

MINUTES
Council Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2009

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council Vice President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 8:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 406 Rivervale Road, River Vale, New Jersey 07675.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Council Vice President Bromberg asked all in attendance to rise and join him in a Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

Council Vice President Bromberg read the Sunshine Statement into the record, as follows:

“In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially appointed Township newspapers and notice is posted at the Municipal Office.”

ROLL CALL

Councilman de Stefan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council Vice President Bromberg were present. Council President Jasionowski and Councilman Matos were absent.

Also present: Mayor Joseph Blundo, Robert Gallione, Business Administrator, Holly Schepisi, Township Attorney, Gennaro Rotella, CFO, Dominic Carrino, Township Engineer, and Karen Padva, Township Clerk.

PRESENTATION

Holdrum Peace Club
Members

Danielle Konikow, Zachary de Stefan, Megan Madden, Melissa Lauro, Ally Lauro, and Danielle Rifkind

The Holdrum Peace Club distributed a notice regarding an upcoming Blood Drive they will be holding on Tuesday, May 19th in the Holdrum New Gym. The group described other fundraising efforts they have organized including a Karaoke Night that raised funds for the children of a Roberge teacher afflicted with muscular dystrophy.

The Holdrum Peace Group explained the importance of donating blood and how it will benefit our community. The blood donated on May 19th will be given to Valley Hospital.

The Mayor thanked the group and fully supports the Blood Drive. He also offered to help get the word out to the residents.

*******Councilman Matos joined the meeting at 8:10pm*******

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

1. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Blundo had a very brief report this evening; things are going smoothly in town and taken care of very quickly by the department heads. The Mayor reported on an active fire that several towns including River Vale responded to this past Saturday evening. The fire destroyed the Cycle Shop and a Hardware Store in Park Ridge.

The Mayor concluded his comments by reporting that Sapienza Gardens is officially opened. This park is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Sapienza the former principal of Pascack Valley High School who passed away recently. The Garden is located in Hillsdale off of St. Nicholas and he encourages people to visit this very peaceful and beautiful place.

2. Council Comments

Councilman de Stefan commented that several meetings back the Mayor quoted the Secretary of State "...that it takes a village to raise children..." Councilman de Stefan added that there are so many volunteers in the community. The EMS volunteers, coaches, all the board members and groups like *The Residents for a Better River Vale*; all contribute so much to the community. He is so impressed to see a young group of students' volunteering for their community as well. Councilman de Stefan also thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting these endeavors.

Councilman Matos concurred with Councilman de Stefan's remarks. He too is very impressed by the volunteerism in River Vale and with the young people's involvement as well.

Councilman Matos agreed with the Mayor comments that things are moving very smoothly. He offered kudos to the Mayor, Council and Administration for a tremendous team effort; that he is very happy to be a part.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that Baseball Opening Day was a very successful event. John Flaherty, a former catcher for the Yankees, made an appearance and was very inspirational to the kids. All the people involved in baseball from the coaches, to the parents and the kids all made such a group effort to make this event so successful. Councilwoman Sieg is very touched by all the groups in town that give so much back the community.

Mayor Blundo announced that the school budgets were voted on and passed recently. The High School budget passed in all four sending towns. The Mayor feels that the residents are sending the message that despite the tough times; it is important that we take care of the basic needs of the community.

The Mayor also announced that our Township Attorney was recently honored as one of the "*Women of the Year*;" by the North Jersey Girl Scouts for her accomplishments.

Council Vice President Bromberg added his congratulations to Township Attorney Holly Schepisi.

Council Vice Present Bromberg reported that he recently attended a meeting of the River Vale Chamber of Commerce. He added that River Vale has a lot a great businesses in town and he encourages resident to visit our local stores.

Councilman Bromberg also attended a meeting on the reopening of the hospital. He reported there are three major steps that need to be taken. The first step being that the bankruptcy hearing for Hackensack Medical Center North has been postponed till May 7th. A judge will be rendering a decision on whether or not to allow bidding to be re-entertained by Valley and Englewood hospitals after the bid from Hackensack Hospital was accepted. Councilman Bromberg added that Hackensack Hospital has received three (3) major endorsements in support of reopening the hospital:

- State Department of Health
- Former Board of Governors of Pascack Valley Hospital
- Former Bond Holder from Pascack Valley Hospital

Council Vice President Bromberg continued that the other two major steps that need to be taken would be in May or June; the New Jersey Commissioner of Health would hold a meeting in Westwood that would allow the public to speak out in support.

The final step would be a meeting in Trenton with the State Health Planning Board; if all goes well there could be a phased opening by the Fall of 2009.

Councilman Bromberg offered additional details; the emergency room has seen 5,800 patients since reopening in October 2008 and \$4 million has been spent to date on this project.

He continued that with the re-opening there could be the creation of 1,400 permanent jobs; not including the construction jobs. There is also the surrounding business that would benefit from the hospital reopening.

In conclusion, Council Vice Present Bromberg encouraged people to attend the meetings and show your support.

Business Administrator’s Report

The Business Administrator announced the winners of a recycling poster contest organized by Jennifer and Rich of the DPW. The winning posters will be on display in PNC Bank. Mr. Gallione encouraged everyone to please take one of the tree seedlings available this evening. The trees were donated by the Shade Tree Commission. The Business Administrator also reported that there will be an *Autism Walk* on May 3rd, and to please come out and support the March on Valley Hospital on May 2nd. The March is being lead by Mayor Brinkner of Westwood and begins at 1:00pm.

The Business Administrator concluded that River vale has won a safety award for no lost time accidents reported. The Township will receive a check \$700.00 and he plans on having a barbecue for the staff on May 15th.

Township Engineer’s Report

Dominic Carrino will be attending a DEP meeting in Trenton this week with Mr. Gallione. The purpose of this meeting is gain temporary easements to perform the work on the Bernita Drive headwall replacement. He also reported that the preconstruction meetings for both the Mark Lane Lighting Project and Holdrum Field Improvements are scheduled for April 30th. Mr. Carrino gave an update on the Slope failure as well as the DEP has postponed the ranking and funding on the Salt Shed project. He is hoping the announcements will be made this Friday.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to open the meeting to the public.

Council Vice President Bromberg read the following statement into the record.

“Each person wishing to address the Council shall step up to the microphone, shall give his or her name in an audible tone for the record. All member of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.”

Jason Waltner –Metro PCS - commented on a proposal sent out regarding a possible telecommunications pole to be set up on the DPW site.

Mayor Blundo stated the Township Attorney will call you and that this is not the place to negotiate. Councilman Matos had various questions regarding expanding the utilities, the type of antennae and the new height of the antennae. The Mayor requested that both Noel Matos and Holly Schepisi participate in the meeting.

Randy Surovy – 257 Rivervale Road- stated that the Mayor and Council are doing a great job. Mr. Surovy had comments regarding his house being coated in snow and slush when the plows pass.

Rich Campanelli answered that he will have the plows slow down when passing his home.

Mr. Surovy also complimented the Brine system but he stated concern that the brine may have killed certain vegetation on his property.

Mr. Campanelli stated that the brine is a diluted solution that is sprayed directly on the road; it is also proven to be environmentally safe.

Rosemary Cary – 698 Alexander Court – thanked the Mayor and Council; she gave an update on the upcoming Greenfest event and requested the Council support the Sustainable New Jersey resolution.

Councilwoman Sieg thanked Ms. Cary and questioned whether her group could help residents affected by United Waters problem with regard to keeping the waterways clear flowing. Ms. Cary is not familiar with the problem but is willing to help.

Joe Massin – 68 Holiday Court – questioned that with the new brine system and a possible new salt shed how much salt will the town need?

Mayor Blundo answered that nothing has been determined with regard to the salt shed and that he is not certain the Town really needs a new salt shed.

Mr. Massin also commented on land use regulations and questioned whether the town has adequate coverage with regard to environmental issues and are there any restrictions implemented. Holly Schepisi offered to follow up and see how other towns handle environmental issues and land use.

Rich Campanelli addressed the Mayor and Council stating that the Brine System is not a melting agent; it prevents the snow from bonding to the road.

There being no further questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Matos to close the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS –

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolutions #2009-112 to Resolution 2009-120 excluding Resolution #2009-119 on Consent Agenda, as follows:

Resolution #2009-112

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF AN ARBORIST TO THE SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Paul Cowie be appointed as an Arborist to the River Vale Shade Tree Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee of the Arborist is \$5,000 and a term of (1) year is hereby confirmed.

Resolution #2009-113

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS TO T & M ASSOCIATES FOR THE MARK LANE BASKETBALL SPORTS LIGHTING PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that limitations in an amount not to exceed \$ 7,000.00 be authorized for services of the engineering firm of T & M Associates for the construction phase of the Mark Lane Basketball Sports Lighting Supply and Installation project.

Resolution #2009-114

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ADA GRANT AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, NJDOT requires compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations which mandate that public sidewalks comply with Federal handicap regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County Road Program will make NJDOT Bureau of Local Aid funds available to the Township of River Vale, on a reimbursement basis, for the construction of ADA ramps, curb cuts and sidewalks improvements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the ADA Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen.

Resolution #2009-115

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE HOLDRUM SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township received several bids for the for the Holdrum School Athletic School Field Improvements; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received the from Falcon Ridge Construction, 475 Watchung Avenue, Watchung, New Jersey 07069 and said bid has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest bidder at the price of

Base Bid: \$ 150,555.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 150,555.00 in the Capital Account;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the bid of Falcon Ridge Construction, 475 Watchung Avenue, Watchung, New Jersey 07069 is accepted as the lowest responsible bidder. The Mayor and Township Clerk are here by authorized and requested to execute a Contract on behalf of the Township of River Vale for the Holdrum School Athletic Field Improvements as described in the Bid Specifications.

Resolution #2009-116

RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following license to conduct an On Premises 50/50 Raffle be issued to:

NAME:	Habitat for Humanity 10 Banta Place, Suite 105 Hackensack, NJ 07601
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	Florentine Gardens 97 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07675
DATE OF RAFFLE:	June 3, 2009 6:00- 10:00pm
I.D. #:	180-4-33050
RAFFLE LICENSE:	RL 314

Resolution #2009-117

SUPPORTING RESOLUTION FOR THE RIVER VALE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air, and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale hereby acknowledges that the residents of the Township of River Vale desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far in to the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practice; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path the Township of River Vale is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the Township of River Vale we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community:

BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within the Township of River Vale on matters of sustainability, the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipality Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale that we do hereby authorize the River Vale Environmental Committee to serve as the River Vale agent for Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize them to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of the Township of River Vale.

Resolution #2009-118

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale confirming the Mayoral appointment of David Ward as Alternate #1 to the Planning Board to fill an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2009.

Resolution #2009-120

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS TO T & M ASSOCIATES FOR THE HOLDRUM SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that limitations in an amount not to exceed \$ 19,700.00 be authorized for services of the engineering firm of T & M Associates for the construction and administrative phases of the Holdrum School Athletic Field Improvements project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, and Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

Council Discussion on Consent Agenda Resolutions #119,121-124:

Mayor Blundo explained that these Resolutions are the mechanism needed to purchase I6A. Gennaro Rotella gave a thorough explanation of the bonding process and grant money as the funding sources. Mr. Rotella added information regarding the carrying costs of the bonds and time frame.

Councilman de Stefan commented that 20 years of work has gone into preserving this land; he applauds the administration and the attorney. Councilman Matos feels the explanation of the financing is clear and it is very important to preserve the open space. Councilwoman Sieg is very supportive as well. Mayor Blundo added that previous Mayors de Stefan, Darakjian and Paschalis all worked very hard to preserve this land; 26 acres have been saved and they all should feel good about themselves.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolution #2009-119, Resolutions #121-2009 through Resolution # 2009-124 on Consent Agenda, as follows:

Resolution #2009-119

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant and loan from the State which will bring the total grant amount for this project to \$4,720,000 and the total loan for this project to \$1,000,000 to fund the following project(s): Open Space Acquisitions including the purchase of the River Vale Developers III I6A, United Water, and other properties as may be listed in the proposed municipal Open Space Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that Mayor Joseph Blundo or the successor to the office of Mayor, the Business Administrator Robert Gallione is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant, and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township Council of the Township of River Vale

1. That the Mayor of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Watershed Property Acquisition Tract I6A, and;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$1,640,000.
3. That, in the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, and;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution #2009-121

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR THE ENGINEERING FIRM OF MASER CONSULTING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PVCPS 2009 NJDOT ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Westwood, Woodcliff Lake, Park Ridge and River Vale have received NJDOT grants for 2009 road projects in the amount of \$750,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in order to save on the cost of preparing plans and specifications for these grant funded projects and ensure consistent oversight and inspection, The Pascack Valley Cooperative Pricing Systems #107-PVCPS issued an RFP dated March 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, six engineering firms responded with proposals for these grant funded projects on or before the deadline of April 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, after review and analysis by the Administrators of Woodcliff Lake and Westwood, it has been determined that Maser Consulting, P.A., has submitted the most effective proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Westwood hereby approves the Maser Consulting proposal for the engineering oversight of the Borough's 2009 NJDOT project in an amount not to exceed \$49,400.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of River Vale's portion is not to exceed \$13,174.00, subject to certification of funds by the CFO.

Resolution #2009-122

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC. – PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY I6A

WHEREAS the Township is preparing to proceed with the purchase of Tract I6A;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that limitations in an amount not to exceed \$ 2,600.00 be authorized for the services of Environmental Technologies Group, Inc. to conduct the Phase I environmental study of the I6A (Block 1001.01 Lot 10.01).

Resolution #2009-123

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT TO GREEN ACREAS PROJECT AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Mayor and Township Attorney are hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned agreement.

Resolution #2009-124

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE DEP DECLARATION OF ENCUMBERANCE AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor and Township Attorney are hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, and Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolution #2009-125, as follows:

Resolution #2009-125

RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Business Administrator be, and hereby is authorized to pay the following claims:

RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 14,871.90
CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 368,585.30
DOG TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 54.60
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 3,450.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 48,518.63
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 675.84
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,671.95
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,314.72
PRIVATE DUTY ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
RESERVE RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 412.30
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 10,205.27
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 32.47
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 601.25
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,733.25

TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID **\$ 452,127.48**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the following claims have been paid by the Business Administrator prior to the Bill List Resolution in the following amounts:

RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 7,295.23
CURRENT claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,976,508.54
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 00.00
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 436,947.35
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 7,312.76
BOND ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	<u>\$ 3,428,063.88</u>

TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION **\$ 3,880,191.36**

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR APRIL 27, 2009**

03/30/2009 – Transfer Payroll	\$ 206,341.71
04/15/2009 – Transfer Payroll	\$ 230,605.64

TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS **\$ 436,947.35**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, and Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolution #2009-126, as follows:

Resolution #2009-126

SEE Attached

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, and Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

ORDINANCES 1ST Reading

ORDINANCE #209-2009

Motion to Introduce: Councilman Matos

2nd: Councilwoman Sieg

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #0-10-04 ADJUSTING AND DETERMINING MUNICIPAL CLASS POSITION TITLES AND SALARY RANGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows, until a subsequent salary ordinance is adopted:

Section 1. The salary ranges per annum for the following officers and employees of the Township of River Vale in the Classified Service (staff) shall be as follows:

Accounts Payable/Tax Assessor Admin Assist.	\$30,000 - \$40,897
Administrative Secretary	\$26,126 - \$37,402
Assistant Deputy OEM Director	\$500
Associate Director of Social & Cultural Affairs	\$3,000
Bookkeeper (Library)	\$36,000 - \$39,800
Building Inspector	\$5,500 - \$10,593
Business Administrator	\$95,000 - \$130,750
CCO Inspections (per inspection)	\$10.00
Chief Financial Officer	\$75,000 - \$88,935
Chief of Police	\$110,000 - \$142,000
Children's Services (Library)	\$42,000 - \$44,500
Circulation Clerk Library (hourly rate)	\$11.00 - \$20.00
Code Enforcement Officer (hourly rate)	\$15.00 - \$20.00
Construction Code Official	\$35,000 - \$42,745
Council Members	\$3,000
Deputy OEM Director	\$500
Director of Athletics	\$10,000
Director of Emergency Management	\$3,000
Director of Law	\$3,100
Director of Public Works	\$70,000 - \$88,162
Director of Social & Cultural Affairs	\$5,000
Drug Alliance Coordinators (PV)	\$2,000 - \$10,000
Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$7,500 - \$15,000
Farmers Market Coordinator	\$1.00
Fire Inspector	\$2,000 - \$2,750
Fire Official	\$5,000 - \$7,346

Fire Sub-Code Official	\$3,000 - \$5,200
Health Services Division Nurse	\$20.00 - \$30.00
Joint Insurance Fund Coordinator	\$1.00
Land Use Administrator	\$34,790 - \$42,589
Library Director	\$65,000 - \$69,500
Library Page (hourly rate)	\$7.00 - \$8.00
Library Programming Assistant (hourly rate)	\$10.00 - \$12.00
Mayor	\$4,000
Municipal Court Administrator	\$40,000 - \$45,650
Municipal Court Bailiff	\$14.00 - \$20.00
Municipal Court Clerk (hourly rate)	\$14.00 - \$25.00
Municipal Court Interpreter (hourly rate)	\$30.00 - \$60.00
Municipal Court Judge	\$15,000 - \$17,006
Municipal Court Prosecutor	\$7,000 - \$8,255
Municipal Planner (hourly rate)	\$100.00 - \$119.00
Municipal Public Defender (rate per case)	\$75.00 - \$150.00
Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney (hourly rate)	\$100.00 - \$125.00
Municipal Tax Assessor	\$15,000 - \$19,235
Municipal Tax Collector	\$5,343
Municipal Tax Collector Assistant	\$30,000 - \$37,424
Planning Board Attorney	\$2,200
Planning Board Attorney (hourly)	\$100.00 - \$119.00
Planning Board Engineer	\$1,200
Planning Board Engineer (hourly)	\$100.00 - \$119.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$4,000 - \$5,000
Police Captain	\$105,000 - \$130,000
Police Department Secretary	\$24,000 - \$29,450
Police Dispatcher	\$25,000 - \$42,376
Public Works Secretary	\$24,000 - \$29,120
Public Works Sewer Inspector	\$5,000
Reference Librarian	\$47,000 - \$51,000
Reference Librarian (hourly rate)	\$21.00 - \$23.00
Registrar Vital Statistics	\$5,000
School Crossing Guard (hourly rate)	\$14.00 - \$17.25
Secretary (hourly rate)	\$12.00 - \$25.00
Senior Circulation Clerk (Library)	\$30,000 - \$35,800
Senior Clerk Typist Secretary	\$28,000 - \$37,402
Social Services Coordinator	\$5,000 - \$7,500
Summer Camp Directors	\$200 - \$4,358
Technical Assistant	\$25,000 - \$34,238
Township Attorney (hourly rate)	\$100.00 - \$120.00
Township Clerk	\$35,010 - \$40,436
Township Engineer (hourly rate)	\$100.00 - \$124.00
Township Van Driver (hourly rate)	\$11.00 - \$12.45
Township Webmaster	\$12.00 - \$16.00
Transcriptionist (hourly rate)	\$15.00 - \$30.00
Zoning Board Attorney (hourly)	\$100.00-\$119.00
Zoning Board of Adj. Engineer (hourly)	\$100.00 - \$125.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney	\$2,200
Zoning Official	\$3,000 - \$5,505

Section 2. The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to determine the salary of each employee within each salary range annually, such determination and salary to be effective the first day of each calendar year beginning 2009.

Section 3. All employees shall be paid on the 15th and 30th of every month as stipulated in the Township Personnel Manual except for changes required on account of calendar year requirements.

Section 4. All parts or ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistent parts, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize any salary decrease. This ordinance shall take effect after passage in the manner provided by law, except that any and all such salary increases shall in all respects be subject to any provisions of law.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

ORDINANCE #210-2009

Motion to Introduce: Councilman de Stefan

2nd: Councilman Matos

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$3,280,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,240,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE TO FINANCE THE SAME

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of River Vale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Township"), as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$3,280,000 including the sum of \$40,000 which is hereby appropriated from the Township's Open Space Trust Fund, and grants which are hereby appropriated in the aggregate amount of \$3,140,000, consisting of a \$1,500,000 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant, three separate grants in the aggregate amount of \$1,140,000 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Green Acres

program constituting \$400,000 appropriated pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Public Laws of 2005, \$400,000 appropriated pursuant to Chapter 184 of the Public Laws of 2005, and \$340,000 of the \$500,000 appropriated pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Public Laws of 2001, and, in addition there is appropriated a \$500,000 Green Acres Grant to be received from the Garden State Preservation Trust upon the receipt of a legislative appropriation therefor, all of said Green Acres grants being for “Watershed Property Acquisition”. No down payment is required in connection with the authorization of bonds and notes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) as this bond ordinance involves a project to be funded by a State grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$3,240,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds or notes, and in anticipation of the receipt of the grants appropriated herein, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the bonds or notes are to be issued is the acquisition of the real property known as Lot 10.01 in Block 1001.01 on the tax maps of the Township, and including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from

time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. No part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond

ordinance by \$3,240,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvement or purpose.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Township is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

ORDINANCE #211-2009

Motion to Introduce: Councilman Matos

2nd: Councilwoman Sieg

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, CREATING A NEW SECTION OF THE CODE ENTITLED CHAPTER 187 “RETAIL BUSINESSES”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, as follows:

ARTICLE I Hours of Operation

- A. The Mayor and Council have found that undesirable noise, inconvenience and disturbance is caused by retail businesses remaining open late at night.
- B. The Mayor and Council deem it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Township of River Vale for retail businesses to cease the conduct of their business at a reasonable hour.

§ 187-1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Retail Business – Any business which holds itself out to the general public for the sale at retail of goods and services.

§ 187-2 Closing Hours.

Every retail business located within the Township, excluding restaurants, pharmacies, nighttime recreational centers and business regulated by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, shall be closed to the public, and business with the public therein shall be and is hereby prohibited, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00a.m., except that fitness centers shall be closed to the public, and business with the public therein shall be and is hereby prohibited, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00a.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

ORDINANCES 2ND Reading

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Matos to open the public hearing on Ordinance #206-2009.

There being no questions or comments motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to close the public hearing on Ordinance #206-2009.

Ordinance #206-2009

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Matos

Seconded: Councilwoman Sieg

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CALENDAR YEAR 2009 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of River Vale in the County of Bergen finds its advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2009 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget of said year, amount to \$ 82,736 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2009 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of River Vale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by up to 3.5%, amounting to \$289,575 and that the CY 2009 municipal budget for the Township of River Vale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to open the public hearing on Ordinance #208-2009.

There being no questions or comments motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to close the public hearing on Ordinance #208-2009.

Ordinance #208-2009

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Matos

Seconded: Councilwoman Sieg

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE ENTITLED “RECYCLING”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, as follows:

§ Section 186-4. Regulations for residential users.

A. Designation of recyclable materials.

(1) Mandatory. Shall be amended to add the following:

(k) Construction and Demolition Debris (concrete, brick, tree parts, nonferrous/ferrous metal, asphalt, corrugated cardboard, where practical)

(l) Corrugated Cardboard

(m) Mixed Paper

(n) Type 1 and 2 Plastic Containers

§ Section 186-5. Regulations for commercial users.

A. Designation of recyclable materials.

(1) Mandatory. Shall be amended to add the following:

(o) Type 1 and Type 2 Plastic Containers

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, Council Vice President Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski was absent.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to open the meeting to the public.

There being no questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to close the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Council Vice President
Mark Bromberg

ATTEST:
Karen Padva
Township Clerk