

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Carelli, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzell, Carelli
Absent: None**

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK READS CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:

Municipal Clerk Carol Talerico read the certification of the determination of the November 6, 2012 General Election as follows:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Paul Carelli	Borough Council	3 Years
Gary Mastrangelo	Borough Council	3 Years

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The Oath of Office was administered to the Borough Council Members.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REMARKS BY SAME.

COUNCILMAN GARY MASTRANGELO:

I just want to thank everybody for having the trust in me to keep an eye on the town for the next three years. I'm not going to let you down.

COUNCILMAN PAUL CARELLI:

I would like to thank the residents of Riverdale for electing me to another term on the borough council. I especially want to thank my wife, June, and my children for the sacrifices they make throughout the year. Without their support I could not face the challenges of being a councilman for Riverdale. Tonight marks my sixth time being sworn into office. While one might expect the role to get easier, it has become increasingly harder over the last several years. With an economy in decline, the process of running a municipal government has been more of a challenge to all local officials. Budgets have gotten tighter, revenues have significantly decreased, and pressure has mounted to take action. However, action for the sake of action is unacceptable. Our actions must be taken with proper planning, thoughtfulness, financial feasibility and sensitivity for all those affected. I start this New Year with the same enthusiasm and hope for Riverdale as I've always had. Do not let anyone tell you that Riverdale is in decline. Look around at our hard working borough employees, our professional police and fire departments, our countless volunteers and organizations, and the many residents that make up this town. It always has been and always will be an honor to serve all of you. Following the advice my father gave me - just do what you think is right and the rest will take care of itself. This is my commitment. I look forward to working with all of you. Happy New Year and best wishes for 2013. Thank you.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY – BY MAYOR AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Budesheim offered the name of Robert Oostdyk as Borough Attorney.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to appoint Robert Oostdyk as Borough Attorney.

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Falkoski asked for clarification of resolution No. 6-2012. Mayor Budesheim responded.

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

1. **Resolution #1-2013** - LEGAL PAPER.
2. **Resolution #2-2013** - ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE.
3. **Resolution #3-2013** - BANK SIGNATURES AND DEPOSITORIES.
4. **Resolution #4-2013** - DELINQUENT TAXES & INTERESTS.
5. **Resolution #5-2013** - LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW.
6. **Resolution #6-2013** - POLICE DEPARTMENT - SETTING WORK SCHEDULES.
7. **Resolution #7-2013** - HOLIDAYS - BOROUGH EMPLOYEES.
8. **Resolution #8-2013** - CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.
9. **Resolution #9-2013** – TEMPORARY BUDGET – 2013.
10. **Resolution #10-2013** – ADOPTION OF A STANDARD TORT CLAIM NOTICE CLAIM FORM.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGES 2-A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I AND J

COUNCIL TO SELECT PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Guis offered the name of Paul Carelli as Council President; motion seconded by Councilman Astarita.

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

MAYOR BUDESHEIM NAMES COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Budesheim announced the 2013 Council Committees:

Councilperson Carelli	Finance & Shared Services	2 nd Guis
Councilperson Falkoski	Public Safety	2 nd Carelli
Councilperson Guis	Public Works	2 nd Mastrangelo
Councilperson Wetzel	Community Relations	2 nd Astarita
Councilperson Astarita	Buildings & Grounds	2 nd Wetzel
Councilperson Mastrangelo	Personnel	2 nd Falkoski

COUNCIL COMMITTEES (continued):

Council has appointed Mayor Budesheim as a third member of all committees.

COUNCIL TO APPOINT PLANNING BOARD LIASON:

Councilman Astarita offered the name of Joseph Falkoski as Planning Board Liaison, motion seconded by Councilman Carelli.

ALL IN FAVOR.

2013 APPOINTMENTS MADE BY MAYOR BUDESHEIM AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Council had received a copy of the 2013 Appointment List. There is one name not on the list and that is Police Chaplain. We are fortunate and blessed to have a pastor in our town such as Reverend Timothy Flynn. He and his family have always been there whenever the town has called upon him and I would like to add his name to the list.

Mayor Budesheim requested Council confirmation of the 2013 Appointments.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, for Council confirmation of the 2013 Appointments as listed.

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

COPY OF 2013 BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE APPOINTMENT LIST IN FULL PAGE NO. 3-K

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to appoint Paul Carelli as council representative to the H.U.D. Committee.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Mayor Budesheim appointed Elaine Wetzel as alternate representative to the H.U.D. Committee.

REMARKS BY MAYOR BUDESHEIM:

A new year, another reorganization meeting. At this time the governing body, having closed out the previous year's business looks forward to the upcoming year with a clean slate, a fresh outlook and hope for the future. Everyone up here, I am sure, has the interests of the town at heart. Though we may have different approaches, ultimately our goal is the same. A concern expressed by each of us is a lack of communication, too often becoming aware of a proposal the night of a meeting. This has to stop in fairness to all. Therefore, the council meetings should be conducted according to the original intent. The workshops will be just that – workshops. At that meeting, all items of interest to the municipality will be discussed reserving formal action to the regular meeting each month. At the workshop meeting the council will be informed of all committee meetings held the previous month and their recommendations. Of course, if time is of the essence and formal action needs to be taken at the workshop we still have that flexibility. At the regular meeting formal action will be taken on the issues discussed at the workshop. Again if a timely issue should arise between the two meetings, the council does have the ability to consider taking action. Hopefully this will keep all issues before the public so

REMARKS BY MAYOR BUDESHEIM (continued):

that all can be aware of the deliberations behind our decisions. Secondly, we have major financial issues confronting the borough that must be addressed in a fiscally responsible approach. A shared services agreement failed to get passed by the council a month ago. I believed then and I believe still that in certain areas shared services are the only way if we are going to afford providing services to the residents. The costs of doing business are always rising. Finding alternative ways of providing those services will be our only solution. Also, I'm asking for all councilpersons to work towards a goal of finding a savings at the end of the year of five percent out of their operating expense budgets for which they are responsible. This money may then be diverted into debt service and/or our capital budget for future projects. Employee group health insurance is, with the exception of police salaries, the single largest line item in our budget. That includes garbage collection, library services, pension, debt service, etc. We must move forward with insurance reform if we ever hope to comply with the state's constraints on the municipal budget process. We will begin our journey towards fiscal accountability as we accomplish these three goals: 1. Structured meetings will provide for fair and optimal consideration of all issues before the council and residents. 2. Cost savings that can help to maintain the tax structures that make Riverdale the most desirable town in the area, and 3. Insurance reform to continue to provide our employees quality health benefits while helping to remedy our financial position. I look forward to working with all the employees and everyone on the governing body to give the residents of our community the government to which they are entitled. Thank you and I wish everybody a Happy New Year.

MAYOR BUDESHEIM ACKNOWLEDGES LARRY FELD FOR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO RIVERDALE:

Also at this time we have the opportunity to acknowledge a resident who's contributed so much time and effort to our community. Larry Feld is stepping down as President of the Library Board of Trustees. He's served there for almost 12 years now and he held tight reigns on the board and he directed us. We went from a small one-room library station to what we consider a gem of Riverdale. Without his guidance and his attention to detail, and especially working with the budgets and the personnel – two of the biggest issues to confront the board – he helped to make the library what it is tonight. Over his objections – I know I was always the one who nominated him to be President – this year he threatened if I did it again he would step down from the board altogether. I won't take that chance because he's going to have to stick around to help whoever is taking over for him. Mayor Budesheim presented Mr. Feld with a certificate of appreciation for his dedication and service to the Borough of Riverdale.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Sturm

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 Councilwoman Wetzel, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Approval of payment to the following:

a. Munidex, Inc.	Tax Assessors Card Mailing	\$387.86
b. U.S. Postal Service	Tax Assessors Card Mailing	\$619.41
- 2) **Resolution No. 11-2013;** Approval of Tax Appeal Proposal for Global Signal ACA, IV. LLC.
- 3) **Resolution No. 12-2013;** Approval of Tax Appeal Proposal for Target Store #2247, Riverdale.

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

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported on the roof leaking at the municipal building. He received a call from the health sanitarian because an employee called concerned about mold. Steve Schotanus is ripping out the sheet rock in the Building Department. We have barrels all over and got the snow off the roof. Repairs of this roof were approved back in October and a purchase order was issued on November 5th but we haven't been able to get the contractor here to do the work. Steve called six roofing companies this morning and nobody got back to him. I've asked the Borough Engineer to get an architect here to see about putting up a shed roof and getting away from this flat roof. Right now all the nails and screws were popping up and the water was getting in.

Mayor Budesheim also reported on a use for the Verizon building that we purchased with trust fund money received from developers for COAH. He distributed a letter of intent from Push to Walk, a non-profit that has been on Corporate Drive for a few years and is outgrowing their space. This is an extraordinary group that I'm proud to have in town. I've spoken to our attorney and they've been in touch with our COAH Planner, Bob Michaels, to see if this can be done. We can incorporate the housing units in the building

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

and outside the building on site where they could have their headquarters and incorporate it all. They would get the maximum number of units we can out of that site. It will keep us out of the housing business. If we can help keep a non-profit in town and incorporate them into a COAH, I think it will be a first class facility and good for the town. I will invite them to the next meeting to discuss this further.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported that wires have been hanging pretty low on Cotluss Road since Hurricane Sandy. He is wondering who's they are and why nothing is being done about it. Mayor Budesheim will call Verizon and Cablevision.

Mayor Budesheim reported that he met with the Borough Engineer and owner of Behr Plastics today. He has a sign that will be placed along the road by the railroad tracks very soon.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that he and the Chief had also met with the owner of Behr Plastics and the sign was in progress.

PERSONNEL: No Report

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: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzal, Carelli
Absent: None**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting	-	December 17, 2012
Special Meeting	-	December 28, 2012
Reorganization Meeting	-	January 7, 2013
Workshop Meeting	-	January 7, 2013

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue, asked if the personnel matter on the agenda was regarding him. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated it is not and it is not scheduled at this point.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

PERSONNEL MATTER: (possible closed session)

Mayor Budesheim stated that he was sent a Rice Notice advising that the Governing Body has requested this meeting. He asked when the Governing Body decided this. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that certain council people asked that this be scheduled which is their right. Mayor Budesheim stated that individual members do not have the right to issue a Rice Notice. It has to be done by the Governing Body. Mr. Oostdyk stated that the Municipal Clerk issued the Rice Notice at his request because various Governing Body members had mentioned the desire to discuss this topic. Mayor Budesheim stated he was not apprised of the issues which makes this sort of defective. He turned the matter over to the Personnel Committee to find out what the issues are so we can be ready to discuss it at the Workshop meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Guis requested resolution No. 22-2013 be tabled for further review and clarification. Mayor Budesheim asked him to email his concerns to him.

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

RESOLUTIONS (continue):

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Norcon Communications, Inc. Capital A/C \$6,550.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 13-2013**; Professional Agreement Darmofalski & Associates, Borough Engineer.
- 3) **Resolution No. 14-2013**; Professional Agreement Richard Clemack, Esq., Special Counsel.
- 4) **Resolution No. 15-2013**; Professional Agreement John Kraft, Esq., Bond Counsel.
- 5) **Resolution No. 16-2013**; Professional Agreement William Ryden, P.E. Anderson & Denzler Associates, Water/Sewer Engineer.
- 6) **Resolution No. 17-2013**; Professional Agreement Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Murphy McKeon, P.C.
- 7) **Resolution No. 18-2013**; Professional Agreement Vincent Montanino, VM Associates. (copy of all professional agreements listed transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 8) **Resolution No. 19-2013**; Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 8.01, Lot #3, Timothy May in the amount of \$7.46, year 2012, over billed.
- 9) **Resolution No. 20-2013**; Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 8.01, Lot #2, Gary Stanton in the amount of \$7.46, year 2012, over billed.
- 10) **Resolution No. 21-2013**; Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 37, Lot #10.01, Thomas Gnrrep in the amount of \$29.84,; year 2012, over billed.
- 11) Approval of lease agreement with North Jersey Police Radio's tower and repeater for a rental fee of \$1.00 for the year 2013. (copy of agreement transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 12) TABLED
- 13) **Resolution No. 23-2013**; Transfer of 2012 Appropriation Reserves.
- 14) **Resolution No. 24-2013**; Professional Agreement Robert A. Michaels, P.P., AICP of Robert Michaels and Associates, Planning Consultant for Affordable Housing/COAH Matters. (copy of professional agreement transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 15) Authorization of payment to RFM Printing in the amount of \$1,102.00 for the printing of the newsletter.
- 16) Approval of Towing License, Richard Malanga for the year 2013, which has been approved by the Chief of Police, Kevin Smith.
- 17) Approval of Escrow payment to Darmofalski Engineering Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$230.00 from TCR escrow funds.

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

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The following resolution was TABLED:

Resolution No. 22-2013; Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Bloomingdale for street sweeping services for the years 2013 through 2017 with a zero increase for 2013. There will be a 2% increase in 2014. (copy of agreement transmitted to governing body with agenda)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From Morris County Department of Planning & Development stating that as part of their participation in the United States Census Bureau's Boundary and

CORRESPONDENCE (continued):

Annexation Survey, Morris County has reviewed local municipal boundary lines as defined by the Census Bureau. As a result of the review they have found discrepancies in how Riverdale's municipal boundary lines are depicted by the Census Bureau when compared to their depiction by the County of Morris. A map is included with the letter. Upon receipt of written approval from representatives of all municipalities affected by the discrepancies, Morris County will submit documentation to the Census Bureau showing the correct boundaries for the area in question. Due to time constraints, we are focusing on larger boundary discrepancies. There may be other boundary discrepancies for which we may submit corrections at a future date.

Council agreed to give written approval to Morris County.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Notice of Order to Comply from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development regarding inspection performed by PEOSHA on December 17, 2012 with a list of violations of the Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health Act. The violations referred to in this Order must be abated by the dates listed in the order listed unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) from the issuance of this Order to Comply you mail a notice of intent to contest to the Department of Labor at the address shown on Order. (copy of Order to Comply transmitted to Governing Body and Borough Attorney on the date of receipt, 01/15/2013)

Mayor Budesheim stated that this is 99 percent taken care of and only one small clerical item needs to be done.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that he got the other two vehicles on GovDeals.com. The first four we sold at over \$7,100 and these are up to about \$2,000 for the Impala and Ford Explorer.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Deputy Clerk Forbes reported that she distributed a memo from the Senior Citizen Club with their request for their 2013 budget. Councilwoman Wetzels stated that she would review it with the budget committee and inform the seniors.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli stated that he would be setting up a schedule to meet with department heads to go over their budgets.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported that he has an application for membership in the Fire Department.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to accept the application for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department from Gavin Scott Phillips Sr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

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

Councilman Falkoski reported the Municipal Court Report for December, 2012.

Fire Chief Dan Sturm reported that FEMA will be here Friday at 9:00 a.m. to meet with department heads and see if we can get funding reimbursed for Hurricane Sandy. Tomorrow evening at 7:30 there will be a CERT meeting at the firehouse.

Police Chief Smith reported that Sherriff Rochford will be in attendance at the next community meeting on February 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported on the Board of Health reorganization meeting. They are entering into a new 4 year animal control contract with Bloomingdale and asked for a 30 day extension in order to explore options. There was a question on budgeting for door to door canvassing for dogs and cats. The trust account was set up only for dogs and they are looking to change it to encompass both dogs and cats. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it could be reclassified as an animal account by resolution.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported the Community Development Block Grant Committees will be reviewing applications on March 4th and 5th and he will attend both sessions. Therefore, he will not be able to attend the March 4th workshop meeting.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo asked for clarification of an item on the bills list. Police Chief Smith responded. Councilman Mastrangelo reported that the Personnel Committee met on the 17th to discuss possible raises for borough employees. We also discussed unused comp time with the police department.

PUSH TO WALK PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL:

Mayor Budesheim announced that Push to Walk is a non-profit here to make a presentation to the Council on the COAH housing project we are working on. This is the property at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike that we bought with developer's money that was put into a trust fund to be used specifically for affordable housing. The state approved the plan to buy that and develop it as we find out what our obligation is. He introduced Cynthia Templeton, President of Push to Walk.

Cynthia Templeton distributed materials and introduced Board Chairman Ralph Rathyen, Program Director Tommy Sutor, Board Member George Gnad and Client/Riverdale Resident Lori Douma. A presentation was made explaining the background, purpose, and future plans of Push to Walk as well as the opportunity to develop a specialized exercise gym and affordable housing units at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike. They are a non-profit exercise gym and their clients are people who have sustained spinal cord injuries or other neurological conditions that result in paralysis. They are currently located on North Corporate Drive in Riverdale and are expanding and looking for a new home. They would like to stay in Riverdale and could develop the 12,000 square foot Verizon building into a world class gym with five or six affordable housing units around the perimeter that could be used in part for their clientele that would be traveling from out of state for extended rehab. They would seek a partner to develop 25 affordable housing

units on the back of the property. They are requesting an exclusive period of time to develop and find a partner. They have already consulted with our COAH Planning Advisor, Bob Michaels and with COAH personnel. They feel this opportunity would be a win-win situation for them as well as for Riverdale.

Mayor Budesheim stated that there have been two applications before the Planning Board for this property. One was for heavy construction equipment and to use it as a storage yard and another one wants to do car detailing. We're trying to maintain this and develop it as a professional office residential street which is why we purchased it and hold it for future COAH use. I'm very proud that this group is in our town and I'll do anything I can to keep them in our town. They will be spending a lot of time and money doing the models and paperwork and their concern is that somebody else may come in so they're looking for a 12 to 15 month period to pursue all the avenues.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we're still cleaning up the site and couldn't do anything for the next several months at least so this is a great opportunity.

Councilman Guis had questions on the logistics and liability. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded that there can be a variety of ways that it is done. COAH is always looking for unique and different ways to foster affordable housing and I think it can be sold.

Councilman Falkoski asked what first steps need to be taken if we're going to pursue it. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that he and the Mayor can work with them to try to put together an agreement.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that she wanted to applaud the initiative and effort they've made in this field and we're happy to have you here. The rendering of the building shows it would be an asset to the community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Michael Keypets stated that he wasn't sure why we would commit to anything. You don't know what other deals or opportunities might come about in the next six or nine months. Mayor Budesheim stated this would encourage somebody we would like to see stay in town to spend the time and money to develop this idea. Nobody has been knocking on our door and the only uses that have come forward have been commercial industrial uses. This year to year and a half that Push to Walk is asking for is reasonable and in the best interest of the town.

Keith Hamilton, Van Duyn Avenue, asked about room for expansion if they outgrow the new facility in 10 years. Mayor Budesheim stated they are not looking to spend that kind of money for a 10 year gig here. Ms. Templeton explained that they expect it to last a long time. They have a strategic planning process for growth and it might be beneficial to have smaller satellite locations in other areas.

Tom Batelli, Powder Mill, stated there is plenty of space in that building for this organization.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Councilman Carelli asked what needs to be done in order to discuss the personnel matter at the next meeting. Borough Attorney Oostdyk replied that it was referred to the Personnel Committee and the Council can decide that it can be carried to the next meeting. It does not require a motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda C. Forbes, R.M.C.
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Absent: None**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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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.

PRESENTATION TO THE POMPTON LAKES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT OF 2012 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayor Budesheim announced that the Pompton Lakes Football Team has won their second consecutive state championship. This is something that they and the entire community can be proud of. These young men have taken the time to keep up with their studies and also take part in a very grueling football schedule. Taking up other interests shows that you're looking to become a more rounded individual. Our community is very proud of you. Steve Revis, Vice President of the Riverdale Board of Education, assisted with presentation of certificates of achievement to each member of the team.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that he was able to get in touch with the utility companies about the lines that were down on Cotliss Road. They were back in place as of Friday.

The increase this year for the Animal Control Contract with Bloomingdale was \$2,121.00. I met with Board of Health Chairman, Tom Batelli, and one of the Board members to discuss this. I called Bloomingdale and worked out an agreement with the Mayor to take \$1,000.00 off of that so it's now a \$1,121.00 increase. Next year it will go up to the full amount.

So far I have collected the money to keep the newsletter going this year. I billed 2012 at the end of the year and have collected enough in sponsor fees to cover the entire cost for all of last year with a little bit of money left over.

Mayor Budesheim advised Councilwoman Wetzol that there were checks payable to us for food handler inspection fees. Pequannock picked up the checks and notified the merchants that they had to reissue the checks payable to Pequannock. They have not sent us the money and its \$3,500 which we weren't able to anticipate this year in our budget. Councilwoman Wetzol will look into the matter.

Mayor Budesheim reported that a new car dealer in Butler is looking for a place to park new cars for a year or two while they get their approvals from the Butler Planning Board to expand their parking area. He met with them and worked out a deal that they would pay us \$21,000 a year to use the Verizon building parking lot. This will not interfere

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

with anything Push to Walk has planned. He passed out a sketch showing the parking area. They are looking at March 1st and our attorney advised we have to go out to bid.

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 25-2013;** Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for a License to Park Motor Vehicles on a Portion of Municipal Property (83 Newark Pompton Turnpike).

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 15-A

Mayor Budesheim reported that the last two cars were sold on GovDeals today. We got \$2,750 for the Impala and \$1,525 for the Ford Explorer.

For the next agenda the Fire Department needs two sets of turnout gear at a cost of \$4,564.86 from capital.

The Mayor of Woodland Park is asking us to support a resolution they've adopted petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency. The Passaic Valley Water Commission wants to drain three reservoirs and replace them with large concrete tanks. The cost could be upward of \$100 million. We are customers of the Passaic Valley Water Commission and they go up in cost 4 or 5 percent each year.

Powder Mill senior housing has 147 residential units. We only put one meter in each building but we charge them the single family rate of \$80 per year and they pay for the water used. They also have 2" meters going into the buildings in case of need for fire suppression. They're getting charged the individual fee and a collective fee of about \$2,400 a year. We should not be double charging for those meters. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we need to clarify an interpretation of the ordinance.

Revised rental agreements for the Community Center and Glenburn were discussed. They reflect fee increases and some rule changes based on our observations of how the facilities are being used and associated costs. Our plan is to put the rental fees into the facilities line item so if there are any needs the money doesn't have to come out of any other budget.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported on her meeting with June Carelli to discuss the rental agreements. One of the biggest concerns was about including rental fees for non-residents at the Community Center. We feel it would increase the wear and tear on the building and it is being used to its maximum right now. Even with the fees increasing it is still very reasonable. There will be a rental fee, maintenance fee and security deposit.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that there will be a resolution for the 2012 Recycling Tonnage Grant on the next agenda.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that he has the budget report. He has a detailed list of what we spent in 2012 and will start putting budget meetings together by department. The Finance Officer is still working on numbers from last year. We'll be about \$50,000 short of replenishing what we used from surplus. One of the largest budget items is police and salaries and he needs some information on the contract negotiations for budget purposes. Councilman Carelli clarified that the Council Committees consist of two members from the Council and the third member is the Mayor. Each Committee has an alternate member whose purpose is to step in if one of the other members can't make it to a committee meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported on the purchase of an SUV for the Police Department. The Mayor would not sign the requisition and I spoke with him about it.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to direct the Borough Clerk to process the requisition for a SUV for the Police Department based upon the authority of the Council.

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

Councilwoman Wetzel asked if the Mayor could decline to sign a requisition after the Council made a decision and voted on it. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it was the Council that put in this procedure whereby the Mayor would certify that he realizes it was approved by the Council. Mayor Budesheim clarified his reason for not signing was that there was new information from Bond Counsel.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he received the revisions from Bloomingdale on the street sweeping contract.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the Senior Citizen Club had submitted a request for a specific amount in their budget. They wanted an immediate answer so I explained to them that we need to go through the budgetary process. This week I met with June Carelli regarding the facilities and with Krista Osborne with regards to recreation. The newsletter deadline and procedures were clarified with the Mayor. The Easter Event and Bunny Breakfast will be held on March 30th. Tickets are on sale and the deadline is March 10th. She reported that we are sharing services with Pompton Lakes for many recreation events but it would be a problem to absorb Pompton Lakes into our summer recreation program. The summer recreation program is scheduled for July 1st through August 2nd and the first registration is March 14th. Applications for counselors will be taken in March and April. The next recreation meeting is February 26th at 7:00 at the Community Center. The chair lift in the Community Center is complete and has passed inspection. They are building additional closets for storage space. Money is being collected and there is finally enough to purchase a defibrillator. The wooden floors need to be refinished.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the Behr Plastic sign is up and will hopefully be seen by the truckers. I'll be picking up the applications for the CDBG process next week and they'll be presented before the board on March 5th and 6th so I will not be able to attend the March 5th meeting here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that he is working on the matter of the rice notice. He requested that a committee consisting of himself, Councilman Falkoski and Councilman Astarita discuss the matter and come up with a plan. It will be discussed at the next workshop and be resolved at the following regular meeting. Councilwoman Wetzel recommended that because this involves a financial matter and will have a direct impact on the budget, Councilman Carelli be the third person on the committee. Councilmen Guis and Astarita agreed. Councilman Carelli felt that the committee should meet in the next two weeks and have a discussion at the next council meeting. Council agreed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue, stated that the bid specifications for the car parking license should require that no car carriers be used. He also asked if we were saving any money by having shared recreation services with Pompton Lakes. Councilwoman Wetzel explained that recreation is set up as money in and money out and does not get filtered through the budget. Mr. Venza stated that it should not be called a shared service.

Allen Lewis, 16 Morris Avenue, asked if we would consider renting the Community Center to residents of Pompton Lakes. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that perhaps we would allow a combined team or school event. Right now we're having an issue there with maximum renting and noise complaints so opening it up to every individual in Pompton Lakes for private parties isn't the best idea right now. Councilman Carelli stated that it has been used by civic organizations such as the Girl Scouts and little league. The reason we've limited it to Riverdale residents for a private party is that Riverdale residents' tax dollars paid for it so we felt they should have the first chance at renting the building. Just by doing that it's filled every weekend. Mr. Lewis thanked the Council for the sign to prevent trucks on Morris Avenue. He also stated his concerns with the de-snagging work that was done. It is flat and there's no berm to stop the water. Councilman Guis stated he was there with the Borough Engineer and explained that the elevation has not been reduced.

Barbara Lukash, 17 Mathews Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for reinstating the newsletter. She also told Councilwoman Wetzel that she is doing a great job with recreation and the idea of commingling with Pompton Lakes is fantastic.

Michael Kheypets, 32 Parkway, asked if there was a reason the streets were not salted during the recent storm. Mayor Budesheim stated that they often will do the intersections and not the streets. It is a judgment call made by the DPW. Councilman Guis explained that the police will call when they feel there's a need. Depending on the severity of the storm the hills and the intersections are hit first.

A resident of Halsey Avenue asked about the plans for COAH units at the Verizon building. Mayor Budesheim responded and stated that we will have a public meeting on this hopefully in May. It will be about two years before the property will be developed.

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, asked about adding the alternate members on the Council Committees. Councilman Carelli explained that it was a clarification and there was no change.

There being no further 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: 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - January 21, 2013
Workshop Meeting - February 4, 2013

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Dan Salameno told the council that he purchased Riverdale Self Storage and offered to be involved with any committees to help maintain the ball fields. Councilwoman Wetzel will put him in touch with the proper person.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 01-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 19-A

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. RFM Printing March Newsletter \$1,102.00

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 2) **Resolution No. 22-2013;** Interlocal Agreement for Street Sweeping Services between the Borough of Bloomingdale and the Borough of Riverdale. (tabled from previous meeting)
- 3) **Resolution No. 26-2013;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
- 4) Approval of purchase of 2 sets of fire gear from Skylands Ares Fire Equipment & Training in the amount of \$4,564.86 to be charged to Capital Account #C-04-55-409-200 – Various Equipment.
- 5) **Resolution No. 27-2013;** 2012 Recycling Tonnage Grant.
- 6) **Resolution No. 28-2013;** Support the Delaying of Draining Three Reservoirs on Garret Mountain along the Woodland Park and Paterson borders.
- 7) Approval of proposal from Joshua D. Mackoff, LLC for Valuation Services of Seven Residential Properties on Harrison with regard to Flood Buyout Program in the amount of \$2,625.00.
- 8) **Resolution No. 29-2013;** Authorizing Execution of a Letter of Intent Between the Borough of Riverdale and Push to Walk.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 139-B, C, D, E, F AND G**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) From the Riverdale Planning Board advising that the board had a discussion at their meeting held on February 7, 2013 in reference to District R15 located in the Riverview Terrace/Fernwood Crescent portion of the town. After discussion, it was clear that most of the lots in that area are non-conforming. The Master Plan has a reference to this district stating that it is not good planning due to the amount of undersized lots. Therefore the Planning Board unanimously voted to send this recommendation to have the R15 district in the area of Riverview Terrace and Fernwood Crescent rezoned to R7.5. The board requested that this recommendation be brought forth at the February 20, 2013 agenda so that it could be worked on in a timely manner.

Mayor Budesheim stated that this will be discussed at the workshop meeting. Councilman Guis requested they also consider changing the zoning of the pistol range and the Jersey Central property which are currently zoned residential.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that they had a finance meeting with Public Works and the Police Department and started their budgets and capital plans. The meetings were productive and the Fire Department is next. He also reported that the reval indicates that the commercial assessments increased and the residential decreased.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the Board of Health accepted the three year contract for Animal Control with Bloomingdale at their meeting last night. This year it will be \$8,485.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported that the Fire Department claims that there has not been an increase in LOSAP since 2008. They are requesting an increase and a cost of living adjustment on a yearly basis. This can be discussed at the workshop meeting. He also reported the Municipal Court Report for the month of January.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No Report.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo asked Mayor Budesheim if he would like the rice notice to be discussed in closed session. Mayor Budesheim replied that he did not but that he would like to make the following statement:

In November of 2004 the Riverdale council developed an agreement making me a full time mayor at a salary of \$48,000 per year. A full time mayor at a full time salary – that was our agreement then and that is what the council agreed to last year. At the time of the 2004 agreement, Councilman Carelli as Finance Chairman thought it would look better to break this new salary into two parts for administrative reasons. I am legally and morally entitled to that salary yet some of you have just recently indicated you are determined to reduce it, even accusing me of wrongdoing. Your actions in the past 14 months prove that it was the council’s intention to continue paying me the current salary. Let’s look at the record from the approved minutes of the council meetings. At the end of 2011 an ordinance was adopted extending the range of the salary for Mayor to encompass the entire salary of \$57,275. According to the minutes of a January 16, 2012 meeting, I requested that the entire salary be put under one line item. As those minutes recorded “Councilman Falkoski stated that the time we discuss salaries pertaining to the budget would be the time that we would have that discussion. Councilman Falkoski explained that salaries are discussed when budgets are put together.” Subsequently, the Council after discussing the salary of Mayor unanimously voted to introduce and voted unanimously to adopt the 2012 budget with the entire salary under the Mayor line item. Based on the Council President’s January 16th comments, my salary was voted on when the Council adopted the budget. The Council didn’t follow up with the implementing resolution. At the July 16th meeting the issue was put before the Council again. The Chief Financial Officer explained that the Mayor salary was put under that line item. The minutes stated “There was confusion among the Council and a discussion ensued. It was decided that no action would be taken on the resolution and a budget transfer could be done in November.” As you can see, I had through the actions of the Council every legal and moral right to that salary and there was no indication that the Council had other thoughts on this issue. For the rest of the year no one, not the Finance Chairman nor the Personnel Chairman took any action to counteract their budget actions. That is, until this issue was raised in the beginning of the current year when I was informed that Councilpersons Wetzel and Carelli had instructed the attorney to advise me that this issue was going to be revisited. During the April 2, 2012 Council meeting, Borough Attorney Robert Oostdyk said “In our form of government we don’t have a CEO. The Mayor functions as the administrative arm.” Too many people on this Council blur the images of Mayor and Administrator. Keep in mind that 40 or 50 years ago few towns had administrators. Local government was small enough that a part time Mayor could handle the day to day operations of the town. In recent decades with the growth of government and the increase in population, someone has to be in charge to oversee the daily operations of our \$15 million dollar corporation. This was true more than a decade ago when Councilman Carelli voted to pay Mayor Dedio \$75,000 to be Riverdale’s full time Mayor. That \$75,000 was to be paid out of the OEM Coordinator line item. The need for full time management was real then and it is more real today. As Councilman Astarita so accurately stated according to those same April 2nd minutes, the Mayor “being available during the day for a meeting with Jersey Central he was able to negotiate and

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

save us \$100,000 in back billing of underpayments. The Mayor being here taking care of the business of the borough affords us a great opportunity to take advantage of those types of things. You have a good Mayor with a boatload of experience and contacts in every level of government. We get our money's worth out of him." I thank Councilman Astarita for having the courage to say what everyone on this Council acknowledged at one time. Councilman Astarita brought out a valid point. Two recent issues confronting the town – the first one dealt with Jersey Central savings of over \$100,000. The other issue was the innovative approach I took in dealing with Verizon's attempt to cease paying \$125,000 in property taxes each year for the past three years. So different was our approach, the League of Municipalities forwarded my strategy to every Mayor in the state. Just those two events amounting to approximately \$475,000 in taxpayer savings nearly covers all that I have been paid over the past nine years as Mayor. Early last year, before our budget was adopted, the story was reported in newspapers that Councilmen Carelli and Loesner were attempting to lower my salary. A number of residents contacted me concerned about the management of the borough and my own personal welfare. I responded that I would get a part time job, preferably on the weekends, to make up for the loss of income. As one resident responded, that was totally unacceptable for reasons that I hadn't even considered. She pointed out that not only was this issue decided in the most recent mayoral election held a few months before but she wanted her Mayor available 24/7. She reminded me that during Hurricane Irene I personally rescued her from her house due to flooding and that happened to be on a Saturday. She made a valid point. Hurricane Irene was a weekend event. The Halloween snowstorm was a weekend event. Hurricane Sandy covered two weekends. The five Councilpersons sitting up here from last year – I did not see one during most of these events except for Ted Guis despite the fact that his house was severely flooded too, and Elaine Wetzel who along with her husband helped with traffic control. I understand that all of you have jobs. You have your own houses to protect. I understand that. Your families come first as well they should. But that is the reason you pay me to be here. I can be here when none of you can. This is my job. After day five or six of Hurricane Sandy when the Riverdale Office of Emergency Management command center was shut down, I was still here. More than 100 of our families continued to be without power. I spent the better part of those next six days working with all the powers that be to get electricity restored to those unfortunate people. I had direct lines of communication with our Senator Kevin O'Toole as well as his Chief of Staff Al Barlas. I had the personal cell phone number of the counsel to the Board of Public Utilities and we were given a special contact with Jersey Central to assist me in correcting our problems. Finally on Friday, 12 days after losing power, it was restored only to go out again the next day. I started the process all over and power was restored in less than three hours. There is no way that power is restored on a Saturday if I weren't here tapping into the connections I had earlier established. The list could go on and on. I do not enumerate these instances as proof of my personal qualities or abilities. The time for that is during the election season. Nor do I draw the comparisons between my own attendance and the Council's to establish any sort of worthiness or superiority. I simply offer these comparisons so that the residents and Council members may understand the differences between a full time official and a part time official. There is no blame to be placed at the feet of the Council for the lack of ability in these crises because each of us must attend to our own affairs. But as the full time Mayor the town's well being is my affair. I understand all too well the constraints under which a part time Council member labors in balancing the town with his own requirements. For you to put those same constraints on me is not in the best interest of the town. Because the town makes it possible for me to work full time I have been here during all of the floods, blizzards, hurricanes, fires and chemical spills. To force me to be elsewhere and not available to help the entire community on a full time basis is wrong. I understand that the personal attacks are part of politics – after all this is the life we have chosen. But to deprive our town of round the clock leadership when the benefits to the community have been so frequently and recently proven, that is totally irresponsible. I

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

thank all of the residents who have continued to support my efforts to serve them and I ask this Council to focus on the responsibilities to the residents and on those principals that these residents voted for in recent elections. Thank you.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that years of experience shows that information flows more clearly with one-on-one conversation. With this in mind I set up individual meetings with each member of the Council in hopes of getting to the root cause of this notice. After over nine hours of interviewing the Council, I have come to the following conclusions. The majority of the Council feel that the Mayor is brilliant – a genius with numbers. These are not my words. They were also in agreement that although they did not want to take away the OEM portion of his salary they felt that they could not ignore that line item of OEM Coordinator. In addition the majority also did not think the Mayor was overpaid and he agreed to put in long hours and was always available 24/7. Some members of the Council had the opinion that hiring an administrator would be a better alternative than a full time mayor. Some felt he had too much influence and did not answer to them in the same way an administrator would. Some also felt communication with the Mayor could be better. Yet when I asked what was the last time that they stopped in to speak with him most could not recall. A committee meeting was held on February 13th where most of the above was rehashed. After many hours of reading the minutes and listening to audio of past meetings, some as far back as 2001. In my interviews it was clear that every Council member at one point in the recent past thought the Mayor, his connections with other towns, and knowledge of government at various levels was effective and a bargain at the pay he was making. To put things in perspective, the Mayor who runs the entire town makes about the same as the person running the library, half as much as a patrolman, half as much as the borough clerk, \$40,000 less than the person running DPW. Most of the people in the front office who report to the Mayor make about the same or more than the Mayor. I feel as though the motives behind the rice notice and the attempt to take away a portion of the Mayor's salary are based more on a technicality and perhaps feeling excluded from the day to day operations of the borough. The cold hard fact is in 2004 the Council voted to increase certain line items in the budget, specifically OEM, by 140% for the sole purpose of getting the salary up to a realistic number so we can enjoy the benefits of a full time Mayor. I feel this has gone on a lot longer than it should have and I will make a motion to do what should have been done right after the salary ordinance was approved 14 months ago and place the Mayor's salary of \$57,250 under the line item of Mayor and Council.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to place the Mayor's salary of \$57,250 under the line item of Mayor and Council.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Mastrangelo**
 Nays: Falkoski, Guis, Wetzal, Carelli
 (2 ayes – 4 nays – motion fails)

Councilman Astarita stated that the Mayor takes care of the town and does the job well. Although there may be some communication difficulties the town is running perfectly because of his expertise. We pay him \$57,000 to do the job that would cost us over \$100,000 if we hired a borough administrator. We should either hire a borough administrator or keep his salary the way it is so he can continue to run the town.

Councilman Guis stated that he concurs with Councilman Astarita and a lot of what Councilman Mastrangelo said but that is not what this was about. We've confused two things. One is where should the Mayor's salary be and that was never raised. I voted no on this because right now we're addressing the fact that at the time the Mayor resigned

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

from OEM his pay was under two line items. At that time, before he continued to draw that salary, this subject should have been brought up and addressed. It was not. He was being paid under two line items – Mayor and OEM. He resigned one position. Some of that money was going to the people that replaced him. Without making that change he was continuing to draw money from that line item. I'm not debating his value but you can't remain silent and continue to draw pay under a position from which you resigned.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that she wanted to make clarifications. I did not approach the attorney and ask him to present a rice notice to the Mayor. When I found out in November that the Mayor was still being paid for OEM and he had resigned the position in August I did ask the attorney what we should do about this. His answer was that we have to serve a rice notice. As a result the rice notice got served on the advice of the professional. My understanding was and still is that if you have one, two or three jobs – when you resign a position you resign that salary. I agree with everything the Mayor said and I think we all agree he does a fine job but we are paying other people to be the OEM and he to this day is still receiving the salary for the OEM portion of his total salary. I'm not looking to take away a salary. I'm just looking for the Mayor to return the portion of the salary that was labeled OEM from the day he resigned to date. I don't understand how there's any confusion. It's our responsibility to act on that and we would be negligent if we didn't.

Councilman Astarita asked if we could make a raise retroactive to when he discontinued the OEM. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that you can do a number of things. We need to clarify as to what direction, via the Borough Clerk, goes to the bookkeeper in terms of what the salary should be. That will end the issue. The existing salary resolution still has a salary for the Mayor and a salary for OEM Coordinator. We have a new OEM Coordinator who is being paid the OEM portion of that salary. We have a salary resolution on the books which doesn't match up with what is being paid to the Mayor and that should be corrected. Either bring the whole salary into the position of Mayor or not to do that and clarify that the Council's intention is for that salary resolution to be abided for as it stands right now.

Councilman Carelli stated that it was a technicality. The resolution dictates that pay. At a previous meeting I sat up here and justified paying the new OEM department based on the fact that the Mayor was resigning as of August 15th. It never occurred to me that he would continue to take that pay so it was presented to the Council under that assumption that we had the money. We didn't. It wasn't budgeted. When we adopted the budget – at the last minute it was changed I think, Garrett, by you and you put \$9,500 under the Mayor and Council part of the budget. The technicality of this is there was no legal resolution to pay him the OEM portion after August 15th. Employees that haven't gotten a raise in three or four years are asking how someone gives up a position and continues to get paid for it when they didn't have a raise and the Council looks the other way. Not once did this Council say “we're going to cut your pay”. We never said a word until August 15th when he resigned from the OEM position. With that would be the pay as well.

Mayor Budesheim stated that responsibilities shifted. I can point to many people in this town where responsibilities shifted without an adjustment in pay. There was money put under Mayor and Council and the CFO explained at the July 16th meeting that the Mayor's salary was based on \$57,275 beginning May 1st. He had enough money to cover my entire salary and the money we're paying the OEM Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators. I asked for all my salary to be put into the Mayor line item. The budget was introduced and adopted unanimously with that. I asked repeatedly for this to take place. Nobody said no and nobody did anything.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, asked Councilman Carelli if he is denying that the money put into OEM in 2004 was not to pay him as a full time mayor. Councilman Carelli replied that he was paid under two line items in 2004 – OEM and Mayor. He's not here full time during business hours. Mr. Clinton asked why the Mayor got a raise in 2005 from \$5,000 to \$12,000 for OEM. Councilman Carelli stated that we increased the OEM position as well. Mr. Clinton stated that everybody else in neighboring towns is getting paid \$3,000 to \$4,000. You adopted an ordinance last year to pay the new OEM Director no more than \$5,000. Bill was getting almost \$15,000. Why is the new OEM getting 30% of what he was getting as OEM? Councilman Carelli stated that is what he was willing to take plus we pay two other Deputies as well.

Councilman Guis stated that regardless of why the money was put there when he resigned the position he should have come to the governing body and asked what we were going to do. He didn't. It was silent. I am more than willing to discuss what the full time Mayor's salary should be. The discussion right here and now is what happened between August and now.

Several unidentified audience members were speaking at once addressing the Council with comments and questions. Councilman Falkoski asked the Mayor to call the meeting to order. Councilman Falkoski called for order.

Councilwoman Wetzel explained that this is not a personal attack on the Mayor's job or ability. It is addressing a technicality.

Nick Ilacqua, 14 Overlook Drive, stated that he is appalled that the Council is saying he does a great job but is cutting \$15,000 from his salary. Councilpersons Wetzel and Guis stated they are not trying to cut anything. Councilman Guis explained that there were a total of the two line items for the two jobs. I will say I do not recall we apportioned...the intent was that this was the total salary and he is going to do both of those jobs. When he resigned the OEM he should have resigned the original \$5,000 to cover the new OEM Directors. Either way, it has to be clarified. You can't continue to draw that full salary when you've resigned the position.

Glenn Venza, Macopin Avenue, stated that many months ago this Council passed an ordinance that the Mayor's salary would top off at \$60,000. This Council dropped the ball by not bringing that to resolution. It happens over and over – you pass an ordinance and you don't resolve it. It's your fault so correct it.

Several unidentified audience members continued speaking at once directing questions and comments to the Council.

Ted Mackoul, Stoneleigh Terrace, stated that he is baffled that the OEM position jumped from \$5,000 to \$14,000 and dropped back down to \$5,000 for the new guy. If the hidden part was to compensate for administrative purposes to increase his salary the let's say it.

Mike Mansoor, 19 Overlook Drive, provided an analogy of giving up a portion of his job without a reduction in pay.

Councilwoman Wetzel repeated her position. I feel that is money that should be returned to the borough. We are now paying an OEM Coordinating staff so I feel it was a duplication of services from August until now. The only way to rectify that is to recoup that money and what we decide for the 2013 budget will be decided when we do that budget.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

Thereupon, Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the Mayor return the portion of the salary labeled OEM that was paid to him from August 15, 2012 to December 31, 2012 back to the borough because he was not employed as the OEM Coordinator during that time.

Mayor Budesheim stated that we are still in the public session.

Unidentified audience members continued to comment in an un-orderly fashion on the Mayor's salary. Councilman Falkoski again asked for order.

An unidentified audience member asked if everyone on the Council believed the Mayor deserved a retroactive raise. Councilwoman Wetzel replied that she did not. Councilman Astarita replied that he did. Councilman Carelli stated that we need to resolve this one issue first and going forward the Council can decide whatever they want. Councilman Falkoski stated that he doesn't deserve a raise to the extent of the salary of the OEM he was getting. Councilman Mastrangelo replied that he did not. He stated that all he wants to do is resolve everything before the raise notice was issued and everything stays the same. Councilman Guis replied that he does not. He stated that it was the Mayor's job to bring this issue up to this governing body in August and September to be discussed and resolved at that time.

Michael Kheypets, 13 Parkway, stated that the Mayor is the CEO and he either knows what's going on and he's taking money inappropriately or he doesn't know what's going on and he's incompetent. He also stated that there's no organization to this meeting.

Michael Reilly, Greenwich Street, stated that it was clear to him that when Bill was made a full time Mayor that he would be paid a full time salary. Someone on this Council approved splitting the Mayor's salary up. My understanding of the Council's intent was to pay this man "X" amount of dollars. I didn't like the idea of paying this over two line items. I agree with Councilman Astarita's motion for 2013.

An unidentified audience member stated that the Mayor brought forward minutes to show that he did ask the Council to resolve the two line item issue at a meeting. Council Guis stated that he asked the Council to combine all of his salary into the full time Mayor position. It was never a resolution, it was never brought up and it was not acted upon by the Council.

Mayor Budesheim stated that back in 2004 he approached Councilmen Guis and Carelli about getting more salary because he could no longer stay full time for \$20,000. When they asked how much I needed I told them \$50,000 and they cut it down to \$48,000. The intent was \$48,000 for me to be here full time. In January I asked for all of the salary to be put under the Mayor's line item. In April I asked and each time I was told to wait. They introduced and adopted a budget that did in fact put it under the Mayor's line item. In July I asked again what they were going to do and nobody gave me a definite answer. It was in the budget so I told Chief Sturm to take over OEM. Councilman Guis stated that the original \$20,000 was \$5,000 for OEM plus the Mayor. If you hadn't resigned OEM in August we wouldn't be talking about this. Mayor Budesheim stated the \$48,000 was so he could be here full time and you know that.

An unidentified audience member stated that it looks like on several occasions he asked you to combine it and nothing was done. He resigned his position as OEM and you continued to pay him the full amount and now you're asking him to pay it back. By your actions you made him believe that you agreed to it. Councilman Carelli stated that they voted 3 to 3 to not do the ordinance and the Mayor broke the tie. There was no intent. You're making it sound like we didn't do it because of neglect – we didn't do it because

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

we didn't want to. When asked why he continued to get paid the full amount Councilman Carelli replied that we weren't aware of it and that's the whole point.

Melissa Harsley stated that your townspeople are asking you to do the right thing and correct a mistake that you're acknowledging was made by the board. Councilman Carelli stated it was not a mistake. The Mayor tried to move it four or five times without success because we didn't want to do it. Councilwoman Wetzel said the fact he continued to be paid after resigning the position was the error.

Councilman Astarita asked the Borough Attorney if there is any legal issue here. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated there are various legal issues and how we go about doing it is the question. The Council has several alternatives. There's a disagreement and there's no black and white answer. We could amend the salary resolution but I'm not hearing an intention to do that.

Councilman Astarita stated that even at \$57,000 the Mayor is underpaid. I'm not averse to hiring a borough administrator but it will cost us well over \$100,000.

Alan Lewis, 16 Morris Avenue, suggested we have the Mayor pay back the \$5,000 and come up with what his salary will be tonight and take a vote. Let's resolve this for the residents of Riverdale and do the right thing.

Scott (indiscernible), 25 Morris Avenue, asked how long it will take for the Council to decide what the Mayor's salary should be. Councilman Carelli replied that by April we should have a good idea of where we stand with the budget.

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the Mayor return the portion of the salary he was paid for OEM from August 15, 2012 through December 31, 2012 back to the borough because he was not employed as the OEM Coordinator during that time.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Guis, Wetzel, Carelli**
 Nays: Astarita, Falkoski, Mastrangelo
 (3 ayes – 3 nays – motion fails)

Councilman Falkoski stated that he voted that way because it wasn't fair to do something that hadn't been resolved last year but we should resolve it this year.

Borough Clerk Talerico asked for clarification as to whether the Mayor's salary remains the same as he is being paid right now.

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to direct the Borough Clerk to keep the Mayor's salary at \$57,250 until the 2013 budget is complete and pending further Council action.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli**
 Nays: Guis
 (5 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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: Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: Astarita**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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 Guis recommended that the bid for the Morris Avenue Sewage Pump Station be awarded with Alternate #2. Councilman Carelli asked for Resolution No. 30-2013 to be voted on separately after the closed session.

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills.
- 2) Approval of award of bid for License Agreement for rental of property at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike to be used for parking of motor vehicles in connection with it automobile dealership operations to Team Precision Auto Group, L.L.C., 1341 State Route 23, Butler, NJ, in the amount of \$1,750.00 per month.
- 3) Approval of award of bid for the Morris Avenue Sewage Pump Station received on February 21, 2013 to Coppola Services, 28 Executive Parkway, Ringwood, NJ in the amount of \$183,287.80 for the *Main Bid* to construct the sewage pump station. Coppola Services is also the lowest bidder when including either of the alternates for generators. Approval of *Alternate #2* for a *standby generator* in the amount of \$29,040.00 for a total award amount of \$212,327.80.
- 4) Removed
- 5) **Resolution No. 31-2013;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
- 6) **Resolution No. 32-2013;** Adoption of the Morris County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 7) Approval to combine money generated from cat license fees with the dog license fees into one account, to be used at the discretion of the Board of Health.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 29-A, B AND C

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Re-zoning of Riverview Terrace and Fernwood Crescent to a R7.5 zone as recommended by the Riverdale Planning Board.

Mayor Budesheim stated that this has been talked about for fifteen years. We'll be introducing the ordinance at the next meeting. Councilman Guis asked if the rezoning of the pistol range could be done at the same time. Mayor Budesheim will check the master plan to see if it is allowed.

- 2) Request for LOSAP increase from the Riverdale Fire Department members.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Fire Department is requesting the municipal share of the LOSAP be increased from \$1,414 maximum to \$1,500 per year. This is a budget matter. Councilman Guis stated that they will discuss this when they meet with the department.

Councilman Falkoski distributed a chart and reported on the Police Department being shorthanded. There are seven members less than we had in 2010. The Police Chief has come up with a system of taking the Specials and making them permanent members of the department.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that the sewer and water departments are quickly running out of money. He asked the Finance Committee to look at possibly adjusting the sewer and water rates to make sure we cover our costs this year and next year. He also reported that the DPW wants to get rid of the Unimog and is looking for another truck. If the Council agrees we will put the Unimog on GovDeals and will probably get about \$75,000. Councilman Guis explained the need for a new truck and provided details about the International Harvester truck they're looking at. The price is around \$225,000. Councilman Carelli stated that we haven't added significantly to the capital ordinance we did in 2004 and we've been paying it off significantly. This year we'll have our debt under \$2 million. Our budget can handle another capital ordinance and it's something we should be doing.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that Borough Clerk Talerico left a proposal from the Reiner Group for HVAC preventive maintenance for the municipal building. The cost is \$2,080 from March 1st through February 28th 2014. Last year we spent \$2,500 for the Community Center, Borough Hall and the DPW garage. Councilman Guis will review it.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that they met with the Police Chief and DPW Superintendent and a meeting is scheduled with the Construction Department this Wednesday. We will firm up a date with the Fire Chief, Court, etc. and will have more to report at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

Fire Chief Sturm reported that he's been waiting two years for the Reiner Group to fix what they started at the firehouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No Report.

Mayor Budesheim read a letter he received from Mark Benway of Hillside Avenue stating that the Little League didn't get paid for the clay added to Independence Fields and requesting we look into the matter. Council members recalled that we dealt directly with Dan Salameno and we paid him for the clay.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo asked if we could move forward with the September 11th artifact we have in the hall. Councilwoman Wetzel stated she would follow up.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Alan Lewis, 16 Morris Avenue, asked if the sewer pump station was for Morris Avenue. Councilman Guis responded that it is for Hamburg Turnpike and Morris Avenue. Mr. Lewis asked if the water and sewer department was running out of money due to the meter issue. Mayor Budesheim responded that the back charges for the inflow and infiltration is a large part of it as well as 4 to 5 percent annual increases from Passaic Valley Water Commission among other things.

Joseph Petracca spoke about his property and taxes and complained that no one listens to him.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation and contract negotiations.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session.

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

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

- 4) **Resolution No. 30-2013;** Professional Agreement with Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC for legal services in connection with the PBA negotiations at a rate of \$150.00 per hour with a maximum amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (copy of agreement transmitted to governing body with agenda).

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 31-D

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

The Borough Attorney prepared the minutes of the executive session, due to the absence of the Borough Clerk, as follows:

PBA Contract Negotiations: The Council was advised by the Mayor and Borough Attorney of the need to hire special labor counsel to represent the Borough in the binding arbitration filed by the PBA. A discussion ensued regarding the cost of legal representation in the arbitration process and the possibilities for resolution of the contract dispute to avoid these costs. The consensus of the Council was that special counsel needed to be retained to protect the interests of the Borough and needed to proceed as required by the process, although there was no objection to simultaneous attempts at resolution. The decision was made to reduce the authorization for legal services to a cap of \$20,000 at this time. The professional services resolution for special labor counsel was later adopted when the public portion of the meeting resumed.

Attorney Client Privilege – Harassment Complaint – (Mayor Budesheim excused himself and left the room) The Council was updated on the current costs for the investigation of the harassment complaint and the estimated cost for completion of the investigation. The investigator inquired as to whether or not the Council would prefer that she suspend the investigation and instead try to facilitate a potential resolution of the complaint. The Council felt that even a discussion concerning a resolution of the complaint would be a validation of the claim which at this time does not appear to be warranted. They asked the Borough Attorney to direct the investigator to proceed with the investigation.

Closed session adjourned and back to open session.

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, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli**
Absent: Falkoski, Wetzel

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - February 20, 2013

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

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 01-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

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 Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Budesheim stated that a resident who lives next to the Community Center has been complaining about cars not stopping at the stop sign and noise. Moving the sign that directs people to the community center to Cedar Street should help solve the problem. Councilman Carelli stated that this resident does have some valid points but some of the requests are unreasonable.

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 01-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ORDINANCES (continued):

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli**
 Nays: **None**
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-A

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From Linda Roetman, Zoning Board Secretary advising the Mayor and Council that the Riverdale Zoning board passed a resolution approving the expansion of the building for Advanced Sports Medicine and Therapy, 18 Newark Pompton Turnpike. The expansion is not only for the building, but it will also include the removing of the house next to this property and that will be for additional parking. The board is requesting that the Mayor and Council change the zone line to accommodate the entire property to be in the Professional Office Zone. Realigning the zone line would bring the entire property of the facility into one zone. Lot 50 is in the R7.5 zone and Lot 52 is in the Professional Office Zone.

Mayor Budesheim asked if the above zone change could be incorporated in Ordinance No. 02-2013. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded that the lot could be added to the ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE 02-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli**
 Nays: **None**
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-B

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

ORDINANCE 03-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND AMENDING CERTAIN SEWER RATES**

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli**
 Nays: **None**
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-C

ORDINANCES (continued):

Mayor Budesheim explained that ordinance No. 04-2013 does not include Powder Mill Development since this is the only development that does not have individual meters for each unit. More than 30 of the residents qualify for the senior flat rate and this would be compensation for them.

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

ORDINANCE 04-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND AMENDING CERTAIN WATER RATES**

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli
 Nays: None
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36-C

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

- 5) **Resolution No. 36-2013;** Temporary Capital Budget for Ordinance No. 05-2013.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli
 Nays: None
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36-D

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

ORDINANCE 05-2013

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER
4-2010, FINALLY ADOPTED MARCH 15, 2010 IN AND BY THE
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY, BY PROVIDING A
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO SECTION
3(b) THEREIN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$238,000
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE
APPROPRIATION HEREIN**

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli
 Nays: None
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36-E

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Guis asked for clarification of Resolution No. 8. Mayor Budesheim responded that the grant is for the Glenburn. Councilman Carelli questioned whether we had the money. Councilman Mastrangelo asked if Resolution No. 6 camera work is

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

something that is normally done. Councilman Guis responded that it is. Mayor Budesheim explained issues with roof leaks at the library and municipal building.

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. RFM Printing April Newsletter \$1,212.43
 - b. Tabby’s Corner Food-Crazy Bowl-Rec. \$ 558.00
 - c. Trimboli & Prusinski PBA Negotiations \$ 930.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 32-2013A**; Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
- 3) **Resolution No. 33-2013**; Authorization to enter into an agreement for Mutual Aid and Morris County Regional Emergency Deployment System (MCREDS).
- 4) **Resolution No. 34-2013**; Submission of Certifying of Expenditure for Taxes Paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, chapter 311, in 2012, in the amount of \$4,227.63.
- 5) Approval of LOSAP payments to the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department members in the amount of \$40,253.00 for the year 2012.
- 6) Approval of cleaning and camera work for storm drains at 62 Newark Pompton Turnpike and Greenwich Street to be performed by Advanced Plumbing & Drain Cleaning, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- 7) **Resolution No. 35-2013**; Transfer of Appropriations Reserves 2012
- 8) **Resolution No. 37-2013**; Approval of Matching Funds in the amount of \$72,610.00 for the Morris County Grant Application for the Glenburn, pending certification of funds by the CFO.
- 9) Authorization to put the Unimog on GovDeals with a starting bid of \$75,000 or up for auction.
- 10) Approval of architectural fees in the amount of \$5,250.00 to Cutillo and Associates to prepare specifications to re-roof the municipal building.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli**
 Nays: Guis (Resolution No. 8 only)
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 37- F, G, H, I, J AND K

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Freeholder Director Mastrangelo, Freeholder Krickus and Freeholder Lyon scheduled to attend the Mayor and Council meeting of April 15, 2013 to give a 15 minute overview of the County 2013 budget.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported on a surprise inspection from PEOSHA last week. It’s going to cost a lot for periodic air monitoring and we need to have an employee as a designated contact person for any complaints. The person who has the most knowledge about the leaks and has shown the most initiative is Sam Dedio so I would like to make him our contact person. Mayor Budesheim also reported on the letter from Pompton Lakes regarding shared services. Councilman Carelli stated he would meet with them and will send them a letter in response. Mayor Budesheim reported that in Washington they are about to vote on removing the IRS tax exemption for municipal bonds which will be devastating to municipalities. I have a meeting with the Morris County Freeholders this Saturday. They will be petitioning the BPU to vote against Jersey Central’s rate increase

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

request which would be about 4.5% to residential customers. They are trying to get back money they lost during Hurricane Sandy.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that he will be meeting with the Court on Thursday. We need to meet with the Fire Department as well. We hope to have a draft budget before the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the lift in the Senior Community Center was inspected and there were some issues brought up about the contractor leaving it dirty and some painting issues. Mayor Budesheim reported on quotations for restoring the soccer fields.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Fire Chief Dan Sturm reported that the OEM was reimbursed \$14,136.77 for DPW labor from FEMA. We are waiting for two more reimbursements.

Tom Batelli, Canella Way, thanked the Mayor and Council for consideration of the figures for Powder Mill Condominium Association.

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session.

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

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to grant the request of Officer Barone for a leave of absence for the period necessary for him to obtain a determination regarding his application for a disability pension, but no longer than six months.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli**
Nays: None
(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Absent: Falkoski, Wetzel

Also Present: John Barone

Police Officer John Barone addressed the Mayor and Council regarding his application for disability retirement and the fact that it may take a couple more months to get approval for his retirement. At this time his pay will end as of April 15, 2013 and would ask the governing body to grant him a leave of absence.

The governing body discussed the fact whether it would be a 3 month or 6 month leave and what would happen if Mr. Barone's disability retirement is not approved by the State.

Mr. Barone responded that at that time he may have to decide to go back to workman comp and receive the surgery for his finger to see if this surgery works in order to be back on the force and able to use a gun again.

The governing body again discussed the period being 3 or 6 months and decided to grant the request of Officer Barone for a leave of absence for the period necessary for him to obtain a determination regarding his application for a disability pension, but no longer than six months.

The council adjourned the closed session to go into open session to vote on their decision.

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, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Staff Sergeant Michael Onembo of the Riverdale Armory addressed the Council regarding a memorial they are planning for one of their soldiers who was killed in action in Afghanistan. They would like to plan an annual 5K walk and run starting on the 28th of September and would like support in shutting down the roads. They also are requesting an honorary renaming of Riverdale Road to Olivera Avenue. Mayor Budesheim stated that we would be happy to assist and asked for the information on the soldier who lost his life.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Guis requested that Resolution No. 3 be tabled as he doesn't feel there is enough information in the paving proposal.

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills.
- 2) **Resolution No. 36-2013A;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- 3) Tabled
- 4) **Resolution No. 38-2013;** Professional Agreement – Appraisal Systems, Inc. for Professional Real Estate Appraisal and Tax Appeal Services not to exceed \$5,000.00. (copy of agreement distributed to Governing Body)

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 41-A, B AND C

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From Pat Cleary, Riverdale Fire Department advising that the Borough currently has two ordinances that are redundant. 1) No parking on Borough streets when they are snow covered and 2) No parking on Borough streets from December 1st through April 1st. If the objective is to make sure roads are clear from plowing the first ordinance allows you to achieve that objective.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued):

With the advancements in weather forecasting and the advance notice we receive, there is no longer a need for the second ordinance. (copy of complete letter transmitted to Governing Body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated the ordinances are not redundant as they cover two different issues. One is overnight parking and the other is no parking any time the streets are snow covered. The issue addressed is a real problem and a burden to many residents. Council discussed the issue and it was decided that relaxing the requirements would create more problems than it would solve.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that Border's has a tenant coming in - Joanne's Fabric. He also reported that the Borough Engineer has prepared quotes to do the planting along the river which is part of the riverbank stabilization and desnagging. We need to issue purchase orders for the plant materials and labor.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve purchase orders for labor to install plants at \$1,400 a day for five days not to exceed \$7,000 and for the plant material from Ernst Seeds in Meadville, PA not to exceed \$27,500. (Other prices were obtained).

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

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated he has one matter to be discussed in closed session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that they have been meeting with the different departments and will meet with Fire Department soon. He passed out a document which he described as a side by side of the budget the CFO prepared and the Finance Committee recommendations. He explained that his document has the proposals of the department heads and Council Chairmen and includes a 2% increase for the full time borough employees. He explained how the numbers in his budget were arrived at and stated it will be given to the CFO for his review. We were able to keep it under cap which is basically a flat increase based on the new revaluation. This budget as proposed would be a \$10 increase on the average home. We would like to introduce this budget at the next meeting. He asked the Council to review it and provide feedback.

Councilman Mastrangelo asked if we could look at allocating salary increases based on performance rather than across the board. Councilman Carelli stated that we could look at that. We would need to have an evaluation policy in place.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

Fire Chief Sturm reported that there is a meeting on April 4th at 7:00 pm at the firehouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

There was a discussion regarding the honorary renaming of Post Lane in honor of firefighter Joe Ezzo who died on that street in the line of duty.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to authorize the honorary renaming of Post Lane for deceased firefighter Joe Ezzo.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Carelli,**
 Nays: Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Budesheim
 (3 ayes – 4 nays – motion denied)

Mayor Budesheim stated that they should choose another street.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that snow season is almost over and reimbursement for the condos will be coming up. He recommended we prepare a resolution to petition the state to allow local fingerprinting. He also proposed that we do an ordinance to charge a cleanup fee to the little league for leaving trash at the ball fields. Borough Attorney Oostdyk will prepare an ordinance. Councilman Guis reported that we have three alarms that don't ring to anywhere. One is at the Community Center and two are at the water towers. He suggested we talk to Pompton Lakes about shared services for central station monitoring for municipal alarms. The telemetry on the water towers is currently serviced through copper wires that are becoming more difficult to maintain. We have a price of about \$15,000 to go to radio transmitted telemetry. We can piggyback the alarm signals on that telemetry and the radio control. He advised the Council that we need to think about what we want to do.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that Recreation Committee member Diane Szabo passed away over the weekend and she will be greatly missed. There was a great turnout for the egg hunt and Easter Bunny events over the weekend. Summer Recreation registrations are underway and reports will follow.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported on prices obtained for lawn care and seeding for the fields at Independence Park. Councilwoman Wetzel suggested the time frame should be discussed with each league's field representative. Councilman Astarita will get in touch with Shawn Dougherty. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that another quote would be required.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that there was a request for employees to be allowed to use a vacation or personal day to have July 5th and December 24th off. Alternatively they could give up Columbus Day for these dates. Mayor Budesheim clarified that the Council voted to have Columbus Day as a holiday so if we want to make that a work day and declare Christmas Eve and July 5th as holidays it needs to be approved.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to modify the Official Borough Holiday schedule for 2013 to eliminate Columbus Day and include July 5th and Christmas Eve.

ALL IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, asked if the public can see the budget drafts. Councilman Carelli stated that he'd rather not until the Council reviews them and they are complete. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded that it will be available through the Borough Clerk in advance of the meeting when it will be voted on.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

An unidentified audience member stated that the new street sign on Parkway Entrance says Riverdale Parkway and it must be an error. Mayor Budesheim stated that is the legal street name.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None**

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

- 5) **Resolution No. 42-2013;** Approval of an additional \$4,500 to the maximum payout on the professional agreement for legal services with Weiner Lesniak, LLP.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli

PBA NEGOTIATION MATTERS:

Mayor Budesheim was called back into the closed session to discuss a PBA matter prior to discussing the Bogert matter.

Councilman Carelli stated the PBA is in negotiations and he wanted to let the council be aware of his conversation, and it sounds like they want to make a deal. Councilman Carelli stated he told them he was not on the committee and they would have to discuss this with the committee members.

Mayor Budesheim asked Councilman Carelli who the officers were; and Councilman Carelli responded that the officers were Pat Harden and John Barone and that they had approached him with questions.

Mayor Budesheim stated that Mr. Harden and Barone should be aware that there is a process in place for negotiations and that they have to go through the proper channels. (correction)

LITIGATION MATTERS:

Borough Attorney reported that the complaint posed by Lieutenant Bogert against the Mayor and the Borough of Riverdale has been proceeding and that these types of cases can be quite expensive. The attorney has already interviewed 4 people and there another 10 or 15 people that can possibly be interviewed which will cost more money.

The council asked what will it take to make this case go away and what exactly is Mr. Bogert looking for, money?

Borough Attorney Oostdyk explained that the attorney representing the borough is encouraging the borough to come up with a solution, but what the solution is has not been determined because this type of case is in a very grey area, it is not a black and white situation. Nothing actionable has happened; there is a lot of grey area. The attorney is not trying to run the bill up but she is in a tight place trying to defend this complaint. Also it is unknown if there is going to be a monetary award.

The governing body suggested to put the interviewing on hold for now but to also approve another \$4,500 to the contract to pay for the outstanding bills over the original \$4,500 amount and some other possible fees.

Closed session adjourned and back to open session.

The Special Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

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

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

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS FOR THE GOVERNING BODY TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A REDEVELOPMENT STUDY.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk explained the purpose and procedure for the redevelopment study

RESOLUTION:

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 39-2013;** Resolution Authorizing the Planning Board to Undertake a Redevelopment Study.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 45-A

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned: 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Workshop Meeting	-	March 04, 2013
Regular Meeting	-	March 18, 2013
Workshop Meeting	-	April 01, 2013 (corrected)
Special Meeting	-	April 08, 2013

Councilman Carelli noted a correction to the April 1, 2013 minutes.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the above listed minutes as read and corrected.

ALL IN FAVOR

Abstain: Astarita (March 4th only)

SWEARING IN OF CERT MEMBERS.

Mayor Budesheim announced that Pam Sylvestri is the CERT Coordinator and Cindy Carey is the Deputy Coordinator. The Borough Clerk swore in the CERT members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 02-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

Mayor Budesheim stated that there is an amendment to the ordinance which will remove certain properties.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated the ordinance could be adopted with that amendment.

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

ORDINANCES (continued):

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 02-2013 as amended and read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 47-A

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 03-2013**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND AMENDING CERTAIN SEWER RATES**

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 Astarita to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 03-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 47-B

3) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 04-2013**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND AMENDING CERTAIN WATER RATES**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

ORDINANCES (continued):

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 04-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 48-C

4) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 05-2013

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER
 4-2010, FINALLY ADOPTED MARCH 15, 2010 IN AND BY THE
 BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY, BY PROVIDING A
 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO SECTION
 3(b) THEREIN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$238,000
 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE
 APPROPRIATION HEREIN**

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

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 05-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
 Nays: Astarita
 (5 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 48-D

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

ORDINANCE 06-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED
 GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
 AND PROVIDING FOR FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR FIELD
 CLEAN UP AFTER USE BY ORGANIZATIONS**

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that he received a contract from Burgis Associates for a redevelopment study and plan for 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike. The maximum cost is \$5,000 and will be fully paid for by the developer.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the proposal from Burgis Associates for a redevelopment study and plan for 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike for a maximum cost of \$5,000.00.

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

Mayor Budesheim reported that he will attend a hearing the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be having tomorrow at 1:30 regarding the Board of Public Utilities and they will be acting on our behalf.

Councilman Astarita reported on the bids he received for Freedom Park field maintenance. He recommended we go with the lowest bid from Precision Landscaping for a total cost of \$7,815.50.

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

- 6) Freedom Park Field Maintenance to be done by Precision Landscaping in the amount of \$5,967.50 for 5 applications and \$1,848.00 for aeration and seeding, for a total amount of \$7,815.50.

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

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that he met with our CFO today to discuss the budget. He did not get any feedback on the copy he distributed to the Council at the last meeting. Our plan is to introduce the budget at the first meeting in May.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report for the month of March. He also has two applications for membership in the Fire Department.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the applications from Alexandria Stygar and Sofie Spiridakis for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department.

ALL IN FAVOR

Fire Chief Dan Sturm reported that we were awarded a federal grant a little over \$30,000.00 for turnout gear. He thanked everyone who was at the LAPC OEM Meeting last week. There will be 30 CERT members taking a nine week course starting Thursday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported on a proposal from Security Systems to install an alarm system at the pump house on Riverdale Road.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to approve the proposal from Security Systems to install an alarm system at the pump house on Riverdale Road in the amount of \$4,336.44, subject to the approval of the Water/Sewer Engineer.

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No Report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that he will be at the County for the CDBG meeting on Thursday.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ATTENDANCE OF FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR MASTRANGELO, FREEHOLDER KRICKUS, AND FREEHOLDER LYON TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE MORRIS COUNTY 2013 BUDGET.

Mayor Budesheim apologized to those that came because the Freeholders were supposed to be here. They were scheduled to be here at 7:30 and we did not get a phone call and they did not show up.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Steve Revis thanked the Mayor and Council for recognition of his service on the Board of Education. The cooperation that developed between the Board and the Council over the years can serve as a shining example to other municipalities. The children and taxpayers have all benefited by that great relationship.

Mike Van Ry, President of the Riverdale Fire Department, followed up on a request to name a street in honor of Pappa Joe who died 30 years ago. Pat Cleary asked what the reason was for not wanting to name Post Lane. There was discussion regarding the matter. Councilpersons Guis and Wetzel were not in favor of naming any streets for anyone.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to rename Post Lane in honor of deceased Firefighter Pappa Joe Ezzo.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Carelli, Budesheim (to break tie)
Nays: Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel
(4 ayes – 3 nays – motion carried)

Nancy Salazar stated that bushes and trees are blocking the line of sight at Newberry Place and Post Lane. Mayor Budesheim will have the Zoning Officer handle the matter.

John Conroy asked when the homeowners would find out the change in their taxes. Mayor Budesheim responded that the new tax bills go out in July.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Budesheim clarified resolution No. 2. This is the result of an employee complaint about potential mold and mildew when our roof was leaking. The state sent us “need to comply” notices which are mostly paperwork. The compliance has to be completed by May 23rd or we will be fined \$830 per day for each violation. It will cost an additional \$4,950 to have that taken care of so the total expenditure is \$6,950 which is not in the budget. The DPW Superintendent will be appointed to oversee this.

There was a discussion regarding resolution No. 3 and a change in the Morris County Co-op bid award. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that the base amount for the truck went up from \$131,000 to \$133,969.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

Councilman Guis asked for an update of the Redevelopment Plan for the Verizon building. Mayor Budesheim and Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded.

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills. (including the following)
 - a. Precision Landscaping Deposit (open space) \$500.00
- 2) Approval of expenditure in the amount of \$6,950 for a “Written Program (IAQ) Indoor Air Quality Standard” for all municipal buildings as PEOSHA requires by N.J.A.C. 12:100-13 to be performed by RAMM Environmental Services, Inc.
- 3) Authorization of the purchase of a new DPW Truck as authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 5-2013, in the amount of \$232,590.00 purchased through Morris County Co-op. Purchase to be made after the 20 day estoppel period as required by law with an ending date of May 12, 2013.
- 4) Authorization to schedule a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. to act on the following:
 - a. Area in Need of Redevelopment Resolution
 - b. Introduce an Ordinance for the Redevelopment Plan
 - c. Introduce an Ordinance for a Pilot Program – Payment in lieu of Taxes
- 5) **Resolution No. 44-2013**; Authorization of Appraisal Systems, Inc. to represent the Borough of Riverdale with regard to County Board Tax Appeals.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 53-A AND B**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Prestige Paving, LLC to install asphalt parking lot from Hamburg Turnpike to parking lot 55’ long X 30’ wide 120’ long. Install 2” FABC top course Mix I-5 rolled and compacted for a total price of \$2,700.00. (this item tabled at the last two council meetings)

Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the above paving project.

Councilman Carelli asked where the money was coming from. Mayor Budesheim stated it is coming out of Capital. Councilman Guis stated that in spite of Mr. Darmofalski’s letter he is still not in favor of doing this. He recommended we remove the pavement and put \$300 worth of RCP down and roll it. We can do this with our own people and equipment. When we get the money we can pave the whole thing and do the job right. This is a \$2,700 band aid that is only going to last a year or two. Mayor Budesheim felt it is a mistake to wait as it is an unsafe condition. Councilman Guis stated there are other places in town that are also unsafe and need paving.

Councilman Astarita stated that he agreed with Councilman Guis and withdrew his second of the motion made by Councilwoman Wetzel. Mayor Budesheim stated that we don’t need a motion if we can do the job for less than \$500.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that we received a grant of \$215,000 to pave the Stoneleigh section. We'll need to begin surveying to prepare the bid specs.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to authorize the Borough Engineer to obtain the surveys needed to prepare bid specifications for the Stoneleigh section paving project.

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

Mayor Budesheim stated that our Tax Assessor, Joe DeStefano, passed away a little over a week ago. He had worked here close to 30 years and will be sorely missed. The Personnel Committee will begin interviewing for a replacement.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that he distributed another worksheet with an update to our municipal budget. It is a side-by-side comparison of what was originally passed out versus what the CFO had changed. We want to introduce this budget on May 20th so I would like to get a consensus or opinion from the Council tonight. Councilman Falkoski stated he was not in favor of removing the money for hiring two new police officers. Councilman Carelli answered questions regarding the budget.

Mayor Budesheim suggested a special meeting to discuss the budget. Council agreed to have a special budget meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons Wetzel, Guis and Astarita will not be able to make the next meeting on May 20th. Council agreed to reschedule the regular meeting of May 20, 2013 to Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in order to have a quorum.

Councilman Carelli stated that it's been almost five years since we did work at the Community Center as far as putting in the playground and basketball court. It is well used and we had talked about possibly putting in a pavilion and paver porch. In addition there is some work that has to be done with equipment at Freedom Park and I'd like to see if we could start doing some of these things. We are able to fund a lot of it through our Open Space Trust Fund.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that the basketball court at Freedom Park needs replacement or repair. We should also look at the playground equipment. The chain link fencing at the soccer fields needs repair. Councilman Astarita suggested we keep this in mind for CDBG grants next year.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No report.

PERSONNEL: No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

John Conroy asked how much we owe in bonds. Mayor Budesheim responded about \$2.1 million.

There being no further 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: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

The Special Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

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

Also present: CFO Ken Sesholtz

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

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRIOR TO INTRODUCTION ON THE 22ND OF MAY.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the June 17, 2013 meeting will be rescheduled to June 19, 2013 in order to have 28 days between the introduction and public hearing of the budget.

Councilman Carelli, Finance Committee Chairman, stated that the Finance Committee met with most of the department heads to obtain their requests and he compiled those numbers into the format that our CFO typically uses. He met with the CFO and some changes were made. I hope we have a consensus as to how to move forward in the best interest of the residents of Riverdale.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated she met with the people she represents to discuss salaries and budgets. I submitted to increase June Carelli's hours from 25 to 30 per week as the facilities she oversees are increasing in productivity and money. We will all benefit by her being there more hours. My second request is not to decrease our recreation salary and wage budget which gets cut every year.

Councilman Falkoski stated that the total general appropriations don't appear much different in the two versions. The Finance Committee's recommendations calculate that the Police Department would have sufficient funds to hire two new patrolmen. The CFO's version removed that from the budget. The other item is the Police operating expense budget was reduced and so was the Fire Department's. As far as I know the law is written that the main concerns for the elected official is the health, safety and welfare of the community and those are what we seem to be cutting here. Recreation and everything else is provided if you can afford it. I cannot support a budget that wouldn't permit us to hire those two policemen and is cutting the O/E of those two departments.

CFO Sesholtz stated that the differences appear small but are large in relation to the cap.

Councilman Carelli stated that he received an email from Councilman Astarita suggesting that we only hire one police officer at this time and see where we stand. His own concern is that we have no idea what is going to happen with the arbitration yet.

Councilman Mastrangelo was concerned that the officer applying for disability may not be leaving.

Mayor Budesheim was concerned that the arbitrator may award the PBA their request to double the amount of time on work related injuries. That would mean the officers on leaves of absence would be back on the books immediately for six months. With the requests made tonight we're looking at an additional \$60,000. Nobody had any cuts – everybody had add-ons.

BUDGET DISCUSSION (continued):

Councilman Carelli stated that this budget has adding a Public Works employee as well. As of January you have two highly paid employees that won't be here any longer. CFO Sesholtz stated that might be a better time to make some of these decisions.

Mayor Budesheim stated that if no one can figure out where to cut then he suggests we go with the budget prepared by the CFO.

Councilwoman Wetzel asked the CFO if the \$15,000 in the salary adjustment account was for something specific. Councilman Guis stated it is the previous year's OEM salary that was addressed a few months ago. Councilman Carelli stated that is the money the Mayor was being paid as OEM. Council discussed cutting various line items and how it would affect the budget.

Councilman Carelli stated that there are about five items in this budget that he finds frustrating: Investigator \$9,000, PBA labor attorney up to \$20,000, PEOSH remediation \$7,000, OEM Department \$8,500 plus \$3,600 expenses. This is \$48,000 worth of things that in my opinion shouldn't be there.

Councilwoman Wetzel brought up for discussion the unclassified \$15,000 that was the OEM portion of the salary being paid to the Mayor. Now we have an OEM department that requires \$8,500 plus \$3,000 and that \$15,000 should offset that. We discussed it and were not able to resolve that. The Mayor gets a salary to do the Mayor's job and he is no longer the OEM and we're looking at a line item of \$15,000 that we're continuing to pay him. Councilman Mastrangelo stated that he believed there was only one person who didn't agree back on February 20th. The only one who stood firm was Ted and everyone else said he's worth it so let's pay it and we'll resolve it at budget time. Now there's no money and you want to take it back and I don't think that's fair. Do what you want to do but I can tell you right now there's going to be an angry mob here next time. Councilwoman Wetzel stated she didn't think we should be basing things on an angry mob. Councilman Mastrangelo stated that I think when everyone voted last time that's what you did. The only one that stuck to his guns was Ted. Councilwoman Wetzel read from Councilman Astarita's email "I know you said Bill's salary is split in line items, however, I would like to see it straight up in the salary line item." Councilwoman Wetzel stated that she wanted the balance of the \$15,000 not yet paid this year put back into OEM. She also said she voted against having a three person OEM department. Mayor Budesheim told Councilwoman Wetzel that the OEM is funded. You are looking for money for Recreation. Councilman Guis stated that this matter needs to be resolved. Mayor Budesheim reminded everyone no action can be taken tonight as stated in the special meeting notice.

Councilman Carelli stated he would hire a police officer before he would hire a new DPW employee. Councilman Guis stated he also would like to fund one police officer. Councilwoman Wetzel agreed. Councilman Guis stated he would prefer to hire one police officer and one DPW employee and we would need to come up with \$15,000. He proposed we cut \$3,000 Convention Expenses, \$999 out of Contingent, \$1,000 from Shade Tree, \$6,000 from Maintenance of Vehicles, and \$4,000 from Streets and Roads. Councilman Carelli stated that we have to add \$7,000 for PEOSH and \$3,000 for mandatory apparatus testing. Councilman Mastrangelo favored hiring a police officer over giving employees a raise but only if the police overtime would go down.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Dan Sturm asked if they were still thinking about raises for the borough employees because he'd rather give it back and keep it in the budget for the fire department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued):

John Conroy questioned the council on the budget and gave his recommendations. One suggestion was to use the savings in overtime to hire a new police officer.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Councilman Falkoski stated that Councilman Guis's suggestion is probably the most reasonable. Council decided to check on the \$9,000 retirement payout, reconsider the police overtime number, and hope to hear about the PBA arbitration.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned: 9:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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: Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Absent: Astarita, Guis, Wetzel

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - April 15, 2013
 Workshop Meeting - May 6, 2013

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Nancy Salazar, Newbury Place, asked for the status of improving the line of sight at the corner of Newbury Place and Newark Pompton Turnpike. Mayor Budesheim stated the Zoning Officer has been in touch with the property owners and the shrubbery will be cut.

John Conroy asked if any updates were made to the budget. Mayor Budesheim said he would talk about the budget later.

Carolyn Masone, 274 Hamburg Turnpike, stated that she is speaking in her capacity as President of the Riverdale Land Conservancy. The paving of the small parking lot at Glenburn is in bad shape and it is a safety issue. Mayor Budesheim responded that the Borough Engineer and Councilman Guis are not in agreement on the method of repair. He will turn the matter over to Councilman Astarita who is in charge of Buildings and Grounds.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 06-2013

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND PROVIDING FOR FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR FIELD
CLEAN UP AFTER USE BY ORGANIZATIONS

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

ORDINANCES (continued):

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 06-2013 as amended and read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Nays: None
(3 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 60-A

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Precision Landscaping Start-up fee \$2,438.50
 - b. Darmofalski Engineering Horton Escrow a/c \$ 780.00
 - c. Gloria Carelli Food Pantry Trust \$ 500.00
 - d. Railco Metalcraft Capital a/c \$2,400.00
- 2) Mayor to appoint Steve Schotanus to oversee PEOSHA Air Quality Standards with confirmation of council.
- 3) Approval of release of escrow funds to Majestic Home Developers in the amount of \$313.46.
- 4) **Resolution No. 45-2013;** Refund of Taxes – Block 40, Lot 6.04, McCarter English, Year 2011 - \$14,024.80 – County Board Judgment.
- 5) **Resolution No. 46-2013;** Refund of Taxes – Block 12.01, Lot 3.701 – Year 2009 to 2012 - \$4,095.24; Block 12.01, Lot 3.702 – Year 2009 to 2012 - \$1,189.52; Block 12.01, Lot 3.703 – Year 2009 to 2012 - \$822.60 – Property Owners Leon & Berit Belyea – Reason – County Board Judgment.
- 6) **Resolution No. 47-2013;** Refund of Taxes – Block 40 Lot 3.2410 – Year 2010 - \$350.61 – Property Owner Law Office of Michael A. Vespasiano – Reason – County Board Judgment; and Block 40 Lot 3.2213 – Year 2010 – \$171.64 - Property Owner Guarino – Reason – County Board Judgment.
- 7) Authorization to reschedule the regular meeting of Monday, June 17th to Monday, June 24th at 7:30 p.m. in order to hold a public hearing and adoption of the municipal budget.
- 8) Payment to RFM for the June Newsletter - \$1212.43.
- 9) Authorization to go to bid for the DPW truck.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Nays: None
(3 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 60-B, C, D AND E

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that the price for a new post and street sign for Pappa Joe Ezzo Way is a total of \$925. Alternate methods of installing the sign were discussed and Mayor Budesheim will check with the DPW.

Mayor Budesheim reported the financial report for the newsletters. Printing charges for the first six months came to \$5,770.86. So far we've collected \$9,030.00.

Mayor Budesheim reported on the arbitration award with the PBA contract. The borough did quite well with a 3 year contract. The first year is a zero percent raise, second year half a percent raise and the third year one and one-half percent raise that doesn't take effect until July 1st. The overtime issue was determined in favor of the borough when it comes to court time and lunch money doesn't have to be paid out. Clothing allowance for lieutenants was taken out and a few other non-economic issues were determined.

Mayor Budesheim commented on the budget. We can't introduce it tonight because we need four council people present which is why we're having an emergency special meeting on Friday at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Guis had made some suggestions to cutting some of the budgets at the last meeting. The Personnel Committee met with the Police Chief to see how we can afford one additional officer without making those cuts. All agreed the cuts would not be in the best interest of the town. Analyzing the overtime it was apparent that we would save enough with the reduction to cover the salary for at least one officer beginning July 1st so we will be appointing one of the specials. We are on the road to re-staffing the Police Department to where it should be without affecting any of the other budgets.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli stated that he has a problem with much of what Mayor Budesheim reported about the budget. The Finance Committee, of which I'm the Chairman, passed out a budget to the Council and waited six weeks for no response. We came back and passed another version out, spent the better part of 2-1/2 hours at a special meeting to go over it, and came to a consensus on what we were going to do. I got an email last night with a budget that had nothing that we discussed. That's a problem. It's unprofessional and disrespectful to the Finance Committee. We made cuts to hire one officer and I thought that was the consensus at the last meeting. I did some calculations today with regard to the latest news on the PBA contract and with the reduction in salaries there's another \$15,000 so I'm ready to say we should hire both officers. Unfortunately I cannot make the special meeting this Friday and don't feel its right anyway with two other members unable to attend.

Mayor Budesheim stated that there was not a consensus and no vote at the last meeting. He and Councilman Carelli continued discussing the budget, police overtime and hiring new patrolmen.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report for the month of April.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that they've interviewed six candidates for Tax Assessor and have it narrowed down to one or two. We are also waiting for a response regarding shared services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Council discussed rescheduling meeting dates.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the following changes to the meeting schedule:

- 1) Cancellation of Special Meeting scheduled for May 24, 2013 at 9:00 am.
- 2) Cancellation of Special Meeting scheduled for May 29, 2013 at 9:00 am.
- 3) Cancellation of Regular Meeting scheduled for June 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm.
- 4) A newly scheduled Special Meeting to be held on May 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm to Introduce a COLA Ordinance and to Introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget.
- 5) A newly scheduled Regular Meeting to be held on June 25, 2013 at 7:00 pm to have a Regular Meeting and full agenda along with the Adoption of the 2013 Municipal Budget.

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss the issues of Attorney Client Privilege and Contract Negotiations.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Absent: Astarita, Guis, Wetzel

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

John Conroy spoke regarding the budget and police overtime. The Mayor and Council responded to his questions.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda C. Forbes, R.M.C.
Deputy Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION:

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

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we were notified by the NJDOT that the Lease they have with us for the property utilized by Riverdale Recycling is being canceled and we will have to be out of that portion by July 1, 2013. They have offered us the option to lease the remaining portion for \$1.00 per month or purchase it for \$42,600. We cannot sublease the property and we have 180 days to make a decision.

Mayor Budesheim stated that we receive \$35,000 per year in licensing fees from Drew Flockhart under a licensing agreement to run the recycling center for us.

Council discussed the matter and proposed renegotiating a licensing agreement with Mr. Flockhart and charging him \$42,600 upfront so we can purchase the property. Mayor Budesheim will discuss the matter with Mr. Flockhart.

LITIGATION MATTERS:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that the complaint posed by Lieutenant Bogert against the Mayor and the Borough of Riverdale has not reached an amicable conclusion. What they are asking for is \$504,000 and he will agree to retire at 20 years with health benefits after retirement which is 4 years away. The money is the difference in pension he would receive if he continued to work for 30 years. This is not going to work and they will need to bring suit. Council agreed that Mr. Oostdyk will advise our attorney to stop interviews and bring this matter to conclusion.

Closed session being completed, Council returns to open session.

The Special Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS TO CONSIDER THE INTRODUCTION OF THE COLA ORDINANCE AND THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 07-2013

CALENDAR YEAR 2013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 64-A

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1) Authorization to reinstate the regular meeting on Monday, June 17th at 7:30 p.m. (which had been cancelled) and to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of the public hearing and adoption of the municipal budget.

After discussing the matter, Council found it necessary to make the following changes in the meeting schedule:

- 1) The Regular Meeting scheduled for June 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm that had been cancelled has been reinstated to be held on its original date of June 17, 2013 on the annual schedule.
- 2) The meeting scheduled for June 25, 2013 has been cancelled, and the Public Hearing and Adoption of the Municipal Budget will now take place at the Workshop Meeting scheduled for July 1, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

ALL IN FAVOR.

INTRODUCTION OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Councilman Guis stated he did not see the changes that were talked about at the last meeting he attended. Mayor Budesheim stated that the cuts were eliminated. The

INTRODUCTION OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (continued):

Personnel Committee met with the Police Chief and all agreed the \$15,000 to hire one patrolman would be covered by the savings in overtime. Some of the cuts suggested at that meeting would not work. Councilman Guis stated that the OEM budget was cut from what was requested back to \$3,000 and he would like that and the Police Department O/E reinstated. He felt that money is better spent on public safety than some of these other areas. After further discussion Council agreed that it was important to introduce the budget and revisions could be made prior to adoption or later in the year.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, **RESOLVED**, for introduction of the 2013 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli**
 Nays: Wetzel
 (5 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)

Public Hearing and Adoption scheduled for July 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. To be published in the Suburban Trends Newspaper on Sunday, June 9, 2013.

COPY OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 65-B**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

John Conroy spoke regarding the cost of hiring additional patrolmen and the savings in overtime.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda C. Forbes, R.M.C.
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Nancy Salazar, Newbury Place, spoke regarding the line of sight at the corner of Newbury Place and Newark Pompton Turnpike. The Post Lane side has been cut down and is fine. The Newbury side has been trimmed but there is still no way to safely see without pulling into the lane of traffic. She would like the law enforced. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that they will check whether the code applies to existing lots and will talk to the Zoning Officer about it.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ORDINANCES:

Councilman Falkoski asked for clarification of ordinance No. 08-2013. Mayor Budesheim stated there would be payment in lieu of taxes. Riverdale Urban Renewal, L.P. is the developer partnered with Push to Walk for the Verizon property project. Councilman Guis stated that this could be financially beneficial but if additional students to the school system are generated the borough would be responsible to reimburse the Board of Education. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated there are provisions that deal with attempting to make it equitable but we'd have to look at it to see exactly how that would play out. More information is needed and an analysis could be done between introduction and adoption. We're under time pressures because the grant program available to make this project work has some strict time limits to it. Council discussed the matter at length. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that the concept has changed greatly from that one originally presented to the Council. Councilman Guis said he sees problems with the project as a whole and problems with the redevelopment zone. I do not believe this is the vision that we have been consistent in saying we want on Newark Pompton Turnpike. My concern is where it's located. We went from low intensity patio homes to 46' tall buildings, 12' side yard setbacks, 75% impervious coverage, 66 units. Mayor Budesheim stated that the thing that makes him want to consider this going forward is the COAH requirements.

Joe Portelli, Assistant Vice President with RPM Development Group, stated they are Push to Walk's development partner for 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike. He explained the project and answered questions. Having such a large project in terms of units helps generate the subsidy to build the space for Push to Walk at no cost to them. Typically that's not a feature you see in affordable housing developments. We have an on-site superintendent there 24/7 and a property manager that is there a few times a week that oversees the overall operation. We need density to support that management operation. We make sure our buildings are assets to the community at large by having that management in place. The reason it is four stories, 43' or so, at the front part of the

ORDINANCES (continued):

building is to accommodate the Push to Walk facility. They expressed the need for a 12' clear ceiling height to suspend equipment. Mr. Portelli also explained the financing sources available to them to build 100% affordable housing. These are very challenging to make happen. The primary financing source for this project is the low income housing tax credit. There has been one round per year to apply for these competitive credits and this year the date is June 21st which is only a few weeks from now. The redevelopment planning work and the PILOT are critical to maximize the scoring. He explained the PILOT and stated that it helps attract investors and gets the state agency comfortable that this project will operate successfully over the life of its operation. The revenue anticipated from Push to Walk is zero. We are going to enter into a long term lease with them for 30 years for \$1.00 per year. It is hard to project the number of school children but in past projects we've had one for every 10 so it could be as low as 6 or as high as 20 or 25. We need to find out the amount to be reimbursed to the school. Councilman Guis stated that if it is \$12,000 per student that could have serious long term implications. Mr. Portelli stated that it is important to mention they will have a preference in the resident selection policy that 50% of the units will have a preference to be leased to veterans and 10% to the physically disabled.

Cynthia Templeton from Push to Walk explained to the Council what transpired on this project from the January presentation until now and why they chose RPM as a partner. Over the last several months we've been working closely with RPM, the Planning Board and the Council on bringing forth this project. We learned that keeping the old building and combining commercial space with efficiency units was not going to be possible due to code restrictions so we reluctantly had to abandon that idea. The new space they would be providing would be energy efficient and very well designed and built to meet our needs. We want the town to be proud of it and we think it is very much in line with what people want to see on Newark Pompton Turnpike. Mr. Portelli stated that if they don't get the financing this round they will have to try again but don't know when that opportunity will be.

There was further discussion regarding the PILOT, school children and municipal services. Councilman Astarita asked how this project benefits the town and our taxpayers. Mayor Budesheim stated the only benefit to the town, aside from Push to Walk, is our COAH obligation and this project is far more than I had hoped. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated there's some concern with everybody about the ambitious time frame by which this is coming and some concern from the Council about the lack of information they have in order to make very important decisions. Councilman Guis asked Mr. Portelli if he or another developer were here alone would this project be able to be developed with less density. Mr. Portelli stated they could probably do it with less – the commercial space is a major driver for the size. This project would have to be at least 55 units or so. Councilman Guis suggested they could build the 66 units and eliminate 12,000 square feet of additional building. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that is a valid question and these are things that we are responsible to think through. The Borough is committed to one thing and that is to give Push to Walk the exclusive ability to try to come up with a plan over the next year period. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that a 4 story building with 66 units is a bit of a jump from the original concept that was presented and on the drawing it looks like a factory. Mr. Portelli stated that they are going to soften the appearance of that. Councilman Astarita stated that these opportunities don't come up every day and we did purchase that land for this purpose.

ORDINANCES (continued):

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

ORDINANCE 08-2013**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH RIVERDALE URBAN RENEWAL, L.P. PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET. SEQ.**

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Astarita, Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Budesheim
 Nays: Guis, Wetzel, Carelli
 (4 ayes – 3 nays – motion carried)

Mayor Budesheim stated that between now and the public hearing we have to do more research on the PILOT program, know exactly what it is going to cost us for students and see if you can soften the appearance and address the concerns expressed by the Council. Councilman Guis requested we find a way to keep it under 35' even if it means going to three floors.

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 68-A

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

ORDINANCE 09-2013**ORDINANCE ADOPTING RIVERDALE GREEN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Astarita, Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Budesheim
 Nays: Guis, Wetzel, Carelli
 (4 ayes – 3 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 68-B**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills.
- 2) **Resolution No. 48-2013;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
- 3) **Resolution No. 49-2013;** Resolution Determining that Block 26, Lot 21.03 Constitutes an Area in Need of Redevelopment.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 68-C, D & E**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported that there is a 102" aqueduct running alongside the railroad tracks through Riverdale from the Passaic River to the Wanaque Reservoir. This was put

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

in close to 30 years ago to pump water from the river to the reservoir under drought conditions. On Friday the aqueduct alongside my property had broken and water was pouring out of the ground like a waterfall. We contacted the North Jersey Water Commission and they denied that they even had a pipe there. I found that disconcerting. The Fire Chief, Morris County OEM Director, security person from the reservoir and about five engineers came out and eventually they did shut the water off at both ends. It will take two to three days for the water to drain and then they will have to repair it. We had to advise them that it's a working railroad track and with the ground compromised underneath all of the trains were stopped until it is fixed.

I spoke with our licensee who maintains our leaf recycling on the state property that we have the option to purchase. He is willing to go into a long term agreement with us and agreed to an annual licensing fee of about \$45,000. At the next meeting we can vote to notify the state that we will purchase it.

The Police Chief's recommendation at this time is to appoint Special Officer Michael Reilly as a full time patrolman which we will do at the July 1st meeting.

I received the proposal from our Borough Engineer on the Highland and Hillside Avenue road project. The proposal from DMC is about \$13,000 for surveying.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Deputy Clerk Forbes asked if a member of the Council would be able to attend the school graduation to present the award to the third ranking student. Councilwoman Wetzel stated she would attend.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli stated that he would like the Council to reconsider hiring both special officers.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski stated that he supports what Councilman Carelli stated.

Fire Chief Sturm reported that we received another \$22,800 from FEMA for volunteer hours. Fuel was reimbursed at 100% so the total back to the town was \$67,200 from FEMA this year.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that the Construction Official has recommendations for a revised fee schedule fore the Building Department. We have kept our construction code fees very low because we had a lot of big construction to subsidize the department. These fee increases will bring us up to the averages in the area. The Borough Attorney will prepare an ordinance. Councilman Guis also reported that it is in the budget to hire a new DPW worker July 1st. The Superintendent would like to hire summer help and if he works out then we can hire him full time. Councilman Guis also stated that he feels we should hire the two police officers.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported the summer concerts will take place on July 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: No report.

ATTENDANCE OF MORRIS COUNTY FREEHOLDER TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE MORRIS COUNTY 2013 BUDGET.

Morris County Freeholder Hank Lyon, Chairman of the Budget Committee, gave a presentation of the Morris County 2013 budget and answered questions.

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: 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda C. Forbes, R.M.C.
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzell, Carelli
Absent: None**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

Mayor Budesheim stated that many members of the public were in attendance due to the affordable housing project application that is being considered right now. He made an announcement regarding the status of the application. I explained to the developer that I could not get a consensus from the Council and that I would not break the tie if it was to happen again this week. It is too important an issue to be decided by one vote. At my request the developer agreed to withdraw his application. This will give us more time to explore other opportunities and options. We have responsibilities to listen to our residents and you are making it abundantly clear that you don't want this here. We have to try and comply with our COAH obligations in a means and manner that's acceptable to the residents. The developer and Push to Walk are here to provide more information.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Nancy Salizar, Newbury Place, stated that this is the fourth meeting she has attended to request improving the line of sight at the corner of Newbury Place and Newark Pompton Turnpike. Mayor Budesheim stated the Zoning Officer enforces that ordinance and he will follow up with her.

Emanuella Majerscak, 29 Halsey Road (indiscernible).

The following residents spoke in opposition of the proposed affordable housing project at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike. There were concerns about the building size, aesthetics, location, school students, municipal services, floods and traffic. Residents also asked questions and made suggestions regarding our COAH obligations. Mayor Budesheim responded and he and Borough Attorney Oostdyk explained COAH. He stated that the developer withdrew the application and is willing to look at it again after getting public input. Hopefully we can get something that will help with our COAH obligation and be acceptable to the community.

Pam Parrill, 94 Loy Avenue
William Revis
Alan Lewis, Morris Avenue
Skip Walker
Nancy Salizar
Wendy Zwaboda
Elaine Peacock
Joe Majerscak

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Special Meeting - May 13, 2013
 Regular Meeting - May 22, 2013
 Special Meeting - May 28, 2013
 Workshop Meeting - June 3, 2013

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

ALL IN FAVOR**ORDINANCES:**

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

ORDINANCE 07-2013

**CALENDAR YEAR 2013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL
 BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

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 Astarita to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 07-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 72-A

- 2) The following Ordinance was **TABLED**.

ORDINANCE 10-2013

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 85 OF THE REVISED GENERAL
 ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING THE
 FEES UNDER THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE**

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

ORDINANCE 11-2013

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE
 PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 32, LOT 3 FROM THE STATE OF
 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 7) Approval of Award of Bid for the GVWR: 37,780, Four Wheel Drive Truck with Hook Lift System with Various Items; bid received on June 13, 2013 from Deluxe International Trucks, Inc. 600 S. River Street, Hackensack, NJ in the amount of \$218,743.00. This is the only bid submitted.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 74-C, D, E AND f**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported that we received an offer of \$72,100.00 for the Unimog that was for auction on Municibids from May 6th through June 14th.

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to accept the bid of \$72,100.00 for the Unimog from the Municibids auction.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From the Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey advising of their yearly bicycling event “The Ramapo Rally” is to take place on Sunday, August 18, 2013. Some or all of the 1000+ participants will ride through Riverdale between the hours of 7 AM and 5:30 PM.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report for the month of May.

Police Chief Smith announced that anyone can receive non-emergency text alerts from the Police Department by signing up at Nixle.com.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported that he would like to resolve any issues regarding the fees for the building department ordinance. Mayor Budesheim stated that he doesn't feel the fees should be increased and there needs to be further discussion at a workshop meeting.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No Report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the driveway at the Glenburn will be on the agenda for discussion at the workshop meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that we will discuss shared services with Butler for a Tax Assessor at the workshop meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Steve Revis, 7 Stratford Place, was concerned that unsold items would be left at the curb after the town-wide garage sale in September. Mayor Budesheim stated that the event was being conducted by the Fire Auxiliary and that is a point we'll need to discuss with them.

An unidentified audience member asked who the new OEM coordinator is and whether he is getting paid what the Mayor was getting and if that amount is now deducted from the Mayor's salary. Mayor Budesheim replied that he is getting the same rate of pay as last year and the Fire Chief is now OEM Coordinator. The audience member felt the pay for OEM should be deducted from the Mayor's salary. Councilman Astarita responded as to why the Mayor's salary has not changed and stated that this topic has already been discussed several times.

Tom Batelli, Canella Way, agreed with Councilman Astarita's comments.

Councilman Mastrangelo made a motion that we put this topic to bed so it doesn't come up again. The motion was seconded by Councilman Astarita. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we should make clear what the motion is.

Councilman Carelli stated that we have to do a salary resolution after the budget is adopted so we should just do it in the normal procedure. Councilman Mastrangelo agreed and the Council was in agreement.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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 Councilwoman Wetzel, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 54-2013;** Authorization of Examination of the 2013 Municipal Budget to be assumed by the Borough of Riverdale normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 76-A

ADOPTION OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Budesheim announced the meeting was open to the public for comments on the budget.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Councilman Astarita was recognized for a point of order. At the last meeting I made a motion regarding a salary which was seconded but not voted upon. It did impact the budget so at this point I would like to withdraw that motion. Councilman Mastrangelo stated that he made the motion which was seconded by Councilman Astarita. Councilman Mastrangelo withdrew the motion.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, for the Adoption of the 2013 Municipal Budget.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli,
Nays: Wetzel
(5 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)**

COPY OF 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 76-B

MAYOR APPOINTS MICHAEL REILLY AS PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER:

Mayor Budesheim stated that Michael Reilly went through the Police Academy on his own as a Class II Special and he's been filling in where needed since October of last year. He is a 2002 graduate of Pompton Lakes High School and has been a member of the Riverdale Fire Department since 2002. He graduated Farleigh Dickinson University in 2007 and was a Police Dispatcher here in Riverdale since 2012. I'm proud to make the appointment, with the consent of the Council, for Michael Reilly to be a probationary Patrolman.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the following resolution:

- 2) Mayor to appoint Michael Reilly as a Probationary Police Officer and to assume the salary as set forth in the PBA 335 union contract with confirmation of council.

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

The Deputy Borough Clerk swore in Michael Reilly as a Probationary Police Officer.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 3) Payment of Utility Bills. (including the following)
 - a. Dell-Tech, Inc. Open Space Trust (Glenburn) \$6,110.00
- 4) Award of proposal for removing and replacing 12 manholes to T.W. Industrial, L.L.C. (2 proposals were received and T.W. Industrial has been determined by the QPA to be the lower bidder) (tabled from the June 17th mayor & council meeting)
- 5) Approval of a Social Affair Permit for the sale of Wine and Malt Alcoholic Beverages to be sold at an affair to be held at the Glenburn on August 1, 2013 from 5 PM to 10 PM by the organization named Sheryl's Den Animal Rescue – 284 Wooley Road, West Milford, NJ. Approval will then be transmitted to the ABC for their approval and issuance of the permit. (copy of application transmitted to governing body with agenda)

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 77-C

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

- 1) Ordinance No. 10-2013 – Construction Code Fees – tabled from the June 7, 2013 mayor and council meeting for further discussion. (copy of ordinance transmitted to governing body with the June 17th agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated that he had some questions. Some of these fees are already addressed in Chapter 82, some are part of the construction code and others are confusing.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS (continued):

In addition to the inconsistencies, the financial impact this will have on residents is onerous in this economic time and may cause people not to apply for permits. I don't see the point of raising the fees to this extent at this time. Councilman Guis stated that a lot of these fees have not been raised in ten years and our Construction Official proposed these rates as being commensurate with the surrounding area. Increasing the fees will help bring the department closer to becoming more self sufficient. Council discussed the proposed fee ordinance. It was decided to obtain additional fees being charged by surrounding towns.

- 2) Glenburn driveway replacement.

Council agreed that repair is necessary and discussed various methods of repair and cost. Councilman Astarita will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

- 3) Shared Services – Tax Assessor.

Councilman Mastrangelo reported that Butler has a shared services proposal for us. We've been without a Tax Assessor for two months and have interviewed six people. The Borough Attorney will prepare a resolution for authorization of an agreement for the next meeting.

- 4) Cross River Fiber – request for municipal consent for use of the Right of Way in the Borough of Riverdale to locate, place, attach, install, operate and maintain fiber optic facilities within this right-of-way. (copy of letter of request along with additional documentation transmitted to governing body on June 25, 2013 by the Borough Clerk and also with this agenda)

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 55-2013; Resolution Approving Right-of-Way Use to Cross River Fiber.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 78-D

- 5) Consideration of entering into an agreement with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to have them work on obtaining NJDEP Green Acres grants and other areas for grants and Open Space Activities listed as in the past. The agreement fee is same as in the past at a rate of \$12,000 for the year effective July, 2013 through 2014 payable on a quarterly basis of \$3,000 per year. (copy of letter and information transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated this matter will be on hold until he talks with them.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Deputy Clerk Forbes advised the Council that reservation forms are here for the League Convention in Atlantic City. Mayor Budesheim advised her not to make reservations at this time.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that we have a contract for central station monitoring at the Riverdale Road sewer pumping station. Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to authorize a contract for central station monitoring of the sewer pump station at Riverdale Road at a cost of \$70.00 per month.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

Fire Chief Sturm reported that FEMA raised our 75% payback to 90% and we will receive an additional \$15,200. That will bring our total from the storm to \$97,900. We also received from FEMA three 6,500 watt generators.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported the July report for recreation events.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No report.

PERSONNEL: No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Tom Batelli, Cannella Way, stated that we should go with shared services for the Construction Department.

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, stated that our Construction Department fees are comparable to Pequannock and Lincoln Park now. He also asked about patch paving the parking lot at Glenburn.

Nancy Salizar, Newbury Place, asked for the status of the line of sight problem at the corner of Newbury and Newark Pompton Turnpike. Mayor Budesheim stated that no ordinance was found that specifically addresses the issue. He will bring Butler's ordinance to the Council for review. Councilman Mastrangelo said that he drove through five or six times and had no problem. He found the line of sight goes 150 yards. Mayor Budesheim asked the Police Chief to have the Traffic Officer make some recommendations.

June Carelli asked the Council to discuss an upcoming event to be held at the Glenburn on August 1st. She said this is the first time the Glenburn will have an event like this and safety is her main concern. I want to be sure the Council agrees. Jed, owner of Coney Island Pizza, described the event being planned which will benefit three non-profit organizations – The Riverdale Land Conservancy, Sheryl's Den Animal Rescue of West Milford, and the Riverdale Art Center. The goal is to have 200 to 300 people and the event will begin at 7 pm and be over by 10 pm. Council discussed their concerns with regard to safety, capacity, parking, bathroom facilities and traffic. Councilwoman Wetzel

stated that this is not a town function so there is a usage fee for the building. Jed stated that Sheryl's Den will apply for the use permit for the Glenburn. He thought that since **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):**

the Riverdale Land Conservancy would be receiving 1/3 of the profit that would be in lieu of the usage fee. Councilman Astarita stated that they are an autonomous group. Councilman Carelli stated that it is a private event that has nothing to do with the borough Council other than authorizing the use of that facility. It comes down to making sure there's enough police protection and everyone is safe and not walking along Hamburg Turnpike at night. Police Chief Smith stated that once the event is approved he will sit down with Jed and put a plan in place to make it work. June Carelli stated that as long as everything is done properly, requests are met, we get the contract and I see how everything is going to be laid out on the property I would approve this project.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the event to be held on August 1, 2013 at the Glenburn pending the approval of Facility Director June Carelli and Police Chief Kevin Smith for setup of the program, security and parking.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:54 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
 Absent: None**

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, that if Borough Clerk Carol Talerico retires by March 31, 2014, she will still be entitled to her \$9,000 unused sick time payout.

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

Mayor Budesheim stated that he brought in a tax collector from another town since our tax collector has been out for a month and will continue to be out until the end of July. There are some issues that have to be addressed by the Personnel Committee for that position.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda C. Forbes, R.M.C.
Deputy Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION:

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we didn't need to do a rice notice since Carol Talerico made the request and is aware of the matter being discussed.

Mayor Budesheim stated that Carol Talerico is planning to retire and the question came up about whether we can pay her the \$9,000 unused sick time she is entitled to this year. She would be willing to work through the first quarter of 2014, which was her original anticipated retirement date. We have in our ordinance that the \$9,000 sick time buyout has to be used before this year. She would agree to stay on through the first quarter as long as the Council agrees to give her the \$9,000. Council was in agreement.

Closed session being completed, Council returns to open session.

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - June 17, 2013
Workshop Meeting - July 1, 2013

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 11-2013

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 32, LOT 3 FROM THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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 Astarita to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 11-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 84-A**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Darmofalski Engineering DR Horton Escrow \$ 120.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 56-2013**; Chapter 159 Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for the DOT Grant in the amount of \$215,000 for the Highland, Hillside, Wilson Avenue and Carper Lane Project.
- 3) TABLED
- 4) Approval of Darmofalski Engineering Associates proposal for the engineering and inspection budget for the Highland, Hillside, Wilson Avenue and Carper Lane Improvements project in the amount of \$25,000 for engineering and \$8,000 for inspections for a total of \$33,000. (copy of proposal transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 5) Approval of a one day social affair permit for sale of alcoholic beverages to be submitted to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for permitting. The social affair is slated for November 16, 2013, to be held by the Pompton Lakes Education Foundation, Inc. at the Riverdale Community Center from 6 pm to 10 pm. (copy of application transmitted to governing body with agenda)
- 6) Additions to Bills list:
 - a. Gloria Carelli Funds for Food Pantry \$ 452.50
 - b. J.C.P. & L. Co. Electricity Invoice \$1,055.59
 - c. Valero Marketing Fuel Invoice \$5,777.06
- 7) Mayor to appoint the following new employees for the DPW Department and accept the resignation of Shawn Mowla, with confirmation of council.
 - a. Kurt Moore, with a start date of August 1st at an hourly rate of \$13.55 per hour which computes to an annual salary of \$28,184.00 – Laborer A.
 - b. Joseph Del Vecchio, with a start date of August 16th at an hourly rate of \$13.55 per hour which computes to an annual salary of \$28,184.00 – Laborer A.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 84-B AND C**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Glenburn Driveway Replacement.

Councilman Astarita reported that he met with the Borough Engineer at the site. His recommendation is that the price of \$2,700.00 from Prestige Paving is a good price and the job would last for many years.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve repair of the Glenburn driveway by Prestige Paving at a cost of \$2,700.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Astarita, Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Wetzel**
 Nays: **Guis, Carelli**
 (4 ayes – 2 nays – motion carried)

- 2) Shared Services – Tax Assessor.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we have not received the written documentation from Butler yet. Mayor Budesheim stated that we have the price of \$20,000 and Councilman Mastrangelo has the scope of services. We can start August 1st and formalize the resolution at the August 5th meeting.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve a Shared Services Agreement for a Tax Assessor with the Borough of Butler at a cost of \$20,000 per year.

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

- 3) Consideration of entering into an agreement with the Land Conservancy of New Jersey to have them work on obtaining NJDEP Green Acres Grants at a yearly rate of \$12,000 effective July, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he is not ready to proceed with this.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that DPW Superintendent Schotanus gave us an invoice for \$2,150.00 for two front tires, rotating tires and road service for the ladder truck. Fire Chief Sturm stated that three quotations were received.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that a part time employee was out on personal illness and went on disability. During the disability he was not paying into the pension system. He is requesting an approved leave of absence which he needs to get back into the pension system.

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

Resolution No. 58-2013; Resolution Granting Unpaid Sick Leave (Leave of Absence) to Riverdale Construction Employee Chris Walthour.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 85-D

Clerk Talerico stated that the employee who just resigned asked if he would get paid for his unused vacation and personal time. Council response was that he is entitled to vacation time per our ordinance but not personal time.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli distributed a draft salary resolution.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report for the month of June.

Mayor Budesheim read a memo from the Police Chief regarding the report from Traffic Officer Famularo on the potential obstructed view due to the shrubs on Newark Pompton Turnpike at the intersection of Newbury Place. The view is partially obstructed for drivers turning onto Newark Pompton from Newbury. He feels the shrubs across the street cause more of an obstruction to drivers attempting to turn left onto Newark Pompton from Post Lane. Accident reports were reviewed going back to 2003. Five accidents were found in that intersection with only two involving drivers turning onto Newark Pompton Turnpike from Newbury Place.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported on the D.O.T. grants for next year which are due in September. The Borough Engineer would like a decision by the August meeting. Councilman Guis worked with the DPW Superintendent to recommend several areas that need work which can be discussed at the workshop meeting. He also reported on an issue on North Corporate Drive where a 50 ft. section of curbing is ripped out. We also need to look into a capital improvement program for roads that won't qualify for D.O.T grants. He also reported on fees for the Construction Department. Most of the proposed fees are comparable or slightly lower than Bloomingdale who also services Butler and Kinnelon. Mayor Budesheim stated that Butler and Kinnelon have different fees than Bloomingdale. It was decided a spreadsheet will be prepared for further discussion at the workshop meeting.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the summer recreation program is going well. She is concerned with the next concert due to the heat wave. It was decided to move the concert to the Community Center.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the basketball courts at Independence Park are in need of repair. He will get prices.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton asked how much the Building Department costs the town and how much did they bring in so far. He asked which other town fees were checked besides Bloomingdale. Councilman Guis responded that it was around \$80,000 in salaries last year but he did not have the exact number. They brought in around \$20,000. Other towns checked were Bloomingdale, Kinnelon, Butler, and Morris Township. Councilman Carelli stated that we've never lost money in the Building Department. We'll re-evaluate it every year.

Tom Batelli stated that shared services is not outsourcing. Councilman Carelli stated that if you want to do a shared service you might want to share in some of the cost and some of the revenue. The proposal we had was to give it to Lincoln Park and goodbye. If something was built in town where we brought in \$200,000 they were keeping all the money.

Mr. Clinton stated that is a great suggestion and something should have been said the night it was brought up but no one said a word.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills.
- 2) Mayor to appoint 4 part time dispatchers for the Police Department with consent of Borough Council contingent upon a successful background check:
 - a. Kyle Aug
 - b. Edward O'Connell
 - c. Kelli Delia
 - d. Samuel Greedyk

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 88-A

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim stated that he has spoken with the DPW Superintendent and Councilman Guis about the need for a new truck. He is looking at a Ford F-250 with a plow in the vicinity of \$30,000 through the Morris County Co-Op.

Mayor Budesheim stated that our Tax Collector is now back to work after recovering from her accident in the municipal building. She's been out over two months and we had to bring in a tax collector from Butler. Originally this was going to be a shared service however it took so much time that she spent about 25 hours here and we have to put her on the payroll for those hours.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to authorize putting Cora Wright on the payroll at the rate \$45.00 per hour for 25 hours worked as part-time Tax Collector.

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

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

Mayor Budesheim reported that we received the contract from Butler for the shared services agreement for Tax Assessor at \$20,000 per year. Butler is meeting tonight and will be voting on this. He has started and was here a few hours today meeting with Mr. Clemack and going over the pending tax appeals and issues that have come up because of the re-val.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to approve the Interlocal Service Agreement for Tax Assessor Services between the Borough of Butler and the Borough of Riverdale.

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

Mayor Budesheim stated the County notified him about a snow plowing program. They will pay us \$100 per hour to plow and provide the salt we need for Hamburg Turnpike and Riverdale Road. He told them we are interested and is waiting for a contract.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the bookkeeper is retiring the end of October and he has had many inquiries about replacing her. He would like to start advertising for the position so we can interview and have someone start around September 1st.

Mayor Budesheim reported on sewer allocation. We did some remediation with manholes at The Grande and we hope that will help with our I&I problem. We have the pipe and we're putting the pumping station on Hamburg Turnpike. We have other people who are looking for sewer allocation. I've asked the Sewer Authority to inquire whether the towns have any allocation that they're willing to sell and at what price.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he was called by the realtor who has the property where the Texaco station was next to the Verizon building to see if we're still interested. We have some COAH money left and were looking to use that as possibly open space. I was talking with Jersey Central because they are interested in purchasing that property to build the sub-station and put it right on Newark Pompton Turnpike.

Councilwoman Wetzel asked about the hours for the bookkeeping position. Mayor Budesheim stated it would be a part-time position and he is looking for someone who can multi-task and be cross trained for the Building Department.

Mayor Budesheim reported that for the last two years we have contracted with the New Jersey Land Conservancy at \$12,000 per year to assist us with the flood buyouts on Harrison Road and the end of Riverview Terrace. Our contract with them was up on June 30th. I met with the County representative for the Open Space Trust Fund that will be funding about 75% of that buyout. She feels that we don't need them right now and that she will work with me to finish this grant process and the acquisitions. This will save \$12,000 if the Council has no objections. There were none. Mayor Budesheim directed the Borough Clerk to advise the Land Conservancy we no longer require their services and to request our files be turned over to us.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he met with Councilmen Falkoski and Mastrangelo, the Chief and Police Special Kyle Parrill about bringing him on as a full time Patrolman

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

effective September 1st. There are a few proposals on how to fund this but I think we all agree there will be enough money too bring him on.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the appointment of Kyle Parrill as a full time Probationary Patrolman effective September 1, 2013 and to be sworn in at the September 4th meeting.

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

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that Target has requested an extension of hours of operation for Black Friday. Also, our CFO has requested the council vote on adopting the “Surplus Policy” which was not put on the agenda.

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

Resolution No. 57-2013; Approval of the Surplus Policy of the Borough of Riverdale providing guidance in determining the level of surplus that should be maintained to support municipal operations. (policy was transmitted to governing body)

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 90-B**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated he has a potential litigation matter to be discussed in closed session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that he left two copies of the updated Forestry Plan for Linda Roetman on her desk.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the concerts and summer recreation are completed for this season and everything went well. We’ll be working on plans for the Street Fair which is Monday of Labor Day weekend. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that the school Superintendent has left and she felt that they should look into shared services for that position. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it is a board decision. Any feedback from us would be purely advisory. It was decided that Councilwoman Wetzel would reach out to the school board as a resident and representative of the council.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the Glenburn is paved. He started getting prices for the basketball courts at Independence Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, thanked Councilman Astarita for spearheading the repair of the parking lot at Glenburn.

Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road, asked if we had to submit a plan to COAH on how we would utilize the Verizon property. Borough Attorney Oostdyk replied that we didn't know so we left it open ended but it would be used for affordable housing purposes. Mayor Budesheim stated that Push-to-Walk is going to see if they can reconfigure the site and put the patio homes as we originally discussed.

Glenn Venza, Macopin Avenue, asked if there was a profit from the concerts. Councilwoman Wetzel replied that there was a profit but it is not a town function so she would not give a report at a town meeting. It is run by Friends of the Riverdale Concert Series, Inc. Mr. Venza asked if they pay the DPW workers who set up and tear down. She responded that they've never been billed for that and will explain it to him after the meeting.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None**

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

August 5, 2013

CLOSED SESSION:

LITIGATION – BOGERT/BUDESHEIM

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: Mayor excuses himself from Closed Session

Borough Attorney Robert Oostdyk reported on the employee complaint against Mayor Budesheim and that the attorney handling the complaint has so much as advised settling this internally but it does not appear that will happen without the claimant looking for a fairly large payout. Therefore the Borough Attorney suggests sending it to the Borough's Insurance Company for action as a TORT claim because the insurance company will not address it unless it is a lawsuit, but there probably will be a deductible involved.

The insurance company does not usually cover punitive damages. This is a pre-litigation matter and does not prove an act of harassment, and the claimant also feels that he should have been made Chief of Police when the position was open and that he was passed over by the Mayor.

The council briefly discussed the fact that they did not feel it was appropriate for them to make any kind of offer to settle this and put it into the insurance company's hands as a law suit.

The Borough Attorney stated that this is something that cannot be ignored and agreed that the next step should probably be the insurance company.

All agreed that the complaint should be turned over to the insurance company by the borough for further action.

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - July 15, 2013
Workshop Meeting - August 5, 2013

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Darmofalski Engineering Riverdale Green Escrow \$ 1,200.00
 - b. Burgis Associates, Inc. Riverdale Green Escrow \$ 6,946.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 58-2013A; Refund** Homestead Rebate – Block 18, Lot 26.02; Joseph & Kathryn DeMauex - \$677.21.
- 3) **Resolution No. 59-2013;** Resolution of the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “General Comments & Recommendations” as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body.
- 4) Approval of request for extension of hours of operation by Target Store T2247 on 94 State Route, Riverdale for an opening at 12:00 a.m. for the day of November 29, 2013, day after Thanksgiving.
- 5) Approval of purchase of truck for the DPW/Water Department off state contract A83577T2100 not to exceed \$30,000.
- 6) Mayor to appoint Shawn Hopkins, CTA as the Tax Assessor for the Borough of Riverdale through the Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Butler.
- 7) **Resolution No. 61-2013;** Chapter 159 – Clean Communities Grant - \$7,023.34. (Finance Officer item)
- 8) **Resolution No. 62-2013;** Chapter 159 – Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund – Grant - \$580.52. (Finance Officer item)

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 9) **Resolution No. 63-2013;** Chapter 159 – Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund – Grant - \$7,928.73. (Finance Officer item)
- 10) **Resolution No. 64-2013;** Chapter 159 – Volunteer Fire Assistance Program – Grant - \$1,301.66. (Finance Officer item)

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 94-A, B, C, D, E, F, AND G

MAYOR REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Budesheim stated that there are no agenda items for the committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) **Resolution No. 60-2013;** Salary Resolution.

Mayor Budesheim stated that this is a regular meeting and everything is supposed to be brought up at a workshop meeting before we vote on it. This item was not brought up but there are employees here so I have no problem discussing this sample resolution that was sent out on Friday. We can vote on it at the workshop meeting.

Councilman Carelli stated this resolution was passed out at the July 15th meeting. It was brought up during budget discussions on ten separate occasions where there was no input. I did receive some input from Councilman Mastrangelo about some of the positions. I asked for feedback, I asked the Council to review it and I asked the Borough Clerk to review it for accuracy. The draft resolution had an adoption date of August 19th since that was the next regular meeting. The fact that we did not discuss it at the workshop is irrelevant and to decide an hour after I distribute it to the Borough Clerk to be put on the agenda that it can't be put on is unreasonable and unfair to the employees. They have been waiting for their raise for nine months and I don't know what waiting another meeting is going to do. I'd like the Council to consider voting on it tonight.

Councilman Astarita stated that we've been discussing this for many meetings and he agreed we should move on it.

Mayor Budesheim disagreed. He stated that the July 15th resolution is different from the one that was sent to us Friday afternoon. The directive was sent to the Borough Clerk before she received anything from you. It's just enforcing the bylaws. There were two different proposals out there. There was a 2% retroactive and a 3% going forward. That has never been discussed.

Councilman Carelli went over in chronological order what the Finance Committee did at each meeting regarding the budget and salary resolution. He said there was no feedback and there was no need to talk about it at the last meeting. This is the normal business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

meeting so I gave it to the clerk to put on the agenda and then I found out it couldn't be on the agenda. I find it troubling.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that he had quite a few questions but was never responded to by Councilman Carelli. There was disagreement regarding the matter. Councilman Mastrangelo stated that a 3% effective October 1 is more beneficial to employees who are going to be here for two or three or four years. I know some employees who are leaving this year and next year would rather have that 2% and run. I'm more concerned with the people who are going to be here. This first draft is wrong. There are people on there that didn't get a raise and I wanted to discuss the Mayor's salary.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that the budget was approved with a 2% retroactive raise for the employees so if you wanted to change it to 3% you should have brought it up.

Councilman Guis stated that he feels a moral, ethical responsibility to do what we discussed and said we were going to do.

Mayor Budesheim stated that we should discuss the matter. He said that he believed the custodian and violations clerk should be given the same raise as everybody else.

Councilman Astarita stated that we should go with the 2% and include the borough employees that I assume didn't get raises the last two years either. Councilwoman Wetzel stated she agreed with that. Councilmen Guis and Carelli said they had no problem with it.

Councilman Astarita stated that he would make that a motion and Councilwoman Wetzel stated she would second it. Councilman Astarita then stated he wanted to take something back because he didn't know if the salary resolution he was looking at was what we're voting on. He said there's also the question we've brought up many times about the Mayor's salary. Although Paul tells me that has not changed, even though it's on this document, I guess there's some other monies under a different heading.

Councilman Carelli stated that we had voted to continue until such time it is rectified but that has not happened yet so it doesn't really affect that.

Councilman Astarita asked if we have a document here in front of us that is accurate.

Councilman Carelli stated that the two positions that we're referring to are on page 3.

Councilman Astarita stated that the motion would be to approve this resolution with changes.

Councilman Guis stated to add 2% to those two line items.

Councilman Falkoski asked about the Mayor's salary.

Councilman Astarita stated that has not changed.

Councilman Falkoski asked what he meant by it has not changed.

Councilman Carelli stated that has to be addressed separately.

Councilman Falkoski if the motion is to pass this resolution excluding the Mayor's salary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

Councilman Carelli said no, the Mayor's salary is here. The other portion we've already voted on to continue that until such time as we find another way to do it.

Councilman Falkoski said in other words even though this relates a lower salary than what he's getting paid his salary is not going to be cut.

Councilman Carelli stated that is correct.

Councilman Astarita stated that is what he understands to be the case.

Councilman Mastrangelo asked if we didn't agree once the salary resolution was adopted and we did all of this we were going to take care of that.

Councilman Carelli stated that hasn't been done yet so I guess it just continues until we address it. We have to address that somehow.

Mayor Budesheim asked what there is to address. Either fix it or cut it but having a sword hanging over my head for the past two years is getting tiring. Either do it now or don't do it at all.

Councilman Astarita clarified the motion he set forth is to approve the salary resolution which includes the change of salary for custodian from \$23.16 to \$23.62 per hour and violations clerk from \$18.36 to \$18.73 per hour.

Councilman Astarita stated that along with moving the monies from that other heading into the Mayor's salary.

Councilman Carelli said he wouldn't do that here. That should be done separately because we already voted not to do that and we voted to continue paying him. That needs discussion. Nobody's saying to cut it and this wouldn't cut that at all but it should be addressed.

Councilman Astarita asked what the difference is if we do it now or later. Are there some overriding legal implications that we can't do that now?

Borough Attorney Bryce stated that he didn't believe there were any legal implications.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated he would like to make that motion.

Councilman Guis stated there is already a motion on the table.

Councilman Carelli said he would do it as separate.

Councilman Falkoski stated we need to clarify what the motion is now.

Councilman Carelli stated he did not know.

Councilmen Astarita stated the motion he made was to approve the salary resolution with the two addendums or changes giving those two line items 2%.

Councilman Falkoski asked if that would be retroactive.

Councilman Carelli stated that it would be retroactive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the following resolution.

- 1) **Resolution No. 60-2013; Salary Resolution.**

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 97-H

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to bring the Mayor's salary this year to what he's been paid and move that money from the other heading into the Mayor's salary heading.

Resolution No. 65-2013; Salary Resolution

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Budesheim*
Nays: Guis, Wetzel, Carelli
(4 ayes – 3 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 97-I

*Mayor Budesheim asked what it would mean if he doesn't vote.

Borough Attorney Bryce stated the salary would stay the same. It means that the headings have not been changed so from what Councilman Carelli is saying is that it would remain as is and as currently is being paid. If you abstain the motion fails.

Mayor Budesheim asked if his salary stays exactly the same then.

Borough Attorney Bryce stated it's just how it's allocated my understanding is.

Mayor Budesheim asked if the vote is just which line item we're taking it out of.

Borough Attorney Bryce stated that is correct. We already addressed that earlier in the year so nothing's changed.

Mayor Budesheim asked if this was a bookkeeping thing.

Councilman Carelli stated he didn't know about that.

Mayor Budesheim stated that you said the salary stayed the same; it's not going to get cut if we don't do this, and therefore all we're doing is a journal entry from the unassigned salaries to the Mayor and Council line item. Is that the effect of this resolution?

Councilman Carelli stated he didn't know.

Mayor Budesheim asked him what he just voted on.

Councilman Astarita asked the Mayor why he doesn't vote yes.

Mayor Budesheim stated he wanted to make it clear that I'm not giving myself a raise as some people are saying.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

Councilman Astarita stated this isn't giving you a raise. It's giving you the salary that you're getting now. The people have spoken and we want a full time Mayor so let's just put this to bed and vote.

Mayor Budesheim voted to break the tie vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

An unidentified audience member spoke regarding the development of the Verizon property. Mayor Budesheim responded that Push-to-Walk and the developer are working on a new plan and he is invited to come to the meeting.

Police Chief Smith recommended we appoint a part-time dispatcher at this meeting or the next meeting. He is a retiring Pompton Lakes police officer and would require minimal training.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the appointment of Ronald Thomas as a part-time dispatcher for the Riverdale Police Department.

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

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Absent: Wetzel (work)

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

SWEARING IN OF PATROLMAN KYLE PARRILL:

Mayor Budesheim announced that tonight we have the pleasure and honor of appointing Kyle Parrill as a Patrolman. Kyle has been a lifelong resident of Riverdale. He was a member of the Boy Scouts all through his youth before making the rank of Eagle and I had the privilege of sitting on his Eagle Board of Review. He went to high school at the Academy for Law and Public Safety before earning his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He has experience working as a Class II officer here for roughly nine months. Kyle was the head of his graduating class when he graduated from the Academy last October. We are very proud of him and his accomplishments and especially proud to have him join our Police Force.

The Borough Clerk swore in Kyle Parrill as a Probationary Patrolman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Officer Roque Rodriguez of the National Guard updated the Council on their request to have a 5K run/walk and honorary renaming of Riverdale Road for one of their soldiers who was killed in action in October of 2011. The Morris County Director of Public Works informed him that as long as the route number is not changed the street name can be changed and it is up to the municipality.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the honorary renaming of Riverdale Road for SSG Jorge M. Oliveira who was killed in action in Afghanistan in October of 2011.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Mayor Budesheim directed Officer Rodriguez to contact the County with regard for payment for the sign.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 100-A**ITEMS FOR WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

- 1) Correspondence from Borough of Pompton Lakes regarding the desnagging of the Pequannock River and that as part of this process Riverdale assigned 75% of its N.J.D.E.P. Desnagging Grant to Pompton Lakes to also utilize their services to work in Riverdale under the direction of Paul Darmofalski. As a result of this Pompton Lakes is billing Riverdale the amount of \$34,079.73 for additional costs. (copy of letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Councilman Guis reminded the Council that \$100,000 was reserved from the Open Space fund for this. It will be put on the agenda for payment at the next meeting.

- 2) Correspondence from The Sports Authority requesting permission for extended hours to stay open on Thanksgiving Day until 12 a.m. and reopen at 5 a.m. on Friday November 29th. (copy of letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated that we don't have a problem with this and it will be put on the agenda.

- 3) Ordinance No. 12-2013; Bond Ordinance. (copy of ordinance transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated that the CFO prepared this ordinance. Councilman Guis stated that he would like to review the original ordinance for comparison.

- 4) Ordinance No. 13-2013; An Ordinance Granting Municipal Consent for the Operation of a Cable Television System within the Borough of Riverdale to Cablevision of Oakland, LLC.

Council discussed the ordinance and would like a shorter term and a senior citizen discount. The Borough Clerk will advertise for the public hearing to be held on November 4th.

- 5) Library has requested to be placed on the September 16th agenda to honor their teen volunteers who helped at the library this summer.

This will be on the agenda.

- 6) Donald Van Orden scheduled to receive a step increase as well as cost of living adjustment effective July 1, 2013, bringing new annual salary to \$38,300. (copy of mayors memo distributed to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated there was a mix-up in his salary all of last year and this will make up for it.

- 7) Payment in lieu of health benefits.

ITEMS FOR WORKSHOP DISCUSSION (continued):

Mayor Budesheim stated that a police officer inquired about payment in lieu of health benefits. He is getting married and his future wife has health benefits that are not through the State Health Benefit Plan. The most we are allowed to reimburse him is 25% of our net cost or \$5,000 whichever is less. We could save up to \$8,000 per year. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we would do this for anybody who meets the qualifications. Mayor Budesheim will tell the officer we need a letter of understanding from the PBA.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he and PBA President Pat Harden came to an agreement on salary for the Lieutenant position. The first year will be a \$2,000 increase and the following year a \$3,000 increase. The amendment will be on the next agenda.

Councilman Carelli asked about the PBA contract document. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the arbitrator's decision becomes incorporated into the contract. We will get a document that we will ratify.

Mayor Budesheim asked the Council if they are ready to entertain promoting to a lieutenant. There are four sergeants who would be eligible and we would have three sergeants and a lieutenant. This would not create an additional person. Councilman Falkoski stated that it's necessary to have another superior officer in order to have a chain of command. This will be on the next agenda and a promotion committee will be formed.

8) Custodian position.

Mayor Budesheim stated that our custodian has been working for us over two years and doing an excellent job. He's working 25 hours and the work is there to bring him up to 40 hours. We would not pay for health benefits as his wife has State Health Benefits. Councilman Guis proposed he work Saturday through Wednesday so he can do the cleanups at the Glenburn and Community Center. Councilman Astarita proposed that his hours be flexible. This will be discussed with the custodian and be put on the next agenda.

9) Honorary Renaming of Riverdale Road.

This item was discussed in public session.

10) Resolution No. 66-2013; Submittal of Grant Application & Execution of Agreement NJDOT for Federal Place and Halsey Avenue Improvement Project.

11) Resolution No. 67-2013; Submittal of Grant Application & Execution of Agreement NJDOT for Sidewalk Improvements to Federal Place and Halsey Avenue.

Mayor Budesheim stated these two items will be on the agenda for approval.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported there is a situation with the electric bills for the traffic signal on Route 23 by Home Depot. The electric is provided by Butler Electric and there is \$2,000 owed. We've been sending the bills to the state since it's a state highway and they keep sending them back. They sent us a copy of a resolution signed by Mayor Dedio on May 13, 2004, and he left office in August of 2003, stating the borough agrees to pay the electric. I can't understand why we would pay the electric. I went through the minutes from 2003 and can't find that this was ever brought up for approval. Borough

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

Attorney Oostdyk suggested we get a meeting with someone at the state to discuss the matter. Borough Clerk Talerico will search her records for any additional information.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that she will be adding an escrow bill to the bills list.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported the custodian was left off the salary resolution but that will be taken care of at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

Fire Chief Dan Sturm reported that Pompton Lakes has a waiting list of about 10 members. Our ordinance says you have to live or work in the borough to be a fireman here. He asked if we could change the ordinance or do something to get more help in town from our mutual aid departments. It was decided to amend the ordinance at the next meeting.

Police Chief Kevin Smith reported that the car camera system is becoming outdated and should be replaced. He has obtained three price quotes. Mayor Budesheim stated that this was discussed as part of the bond ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported on a proposal he obtained for the roofing system. The cost is \$48,000 so we will need to go to bid.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that they've been interviewing for a bookkeeper and have it narrowed down to two candidates. In the middle of this a borough employee got involved and before I move forward I want to get that resolved. We're going to issue that employee a RICE notice so we can talk about it at the next meeting. Councilman Carelli asked for copies of the resumes since it falls under his committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Tom Batelli, Cannella Way, asked about negotiations with Cablevision. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded.

Michael Reilly, Greenwich Street, asked if there was an ordinance pertaining to overnight parking at Wal-Mart. Mayor Budesheim stated there is an ordinance prohibiting overnight parking of trailers. There was a discussion regarding Wal-Mart's policy of allowing campers to stay overnight in their parking lots and whether there is a negative side to this. Police Chief Smith stated that there haven't been any problems. Councilman Mastrangelo stated his concern for potential problems and that if we have an ordinance it should be enforced. Mayor Budesheim instructed the Police Chief to begin enforcing the ordinance.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, 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: 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel
Absent: Carelli (work obligation)**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - August 19, 2013
Workshop Meeting - September 4, 2013

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

PRESENTATION TO HONOR TEEN VOLUNTEERS TO THE RIVERDALE LIBRARY.

Mayor Budesheim stated that it gives us great pleasure to recognize the youths who have volunteered their time at the library this past summer. We do this every year and we appreciate the work that they do and are very proud of them. It is also a tribute to the parents for encouraging them to take part in this program. Children's Librarian Lara Cohen explained the program and expressed her gratitude to the volunteers. Councilwoman Wetzel presented them with certificates.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolution:

- 1) **Resolution No. 72-2013;** Capital Budget Amendment for Ordinance No. 12-2013.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 104-A

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

ORDINANCES (continued):**ORDINANCE 12-2013****BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 4-2010, FINALLY ADOPTED MARCH 15, 2010, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 8-2012 FINALLY ADOPTED DECEMBER 3, 2012 AND AS FURTHER SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 5-2013 FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2013**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 105-B

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Cablevision Franchise term was changed from 10 to 3 years.

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

ORDINANCE 13-2013**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY TO CABLEVISION OF OAKLAND, LLC**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 105-C

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

ORDINANCE 14-2013**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 105-D

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Budesheim requested resolution No. 5 be removed for discussion.

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Darmofalski Engineering TCR Escrow \$ 260.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 66-2013;** Approval of submittal of DOT Grant application for the Federal Place and Halsey Avenue Improvement Project with a total eligible for aid amount of \$396,425.00 and a total project amount of \$431,425.00.
- 3) **Resolution No. 67-2013;** Approval of submittal of DOT Grant application for the Sidewalk Improvements to Federal Place and Halsey Avenue with a total eligible for aid amount of \$281,200.00 and a total project amount of \$311,200.00.
- 4) **Resolution No. 68-2013;** Salary Resolution – Van Orden & DelCastillo.
- 5) (Removed)
- 6) **Resolution No. 70-2013;** Refund of Tax Overpayments, Block 40, Lot 2.5103, Riverdale Investors in the amount of \$1,366.88, year 2013, overpayment. (copy transmitted with agenda)
- 7) **Resolution No. 71-2013;** Refund of Tax Overpayments, Block 12.01, Lot 37.01, Leon & Berit Belyea in the amount of \$5,918.00, year 2009 – 2012, Balance of Tax Court Judgment. (copy transmitted with agenda)
- 8) Approval of the release of funds for unused sick time in the amount of \$9,000 and unused vacation time (13 vacation days at \$218.12 per day) in the amount of \$2,835.56 payable to Donna Lavornia, Bookkeeper upon her retirement, October 31, 2013. (copy transmitted with agenda)
- 9) Authorization of extended hours request for Target Corporation to open their store located on Route 23 North at 12:00 a.m. on November 29, 2013. Appropriate fees have been received.
- 10) Resolution to approve the purchase of the 4RE In-Car Camera System under State Contract A81300 in the amount of \$44,719.00 upon adoption of Bond Ordinance and proper estoppel period. (copy transmitted with agenda)

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 106- E, F, G, H, I AND K**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim stated the reason he pulled resolution No. 5 is that we are looking to bring the Police Department up to staff with the appointment of a Lieutenant. Unfortunately we received a letter that was sent to our attorney stating there is a pending lawsuit regarding promotions within the department. We feel until that is resolved that we won't be able to go forward with that.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Payment in lieu of health benefits – discussion or decision to have a policy to offer employees payment through salary if they waive their health benefit coverage.

OTHER BUSINESS (continued):

Mayor Budesheim stated this would be beneficial to the town. We would save 75% of our costs. Council was in agreement.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to offer employees payment through salary if they waive their health benefit coverage.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Bid specifications for repair of municipal building roof.

Councilman Astarita stated that the Borough Engineer did not get back to him but he has the plans. He received correspondence from a secondary vendor for the foam roof but he doesn't seem willing to come out and place a bid. Mayor Budesheim stated we should get this resolved by the next meeting so we can authorize going to bid. He also said the architect has concerns about the foam roof. Councilman Guis recommended a meeting with the engineer and architect to make a decision.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to go out to bid for a new roof for the municipal building subject to the recommendation of the architect and borough engineer.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported the court report for the month of August.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel thanked everyone who participated at the Street Fair. The day was a success.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No Report.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that they have a candidate for the bookkeeper position. Carla Mecionis has some construction code official, some TACO, a bachelor's degree in accounting, graduated at the top of her class and has municipal experience in other areas. I recommend her for the position.

Councilman Falkoski stated that he sat in on the initial interviews and he felt there was another person better qualified. Basically it is a bookkeeping position and there was only one candidate that had bookkeeping experience and that was Susan Ramirez. That's who I would select.

Councilman Guis suggested that we might attract a wider range of people advertising through the League of Municipalities instead of just our own website. I think it's important to have someone from Finance on that interview process and also possibly our CFO. These are people that work directly with them in charge of those departments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Councilman Mastrangelo felt that should have been brought up a month ago not after he made the decision. Councilman Guis stated that no one knew the interviews were taking place and that Councilman Carelli made some valid points in his email. Councilwoman Wetzel agreed. Councilman Astarita stated that his list of qualifications would be good but we're looking for a part-timer who can handle several jobs. Somebody with these credentials would be looking to make more than we're willing to pay. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that all of those items are part of the job. Councilwoman Wetzel read the email that Councilman Carelli had sent to the Council listing the qualifications he felt would be necessary and offering his assistance in finding a qualified candidate. Mayor Budesheim stated that we wanted to have a person working for most of September a few hours each week to be trained. He recommended Carla Mecionis since she has an accounting degree. Councilman Guis stated he would still like to see a recommendation from the CFO. Mayor Budesheim stated that is not his department. Councilman Astarita stated that he knows Carla Mecionis and had dealings with her in the Bloomingdale Building Department. What I noticed is her smile and customer service way of thinking. She is my son-in-law's sister and I do see her about once a year. I have no vested interest in this other than I know she is a real smart woman and has a smile on her face all the time. I think she would be a good addition to our employee group. That's why I actually recommended her for this.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to appoint Carla Mecionis as part-time Bookkeeper.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Mastrangelo**
 Nays: Falkoski, Guis, Wetzel
 (3ayes – 2 nays – motion denied)

Mayor Budesheim stated that since the Finance Chairman doesn't feel the other candidate is qualified we have to start over. Councilwoman Wetzel recommended that the candidates meet with the CFO and Finance Chairman. If they are comfortable we should still reconsider her. Councilman Guis agreed.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that the police secretary did not get her retro check and there was an error on the salary resolution.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve amending the Part Time Police Secretary salary to \$25,194 annual rate.

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

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

PERSONNEL MATTER:

- 1) Personnel matter with accordance of a Rice Letter sent to a borough employee; employee has requested the matter be discussed in open session. (copy of employee response transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Councilman Mastrangelo asked Sam Dedio to explain why he went to Bloomingdale on a few occasions and called there questioning the person who applied for the bookkeeping position.

PERSONNEL MATTER (continued):

Sam Dedio asked the Borough Attorney if the rice letter was done in a legal manner as it did not state the reason. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded that the letter stated it was a personnel matter about a term and condition of his employment and it was done legally. Mr. Dedio explained that he was asked by someone to look on the borough website at the job opening for a part-time bookkeeper and look at the last qualification that was required. I did and I noticed it was the Roadrunner software which is strictly a Building Department function. It's a program that I know and I was curious why someone for accounting would need to know also about the Building Department. I was a little concerned over the weekend. On Monday I asked the Mayor and he said it had nothing to do with me. He explained that Carla had come for the Tax Assessor's job and didn't qualify but he noticed she had an accounting degree. I called her in Bloomingdale and told her there was a job opening for someone with an accounting degree and suggested she apply for it. She asked me how that concerned me in the Building Department and I told her that I also do water and sewer. She said she was planning to call me and come down to see how we run our office. I went to Bloomingdale because I received a letter and permit for them in the mail which I dropped off and she happened to be there. I asked her how it was going with the application. She said her husband lost his job, she has no benefits and is looking for something different. I told her if they promise her a job to make sure she gets it in writing. That's the only thing I told her and the only contact I had with her.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that the first meeting with Carla was back when they were looking for a tax assessor and she applied. We were impressed with her but she wasn't qualified for the job. The Mayor and I told her there would be an opening coming up that might be a good fit. We told her to keep watching the postings on the website. I spoke to Carla and some of her co-workers and this is what I got from Carla:

"On Friday, August 16th, Mr. Dedio phoned Bloomingdale Construction Department in the afternoon and inquired if Carla had an accounting degree. He told her he did not understand the requirements for the position posted and asked what she knew of it. On Monday, August 19th, Mr. Dedio stopped in Bloomingdale Construction Department and stated that he was looking for Carla who was not in, she was on vacation, because he wanted to ask her why she was after his job. He followed his statement with "he was only joking". Mr. Dedio then had a conversation with her boss. Tuesday, August 27th, Mr. Dedio came into Bloomingdale Construction Department a second time and addressed both Carla and a co-worker. He questioned her about the job posting requirements, specifically her degree and Construction Department experience. He stated he was out of the office only one week a year so there would be no need for coverage for him nor is a degree in bookkeeping necessary. He repeatedly referred to "we" when he spoke leaving Carla with the impression that this topic was being discussed with others in the Municipal Building. Friday, August 30th, Mr. Dedio again phoned Bloomingdale Construction Department and spoke to a co-worker about a permit but then proceeded to tell her that the interviews for the job were being held that morning. He further informed them that the interviews were scheduled at 20 minute intervals and Carla was at that very moment awaiting her interview in the Riverdale Municipal Lobby."

Councilman Mastrangelo said that you can see her concern. She's applying for a job and it seems like you're talking to her, asking her questions, talking to her boss, talking to her co-workers. It kind of skewed the results. When she came in that day she was frazzled and she did not interview well that day the same way she did the previous interview. She came in and before she sat down Donna said to her "Do you have a degree in bookkeeping?". It was embarrassing and that set the whole tone for what Joe saw with Carla. I felt that she was being harassed by you.

PERSONNEL MATTER (continued):

Mr. Dedio stated that he can understand but was trying to help her when I told her to apply for the job. Her main concern was not with bookkeeping but she was asking me about the Building Department so of course I felt concerned that somebody was after my job. I only talked to her twice and don't know where these other conversations came from. If she got offended then I apologize to her. It wasn't meant to be that way.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Building Department is doing worse this year. We're about 70% of the way into the year and we've collected about 22% of revenues. I do have to revisit that. Mr. Dedio stated that our permit fees are some of the lowest in the area. Mayor Budesheim stated that he was doing comps and some towns have lower fees, Lincoln Park being one of them, and other fees were pretty much the same as other towns. Even if you double the fees the work just isn't there. Mr. Dedio asked what happened to the money from a few years ago when the condos and apartments were built. Shouldn't that have been set aside for the Building Department? Our department is a service to the people of this town. Mayor Budesheim stated that money was used in the budget and kept the taxes down. If a company starts losing money after having successful years they have to change their approach. We have a \$90,000 cap and we've taken almost \$60,000 of that to keep this one department going. We have a financial responsibility and a lot of other expenses for services was can't cut. This is an area where we can do a shared service and we have to look into it.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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 Carelli, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Gary Shaw, Government Affairs Director for Cablevision, addressed the Council regarding the renewal of their franchise. Mr. Shaw stated that the borough introduced an ordinance with a 3 year term length and they were concerned. We have to notify you 3 years prior to expiration of our intent to seek renewal. The ordinance we sent to the borough, which included an \$8,000 grant, was predicated on a 10 year term. If it is the borough's desire to only do three years that grant would have to come out of the ordinance. We are asking the borough to reconsider at least a 5 year renewal where we could provide a \$4,000 grant for that period. After discussing the matter, it was agreed to reintroduce the ordinance for a 5 year term with a grant in the amount of \$5,000 plus free connections in all municipal buildings.

ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to **re-introduce** the following ordinance as amended and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 13-2013

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY TO CABLEVISION OF OAKLAND, LLC

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 111-A

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills/Claims

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 2) Authorization of extended hours request for The Sports Authority located on Route 23 North to remain open until 12 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013 and to open on November 29, 2013 at 5 a.m.
- 3) Authorization of extended hours request for Best Buy located on Route 23 North to open on November 29, 2013 at 12 am.
- 4) Authorization of extended hours request for Wal-Mart located on Route 23 North to be open from November 28th, 2013 at 7 a.m. through 12 midnight on November 29, 2013. Appropriate fees have been received.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 112-B**INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY:**

- 1) “Certificate of Determination and Award” Issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2,500,000 on September 19, 2013 with a maturity date of September 18, 2014, numbered 2013-1. Interest rate per annum is 1.375% payable at maturity, net interest cost 1.3610%, awarded and sold note to Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., Philadelphia, PA at a price of \$2,500,350 plus interest on the note accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that at the request of the Council he put a classified ad for a bookkeeper on the League of Municipalities website. It ran for two weeks and we received one response from someone with no experience. Based on that, I recommend we go with the Personnel Committee’s recommendation of Carla Mecionis.

Councilman Carelli stated that he felt we didn’t get responses because it is part time and the hourly rate we advertised of \$12 to \$15 per hour was rather low. There were several ads for similar positions on the League website and each was \$20 to \$30 per hour. There are qualifications and I feel it’s an important position. It concerns me that a person will come in with no experience and there’s no one to teach them. There are temp agencies that can supply someone until you can find the right person but I’m not sure if we’ve exhausted all of our resources here to look.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that time is of the essence. The bookkeeper is going to be gone in three weeks.

Councilman Carelli stated that you can have a temp next week. They can supply a person for \$40 an hour who knows Edmunds, payroll, all the things we have in the ad. It could be an interim thing until you find someone.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that we could go to a temp agency if the person we hire doesn’t work out.

Mayor Budesheim stated he was hoping to hire someone at \$12.00 an hour for training up to 10 hours a week and effective November 1st it could go up to \$15.00 an hour. The person would be put on 6 month probation and if they meet our expectations we can bring it up to \$20.00 an hour.

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Carla Mecionis as a part-time bookkeeper at a salary of \$12.00 per hour while training 10 hours per week and \$15.00 per hour beginning November 1st for up to 25 hours per week with a 6 month probationary period.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Mastrangelo**
 Nays: Falkoski, Guis, Wetzal, Carelli
 (2 ayes – 4 nays – motion denied)

Councilman Falkoski asked if we could put another name in contention for the position. Mayor Budesheim stated we could not because the Finance Chairman told us at the last meeting that none of them are qualified. Councilman Falkoski stated that Susan Ramirez had qualifications as a bookkeeper and that is basically what we're hiring. Mayor Budesheim stated he was not ready to make that appointment now.

Mayor Budesheim reported on shared services. I've spoken to a town in the area and they're very interested in providing Building Department services for us. It's costing about \$90,000 a year to run that department between salaries, taxes and pension costs. As of September 30th we've taken in \$27,000 in receipts and that projects to about \$36,000 a year. The best case is that we're running at about a \$50,000 deficit. Our cap is going to be at around \$90,000. There are no added assessments this year. That's another indication the building department isn't going to be getting the work. I don't think we can ignore this any more and hopefully I'll have something for the Council to review by the next meeting and make a decision.

Councilman Carelli asked if they could provide some office hours in Riverdale for the residents and provisions to exit or share in the revenue in case the revenues change. Mayor Budesheim stated there is going to be a cap and that is what we're hoping to do.

Mayor Budesheim reported on the flood buyouts on Harrison Road and one house on Riverview Terrace. Last week I sent out the formal offers. These offers are pre-flood conditions and between Green Acres and the County's program we should be getting about 95% of the purchase price and the homeowners contribute 5%. Out of the seven one has already returned the agreement.

Mayor Budesheim reported on the offer from the State to purchase surplus property. The cost is between \$15,000 and \$16,000. There's no real use for that property. My concern is that the current owner of the adjacent property has been looking to put a coffee shop or a car wash on that site. Council discussed the matter and it will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Budesheim informed the Council that he received an email from the American Water Resource Company. They are planning to solicit our water users to try to sell them a water line protection program in case their water line breaks. The town has nothing to do with this.

Mayor Budesheim reported on the electric bill for the route 23 traffic light near Home Depot. We had a \$2,000 bill that covers a few years and it's running about \$75 to \$95 per month. I sent the letter back to the State asking them to clarify the date because the contract date was 2004 signed by Mayor Dedio who left office in 2003, and I asked if there was any authorization for this. They sent back a copy of a resolution adopted by the borough August 18, 2003 which authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement. The minutes indicated a motion was approved to enter into a traffic signal pre-emption agreement provided that Pequannock Township absorbs full payment. The instructions

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

were very clear that we were not to pay anything towards this. I am going to send the resolution to them and pursue this.

Mayor Budesheim reported on random mandatory drug testing that was brought up during PBA negotiations. I think this is a protection for the officers and the town to have this policy in place.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP:

- 1) Street sign parameters (Councilman Mastrangelo)

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that we had two dedicated street signs go up in a relatively short amount of time and he feels we should set some parameters. He read aloud his recommended policy. Council agreed there should be a policy and discussed the guidelines.

- 2) Renewal of Dexter's Liquor License. (Special ruling received from Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control)

Borough Clerk Talerico explained the special ruling was received from the State and it will be on the next agenda for the Council to vote on approving the renewal.

- 3) Excess Surplus Land known as Route 23, Section 3, Parcel VX16B1C being offered for purchase by the Borough of Riverdale.

This item was discussed during the Mayor Report.

- 4) Use of Freedom Park ball field request.

Mayor Budesheim stated we received a few requests. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that when someone calls the borough they get referred to her and she advises them they need all clearance from Pompton Lakes/Riverdale – any and all of their sports. We've never had a problem with any outside leagues and they have done additional work and taken good care of the fields. She will handle this request.

- 5) Engineering budgets for projects: Glenburn, Overlook, Sewer Pump Station.

Borough Clerk Talerico reported the fees that will be on the next agenda for approval. Council requested an explanation of the estimate for the Glenburn.

- 6) Required discussion of Best Practices Inventory at workshop meeting per Finance Officer. (Distributed with agenda)

The Best Practices Inventory and results were discussed by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Budesheim stated that he had worked on the above with the Finance Officer.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski stated he has an application for membership to the Riverdale Fire Department from Jonathan Kazemaini.

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the application of Jonathan Kazemaini for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department.

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

Fire Chief Dan Sturm reported that thanks to the ordinance change for residency we have three residents of Pompton Lakes who will be joining the Fire Department. He also reported the OEM plan is done and it will be forwarded to the County and State on Friday.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported on water and sewer lines and where the borough's responsibility ends and the homeowner's begins. He had a meeting with the Mayor and DPW Superintendent and they've come up with a concept. The borough attorney will check into ordinance changes needed. He also reported that an alteration to the septic system at the DPW garage is needed as the seepage pit is failing. In the process of lying that out we determined that one house on the end of Riverview Terrace is using about 30 feet of borough property. There's a shed and small landscape wall on the property. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it's better for the borough and the homeowner if we clarify what the rights and responsibilities are. We should first determine if we need to utilize the property and then how to address it.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported on upcoming recreation events. Fright night is October 23rd at the Glenburn. Registration deadline for Disney on Ice is October 29th and the Karate program is October 30th. We have a lifelong resident in town, Leanne Weiss, who has taken off in her music career. I called and told her we are very proud of her and I'm hoping that when she does actual CD cuttings we could acknowledge her with a small signing or release party. She has always responded when asked to do things in town.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the library director has been looking into the roofing situation there and those shingles are no longer manufactured. I will meet with her this week and see what the Library Committee is thinking about doing there.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

Mayor Budesheim stated that Obama Care will take effect in January and there are certain reporting requirements. For employers with less than 50 employees the requirements are considerably less than those with more than 50 employees. We have close to 80 people on the payroll. It includes part time and seasonal workers and there is a formula to figure out how many part timers equals one full timer. We have close to 33 actual full time employees. I spoke with the library and told them they may have to break off from us.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, 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: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - September 16, 2013
Workshop Meeting - October 7, 2013

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Abstain: Carelli (September 16th only)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 12-2013

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 4-2010, FINALLY ADOPTED MARCH 15, 2010, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 8-2012 FINALLY ADOPTED DECEMBER 3, 2012 AND AS FURTHER SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 5-2013 FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2013

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 Astarita to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES (continued):

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 12-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 118-A

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 14-2013

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE REVISED
 GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
 AND AMENDING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR
 MEMBERS OF THE RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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 Astarita to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 14-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 118-B

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Darmofalski Engineering TCR Escrow \$ 120.00
 - b. J C Network Solutions A&E & Police o/e \$ 600.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 75-2013;** Resolution Accepting Developer’s Agreement and Performance Guarantee (Anthony Pio Costa Subtrust B – Block 36.01, Lots 13 & 14 – Windbeam Road.
- 3) **Resolution No. 73-2013;** Declaring the month of November as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the Borough of Riverdale.
- 4) Authorization of extended hours request for The Sports Authority located on Route 23 North to remain open until 12 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013 and to open on November 29, 2013 at 5 am. Fee has been paid.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 5) Authorization of extended hours request for Best Buy located on Route 23 North to open on November 29, 2013 at 12 am. Fee has been paid.
- 6) Authorization of extended hours request to Wal-Mart located on Route 23 North to be open from November 28, 2013 at 7 am through 12 midnight on November 29, 2013. Fee has been paid.
- 7) **Resolution No. 74-2013;** Approval of 2013/2014 Liquor License for Dexter’s Inc. c/o Robert Paige that has received a “Special Ruling” from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control approving the renewal of this license for the 2013/2014 license term.
- 8) Approval of the following engineering proposals for work to be performed by Darmofalski Engineering Associates, Inc.:
 - a. Glenburn – 20 hours to date = \$2400. (explanation of work and hours has been transmitted to governing body with agenda as requested at workshop meeting.
 - b. Overlook and drainage – 16 hours to date = \$1920. Estimated future hours – 10 hours = \$3,120.
 - c. Sewer Pump Station Inspections – 76 hours to date = \$5320. Estimated future hours – 20 hours = \$2400. Total sewer pump station \$7720.
- 9) Approval of the payment of the following invoices:

a. Darmofalski Associates	Riverdale Pump Station	\$5,320.00
b. Darmofalski Associates	Glenburn/Overlook/Drainage	\$4,320.00
c. Darmofalski Associates	Riverdale Pump Station	\$1,050.00

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 119-C, D, E AND F

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) PBA Random Drug Testing – discussed at October 7th workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated the Police Chief has been working on a policy and it will be forwarded to everyone when it is complete.

- 2) DPW – Determination of where the responsibility lays for the water/sewer lines for major projects – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

Councilman Guis stated that we know exactly what we want to do and we need to get it documented.

- 3) Building Department – Shared Services – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated there is nothing to discuss on the building department.

- 4) Purchase of DOT Property located at the Magnus Tract from the DOT for an amount of \$15,000 to \$16,000 – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated we are still waiting for an exact price from the DOT.

- 5) Alternates to the seepage pit at the Borough Garage – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

Councilman Guis stated the markouts are done. We're waiting for an opportunity for the soil log to be dug and we'll keep going.

- 6) Street sign parameters – discussed at October 7th workshop meeting.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated he made a few changes to the policy. The Borough Clerk will prepare a resolution for approval. There was discussion regarding creating a policy manual.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Request from the low bidder for the municipal building roof bid asking for approval to withdraw his bid of \$69,999 due to his miscalculating the materials needed for the project. The price did not include the cost of the Versico material in the amount of \$18,304 which was accidentally not included in the sum of all individual items that were to be included in the final price. (Letter of withdrawal and Borough Attorneys letter regarding withdrawal transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Borough Attorney Oostdyk explained the statute and his opinion regarding the request to withdraw the bid. It is up to the governing body to agree to accept or not accept the withdrawal request. We can go with the next lowest bidder and are not required to re-bid. Borough Clerk Talerico stated the second lowest bid was from Gen II Contracting in the amount of \$83,630.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to accept the withdrawal of the bid from Mak Group LLC, and to award the bid for the reroofing of borough hall to the next lowest bidder, Gen II Contracting Co., Inc. of Clarksburg, NJ in the amount of \$83,630.00, subject to attorney review.

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

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported on some unexpected expenses. We had a sewer issue on Riverdale Road where the pumping station broke down. We needed emergency repairs, the muffin monster is destroyed and we need new pumps. There was a lot of debris found in the pumps and it is costing tens of thousands of dollars for repairs. Sewer Engineer Bill Ryden is working on plans to go out to bid on replacing the pumps. On Columbus Day we had a water main break at BJ's and we have no idea how many hours that was running. That was another emergency repair. Council discussed a possible sewer surcharge on the users of the pump stations. Borough Attorney Oostdyk will look into the matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that December 20th is the date chosen for the holiday concert with Leanne Weiss. Details to follow.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported on the library roof which is leaking in several places. I called five roofers and two sent estimates. Absolute Construction estimated \$24,000 and Kovach Roofing estimated \$21,500 for the entire roof. The specs are almost identical and I recommend this be done. It was decided to wait until the next meeting.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we don't have to go into closed session to report that the Bogert vs. Borough of Riverdale and Mayor William Budesheim complaint was filed and has been forwarded to our insurance company. I've read it and it does seem that our insurance company should be defending us. Councilwoman Wetzel stated her concerns with the cost of defending the borough especially since this seems to be a personal matter between the two parties. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the complaint is certainly phrased as a borough related complaint. There is \$5,000 insurance deductible. Councilwoman Wetzel asked if that was the only cost or if this would cost the taxpayers more to defend this case. Borough Attorney Oostdyk suggested we wait for the insurance company's response and then we can better answer questions. The Borough Clerk will provide copies of the complaint to the Council and discussion will take place at the next meeting.

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

Mayor Budesheim stated that we still need to hire a bookkeeper. The last two times I brought up the name of Carla Mecionis and it was voted down. Under state law every appointee in this town is mine. I have been supportive of the choices made in Recreation, the Police Department and the DPW and I do not interfere. That's how it's always been and never before have I seen any controversy come up of a position like bookkeeper. This person reports to me and I wanted at least six weeks of training. Now we're down to maybe seven days. I am for the third and last time offering the name of Carla Mecionis to be our bookkeeper so we can hopefully get her trained. We have payroll coming up and our next meeting will be after Donna leaves.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated the reason for her last two votes. Councilman Falkoski and our current bookkeeper were involved in the interview process. Councilman Falkoski felt that a second candidate was better qualified and she is a bookkeeper, whereas the first candidate wasn't. The recommendation from our current bookkeeper also was that the second name offered was better qualified.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the bookkeeper's second choice was not the person with the bachelor's degree in accounting but the manager of a local tavern. That sort of disqualified her credibility.

Councilman Astarita asked if our CFO was involved at all. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that we asked for him to meet with her. Mayor Budesheim stated that Ken doesn't work with anybody directly. He's a three hour a week part time employee. I explained both situations to him and he feels either one would work.

Councilman Falkoski stated that he will vote yes because he knows we need someone in place and the more we delay the longer we will not have anyone in place. If this is the

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

only name that is going to be offered at this point she does have some qualifications so I will vote yes.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Carla Mecionis as a part-time bookkeeper not to exceed 25 hours per week at a starting salary of \$12.00 per hour and \$15.00 per hour beginning November 1st with a 6 month probationary period.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Wetzel
Nays: Guis, Carelli
(4 ayes – 2 nays – motion carried)

Councilman Carelli stated that he's very disappointed. We made it clear five weeks ago that we weren't going to hire this person. We voted again two weeks ago and nothing's been done in the meantime. We placed an ad that was ridiculous, other than the qualifications, with an hourly rate so you weren't going to find anybody. I offered in writing that there are firms out there and people we can get but I wasn't reached out to. I could have somebody here tomorrow. Of course we don't ask because we made up our mind that we want this person. In usual fashion we bring it up once, we bring it up twice, until finally you just wear everyone out. I think it's a big mistake and I think you're underestimating the job. I know what this job is because I deal with it every day. It's a little more than a bookkeeper. It's an accounts payable clerk, they have to know purchase orders, requisitions and there are plenty of people who could have stepped in if we made a legitimate advertisement and found somebody.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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 13-2013

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE
 OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE
 BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY TO CABLEVISION
 OF OAKLAND, LLC**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

Gary Shaw, Government Affairs Director for Cablevision, thanked the Mayor and Council for moving this forward.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Carelli asked if we would be getting free service in the Community Center. Mr. Shaw stated that we would.

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 13-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 123-A

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Budesheim stated that on the advice of Counsel we had to dismiss the bids we received for the roof project. After a brief discussion it was decided to reject all bids and wait until February or March to re-bid.

Deputy Borough Clerk Forbes stated that Resolution No. 77-2013 will be carried to the next meeting as we are waiting for the police investigation report.

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

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills/Claims
- 2) **Resolution No. 76-2013;** Resolution rejecting all bids for the Reroofing of the Borough Hall project.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 124-B AND C**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim reported that the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled on the COAH issue. They more or less struck down the COAH law because it wasn't strict enough. The court gave COAH five months to come up with an acceptable plan. This, unfortunately, is not going away.

Next Monday, November 11th, we will be shutting down Overlook Road and the Enclave development because they will be working on the rock wall. It will be shut down 24/7 for about three weeks. We have an emergency road going through two back yards that enters onto High Street in Butler. We've got everything worked out with emergency services, garbage, post office and the school.

Two residents are willing to sell their properties for the flood buyout. We will have contracts and introduction of an ordinance for the next meeting.

We're working with the engineer and will be doing Title 39 for Rock Creek Crossing. That ordinance will also be ready for introduction at the next meeting.

Our Facilities Director is requesting additional hours. I've asked her to prepare a journal of the events she does each year. We will probably have it for the next workshop to see if there is justification for expanding her hours.

Fright Night was a phenomenal success at the Glenburn. Bills for the event were turned in today which leaves just \$150 in Celebration of Public Events. The director should get a blanket purchase order before she spends the money. Councilwoman Wetzol will speak to the Recreation Director.

We are going to be working on restructuring the Police Department to provide the maximum protection for the residents. Most of us agree you need a second in command and that it should be a Lieutenant. Because of various things going on right now we weren't able to do it but Sgt. MacIntosh has been doing the work of a Lieutenant according to the Chief. He gave me a list of some of his responsibilities over and above running his squad. There are four Sergeants and when another Sergeant is put in charge

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

to have authority over the other three it puts everybody in an awkward position. We can't make a Lieutenant now because the ordinance needs clean up work. I'd like to designate him as the second in command under the Chief until the Lieutenant position is filled and to give him the stipend that would go to the Lieutenant. The PBA agreed to make that first step \$2,000. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the Chief designates second in command and the Council approves the stipend. Councilman Falkoski stated that a title should go with it so everyone is aware he is second in command. Councilman Mastrangelo stated he had no problem with the stipend but hoped it didn't mess us up with the lawsuit. Councilwoman Wetzel was concerned that there could be an issue with the other sergeants who are not getting this appointment or increase in salary. There was discussion regarding the matter.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve a temporary annual stipend of \$2,000 to Sgt. James MacIntosh effective November 1, 2013 to remain in effect for the period he is designated as second in command by the Chief of Police.

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

Mayor Budesheim stated that at the next meeting he will have an ordinance to amend the sewer and water rates. The gear box for the muffin monster broke and that cost is \$3,800. The muffin monster was \$19,000. The repair for the water main break by BJ's parking lot was about \$7,000. Councilman Guis stated the new vortex pumps will be about \$30,000 and we're still running over on the flow.

The Drug Testing Policy and computers for the police cars will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Budesheim reported on shared services. We have an offer for the Building Department and we are waiting for the town to get back to me as to whether it will be acceptable to them. The Governor just signed Senate Bill 533 which allows shared services for all of the tenured positions. There is a pilot program in five or six counties and Morris County is on of them. I spoke to Butler about providing Tax Collector services to us. I sent a notice to our Tax Collector that at the next meeting we'll have a public hearing on the proposed shared service agreement for Tax Collector and the amount of money to be saved. We're looking at \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year in savings. Councilman Falkoski asked if we looked at the effect of service to the residents of the town. Mayor Budesheim stated that for the vast majority of the taxpayers their tax is paid by their mortgage company. They can still drop their payment off here. Councilwoman Wetzel was concerned that we are always looking to go to another town as opposed to making ourselves available to offer services. I think the more we lose the more we become part of another town and depersonalize ourselves as a borough. Mayor Budesheim stated that we are so small we don't usually have excess personnel and most of our people are working part time. Councilwoman Wetzel felt that perhaps we should make a part-timer a full-timer and take on another town. It would save our employee and bring money in.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP:

- 1) Street sign parameters – Policy to be on November 18th Agenda.
- 2) Excess Surplus Land known as Route 23, Section 3, Parcel VX16B1C being offered for purchase by the Borough of Riverdale. (Possible November 18th Agenda item if information is finalized.)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP (continued):

Mayor Budesheim stated he is waiting for the final figure.

- 3) PBA Random Drug Testing – Policy in working stage. (Possible November 18th Agenda item if finalized.)

This item was discussed during the Mayor Report.

- 4) Building Department – Shared Services – Agreement in working stage. (Possible November 18th Agenda item if finalized.)

This item was discussed during the Mayor Report.

- 5) Borough hours of operation.

Councilman Mastrangelo reported that he noticed some discrepancies in the ordinance and employee handbook. I'd like to propose that we go back to a five day week 8:30 to 4:30 with ½ hour paid lunch. That would be 37-1/2 hours. Mayor Budesheim stated that a lot of employees were hired to work 32-1/2 hours. This has been in effect for at least the past 20 years and has not changed. There was a discussion regarding the matter.

- 6) Library roof proposals.

Councilman Astarita spoke with the low bidder and it will be possible to do it before the weather gets really cold. I called five people and received two quotes. The low bid was \$21,500 for the entire library roof.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the proposal from Kovach Roofing in the amount of \$21,500 to re-roof the library.

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

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported the total expenses budgeted for the Construction Department this year is about \$85,000. Our anticipated revenue this year was \$88,500. We have to keep this in mind and how it will affect the next budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported that the Police Department took in \$24,390 this month in various fees.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzol reported on requests for use of our fields. There is increasing interest and she was concerned with overuse. She suggested we look into collecting fees to use for maintenance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that he will be attending the CDRS meeting in Morristown on November 14th if we're thinking about putting in for any funds from the CDBG.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 9:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli
Absent: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Brad Clinton asked if the employees had a break on Fridays when they have a half day. Mayor Budesheim stated that they do not.

There being no further 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: 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda C. Forbes, R.M.C.
Deputy Municipal Clerk

November 4, 2013

CLOSED SESSION:

LITIGATION – BOGERT V. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND BUDESHEIM

Borough Attorney Robert Oostdyk explained the coverage letter received from NJIIF regarding defense for the claims. He stated that he finds it completely reasonable and there are two exceptions. They will not cover anything that is found to be contractual or intentional. The coverage limit is \$500,000 and there is a \$5,000 deductible.

Councilwoman Wetzel felt that the two exceptions were the biggest issues. Mr. Oostdyk explained that they are the most difficult to prove.

There was a brief discussion regarding the investigation of the internal complaint filed by Sgt. Bogert. Mr. Oostdyk stated that they are no longer doing interviews and we still owe them money. We need to finalize the professional services agreement and I will get an estimate.

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - October 21, 2013
Workshop Meeting - November 4, 2013

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

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 15-2013

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 19.05, LOT 3
(MARY-ANN BOOTH) AND A CONTRACT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF BLOCK 30, LOT 57 (WES ROSENBERG)**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 129-A

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

ORDINANCES (continued):**ORDINANCE 16-2013****AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE
ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS
APPLICABLE TO ROCK CREEK CROSSING AND
REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS,
DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 130-B

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

ORDINANCE 17-2013**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND AMENDING WATER RATES**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 130-C

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

ORDINANCE 18-2013**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND AMENDING CERTAIN SEWER RATES**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 130-D**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
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|----|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| a. | New Jersey D.O.T. | Purchase Property Riverdale Rd. | \$42,600.00 |
| b. | Kovach Roofing | Deposit for Library Roof | \$12,500.00 |
| c. | Success Printing | Signs for Recreation | \$ 305.00 |
| d. | Krista Osborne | Reimburse Fright Night Expenses | \$ 231.21 |
| e. | Disney On Ice | Recreation Trip | \$ 1,418.00 |

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- f. Jessica Weaver Refund – Glenburn Cancellation \$ 300.00
 g. RFM Printing Newsletters – Not to Exceed \$ 1,341.14
- 2) **Resolution No. 77-2013;** Approval of a Liquor License Person to Person, Place to Place Transfer from Rupperts of NJ, Inc. to RS ESL Limited Liability Company, d/b/a/ Blu Ale House.
 - 3) **Resolution No. 78-2013;** Transfer of Appropriations.
 - 4) Approval of release of escrow funds to Goldie Sommer, 230 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, NJ for a 2008 planning board application that has been completed and no longer exists.
 - 5) Approval of proposal from Paul Darmofalski, Borough Engineer for the septic system design for the DPW garage due to failure of the system in the amount of \$3000.00.
 - 6) Approval of the purchase of 7 Dell semi rugged laptops and docking stations including Track Star GPS software and Barracuda Spam & Virus Firewall from Dell in the amount of \$20,283.66. (two other price quotes have been received for higher amounts)
 - 7) Approval of additional tax appraisal services to be performed by Appraisal Systems, Inc. as requested by Tax Assessor Shawn Hopkins to cover a “Narrative Appraisal Report” in the amount of \$7,500 for BJ’s Wholesale Club, Tenant/Taxpayer v. Borough of Riverdale and Cresskill Hills, LLC/BJ’s Wholesale Club v. Borough of Riverdale, Block 40, Lot 5.01. An additional hourly rate of \$125 per hour is included for appearances at conferences, court, etc. (copy of proposal transmitted to Governing Body with agenda)
 - 8) **Resolution No. 79-2013;** Memorial Street Sign Policy.
 - 9) **Resolution No. 80-2013;** Random Drug Testing Policy.
 - 10) Approval of the auction of the 2004 Dodge Durango, VIN#1D4HB38NX4F190801, through GovDeals services. It has been determined the vehicle should be eliminated from the Riverdale Police Fleet.
 - 11) Authorization of the services of William Ryden, P.E. to perform engineering preparations for a RFQ to purchase pump replacement and flow meter replacement (muffin monster).
 - 12) Approval of a one day liquor license for the Riverdale Land Conservancy, Inc. 274 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ to the purposes of a Fund Raising Holiday Party to be held at the Glenburn with the proceeds going to the Riverdale Land Conservancy, Inc. for the benefit of Community and Private Events.
 - 13) **Resolution No. 81-2013;** Chapter 159 – Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund – Grant - \$215.85.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 131-E, F, G, H, I AND J**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) DPW – Determination of where the responsibility lays for the water/sewer lines for major projects – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he received updated maps from Bill Ryden for the Sewer and Water Departments and they’ve been give to the DPW Superintendent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

- 2) Building Department – Shared Services – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated we are still working on this.

- 3) Purchase of DOT Property located at the Magnus Tract from the DOT for an amount of \$15,000 to \$16,000 – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated we are still waiting for the exact price.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim stated that our new bookkeeper gave two weeks notice on Friday. She is training her replacement, Susan Ramirez, who started today. Susan has asked for a salary of \$18.00 per hour to train and \$22.00 per hour beginning December 1st.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to appoint Susan Ramirez as part-time bookkeeper at a starting salary of \$18.00 per hour and \$22.00 per hour beginning December 1st.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel**
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Carelli
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - motion carried)

Mayor Budesheim stated that Route 23 Auto Mall has a need to relocate some of their vehicles. I let him put about 25 or 30 cars inside the garage of the Verizon building. I got a certificate of insurance and he's paying us \$500 for the month. I would like to go out to bid to lease that space.

Resolution No. 88-2013; Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to go to bid to lease parking space in the Verizon building.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 132-K**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Borough Clerk Talerico notified the Council that we received our continuation certificate for the quarry and they are supposed to send their bonding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli asked if there was a comment on the Public Hearing for Shared Services for Tax Collection. Mayor Budesheim stated that we had to put that off two weeks and it will take place two weeks from tonight. Councilman Carelli stated that the estimated cost savings were not in the agreement. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated it must be included.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported he has two applications for membership in the Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the applications for Majer Biokua and Patrick Filippini for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department.

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

Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report for the month of October.

Fire Chief Dan Sturm spoke regarding non-resident membership in the Fire Department.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported the pump station on Morris Avenue is just about done and we should be testing it soon. We've been completing the river project with the plantings to stabilize the banks and the contractor is doing a good job. It should be finished by the end of this week.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that they hosted the first holiday craft show at the Glenburn yesterday and it was well attended. I reached out to Pompton/Riverdale Little League and we have a meeting scheduled to discuss field use, scheduling, and possibly developing fees.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the library roof will be started when they get the check in the next week or two. I attended the CDBG meeting on Thursday where they went over the completions for the 2012 program year funds. The deadline for applying for CDBG grants is January 10th and the hearings will be held March 3rd and 4th.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported on hours of operation. I looked at all 39 municipalities in Morris County and found no one leaves at 1:00 on a Friday. I'd like to go back to an 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday schedule with a half hour paid lunch. That will come to 37-1/2 hours. I think it's generous. I think the residents deserve the borough to be open a full day on Friday. The residents are paying taxes, they're paying for full-time employees, and we're getting like 30 - 32 hours per week. I think it needs to change. I'll make that a motion.

Councilman Astarita stated that he agrees. We pay our employees well and the taxpayers deserve to have the borough hall open and it should be. I think a 35 hour work week is good. I know most people work 37-1/2 or 40 hours.

Councilman Falkoski stated that he understands that they work late on Thursday night to make up for that gap on Friday afternoon so I don't see where there's a shortage of the hours, just when they're working it. Councilman Mastrangelo stated that they're not here late on Thursday. Mayor Budesheim stated that only two are. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that the front office is not here late. We're here at 8:30 instead of 9:00 to make up for the half day on Friday. Councilman Falkoski stated that the employees aren't all scheduled for the same number of hours in a week. Mayor Budesheim stated that the DPW and Police work 40 hours and the office works 32-1/2 hours.

Councilman Carelli stated that these people were hired at 32-1/2 hours and have been working that for many years. I have a survey that was done of 44 towns mostly in Morris County, 31 of which are 35 hours, 10 are 32-1/2 and there are only 3 that are 37-1/2. There's no one working 40 in the offices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Councilwoman Wetzel asked for clarification of the motion, whether the evening hours were eliminated and whether they would get one or two breaks.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated his biggest thing is he wants people here at the borough on Friday afternoon in case a resident comes for whatever they want to do. I don't care about the breaks since they're not leaving the building.

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that beginning January 1st the office staff will work 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday with a half our paid lunch as per the borough ordinance.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli**
 Nays: Falkoski, Carelli
 (4 ayes – 2 nays – motion carried)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Bill Harris, Rock Creek Crossing, thanked the Mayor and Council for introducing this ordinance tonight. He thanked the Police Chief and Engineer for all the work they did.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES FOR TAX COLLECTION.

Mayor Budesheim stated that this isn't an easy decision. We have to find ways to cut spending. Earlier this year we did a shared service agreement for Tax Assessor and that is saving us about \$22,000 a year. Our bookkeeper retired and we're going to have a part-time bookkeeper and that's going to save us about \$30,000 a year. The other area in which we can save a considerable amount of money is Tax Collector. Salary and benefits versus the cost of the shared service agreement will save about \$55,000 a year.

Mayor Budesheim opened the meeting for public comment.

Councilman Guis stated the agreement requires clerical support in Riverdale and asked how we plan to fulfill that requirement. Mayor Budesheim stated the only thing that has to be done is posting of the daily collections and I believe we could use the existing personnel to do that.

Councilman Falkoski stated that the hours of service are not listed on the agreement. Mayor Budesheim stated there will not be any set office hours. Existing personnel can collect the taxes and post it on the computer. The tax collector in Butler will be able to answer any questions and tie into our computer. Councilman Falkoski asked what the benefit to Butler was for providing a part-time tax collector for \$30,000. Mayor Budesheim stated that he doubted they were going to pay the tax collector \$30,000. I'm sure it's a fraction of that and Butler is to make some money. Councilman Falkoski wanted assurance that the agreement could not be amended without input from the Council. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it would require the Council's input. Councilman Falkoski asked about service to the community. Mayor Budesheim stated that the majority of taxes are paid through mortgage companies or banks. The taxes can still be paid here in the night deposit box or handed to people here.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that she didn't know if sacrificing all of our long-term dedicated staff is really beneficial to the residents. I know financially it appears to be, but it's very sad that we're losing dedicated employees and I wonder at what cost. I feel like we're little by little selling ourselves off to surrounding communities. I wonder how we're going to remain a viable municipality if we have no one here working. That's a big concern of mine and I don't like it. Mayor Budesheim stated that it's not to remain viable – it's to remain in existence. Police, Fire, First Aid are our number one priorities in the

PUBLIC HEARING ON AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES FOR TAX COLLECTION (continued).

community. Next comes Public Works – our roads, our infrastructure. Those are all essential services and it's getting more expensive to maintain those services. We need two new police cars, we're getting new firemen and that costs a lot of money for the equipment and turnout gear which increases the clothing allowance which increases the LOSAP. It's a big chain reaction. I don't see any other way without these shared services.

Councilman Mastrangelo asked for confirmation that this is reversible if it doesn't work out. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it is and the statute requires that the same employee be offered the position.

Resident Mary Gambino asked if the tax collector would be willing to take a cut in pay and work two or three days per week which would save money.

An unidentified audience member stated that Mary Ann does a lot of things for the seniors that we appreciate. She extends herself more than she has to. Mayor Budesheim stated that we realize that.

Councilman Astarita stated there's a new reality in business and nobody likes it. We like Riverdale the way it is but financially we can't do it. We can't raise taxes more than 2%.

An unidentified resident asked why Riverdale is always giving up a job to another town instead of taking in their jobs. Let's try to get some more money on our end to keep the town hall that we have or we're going to lose it and have nothing. Mayor Budesheim stated that we tried but we're the smaller town and a bigger town doesn't want to do business with us in that respect.

An unidentified resident asked why we are buying property if we have no money. Another asked why we don't get rid of some of the things we don't need.

Councilman Carelli stated that it is very compelling to look at a spread sheet and say we're going to save \$50,000 and that's great. The Mayor has it at \$54,000 but I feel it's somewhere in the \$41,000 to \$42,000 range. If you have to provide clerical support then there's a cost associated with it that should be incorporated into this analysis. I don't look at it as a Tax Collector – I look at it as Mary Ann. This is a real person who has a family and it's one of the most serious things we have to do. There's no doubt that it's our job to save money but the other part of our job forget is we also have a duty to the people that work here. This is their place of employment and we have to give them an environment and a place where they can thrive and make an honest living. I'm a finance guy and I want it proven to me that we don't have the money so I dig deeper and look at the costs and where we are. We're under budget about \$47,000 this year so that's a good start. We have the potential to save \$181,000 through attrition next year without eliminating positions depending on when people leave. In the last three years we've had on the table sharing the Police Department, the Municipal Court, the Construction Department, the Tax Collector, and the Tax Assessor. We moved on the Tax Assessor position. When I look at the residents and the services we provide there are maybe three or four people that you would actually come to speak to. By eliminating these departments, what's left of our town? I'm not opposed to this proposal but it seems like we're reacting too quick. My advice would be to study this a little more and do this when we do our 2014 budget. Currently we have over 13 positions that have or may change in the upcoming months. What I would like to know with the pending retirements, what is our plan for next year? I don't know what the vision is or where we want to be as far as staffing the front office. It is never easy to eliminate a position but I think we owe it to the employee and ourselves to make sure we do our due diligence. It's certainly not my

PUBLIC HEARING ON AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES FOR TAX COLLECTION (continued).

style to eliminate an employee three weeks before Christmas without exhausting our options.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the numbers he presented were certified by our CFO. We're not looking at saving money. The question is making money available to continue to provide the services. If you want the Police Department, the Fire Department, First Aid Squad and Road Department that we have you're going to need these savings because there's no where else to get them. In the past we were able to raise the taxes but by law we can't do that anymore. I'm negotiating with a couple towns right now for the Building Department.

An unidentified audience member asked Councilman Carelli if his numbers were certified by the CFO. Councilman Carelli replied that they were not but his numbers were almost the same as the Mayor's except he didn't account for the clerk we have to supply. The audience member stated the line item for the Building Department in the budget was \$65,000 and asked how much was brought in so far. Councilman Carelli stated the line item we wanted to put in was \$60,000 and the CFO certified his budget at \$88,500 and I don't know what we brought in. I think its \$35,000.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to authorize the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement for Tax Collector Services with the Borough of Butler to be effective January 1, 2014.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel
Nays: Falkoski, Carelli
(4 ayes – 2 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 137-A

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills/Claims. (including the following)
 - a. PSE&G - \$106.40
 - b. Verizon - \$ 24.74

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 137-B

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that starting January 1st we will have single stream recycling so you will be able to put out co-mingles and papers every Friday. We worked out an

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

agreement with our contractor and there will be no additional cost to us. Borough Clerk Talerico asked if there was an amendment to the contract. Mayor Budesheim stated they are just doing it and there is no amendment.

Mayor Budesheim reported that he asked the CFO to work on amending our Capital Budget which has the money for the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale First Aid Squad. They bought a new ambulance and they sent a request for money to outfit it. We're looking at about \$28,000 to put in a power load system.

Mayor Budesheim reported on the work being done on the rock wall at the Enclave. The homeowners association contracted to have as much work done as possible. They got about 40% of the job done and it did come in under budget. There's still a large section of the wall there and according the experts the rest of that wall will come down. It cost about \$7,000 just to bring the equipment to the site and the road has been shut down for 3 weeks now. With the likelihood of that wall definitely coming within the next few years we were discussing the possibility of completing the job right now. There are only 31 homeowners there and they would not have the money to do this. I spoke to our CFO and Attorney about an added assessment to put the money up front.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that he believed it could be done as a special assessment project. This would benefit the borough as this has been a long standing problem that keeps involving us. It more specifically benefits the community that would be assessed for the cost of it. It would be a borough project and would have to go to bid. Councilwoman Wetzel asked if the majority of homeowners would have to agree to do this. Mr. Oostdyk stated that would be up to the Council. They can challenge an assessment so you would want support from the local community. Mayor Budesheim asked if there was any way they can contract for the services and we contribute towards it. Mr. Oostdyk stated that would be a decision we would have to make but you wouldn't be doing it as special assessment. That is the only way you're secured to be sure that you get repaid.

Nick Ilaqua, 14 Overlook Terrace, stated that they would be willing to take on a special assessment because it would help the homeowners and the town. We've spent quite a few dollars on attorney fees and all so I'd like to put this behind us. If we could get the cooperation of the town that would be really appreciated. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we would need to look at the details.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated she would like a clear comparison of the two scenarios. Councilman Guis stated that he has a lot of questions but they should be asked in closed session. This condition that we're talking about is not isolated to one area and as a governing body we have to be extremely careful of any precedents we're setting. Mayor Budesheim stated that this one is in our right of way. Mr. Oostdyk explained why we can't just loan the money and have no involvement in the project.

Mike Mansoor, 19 Overlook Terrace, stated that if this is a two month process to get started then we have to decline. The objective was to try to get the job done starting tomorrow. Mayor Budesheim stated that it may be worth mobilization charges to do it come spring. He also thanked the Quarry who has taken close to 2,000 cubic yards of this material at no charge to the borough.

An unidentified resident of Sky View Terrace stated that it seems the council is considering this to be a private road and the residents are assuming all of the liability. It's not just the residents that are in danger. I think it's your responsibility to act on this because I think that we're all liable. Mayor Budesheim agreed but stated the process the attorney just described would be the process we'd have to follow no matter what.

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that if it was clearly a borough responsibility and a borough road that would be something being looked at. The problem is that it is not clear which is why we're in this mess.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP:**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) DPW – Determination of where the responsibility lies for the water/sewer lines for major projects – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.
- 2) Building Department – Shared Services – Agreement in working stage. (Possible November 18th Agenda item if finalized.) (Not finalized)
- 3) Purchase of DOT Property located at the Magnus Tract from the DOT for an amount of \$15,000 to \$16,000 – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

There was no discussion on the above.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski stated that he has a memo from the Police Chief and we're ready to move for those two Special Officers and a Part Time Dispatcher for the Police Department.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to appoint Ronald Thomas and Eric Basek as Class II Special Officers and Jennelle Conahay as Part Time Dispatcher effective January 1, 2014.

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

Councilman Falkoski reported that he has an application for membership as a Jr. Fireman.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the application from Michael Celento for membership as a Jr. Fireman in the Riverdale Fire Department.

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

Police Chief Smith reported that Patrolman Eric Hollenstein tried out and made the County SWAT Team in October. It's a large commitment on his part and he does it on his own time. He has a proposal that he be provided a take home vehicle in lieu of taking the check he would receive for not taking health benefits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Patrolman Hollenstein explained that he's on a call out schedule and needs to respond from wherever he may be. It's not safe to respond in my own vehicle. I bought my own car and was donating it to the town and ask that it be registered, insured and outfitted. Councilwoman Wetzel asked if we know a cost factor. Mayor Budesheim stated that it will be \$3,100 to outfit. Patrolman Hollenstein stated he purchased the car for \$6,000 and the savings on his insurance would have been \$5,000 so he paid \$1,000 out of pocket to be able to do this. The vehicle would only be used to drive from home to work, to training and to calls. It would not be for personal use. Councilman Guis suggested the limitations be a written policy. Councilman Falkoski stated that the proposal sounds like a good idea.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, as follows:

The vehicle purchased by Patrolman Hollenstein shall be transferred over to the Borough. We will assume the car as any other car, subject to the Police Chief putting a written policy in place concerning fuel, personal use, etc.

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

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis asked if a letter was put together for the DPW Superintendent for guidance on the utilities. Mayor Budesheim stated that he gave him the color coded maps. Councilman Guis asked Mayor Budesheim if he ever did a profit and loss sheet on the newsletter. Mayor Budesheim stated that the expenses have been covered and he will give an end of year report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reminded everyone they are invited to the holiday event tomorrow at the Community Center and the Christmas Concert at the Community Center on December 20th. It's a free concert by resident Leanne Weiss.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No Report.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road, asked several questions regarding COAH and the Verizon building. Mayor Budesheim stated that the developer met with three council people and the attorney to discuss plans and the concept. They will meet with the public on January 14th at the Community Center.

Matt Oswald, 9 Cotluss Road, asked what was being done with the money from the car dealership that is renting space at the Verizon building. Mayor Budesheim stated that we went out to bid on that and we are getting \$21,000 a year which goes into the budget.

An unidentified resident asked if there was a reason that the residents and multi-family pay different water rates. Mayor Budesheim stated that there is only one rate.

There being no further 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 Mastrangelo, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

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, Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Wetzell, Carelli
Absent: Guis**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - November 18, 2013
Workshop Meeting - December 2, 2013

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Police Chief Smith and the members of the PBA and the Police Department presented a plaque to Councilman Falkoski in appreciation of his years of service and dedication and congratulated him on his retirement.

Deputy Clerk Linda Forbes addressed the Council on the issue of borough hours of operation. She read the following statement:

“Last month, on the recommendation of Councilman Mastrangelo, the council voted to change the borough hours of operation effective January 1st. This added 5 hours to the work week of the office personnel with no compensation. This is the equivalent of a 15.4% pay cut. It is demeaning. This change does not save the taxpayers a single penny.

This year we received a 1-1/2% salary increase. It was our first raise in 3 years. Members of the council said that they wanted to give us raises every year - that we deserved raises - but the money could not be found in the budget. Now you have added 5 hours to our work week without so much as a discussion with us about the matter. This is wrong and insulting.

No one from the council came to us and said “we need the office to be open on Friday afternoons for the residents” or “we need to extend the hours”. There was no willingness to discuss this matter with the affected employees. The Public Employment Relations Commission state statute “requires that proposed new rules or modifications of existing rules governing working conditions be negotiated before they are established. There must be a willingness to negotiate the issues with an open mind and sincere desire to reach an agreement.” I guess the statute doesn’t apply to Riverdale.

You do not know our jobs or responsibilities. You do not know what hours are actually worked in other municipalities. Other towns in Morris County are not working 37-1/2 or 40 hours as Councilman Mastrangelo claims. This is a fact. Most work 35 hours and yes, 10 of them do work 32-1/2 hours as we do here. I have a survey of 44 towns most of which are Morris County. Councilman Mastrangelo said he did his own survey. I would like to see it. He said another town’s Administrator laughed at the hours we work. I can

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1 (continued):

get people to laugh, too. It's all in how it's presented. The same is true for residents coming to the building when we're closed. You will always be able to find someone who is not happy with the hours of operation, and unless we work 24 hour days that will always be the case.

There was no reason given to add 5 hours to the week. There was no reason given to cut the lunch hour to ½ hour. I certainly don't see any reason for it. It is not specified in the borough ordinance. Neither are the hours that the employees shall work. It seems to me that Councilman Mastrangelo has decided the employees don't need or deserve a full hour for lunch and that he does not need a reason other than his personal feelings on the matter. I wonder how long of a lunch you get from your employers.

I don't have a problem changing the hours. They have changed twice since I was hired. The borough offices can be open on Friday afternoon by going back to 9 to 4:30 with an hour lunch as we were all hired to do. I believe that would resolve the issue for both sides.

There has been no written notification that the hours will change. As a matter of fact, aside from hearing about it "through the grapevine" from other employees, I only know about this because I listen to every meeting in order to produce the minutes.

In 2011 the council voted to change the personnel ordinance. This change reduced sick days from 15 to 6 per year. It also eliminated unused sick time payout without grandfathering the current employees. There was no willingness to negotiate this change with the employees. It is unfair and demeaning to treat the employees in such a manner without any discussion or negotiation.

I have heard the term "in the real world" used several times by certain members of this council. The implication, of course, is that we employees do not live in the real world. I would like to say that "in the real world" good managers and business owners see the value in good employees.

The feeling I get is that for some reason Councilman Mastrangelo has decided the employees need to have benefits taken away and salary reduced. For some reason three of you agreed with him. I would like to believe the only reason is that you have not truly given this enough thought. Councilman Mastrangelo has also stated to me, and I have heard also to others, that we should "wait until next year as he is being good this year since it is his first year on the Council." I now feel this is a threat. The poor morale and working environment that has been created does not result in any benefit to the taxpayers of Riverdale.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the borough hours of operation and seriously consider the effect your decision will have on the borough employees and the taxpayers of Riverdale. Thank you."

Councilman Astarita stated that he had second thoughts about what we did last meeting. We weren't quite clear on what the actual hours were and we just took into consideration that the borough was closed on Friday afternoons. To me a 9 to 4:30 workday is reasonable. We do value our employees. Things have been working well although I do notice the morale in the office has been low for quite a while. I would reconsider the 9 to 4:30 or open it up to discussion.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that his intention all along was to make sure somebody was in this building until 4:30 on Friday. I didn't like the fact that residents came here to pay a tax bill and the very people that some of that salary was going to go to weren't here

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1 (continued):

to accept it. So I have no problem with going to 9 to 4:30. We just decided that day on 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday with a half hour lunch but I have no problem with going from 9 to 4:30.

Councilman Astarita asked if our employees would be satisfied with that outcome. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that what she heard from the employees in the office is they would much rather work from 9 to 4:30 five days a week. She explained how the employees were making up the 2-1/2 hours for leaving early on Friday afternoon and why it was changed. Everyone is of the opinion that if the Council wants us here on Friday afternoon we will work from 9 until 4:30 five days a week.

Councilman Falkoski stated that the hours were originally changed to work late on Thursday and they made up for the extra hours by leaving early on Friday afternoon. It was still the same amount of hours per week.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that the night this was discussed we wanted to be sure the needs of the citizens were met. A standard Monday through Friday work week would be good for the employees as well as the residents and I do think that 9 to 4:30 with a one hour lunch as opposed to ½ hour is acceptable. To be able to go out and leave the building I think a half hour lunch is very restrictive so that would be my recommendation.

Councilman Carelli stated he never voted for it in the first place so he would vote yes to change it back to the way it was.

Thereupon, Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, that beginning January 1, 2014 the office staff will work 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday with a one hour lunch.

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

Addie Colon stated she is the JCP&L Area Manager for Riverdale and 18 other towns. She introduced herself to the Council and gave an overview of what they've been doing with outage information and notifications. Mayor Budesheim stated that he's been working with Addie and she's been in town twice responding to issues he's brought to her attention and it's been a pleasure working with her.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR**ORDINANCES:**

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

ORDINANCE 15-2013

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 19.05, LOT 3
(MARY-ANN BOOTH) AND A CONTRACT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF BLOCK 30, LOT 57 (WES ROSENBERG)

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 Astarita to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 15-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 145-A

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 16-2013

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE
 ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS
 APPLICABLE TO ROCK CREEK CROSSING AND
 REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS,
 DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES**

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 Astarita to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 16-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 145-B

3) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 17-2013

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE REVISED
 GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
 AND AMENDING WATER RATES**

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 Astarita to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 17-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 146-C

4) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 18-2013**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
AND AMENDING CERTAIN SEWER RATES**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

Thomas Batelli, Vice President of Powder Mill Condo Association, stated that when his 55 and older development was constructed the builder put in one meter per building. We were originally charged for water as a commercial entity. When the last water ordinance was passed we were put into residential entity and our rates went up which is fine. I didn't question the water ordinance because we pay for what we get and with one meter per building that is not a problem. With the sewer ordinance there is a problem. Since we only have one meter per building we don't charge all of our residents. We're the only development that only has one meter per building so our association is charged which we have to divide among our 147 residents. We also have an extensive sprinkler system for our lawns which is also on the same one meter. At the rate we'll be paying to water our lawns and you'll be getting revenue for your sewers which is not fair to our development or residents. It also isn't fair that we only have the one meter. I'm asking you to come up with an amendment to this ordinance to either credit us for the amount of water used for sprinkling our lawns or put in 147 meters plus 7 for the sprinkler system.

Mayor Budesheim stated that his points are well taken and everything he said is true. We have some meters on hand that we could install that would measure the amount of water being used for the sprinkler system and we would deduct that from your sewer bill. Rather than putting 147 meters in at great expense we could affect the same results at a much lesser cost. We will do that for you. Mr. Batelli said that would work.

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

ORDINANCES (continued):**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 18-2013 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 147-D**RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Carelli asked that Resolution No. 3 for renewal agreement of NJIIF insurance be tabled until the next meeting since we do not know what the premium will be going forward. He also suggested we get alternate quotes or try to negotiate the premium. Borough Clerk Talerico will obtain the premium.

Mayor Budesheim stated that tonight he received a letter of resignation from Samuel G. Dedio stating that he decided to retire from the Borough of Riverdale effective 12/31/2013 due to mental and emotional distress.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Payment of Claims.
- 2) **Resolution No. 82-2013;** Approval of Amendment entitled “Chatham Township, Morris County, Municipal Chapter, Proposed Amendment to the Upper Delaware, Upper Raritan and Northeast Water Quality Management Plan”.
- 3) Tabled.
- 4) **Resolution No. 83-2013;** Transfer of Appropriations.
- 5) **Resolution No. 84-2013;** Cancellation of Prior Years Outstanding Checks.
- 6) **Resolution No. 85-2013;** Cancellation of Various Balances.
- 7) **Resolution No. 86-2013;** Approval of a Tower Lease Agreement with the North Jersey Police Radio Association Inc. for utilization of Emergency Communication Repeater by the Riverdale Police Department.
- 8) Approval of the following Change Orders as requested by Borough Engineer Paul Darmofalski for the Morris Avenue Sewage Pump Station Project:
 - a. **Change Order #1;** additional cost to furnish and install a concrete transformer pad which was required by JCP&L in the amount of \$11,691.00.
 - b. **Change Order #2;** additional electrical required to install additional conduit and wire between the transformer and pole in the amount of \$5,059.00.
 - c. **Change Order #3;** additional costs relating to the replacement of concrete sidewalks damaged by the outriggers and weight of the JCLP&LO trucks in the amount of \$2,346.00.
 - d. **Change Order #4;** additional costs relate to the Borough’s request for the contractor to supply an alarm system used at the Riverdale Road station in the amount of \$1,735.00.
 - e. **Change Order #5;** additional costs relate to the additional piping necessary to construct the wet well deeper than original bid at a cost of \$1,512.00.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- The total of the five change orders totals \$22,243.00 which represents 10.52% increase to the original contracts price of \$213,327.80.
- 9) Scheduling of a Special Meeting to be held Monday, December 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. for finalizing any borough business.
 - 10) Scheduling of the 2014 Reorganization Meeting to be held Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
 - 11) Accepting resignation of Samuel G. Dedio effective December 31, 2013.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 148-E, F, G, H, I AND J**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Building Department – Shared Services – discussed at the October 7th workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the Borough of Wanaque accepted our proposal for Building Department services. We would keep all of our fees and we would pay them \$40,000 a year for the service. When we hit \$50,000 in fees they get 10% and when we hit \$100,000 we would share 25% of the fees. We would know what the costs are and it would save us about \$45,000 a year. In light of the letter of resignation we just received I think it's imperative and we don't have a choice. We have nobody running the department. Wanaque has a full time staff, a full time Building Inspector and they are eager because they're looking to become a regional provider. I think it would be beneficial to the town financially and we're not going to lose anything as far as the quality of services that will be provided. There was a discussion regarding the matter.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the proposal for Construction Department Services with the Borough of Wanaque.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Mastrangelo, Budesheim (to break tie)**
 Nays: Wetzel, Carelli
 Abstain: Falkoski
 (3 ayes – 2 nays – 1 abstention - motion carried)

COPY OF PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MAYOR BUDESHEIM IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 148-K

There was a discussion regarding whether an abstention is counted as a negative vote.

Mayor Budesheim asked for the reasons for voting no.

Councilman Carelli responded that we don't have an agreement and we don't know the level of services. There's a lot things. You gave it to us at 6:00 tonight. I don't think anyone's against it. Out of respect for Councilman Guis it is his department and I'd like for him to know about it at least before we all vote to eliminate it. We can implement it at the next meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated that we're at the end of the year. I'd like to have a Building Department working effectively come January 1st.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

Councilman Astarita stated that we don't have a written agreement in front of us but we have to have trust in our Mayor that he's doing the right thing for what we need. We can opt out in a period of time if we see it's not working for us. Where's the negative?

Councilman Falkoski stated the negative in his mind is that if you're going to be voting on something and taking that kind of responsibility for the town you should have all the information in front of you so you can understand what it is you're voting on. You should have the agreement, the details and everything else.

Mayor Budesheim stated that if somebody needs a building permit either they or the contractor goes to Wananque to submit it and the inspections are called in. The agreement isn't going to be into any great detail. It's going to say they're providing Building Department services.

Councilman Falkoski stated that he doesn't feel comfortable voting on something that's handed to him the night he's supposed to vote on it. I like to have a little information ahead of time.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that she thought we had agreed that everything had to be done at a workshop meeting first. That has been the problem in the past that we walk in and get information the night of and no one is given enough notice or time to decipher the information. It's getting shoved down your throat and that's been a problem in the past and continues to be. My vote was no based on my same opinion as the last meeting. I'm tired of just chopping us up and giving us away.

Mayor Budesheim stated that people move to this town for the low taxes, the school system and the services that we have. If you want to maintain the low taxes and services then you're going to have to find less expensive ways of doing things.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that her response to that the last time was "at what price and at what cost?". We are just selling ourselves off and I'm not going to say it every meeting but that is my opinion. Soon it will not matter because we will be non-existent. We might as well just roll up the sidewalks and say goodbye to Riverdale because that's what I feel is happening now. Financially this sounds like a good idea and you make a strong presentation. That is a very strong part of your character and I'm not disagreeing with the premise. I'm just tired of it and I have no other way to express that other than to vote no. I'm not going to be forced into a decision and I feel like your forcing my hand.

Mayor Budesheim said he wished he knew what information she was looking for. I brought this up last October and I was told to prepare a spread sheet. I came back with a spreadsheet and Garret wasn't at that meeting. Gary wasn't on the council. I asked for a motion on the shared service proposal and there was dead silence. I asked if anyone could give me a reason and not one person would even give me a reason. Here we are a year later sitting at \$36,000 with a department that costs us close to \$90,000 and we're funneling our precious tax dollars into that department. The only employee that was ours just resigned. All the others work for other towns so we've already diced up this department because not one of them works directly for Riverdale in the sense that they're full time employees. How this is going to be different, I don't know. The only difference is you're throwing \$40,000 or \$50,000 down the drain for another year.

Councilman Astarita stated that if we don't pass the shared services deal we'll have to hire another person. It sounds like a good deal for us. There may be little particulars but we know the basic premise of the deal. We need a Building Department as of January 1st. I don't see the reason we can't pass this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that we have two ways out. We could find another town of just hire somebody to work in the Building Department and everybody who's doing the job now continues doing it. We have a two day window. Once we meet again on the 30th Sam leaves in two days and we don't have somebody running the department. If we do shared services there's going to be a borough that has somebody running the department.

Mayor Budesheim stated there is a third choice. I still maintain that it was a 3 – 2 – 1 vote and I'm asking the attorney to do a legal revue. If an abstention is not considered a negative vote and the vote was already recorded then this shared service was approved.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated he would find out and we have to do a resolution to formalize the written agreement. That should be on the agenda for the special meeting on the 30th either way.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No Report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli stated that it has been a pleasure and honor working with Councilman Falkoski. You've always been a gentleman and conducted yourself with dignity and common sense. We're going to miss that here. I wish you well. Thank you for being my colleague for all these years.

Mayor Budesheim invited Councilman Falkoski to the reorganization meeting so we can properly acknowledge his service.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Falkoski reported the Court Report year to date.

Being on this Council for this period of time has been an experience and I would like to wish Steve Revis the best of luck and my sympathies. Working with the Police and Fire Department, I am very proud to say we have one of the best departments in Morris County. People have told me that in the past and I appreciate the cooperation I've had with you all. Also, it's a small town and all of the office employees have been like family. I've always found that they're very knowledgeable and very cooperative. Anytime I've ever wanted anything I've had no problems getting it and my questions are answered. I want to thank them for that, too, and working with you all.

Police Chief Smith reported that the price for the new police car is \$26,038.00.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to approve the purchase of a Dodge Charger for the Police Department in the amount of \$26,038.00.

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel thanked Councilman Falkoski for his friendship and sharing his experience all these years. I've used you as a mentor many times. Best of luck in your retirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

The concert with our local celebrity resident Leanne Weis will take place this Friday at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita thanked Councilman Falkoski for his service on the Council. You've been a gentleman, you've been knowledgeable and you've steered the Council in ways that probably you don't know. As your running mate for several terms, I have a high amount of respect and friendship for you.

We had a delay in the library roof because of the snow. I called Kovach today and they will try to get us in as soon as the weather clears.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo stated that it's only been a year but he's learned a lot from Councilman Falkoski. He's always handled himself in a professional manner with a lot of class and dignity. It's been a pleasure.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From John A. Papparazzo stating that he is forwarding this correspondence to the Mayor and Council requesting your consideration for this reappointment as Municipal Court Judge in the Borough of Riverdale. Present appointment expires on December 31, 2013. (copy of complete letter distributed to governing body)

Mayor Budesheim stated he will be working on that.

- 2) From Michael Salvati writing in regards to the current town ordinance restricting overnight parking on the streets between December 1 and April 1. I certainly appreciate that our local officials are concerned with preserving our safety and protection during times of inclement weather, but I believe this ordinance imposes an unnecessary restriction and undue burden to the residents of Riverdale. I have been an owner and operator for a vehicle in the town of Riverdale for the past six years, and the time period for when this ordinance is effective continues to be most challenging. It is simply impractical to expect our family of four individuals with full-time work and educational obligations to rearrange our driveway each night based on the next day's schedule. (copy of complete letter distributed to governing body)

Mayor Budesheim stated that Mike Salvati could not make it to the meeting tonight but he also has another resident meeting with him on Wednesday to discuss this same issue of not having enough room to park cars with this overnight parking. There's no simple answer and he asked the Council for comments.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that this issue comes up every year. We always get the opinion of the Fire and Police Chiefs and the answer has always been the same. It is a very important ordinance and we take their advice and stick to it.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Bill Harris, Rock Creek Crossing, thanked the Mayor and Council for passing this ordinance tonight.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

The Special Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Guis, Falkoski, Mastrangelo, Wetzal, Carelli
Absent: None**

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

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS TO FINALIZE ANY MATTERS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL BEFORE YEAR END.

RESOLUTIONS:

Brenda Saleh spoke regarding their request for a curb cut to extend the exit of their driveway. It has become extremely inconvenient to move cars around to comply with the overnight parking restrictions. She asked that the request be reconsidered. Mayor Budesheim stated the request had been rejected by the Borough Engineer but I think this is a special hardship. It was decided to discuss the matter with the Borough Engineer and postpone a decision until the January 6th meeting.

Borough Clerk Talerico stated that the Finance Officer determined a transfer resolution was not necessary.

Councilman Guis stated he wished to discuss the Shared Services Agreement for Construction Department Services. I am disheartened to hear what went on when I was away and that this happened so quickly. It looks like it may be a very good deal but as of yesterday nobody in the Building Department has even been informed officially or unofficially of what's going on. Are they working or are they not. There are no details put forth as to how this transfer is taking place or transferring of files. To start this on January 1st I am totally against 100 percent. Nobody has even talked to our Construction Department to look at alternatives. It seems this has been a goal to just get this as a shared service, period, without even looking at alternatives. I talked to the Building Department prior to the last one and they already agreed to a cut. Paul has done an analysis as to the various cuts that would be required to come close to this plan. We need a little time on this. To try and run this through this quickly without even giving the department a chance – financially, first glance, it looks pretty good but there is going to be a reduction in service. A decision of this nature needs to be looked at a little bit more and at least give the department the right of first refusal on the offer that's being offered to us.

Mayor Budesheim stated that this has been discussed for over a year. I've been bringing this up since September that I've been working on this. The fact that you weren't at the last meeting wasn't my fault. We have to move forward. We don't have a T.A.C.O. anymore. My plan was to keep our department around for two to four weeks to close out all existing permits but any new ones that come on as of January 1st would go to the shared services. I don't see anybody from the department. I'm here every day and I don't know when they're here. We're spending a lot of money and you're talking about personal service. There isn't any. There is no personal service here. You can talk about it all you want. To get an inspection you call another town and they come down. It's the same thing we're going to have here.

Councilman Guis and Mayor Budesheim continued to disagree about how the matter should be handled.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

Councilman Carelli stated that we're going to vote on something that hopefully will have some transition period. This whole thing is unprofessional. You've been talking about it for a year – first it was Lincoln Park, then it was Bloomingdale and now it's Wanaque. The deal looks pretty good and I have no problem endorsing something if it's for the benefit of the town but you should at least give the guys the right of first refusal. If they're able to match the offer then what would you do?

Mayor Budesheim stated if they match the offer that is fine.

Councilman Carelli stated that we should have a conversation with them. That should be done out of respect for these guys who have worked here for many years. That they have to hear through the grapevine that their jobs are going to be gone is just not right. We should at least follow a process and be respectful to the parties that are involved in it. You should look at some alternatives. Maybe there's a way to keep the department.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that if the department wasn't given the opportunity we don't know if that is an alternative.

Councilman Carelli presented several scenarios he prepared with the cost to run the department.

Councilman Guis stated that he would like to sit down with John Sciala and see if he can agree to the 33%. Then we can propose it to the Council and vote on whether it's worth \$10,000 a year to keep our own department as opposed to giving away another part of the town. Then let the Council vote.

Councilman Falkoski stated that we have to look at what we're doing with shared service very carefully. We're giving the town away. If I'm a resident and I come down to the Borough hall, after March there's only going to be two people in this building – maybe. If I say I want to pay my taxes or sewer bill or get a building permit, I have to go here and there and there's nothing here. I'm a citizen and I'm paying my taxes and I'm getting nothing for it. We have to remember that we're here to serve the citizens of Riverdale – not Wanaque or Butler or Pequannock or anybody else. Even if we have to make a sacrifice someplace financially we have to keep that in mind.

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that if they're willing to take a 50% pay cut then he has no problem keeping them but 33% is a \$10,000 difference.

Councilwoman Wetzel stated that we don't know whether this department is willing to stay intact under any of these offerings unless we offer it to them. I think it's premature to vote on the other proposal today based on this new information and we should at least offer these considerations to the department.

Thereupon, Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to table resolution No. 3 listed on the agenda until the January 6, 2014 workshop meeting.

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

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following)
 - a. Mayor Budesheim - Reimburse for Furnace Motor at Glenburn - \$591.71

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 2) **Resolution No. 87-2013;** Agreement for Riverdale to continue membership in the “Fund” (New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund) for a period commencing January 1, 2014 terminating on December 31, 2016. (held from the December 16, 2013 meeting)
- 3) **Tabled**

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 155 A AND B.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim stated that in the spirit of shared services he is speaking to Butler about doing our sewer and water billing. The readings start on Thursday, January 2nd. I'm trying to work out an agreement.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned: 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

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