

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Councilman Astarita reported on issues that the Fire Department would like corrected at the firehouse. The problems include a crushed downspout, unsafe railing, front door frame, stucco fascia and kitchen cabinets. They are also considering installing an alarm system.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the Recreation Coordinator is working on having window blinds installed at the Community Center with money from a previous donation. The cost will not exceed \$800.

Councilwoman Bush reported the awards ceremony for the Municipal Alliance Committee poster contest will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. There were 103 entries. Certificates and savings bonds will be awarded to the winner in each group. She also reported that the Morris County Freeholders are making an additional \$2,500 in funding available to all Municipal Alliances for this year but municipalities are required to match the funds 100%. The County Municipal Alliance is offering a free night of skating for families at the Mennen Arena on March 19th.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) **Resolution #25-2008:** Tax Court Judgment - \$11,786.00 refunded to Robin LaHue – Block 37 – Lot 14 – I-287.
- 2) **Resolution #26-2008:** 2007 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application.
- 3) Approval of Municipal Alliance expenditure for the Riverdale Poster Contest for various items not to exceed \$500.00
- 4) Approval of window blinds for the Senior Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$800.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 21-A AND B.**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

Mayor Budesheim introduced residents Josh Mathews and Rue Debona who live at the Grande and are here to discuss their interest in animals and in building a shelter in Riverdale. Mr. Mathews stated that he and his wife have been volunteering at the animal shelter in Butler which can only house three dogs at one time. A shelter with a dog run for our residents will fill a growing need as the number of multi-family homes continues to increase. He presented a proposal for a shelter that will house 30 to 40 dogs at a time and have a dog run for the use of residents with dogs. He stated that two dog food companies and three cable networks are interested in making a series or documentary from breaking of ground through grand opening with different celebrities in attendance. The dog food companies would supply the food and a retail store would pay the utilities. He stated that he spoke with developers who are willing and ready to build the facility in Riverdale. The Van Ness site was discussed as a possible location. There was discussion regarding how the facility would be staffed. Mr. Mathews stated it would be run by volunteers like the Butler facility. Councilman Falkoski stated there have been some problems at that facility and we should investigate further before we make any decisions on the matter. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that since this would be a new venture perhaps we should start with something smaller. There was additional discussion

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued):

regarding the matter. There were concerns with the initial cost and with keeping volunteers to run the facility.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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