

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, Falkoski, Guis, Wetzel, Carelli**
 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 Guis, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Approval of following payments:
 - a) Gloria Carelli - Food Pantry Purchases \$119.75
 - b) Verizon - DSL Line \$192.24
- 2) **Resolution #97-2009;** Approval of submittal of a grant application for the DEP Business Stimulus Fund for CSIP# 8 Tree Maintenance in the amount of \$7,000 with a borough share of \$2,630.00.
- 3) Approval of refund of escrow funds to Eric & Bonnie Watts, 105 Loy Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00. (borough engineer has approved the release of the funds, project is complete)
- 4) Resolution to schedule 2010 Reorganization meeting for Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
- 5) Approval of payment of the VSAP Program Award to the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale First Aid Squad at a total amount of \$17,302.50. (funds are available in the budget)
- 6) Resolution to schedule a year end special meeting for Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to finalize any official matters or financial that may be deemed necessary for the closing of the 2009 year.
- 7) **Resolution #98-2009;** Transfer of Appropriations.

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

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that Pompton Lakes Mayor Katie Cole was grateful for our offer to turn over the historical marker for the event that was determined to have occurred there.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that a borough employee has requested a health benefit waiver stipend to be effective January 1, 2010. There was discussion regarding the requirements.

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

- 8) Approval of annual health benefit waiver stipend of \$2,500 to Anthony LoPorto for waiving health benefits effective January 1, 2010 provided all requirements are met and paperwork filed.

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

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that part-time Building Inspector Anthony Gallo has again reached the maximum approved amount of pay.

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

- 9) Approval of additional \$2,000 salary for part-time Building Inspector Anthony Gallo.

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

Borough Clerk Talerico reported the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale Little League has requested use of Independence Park from March 6 through August 1, 2010. She also reported on the new Citizens Service Act for citizens wishing to serve on any municipal authority, board or commission.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported on continued requests for release of Rock Creek escrow from Buzz Shull. The Borough Engineer requires the as-builts prior to any further escrow release. Borough Clerk Talerico will verify the number of Rock Creek escrow accounts. Mr. Oostdyk also reported that Target mailed draft deeds of dedication for the service road. After discussion it was decided that we do not wish to take a deed of dedication at this time and may in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Falkoski announced that members of the Fire Department are here to discuss a matter with the Council. Pat Cleary stated that he was notified by the finance department that two of their purchase orders are on hold because there are no funds available. He discussed his understanding of the budget and the numbers they are working with for their equipment purchases, vehicle maintenance and repairs. Fire Chief Mike Norton and Assistant Chief Dan Sturm participated in a discussion with the Council regarding the Fire Department's current needs and the budget process. Dan Sturm stated that they put items in their original budget and got approval and hadn't been told about changes made later. Councilman Falkoski stated that he would like to establish a policy to require every department to submit an itemized budget for the entire Council to review with the department heads before approving the budget and have monthly monitoring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

The only budgets he has ever seen are Fire Department, Police Department and the Court. He stated that it's our responsibility to approve the general budget and each member of the Council should be supplied every department's budget. Mayor Budesheim stated that it is not the Council's job to sit down with every department head. Councilman Guis stated that to do a line item and projection in a department like the DPW is almost impossible. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that department detailed expenditures are available any time but they are hundreds of pages. Budget summaries are available on request. Councilman Falkoski stated he would get a copy of the type of report he is requesting to see if something similar can be provided. The Fire Department will prioritize its remaining equipment, maintenance and purchasing needs and report back to the Council by December 29th.

Councilman Guis reported on the status of the Hamburg and Newark Pompton Turnpike paving project. Due to anticipated bad weather, the contractor has requested extended hours for paving tomorrow. Mayor Budesheim was opposed. There was discussion regarding the options.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve extended hours of paving the Newark Pompton Turnpike on Tuesday, December 10, 2010 from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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

Councilwoman Wetzel reported the tree lighting will be held tomorrow at 6:00 PM followed by a reception at the Community Center. She also reported that Labor Day Monday is available for the Street Fair and asked if anyone was opposed to scheduling that date. None were.

ORDINANCES:

Councilman Falkoski asked why this ordinance was necessary. Mayor Budesheim stated that it is for safety reasons and most towns have an ordinance of this type. Councilman Guis stated the fees are too high for a small business owner. There was discussion regarding enforcement of the ordinance.

- 1) Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 14-2009

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL
 ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND
 CLARIFYING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
 CONTINUED OCCUPANCY FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
 DWELLINGS CONTAINING FOUR UNITS OR MORE**

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Bush, Falkoski, Wetzel, Carelli**
 Nays: Guis
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Letter from Michael Simone, Jr. of Pompton Lakes objecting to the governing body's decision not to reimburse him for the damage to his vehicle caused by hitting a hole created by the Borough of Riverdale DPW near the entrance to Building 44, Route 23 North (Riverdale One). Mr. Simone is asking the governing body to reconsider this decision due to the fact the hole was not a pothole but a hazard created by the opening not being properly backfilled and deep depression formed. (copy of letter distributed to Mayor and Council)

After a brief discussion, the governing body was in agreement not to reimburse Mr. Simone for the damage to his vehicle.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, 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: 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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