

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, Bush, Carelli, Guis, Wetzel, Falkoski
Absent: None**

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 Councilman Astarita, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 05-2007

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND PROVIDING FOR STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS**

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 Councilman Guis, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 05-2007 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. 52-A

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

ORDINANCE 06-2007

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN
AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$210,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

ORDINANCES (continued):

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 Councilman Carelli, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, that adoption of Ordinance No. 06-2007 as read on second reading at this meeting, be **TABLED** until June 18, 2007.

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

- 3) Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 08-2007**CALENDAR YEAR 2007****ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 53-B**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) From the Department of Transportation advising that applications will now be accepted for the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2008 Municipal Aid Program. The Municipal Aid program is a resource for municipalities to fund their transportation projects. The applications must be completed and submitted to NJDOT's Local Aid District Office on or before August 24, 2007.

Borough Engineer Darmofalski stated that roads would be reviewed to see which would be eligible.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Request from Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Marcelo of 20 Oak Street, asking for governing body approval for a new curb cut due to them extending their driveway between 8 to 9 feet so that it will line up with their property line. In the process of doing this they will also need approval to remove 2 trees that are located in that area. (copy of correspondence distributed to Mayor & Council)

After discussion Council agreed to approve the request subject to review and approval of the Borough Engineer and Shade Tree Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS (continued):

- 2) From Adolfo DeMartinis of 17 Overlook Drive, asking for governing body approval of a curb cut for a circular drive. This approval would place two curb cuts at this property. (copy of correspondence distributed)

Mayor Budesheim stated that Overlook Drive is not owned by the borough and they may not need our permission. He told them to be sure they comply with borough standards. Borough Engineer Darmofalski stated that Beazer and Majestic must approve the request.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim read an article regarding state mandated taxes from the Trenton Times Editorials issued in a bulletin from the New Jersey Taxpayers Association dated April of 1938.

DISCUSSION OF 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Falkoski asked for clarification of the "CAP" calculation. Chief Financial Officer Sesholtz explained the "CAP". Councilman Falkoski asked why the anticipated Recycling Tonnage Grant was less than last year. Mr. Sesholtz explained that it is based on the tonnage. Councilman Falkoski asked why the total amount to be raised by taxes exceeds \$1,000,000 over last year. Mayor Budesheim stated that about \$500,000 is from added assessments. Councilman Falkoski asked for an explanation of the \$7,500 for Salaries and Wages for Public Buildings and Grounds. Councilman Carelli explained that a formula is used whereby the DPW employee salaries are totaled and then divided among the various departments. Councilman Falkoski asked if the Fire Department was notified that they have been appropriated \$25,000 for Other Expenses instead of the \$27,130 they requested. He stated that any department head who submitted a budget should be notified if something has been cut from that budget. He stated that the budget process is not right. We should be sitting with the department heads and have them tell us why they put that budget together. At that point we can discuss it with them. He stated that to receive a budget on a Friday to be introduced on Monday is unconscionable. This is an important document with a lot of information that none of us is familiar with how it was obtained. Councilman Carelli stated that there was a copy a few meetings back and he asked everyone to review it and did not get a response from anyone. Each department has a responsibility and he can't review every line item himself. Councilman Falkoski stated one person should not accept the responsibility for the budget. It is all of our responsibility and we should all interface with the department heads. Councilman Falkoski asked for an explanation of the \$5,000 for Salaries and Wages for the Senior Citizen's Program. Mr. Sesholtz stated the funds are allocated. Councilman Falkoski asked for an explanation of appropriations for Municipal Services Act. Mayor Budesheim explained it is service reimbursement to the condominiums. Councilman Falkoski stated that the Municipal Court appropriations are less than requested. They had requested additional funds for the expected extra caseload due to the questionable legality of the new DWI machine. Mayor Budesheim stated the money is available in the DWI fund from the grant they receive. Councilman Falkoski asked for an explanation of Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes. Mayor Budesheim explained the money is allocated to pay off debt. Councilman Falkoski asked for the percentage of uncollected taxes. Mr. Sesholtz stated we are anticipating collecting 95.5% and last year we collected over 98%. Councilman Falkoski asked for an explanation of Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues. Mr. Sesholtz explained it is a summary of appropriations on sheet 24 that are offset by grants. Councilman Falkoski asked for an explanation of the \$235,100 for Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation. Mr. Sesholtz explained that is the assessed value of foreclosed properties. Councilman Falkoski asked if the \$210,000 in the Capital Budget for purchase of the Dube property would be obtained from a Green Acres grant. Mayor Budesheim stated that so far we

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Councilwoman Wetzel reported that she had left the council meeting to attend a special meeting of the Board of Health. There was discussion regarding a change involving our borough nurse and whether we should be buying nursing services from Pequannock. We could save approximately \$25,000 per year if we combine services with Pequannock for the nurse's salary. The nurse and members of the public in attendance were adamant against that change and voiced their opinions to the Board of Health. After discussion the Board decided that rather than eliminate the position completely we would keep our own nurse and decrease the nurse's services from 15 to 10 hours per week. This change in hours will be effective July 1st and will save \$9,328.80 annually. There was discussion regarding adjustment of the Board of Health and A&E budget amounts.

Councilman Guis reported that Tilcon removed a pump diesel engine from the fire structure by the pond. Tilcon is willing to do additional demolition for us but we would need to provide a dumpster.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Approval of payments for the following items for the Recreation Department:

a) New York Red Bulls	July 11 Day Camp	\$600.00
b) Funtime Junction	Trip June 28	\$500.00
c) Rickey's Rides N' More	Activity June 27	\$650.00
d) Tomahawk Lake Inc.	July 20 Day Trip	\$ 30.00
e) Dynamite Falls	July 10 Day Trip	\$350.00
f) Dynamite Falls	July 24 Day Trip	\$350.00
- 2) Resolution to approve payment for outside contractor work performed by the Lieutenants be paid at Lieutenants overtime rate during overtime hours only.
- 3) Resolution to permit a fireworks display to take place on August 25, 2007.
- 4) Resolution to approve curb cut request from Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Marcelo of 20 Oak Street, subject to approval by the Borough Engineer and Shade Tree Commission.
- 5) Resolution to appoint Eric Hollenstein as a Probationary Police Officer for the Riverdale Police Department effective June 8th.
- 6) Approval of payment not to exceed \$1,000 to provide a dumpster for construction debris from work to be done by Tilcon.

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

INTRODUCTION OF 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, **RESOLVED**, for the introduction of the 2007 Municipal Budget.

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

Public Hearing and Adoption scheduled for July 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. To be published in the Suburban Trends Newspaper on Sunday, June 17, 2007.

COPY OF 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 57-C

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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