

The regular 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 Budesheim presiding.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting – March 16, 2009

Workshop Meeting – April 6, 2009

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

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

**PRESENTATION – DEDICATION OF THE NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE
 IN HONOR OF MAYOR SCALETTI**

Mayor Budesheim announced that Albert Scaletti served as Mayor of Riverdale for fourteen years. He proclaimed Newark Pompton Turnpike be dedicated and be commemoratively known as Mayor Albert Scaletti Turnpike in the Borough of Riverdale. He awarded the proclamation to the family of Mayor Scaletti and announced that a street sign will be erected as a prominent display on Newark Pompton Turnpike to remind the citizens of Riverdale of the esteem and appreciation felt by all for his efforts and accomplishments on behalf of the Borough. Former Councilmen Peter Sarf, John Carelli and John Bisaccio who served with Mayor Scaletti and Former Police Chief Harry Ressler were present for the dedication.

ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 04-2009

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 149, ENTITLED
 “SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND SITE PLAN REVIEW” OF THE
 CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, AND PROVIDING
 FOR MANDATORY DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR THE
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM OF THE BOROUGH OF
 RIVERDALE**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 29-A

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita asked for clarification of Resolution #41-2009. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that the applicant received a special ruling and must submit a twelve page application for a new liquor license.

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

- 1) Payment of Claims.
- 2) Payment of bills from Escrow Funds for the following:
 - a. Darmofalski Engineering Alexan at Riverwalk \$3,220.00
 - b. Anderson & Denzler Assoc. Alexan at Riverwalk \$ 526.75
- 3) **Resolution #40-2009;** Refund of Water Overpayment.
- 4) Approval of payment #8 to DCM Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$47,358.23 leaving a retainage of \$13,352.52. (payment has been approved by Borough Engineer Paul Darmofalski).
- 5) Approval of release of escrow balance to Target for \$108.34.
- 6) **Resolution #41-2009;** Vacating Resolution #74-2008 "Suspending Wes' Tavern Liquor License due to failure to renew on time. (Wes' Tavern received a "Special Ruling" regarding renewal of this license).
- 7) Approval of request from Scott Walker to have his \$200.00 escrow funds released due to no longer wishing to engage the Riverdale Planning Board.
- 8) **Resolution #42-2009;** Honoring Our Troops and "Support Our Troops Day".

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 30-B, C, D AND E**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) Possibility of raising the rental fees for the community center to help defray the costs of operating entailed by these functions.

Councilman Guis stated feedback from the DPW Superintendent is that the current \$50 fee does not cover our costs. He suggested a minimum of \$100 would just about cover costs for cleanup, garbage disposal, consumables, heat, air conditioning and utilities. Mayor Budesheim stated the \$50 fee is sufficient to cover the cost of cleanup and did not feel the fee should be increased for the other items. There was a brief discussion and it was agreed to keep the fee at \$50.

- 2) Consideration of the installation of 4 additional street lights.

Mayor Budesheim stated he would have to enter into a contract with JCP&L to install an additional streetlight at the end of Cotluss Road at Newark Pompton Turnpike, one halfway down on Cotluss Road and two on Dalton Drive.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with JCP&L for installation of 4 additional street lights.

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

OTHER BUSINESS (continued):

- 3) Discussion regarding traffic detail for the fire department.

Mayor Budesheim stated he would like to postpone discussion as Councilman Falkoski is absent. He stated that studies have shown idling destroys cars and he would like to review the policy of providing this kind of service.

- 4) Consideration of installing fire and access security systems in municipal buildings.

Mayor Budesheim stated that there currently are no fire or smoke alarms in the municipal building or next door and the Fire Department has been asking for a new system. We are also looking at security access for the Fire Department and Community Center. Councilman Guis stated that in order to get competitive prices we need to specify our requirements.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that Target has agreed to abandon the traffic light in response to the resolution we adopted. They sent us an agreement stating the light will be left blinking yellow unless they present us with a report showing there is a safety concern that warrants turning the light back on. Another provision is that we agree to release their bonding after they post a maintenance bond.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bush, to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #44-2009; Authorizing the execution of a Traffic Light Agreement between the Borough of Riverdale and Target Corporation.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Carelli reported that we will have a finance presentation at a special meeting on May 20th or 27th.

Councilman Guis reported on the borough roads and sidewalks. Mead, Haycock, Arlington, Parkway and Parkway Entrance are in severe need of sidewalks and curbs. A rough estimate for the repair is \$277,000. There is a new system called Micro Surfacing, a polymer reinforced seal coating that they claim will add seven to ten years life on the pavement. The estimate for this product in the same area is approximately \$38,000. The Borough Engineer has done research which shows favorable results on this product and his recommendation is to give it a try. The Stoneleigh area is in need of \$25,000 to \$30,000 of repairs. Councilman Guis stated the some of the sidewalks are in extreme need of repair and should not be ignored. There was discussion regarding the means to get the sidewalks repaired. Councilman Guis also reported on options for a washing station for the borough vehicles.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported on the egg hunt at the Community Center.

Councilman Astarita reported on the Community Development Block Grant meeting. There is stimulus money that will be available to the grants so there is a slight chance that our application will get some funding. He also reported that the Fire Chief has asked if

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

there are funds available to replace the kitchen cabinetry at the firehouse that is falling apart. There was discussion regarding repair of the cabinets.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

There being no comments, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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