

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

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Astarita, Bush, Carelli, Guis, Wetzal, 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.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim stated the purpose of the Riverdale Sewer Master Plan is to assure that existing homes are protected from gallonage being given to new development. The plan can be revised at any time. The plan was discussed and revisions were made.

Mayor Budesheim presented a proposal from John Bruno of Bruno Associates. They will guarantee \$100,000 in grants within the first year for \$50,000 and will refund \$25,000 if that goal is not met. Council discussed the proposal and decided to decline.

Mayor Budesheim announced that Pat Cleary has decided not to run for Fire Chief next year. He stated that Pat had always done a tremendous amount of administrative work and his successor will not be able to do that. The Mayor stated that no one has done the administrative work the way Pat has and suggested we consider creating the position of Fire Administrator for him to continue the administrative paperwork. There was discussion regarding the matter and it was decided to include the position in the salary ordinance.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that she requested a quote from NJIIF for the Fire Department insurance. They advised that our carrier could not meet the price quotation and will see if we can go directly to the VFIS. Details of the coverage were discussed. The new figures will be available for the next meeting. Clerk Talerico reported the amount for the county 911 Dispatcher Services next year will be \$8,310.65. The Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders will have a public hearing to amend their 1996 Morris County Official Map on December 12th at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Talerico stated there is still confusion regarding the status of the Stormwater Mitigation Plan. We received approval from the Planning Board. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we did two sets of ordinances. Borough Engineer Darmofalski stated we don't have to have a mitigation plan but the county planning board has strongly encouraged it. To be in compliance with the recommendation we now need to amend the stormwater plan in the form of an ordinance. It was decided we will do an ordinance regarding mitigation in 2008 which will amend the Stormwater Management Plan.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT:

Borough Engineer Darmofalski reported his recommendations for the Mathews Avenue pedestrian safety improvements. After discussion it was decided to authorize a change order for the improvements.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that the attorney for the purchaser of the cell tower indicated they are hoping to do so by the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Falkoski reported that on December 16th Patrolman Anthony LaPorto will have completed his probationary period and Chief Soules has recommended he be permanently appointed to the position on that date.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the Holiday Gathering will take place in the Community Center on December 15th. She stated that we should consider budgeting for decorating the Community Center for the holidays next year.

Councilman Astarita reported he will be attending the first Community Development meeting this Thursday. There was discussion regarding possible projects.

Councilwoman Bush reported the first official meeting of the Municipal Alliance Committee will be on January 14th.

RIVERDALE QUARRY REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND MEETING IN RESPONSE TO DUST COMPLAINTS AS NOTIFIED BY BOROUGH ENGINEER.

Borough Engineer Darmofalski stated that the quarry representatives were asked to attend to report how they can start better addressing the dust emission and the stockpiles. There are constant complaints and we want to know what will be done to try to minimize complaints from this point forward.

Brian Montag, counsel for the Tilcon Quarry, introduced Beth Sisk, P.R. Director, Bill Aspinall, NJ General Manager of Operations, and Tony Jones, Plant Manager. Mr. Montag reviewed some of the actions that have already been taken. A new sweeper was purchased, the Nesco system was upgraded, a pond was constructed, calcium chloride use is continued, roads were resurfaced, traffic controls are in place, a water truck is dedicated and there is a backup truck. He stated that if there is any problem with a system on site leading to any dust emission the company will shut down until it fixes that problem. This is as much or more than at any other site and the newest systems are in place. He stated if more things can be done within reason the company will be happy to talk about them, but they feel they are addressing the problems and there has been substantial improvement. If there is a dust complaint received they request we contact the quarry immediately so something can be done. Mayor Budesheim asked whether the plant would shut down for a dust complaint on a high wind day. Councilman Carelli asked if there are any different procedures in place for high wind days. Mr. Jones stated they use two water trucks and delegate the larger truck to larger volume on the piles. Mayor Budesheim asked how they decide which asphalt plant to use when they have a project such as the George Washington and Tappan Zee Bridge or the NY State Thoroughway. The noise and smell from the asphalt is overpowering and getting worse. He asked why they don't use the West Nyack plant. The quarry representatives did not know. The Mayor stated that the ordinance requires the quarry to pay us \$500 per night for night operations and we have not received anything and our Borough Clerk has had

QUARRY REPORT (continued):

difficulty getting compliance with the dates. Mr. Montag stated that he would make sure we get that information. Borough Engineer Darmofalski requested a list of contacts on quarry letterhead with phone numbers and e-mail addresses for dust complaints. Councilman Astarita stated that we've been dealing with these problems for years and whatever efforts are being made are not working. He asked what can be done to make it work. There's always stone and gravel on the entrance to Route 287, mud on Hamburg Turnpike and dust on the cars and houses. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that the comments and complaints from the governing body have always been the same and the responses from the quarry representatives have always been the same. The quarry representatives did not agree with that perception. It was agreed that most problems occurred during dry and windy weather. The quarry is planning to shut down operations for the winter on January 1st and restarting on March 1st. Mayor Budesheim stated he would add a feature to the website for quarry complaints. The quarry requested the complaints be reported immediately so they can be addressed.

RESOLUTIONS:

There was discussion regarding resolution No. 9. Mayor Budesheim stated that we had agreed to reimburse the Building Inspector for convention costs, cell phone, publications and association meetings. This coming year he is requesting we budget for these expenses totaling not more than \$6,990. In addition we will be paying him \$3,800 salary and providing his car. The Building Inspector has submitted a voucher for \$1,358.04 for his International Building Code convention in Reno and \$564.87 for the convention in Atlantic City. Councilwoman Wetzel asked for clarification as to why any of this is our responsibility and whether we are benefiting directly. Mayor Budesheim stated we do benefit because the building codes change every year and he provides a list of the classes he takes. The Mayor stated that this is part of the agreement we made when we brought his salary down from \$34,000 to \$5,000 plus expenses when he retired. These expenses were previously paid by Oakland. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that as an employee and resident she would like to comment. She is a full time employee and belongs to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. They have international conventions every year that she could attend but never has asked for that. It is not fair to other employees that one person gets special treatment. She said she would not approve this voucher unless the Council was aware and approved it. Councilwomen Bush and Wetzel commented that we have a policy not to reimburse part-time employees for classes. Councilwoman Wetzel stated it was the personal interest of the Building Inspector to attend the convention and we shouldn't have to pay. There was additional discussion regarding whether it was necessary for the Building Inspector to travel out of state to attend his classes. Mayor Budesheim stated that he was shocked by the expenses submitted but it was the arrangement we made when he decided to retire and it is still less than paying his salary. Councilman Guis stated that if the Building Inspector was making a full salary he would agree with Clerk Talerico, but in this case he is working for pennies because of his retirement situation. He asked for the car, \$5,000 salary and expenses and with that agreement we came out \$15,000 ahead. Councilwoman Wetzel asked if the convention receipts included airfare for anyone else. Mayor Budesheim stated it included airfare for his wife. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that has to be addressed because that's not acceptable. There was discussion to clarify the expenses he requested for next year. Councilman Guis stated we were all shocked at the details of the invoices he submitted for the convention. The mistake was that we did agree to it without knowing the details. Councilwoman Wetzel did not feel we should pay for his wife based on principle. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we are not legally required to pay his wife's expenses. The question is, based on what he believed the agreement to be, do we feel obligated? Councilman Falkoski stated that we agreed without knowing the specific items and do not have pay in the future.

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There was discussion regarding preparation of the 2008 municipal budget. Councilman Falkoski requested that the Council receive an itemized budget for each department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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