

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: Bush, Falkoski, Guis, Wetzel, Carelli**  
**Absent: Astarita**

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 Councilwoman Wetzel, to close the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Invoice for R. Febbi contractor who performed work on sewer connections on Sky Ball Properties in connection with the Mathews Avenue Road widening project with an original quotation and purchase order in the amount of \$7,000. Per Paul Darmofalski's cover letter additional work was needed and is in accordance with the unit prices originally proposed, which brought the total to \$10,190.00 with a \$3,190.00 difference. The work was all performed during 2008 and will have to be charged to the 2008 sewer budget which carries a balance of \$2,965.76.

There was discussion regarding this matter with Finance Officer Ken Sesholtz. The majority of this work was done in lieu of payment for the Sky Ball Properties in order to complete the Mathews Avenue Road widening project. A total of \$1,450 should be charged to sewer O/E and the balance to the bond ordinance for the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Proposal from Bruno Associates, Inc. proposing to again supply grant writing services as outlined in the agreement distributed to the Governing Body with a total contract price of \$50,000.

After a brief discussion, Council decided to decline the proposal.

- 2) A letter of request from Debbie Tibbetts, Riverdale Girl Scout Troop 218 leader requesting permission for a project to be performed by the girl scouts to clean up Freedom Park during the dates of April 25<sup>th</sup> and possibly the 26<sup>th</sup>. The scope of the project includes cleaning the brook of all garbage, removing the writing from the slides, repainting the benches, building a sandbox, planting a tree and planting flowers. This project will be part of the troop earning their Bronze award which is the highest award that a junior level Girl Scout can earn.

After a brief discussion, Council approved the project excluding the sandbox. The Girl Scouts also need to check with the Shade Tree Commission regarding the tree.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported on the Morris County Freeholders meeting he attended with Councilman Carelli. They are willing to reacquire the Newark Pompton Turnpike, but they cannot maintain the truck ban on a county road. They said they will do what they can to assist us and will send an agreement for plowing Newark Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale Road and Hamburg Turnpike plus provide us with the salt. The Mayor and Councilman Carelli reported on their presentation to the Freeholders regarding an analysis of the tax and ticket money we send to the county in comparison to other towns. Mayor Budesheim also reported on the status of the Target traffic light. There was discussion regarding the connector road and requesting the DOT to reconsider the need for the light. Mayor Budesheim also reported that the homeowners association at the Grande claims they are spending between \$50,000 and \$60,000 per year for garbage collection and the residents want us to enforce our ordinance. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated they need to pressure D.R. Horton to comply with the site plan. Mayor Budesheim also reported on price quotations received for a key card security system for the Community Center and Firehouse, and smoke and fire detection for other buildings. There was discussion regarding the various needs.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that COAH needs an ordinance from us creating a housing liaison and a resolution for appointment to the position.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Falkoski reported the court report for January.

Councilman Guis reported on the condition of the police patrol cars and the plan to replace vehicles. He offered a plan to purchase new Durango SUV's for the Chief and Captain and move their current vehicles into the patrol fleet. He said they could be purchased from capital since they have more than a five year life. Councilman Carelli reported there is only \$43,000 left in the police vehicle and equipment capital account. The cost of each Durango is \$26,168. Councilman Falkoski stated he supports this suggestion if we have the money. Councilman Carelli stated he would rather purchase a new car for patrol. There was Council discussion regarding the matter.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to purchase one Durango from the capital budget at a cost of \$26,168.

**ROLL CALL:**       **Ayes:    Bush, Falkoski, Guis, Wetzel**  
                           **Nays:    Carelli**  
                           **(4 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)**

Councilwoman Bush reported the Municipal Alliance Teen Movie Night will take place on March 19 for sixth through eighth grade.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, 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 #32-2009;** Cancel Taxes for Block 12 – Lot 1 – 203 Paterson Hamburg Turnpike, LLC due to purchase of property by the Borough of Riverdale.
- 2) Approval of payment to Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$339.58.
- 3) Approval of payment from escrow funds to Darmofalski Engineering Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$345.00 from Alexan at Riverwalk escrow.
- 4) Authorize Mayor Budesheim to endorse a Declaration of Intent to apply for a Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$163,554.00 with a borough match of \$31,710.80 from the open space trust fund.
- 5) **Resolution #33-2009;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
- 6) Approve payment of invoice from R. Febbi in the amount of \$10,190.00 for work on sewer connections on Sky Ball Properties. Finance Officer to redistribute \$850 and \$600 to sewer operating expense and the balance to Mathews Avenue Project Bond Ordinance.
- 7) Approve Girl Scout Troop 218 project to clean up Freedom Park on April 25 and 26, minus the sandbox and in consultation with the Shade Tree Commission.
- 8) Authorize a donation of \$300 to the Riverdale Land Conservancy for a clean up day at the Glenburn property on Saturday, March 21 with a rain date of March 22.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 20-A AND B**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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