

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**       **Present:**     **Falkoski, Guis, Wetzel, Carelli**  
                           **Absent:**       **Astarita, Bush**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 01-2008**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3-2007 ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 01-2008 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 11-A**

**BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT:**

Borough Engineer Darmofalski reported the status of the Mathews Avenue project. The project is getting a little cleanup but they will not be back to finish the work or take care of the paving until March. We received a grant under the state aid applications for the Newark Pompton Turnpike and Arlington Place and are in the process of developing a budget. The Community Development application phase II for the sewer pump station will be presented on March 11<sup>th</sup> in Morristown. We received notification that the NJDOT is accepting applications for pedestrian safety and safe routes to school. There was discussion regarding possible projects. Borough Clerk Talerico asked if there was a time

**BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT (continued):**

limit for awarding the bid for the sewer extension project that is being negotiated. Borough Attorney Oostdyk will verify.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we received the survey and descriptions on the sale of the cell tower.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Borough Clerk Talerico asked for clarification of the approval of the towing license for A to Z Towing Services. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the license was approved with the condition that they will not be put on the rotation until they are in compliance with the ordinance requirement for a fenced in area for vehicle storage. Clerk Talerico asked who is handling the booking of the softball fields. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that only the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale Little League requests use of the fields and they submit their schedule. Clerk Talerico reported on correspondence from NJDEP regarding annual report and certification of the storm water regulation program and the recycling and litter ordinance. Borough Attorney Oostdyk requested a copy of the cover letter. Clerk Talerico stated she had a note to amend the storm water plan regarding the mitigation plan. There was discussion regarding whether this had been done. She also reminded the Council about the fertilizer application model ordinance. Borough Engineer Darmofalski stated the state has not yet adopted the standards. It was decided to put it on hold until it is mandated. There was discussion regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sewer payment to PRBRSA. A revised annual charge was received today. Mayor Budesheim stated that there had been a “state-mandate, state-pay” referendum on the statewide ballot a few years ago. He would like to submit the bills the borough has accrued for state-mandated ordinances to the agency that has forced them on us with a request for reimbursement. Borough Attorney Oostdyk will look into the issue.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported on information received from Ross Kushner regarding a Highlands meeting and Transfer of Development Rights. Riverdale is in the planning area for the Highlands. The Mayor said it appears they are making Riverdale a dumping ground in the areas we are trying to preserve for open space or minimal impact. Much of it is undeveloped private property and you’re looking at high-density multifamily housing in these areas. The Mayor stated he plans to attend the meeting. There was discussion regarding the matter.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) Letter from Sharon Sonne, VSAP Officer of the Pompton Lakes-Riverdale First Aid Squad requesting additional VSAP allowance (clothing) for three individuals that were shorted points on the squad’s original report. Sheryl Chacon – 10 points - \$52.05; Carol Merritt – 18 points - \$90.00 and Cyndy Reardon – 51 points - \$255.00. A request is being made to pay these individuals the funds due them.
- 2) Certificate of Determination and Award for renewal of Bond Anticipation Note #2008-1 in the amount of \$1,325,000 at an interest rate of 2.5% payable at maturity on May 2, 2008, to JP Morgan Chase Bank, Riverdale, NJ. (copy distributed to Mayor & Council with agenda)

**OTHER BUSINESS (continued):**

- 3) Letter of request from DPW Superintendent Walter Mahon asking to appoint Matthew Kronyak as a full time probationary employee effective January 1, 2008. (copy of letter distributed to Mayor and Council with agenda).

Councilwoman Wetzel asked if Matthew was hired as a part time employee. Councilman Guis stated that he was hired as a full time provisional employee with no benefits. Mayor Budesheim stated that his feeling is new hires for the DPW should be provisional employees for a period of time that we don't invest in medical benefits or pension costs. Councilman Guis stated a main attraction of the job is the permanency and the benefits.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Falkoski reported that he wished to discuss an item involving litigation in closed session.

Councilman Guis reported that they would like to replace one pickup truck before May and the street sweeper is becoming problematic. He also reported on upcoming capital projects.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported that Sunday, September 14, 2008 has been confirmed for the annual street fair. A proposal was received from LaGuardia and Associates for the summer concert series. There are six performances beginning July 16<sup>th</sup>. The full cost is \$34,750 which is comparable to last year.

Councilman Carelli passed out a budget worksheet prepared by Chief Financial Officer Ken Sesholtz. There was discussion regarding the budget. Councilwoman Wetzel was concerned that the buildings and grounds appropriation is too low as items are needed for the new Senior Community Center building. She also stated that we will need to increase the Recreation Coordinator's hours or hire an additional employee when new programs are added. Councilman Carelli also reported that the Shade Tree Commission will have its second annual Arbor Day celebration in April. They will plant trees on Greenwich Street that will be donated by Home Depot.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 1) **Resolution #13-2008:** Refund of Taxes.
- 2) Approval of applications for coin operated amusement devices for the following establishments for 2008 – serial numbers to be inspected by police department:
  - a. Dexter's Night Club – 1 – Pool Table and 1 – Video Game.
  - b. Wes' Tavern – 1 Pool Table – 3 – Video Games.
- 3) Addendum to Resolution #10-2008 establishing employee salaries to include the Chief of Police salary of \$118,000.
- 4) Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sewer payment to PRBRSA in the amount of \$142,063.
- 5) **Resolution #14-2008;** Tax Assessor Settlement for LaHue, Robin A. Trustee.
- 6) **Resolution #15-2008;** Transfer of 2007 Appropriation Reserves.
- 7) Appoint Matthew Kronyak as full time probationary employee for the DPW at a salary of \$12.00 per hour, including health benefits, effective February 1, 2008.

**RESOLUTIONS (continued):**

- 8) Approval of additional VSAP allowance (clothing) for three individuals that were shorted points on the squad's original report. Sheryl Chacon – 10 points - \$52.05; Carol Merritt – 18 points - \$90.00 and Cyndy Reardon – 51 points - \$255.00.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 14-B, C AND D.****CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation pertaining to the appeal of a liquor license, of which minutes will be kept and released upon completion of these matters.

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

Closed Session being completed, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to open the meeting to the public.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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