



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1 (continued):**

anticipate having all work completed by July. Councilwoman Bush stated the signs are almost adjacent to the shoulder and could obstruct vision of drivers. Mr. Darmofalski will check the setback requirements and address the other issues.

Tom Batelli, 712 Canella Way, request additional assistance in locating C.O.'s for the units in buildings 2 through 6. He stated he had filled out an OPRA request but they have not been located. Mayor Budesheim stated that they should be able to locate them.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 3-2007****AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS**

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 Councilwoman Wetzel, to close the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bush, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 3-2007 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 31-A****RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Carelli asked if resolution number 2 authorized the payment or just the change order. Borough Clerk Talerico stated it was to authorize the change order and not the check.

Borough Engineer Darmofalski reported that 14 bids were received on March 28<sup>th</sup> for the Mathews Avenue Construction Project. The lowest bidder was Crossroads Construction of Newark. They had arithmetic mistakes which we corrected to \$559,879.00. The second lowest bidder was Tilcon New York at \$559,905.00 and third was Tomaro Contracting at \$561,000.00. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated the low bid does not contain the required documentation for his subcontractor, and if it was not submitted we must reject that bid. He had no issues with the second lowest bid. His recommendation

**RESOLUTIONS (continued):**

is to reject the low bid for not being in compliance with the bid requirement because they did not include necessary documentation for their subcontractor. Borough Engineer Darmofalski agreed.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the following resolutions.

- 1) Payment Approvals for the following:
  - a. Samman's Electronics-Home Theatre System (Senior Center) \$9,553.97
- 2) Approval of Change Order #2 – Storer Construction – Riverdale Senior Community Center in the amount of \$9,692.00. (copy of change order distributed to Mayor and Council)
- 3) Approval of Change Order #1 – Mike Fitzpatrick & Son, Inc. – Riverdale Senior Community Center in the amount of \$24,142.62. (copy of change order distributed to Mayor and Council)
- 4) **Resolution #34-2007**; Establishing Salaries for 2007.
- 5) Approval of \$1.00 per hour increase for Rob Nichols for his successful completion of his examination for a commercial driver's license effective April 1, 2007.
- 6) **Resolution #35-2007**; Emergency Temporary Appropriations – 2007 Budget.
- 7) Approval of quotation from Borbas Surveying & Mapping, LLC for "Storm Water Outfall Mapping" with a maximum amount of \$4,600.00. (copy of letter of request distributed to Mayor & Council)
- 8) Approval of additional budget request from Paul Darmofalski, P.E. for Storm Water Master Plan GIS for an additional amount not to exceed \$18,000. (copy of letter of request distributed to Mayor & Council)
- 9) Authorizing a check in the amount of \$6,248.29 issued to BizChair.com for purchase of 150 chairs, 20 tables and 1 chair dolly (funds donated by Wal-Mart).
- 10) Award bid contract for purchase of in-car video surveillance system and a video management system for the Police Department to ICOP Digital, Inc., Lenexa, KS in the amount of \$63,857.79. (funds donated by Wal-Mart).
- 11) Authorizing purchase of Finger Printing Machine at a cost not to exceed \$28,000 (funds donated by D.R. Horton).
- 12) Authorizing a check issued in an amount up to \$850 for 13 tables ordered from BJ's (funds donated by Wal-Mart).
- 13) **Resolution #36-2007**; Awarding bid contract for Mathews Avenue Improvement Project to Tilcon New York, Wharton, NJ in the amount of \$559,905.00.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Ayes: Astarita, Bush, Carelli, Guis, Wetzel, Falkoski**  
                                   **Nays: None**  
                                   **Abstain: Carelli (Resolution No. 34-2007 only)**  
                                   **(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 32-B, C AND D****MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported on the Board of Education budget hearing. He stated that they made their presentation that the taxes will go down \$120 or \$130 if the budget is approved and \$32 or \$39 if the second question is approved. He said this is true but he asked them to give the entire story which is if their tax levy stayed the same this year, taxes on the average home would go down \$350. He stated that he told them the people

**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

should be informed of the total impact of this budget. People have been asking when they will get the tax benefits of all of the construction in town and we've been telling them 2007. We did get \$95,000,000 in additional ratables last year which is about a 16% increase in our tax base. The school levy is going up 15.5% so you can see that's where it all went. He said he's not judging the validity of the second question or the budget but he asked for a full disclosure. They agreed to do that but an article in the newspaper did not report it. He said if they did not do it he would have to.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that he received a call from the attorney contacted a year ago about the cell tower and purchasing easement rights that would need to be bid. They are once again interested in resurrecting that proposal. He will be in contact with them.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT:**

Borough Engineer Darmofalski reported that the quarry is back in operation. He also reported that he forwarded a memo from Bob Michaels regarding COAH obligations. We're not required to respond for the projected developments until the court case is settled with COAH. If we have new projects we have to consider COAH obligations when it goes to the Planning Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Wetzel reported on the egg hunt this past weekend. They are also trying to resurrect the Memorial Day Parade and arrangements are being made to have it on Memorial Day.

Councilman Astarita reported that it looks very likely we will get the \$80,000 grant for the recreation center.

Mayor Budesheim asked if everyone was in agreement with the rules, regulations and finances for rental of the Senior Community Center. All were.

Councilman Carelli reported that he and Linda Roetman visited today's Senior Citizen Meeting and announced the Shade Tree Commission's plan for Arbor Day. On Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. they will have 11 trees planted in front of the Senior Center dedicated to the past and present presidents of the Senior Citizen Club.

**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.**

Councilman Carelli distributed a first draft of the budget for discussion. Councilman Falkoski stated that it did not appear all of the computer work for the Police Department was included at this point. Councilwoman Wetzel asked if anything could be done about insurance cost. Mayor Budesheim stated he would like to set a policy that the borough would pay for the NJ Plus plan and anyone selecting a higher cost plan would pay the difference in premiums. There was discussion regarding the cost of the insurance plans. Councilman Carelli stated we need to introduce the budget soon, perhaps at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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