

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

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Joe Oesterle, 47 Riverview Terrace, thanked the Fire Department for pumping out during the flood. He also asked if the Glenburn property could be used for a community garden. Mayor Budesheim stated that this has been discussed as a use for the property.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Budesheim stated that we have been trying for many years to stabilize the riverbanks on the Pequannock River to help with the flood problems. The Borough Engineer has an application in with the DEP for about 15 years and they will not talk with us. Mr. Padula of Pompton Lakes has been in touch with the Federal Department of Agriculture. We can express our interest in a joint watershed protection project which would be funded 75 percent by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Pompton Lakes and Riverdale would each contribute 12-1/2 percent and we will also pursue FEMA money. This would stabilize approximately 11,000 feet of riverbank. The Borough Engineer will estimate the cost which could be more than \$1,000,000 and our share would be about \$125,000. Since this is an extension of our park area, we can borrow the money from the Open Space Trust Fund.

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 31-2010;** Recycling Enhancement – Tax Reimbursement Certification.
- 2) Approval of rate of pay for Robert Cellini at an annual salary of \$16,000 effective May 1, 2010.
- 3) **Resolution No. 32-2010;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
- 4) Appointing Joe Montemarano as Assistant Construction Code Official.
- 5) Authorizing Mayor Budesheim to send a letter to the State Conservationist supporting a joint riverbank stabilization project and requesting Federal assistance to restore areas damaged by the storm of March 13, 2010.

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

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported on the Easter egg hunt held on Saturday. The Recreation Committee did an extraordinary job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Astarita reported there is a CDRS meeting on April 15th that he will attend.

Mayor Budesheim stated that we got the \$80,000 grant for the elevator at the Community Center.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council go into closed session to discuss matters of litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR.

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

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

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to waive the NJIFF compensatory damage coverage for litigation with Riverdale Road Development.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

CLOSED SESSION:**LITIGATION:**

Borough Attorney Jim Bryce reported on litigation brought against the Borough by Riverdale Road Development related to the Ordinance requiring certain inspection fees. NJIFF submitted a letter to the Borough Clerk indicating they will provide coverage to any compensatory damage aspects, however there is a \$5,000 deductible. They are looking to challenge the ordinance and there's not tremendous damage exposure. It is our recommendation that you not spend \$5,000 towards this at this juncture. The NJIFF only covers damages and the majority of the claims in this particular action are injunctive. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to waive the NJIFF coverage.