this in spite of the fact that their meter has been out of commission for the past four months. Our annual charge went from \$518,000 in 2008 to \$656,000 in 2009. This is a 27% increase. No town can be expected to absorb such increases. Other areas that we'll be continuing to explore will be shared services. One would hope that with all the talk about shared services that roadblocks would be taken down instead of put in place. However, when Bloomingdale contacted us to provide library services to them, Morris County sort of went out of its way to make sure that didn't happen. They made it financially impossible for a town to share library services right now. The other areas that we will be working on are 9-1-1 Police Dispatch and the road programs. We're looking to complete the facility down by the Community Center. Like everyone says, we do have a lot of work ahead of us and we're going to do our best and hopefully we'll have an even tax rate this year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 7:18 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

Respectfully Submitted:

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