

MINUTES
Council Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2009

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

SALUTE TO FLAG

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

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

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

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

1. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Blundo gave a brief update on the status of the Township's COAH recertification. River Vale is scheduled for recertification at COAH's December meeting. COAH has also given a letter directed to Green Acres to release the funds for the purchase of I6A. The funds are overwhelmingly coming from both the State and County and they are planning to close on I6A property by the end of year. The Mayor added that it's imperative for the Town to get certified. This is very good news and a big accomplishment.

The Mayor concluded that he has had several compliments regarding the holiday decorations and he thanked Bob Gallione for all his work.

2. Council Comments

Councilwoman Sieg wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilman Bromberg also wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

Council President Jasionowski had no comments this evening.

Business Administrator's Report

The Administrator commented on two (2) of the resolutions on this evenings agenda. The first being the Forestry Management Plan and the PSE&G energy audit of the Police Department. He added that most of the costs for the audit will be picked up by PSE&G. Mr. Gallione also noted some up coming event dates; the Resident's for a Better River Vale "Holiday Breakfast with Santa," is on Saturday, December 12th, the "Holiday Lighting" at Town Hall is on Friday, December 4th and the "Chanukah Menorah Lighting" is scheduled for December 15th.

Township Engineer’s Report

Mr. Carrino reported that he has received the bond for the Mark Lane Lighting project and is in the process of addressing complaints regarding damage to resident’s grass on Roberge Drive during the road resurfacing project.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

Council President Jasionowski 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.”

Mayor John Sapanara— 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale – Mayor Sapanara commented to the high school issue. The excellent quality of education is a very important reason why people want to live here. He added that there is not a good plan in place and that education will suffer. He stressed that Hillsdale and River Vale are on the same page and he does not want dissolution to occur and is very interested in working together to come up with a strategy. Council President Jasionowski added that we stand united with our Mayor to fight this and we do not want to quality of education to suffer.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Bromberg requested that Resolution #2009-261 the minutes from November 9th meeting be amended to mention that in his statement he did mention a number of towns that did not have the International Property Maintenance Code (Montvale, Park Ridge, Old Tappan, Woodcliff Lake, Washington Township, as well as some other Townships that were researched Ridgewood, Oradell and Closter). Councilman Bromberg also had comments on Resolution #2009-267 regarding the Forestry Plan. Councilman Bromberg stated that the report was very impressive and comprehensive. The reports shed a lot of light of the amount of responsibility and care that trees need.

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolutions #2009-260 through #2009-267 on Consent Agenda, as follows:

Resolution #2009-260

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the October 26, 2009 Council meeting are hereby approved.

Resolution #2009-261

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the November 9, 2009 Council meeting are hereby approved.

Resolution #2009-262

RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ST. JOSEPH'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL- Off PREMISES 50/50 RAFFLE

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

NAME: St. Joseph's Regional High School
40 Chestnut Ridge Road
Montvale, NJ 07645

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: Florentine Gardens
97 Rivervale Road
River Vale, NJ 07675

DATE OF RAFFLE: April 22, 2010 6:00- 11:00pm

I.D. #: 318-5-21317

RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 321

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission of the State of New Jersey.

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RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 322

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission of the State of New Jersey.

Resolution #2009-264

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR THE DPW COMPLEX BUILDING PROJECT

WHEREAS, there were various changes necessary during the construction of the River Vale DPW Complex in the Township of River Vale; and

WHEREAS, one of these changes has been approved by the Township Engineer and detailed in a letter from the contractor, Oradell Construction Company, Inc., dated November 12, 2009, which letter can be found on file in the Clerk's office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that change Order #4 for the above mentioned project be approved as follows:

DECREASES

Original Contract Sum was	\$ 1,039,000.00
Net Change Decreases	
by Previous Orders	\$ 10,827.07
Net Change Order this Change	
Decrease	\$ 2,600.00
Contract Sum Decrease	\$ <u>(13,427.07)</u>
New Contract Sum	\$ 1,025,572.93

Resolution #2009-265

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR T&M ASSOCIATES – DPW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, there were various amendments to the construction administration costs during the construction of the River Vale DPW Complex in the Township of River Vale; and

WHEREAS, amendment #3 has been documented by the Township Engineer and detailed in a letter from the Engineer, T & M Associates, dated October 29, 2009, which letter can be found on file in the Clerk's office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that amendment #3 for the above mentioned project be approved as follows:

INCREASES

Original Contract Sum was	\$ 50,000.00
Net Change Increase #1	\$ 22,000.00
Net Change Increase #2	\$ 16,600.00
Net Change Increase #3	\$ 2,600.00
Contract Sum Increase	\$ <u>41,200.00</u>
New Contract Sum	\$ 91,200.00

Resolution #2009-266

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ENERGY AUDIT AGREEMENT WITH PSE&G FOR THE RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, PSE&G conducted an audit of the Township's Police Department Headquarters located at 334 Rivervale Road on November 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G has determined that certain energy conserving measures would be beneficial to the efficiency of the River Vale Police Department Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the costs and terms of this contract are on file in the Clerk's Office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the **PSE&G Small Business Install Program** contract for the installation of conservation measures at the River Vale Police Department Headquarters.

Resolution #2009-267

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Committee of the Township of River Vale commissioned a plan that would ensure cost effective maintenance of public shade trees in the Township; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the residents of River Vale to promote the physical and environmental maintenance of shade trees throughout the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Township's Community Forestry Management Plan (2010-2014) for submission to the New Jersey Community Forest Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2009-268, as follows:

Resolution #2009-268

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:	\$ 5,008.82
CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 169,030.30
DOG TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
APPROPRIATION RESERVE ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 240.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 39,982.33
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,352.94
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,565.37
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 701.50
PRIVATE DUTY ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 37,862.38
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,311.72
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 7,235.33
BOND ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,569.80
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,473.50

TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID **\$ 270,333.99**

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:

APPROPRIATED RESERVE ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
CURRENT claims in the amount of:	\$ 3,331,813.66
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 923,724.49
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 9,448.56
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 439,778.84
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
HOUSING SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	<u>\$ 4,704,765.55</u>

TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION **\$ 4,975,099.54**

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

10/30/2009 – Transfer Payroll

\$ 194,482.67

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

ORDINANCES 1st Reading

There were no Ordinances for 1st reading this evening.

ORDINANCES 2ND Reading

There were no Ordinances for 2nd reading this evening.

*******Holly Schepisi arrived at the meeting at 8:20pm*******

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

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

The Business Administrator added a report on correspondence sent to the Mayor and Council from Blue Hill Estate. The Mayor has spoken to Dennis Deutsch, the Planning Board Attorney, the Planning Board Engineer and Holly Schepisi regarding this matter. The bottom line is that our professionals don't think it is a bad idea to allow them to tap into the infrastructure in our right-of-way. The Mayor said the important fact here is that the proper indemnification should be in place should there be a problem in the right-of-way. The Mayor continued that Dennis, Chris and Holly will work it out through the developer's agreement. The Mayor stated that if we get the right protections then he could accept.

Councilman Bromberg noticed in the engineer's reports that they would require periodic flushing and that the Public Work's employees needed to be OSHA certified. The Mayor answered that the developers would have to provide for that.

Council President Jasionowski expressed his concerns regarding future cost and maintenance to the Town and what are we getting to help cover those future expenses?

The Mayor added that those details would be covered in the deed restriction.

Holly Schepisi stated and she will be meeting with Dennis to establish that future maintenance will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Council President Jasionowski does not want to add maintenance costs and labor to the town but if those details can be worked out it would be in the best interest of the residents and he would support it.

Holly suggested granting an easement and to include all the maintenance costs.

Council President Jasionowski requested their recommendations by the next meeting.

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting to closed session to discuss legal settlement and contract negotiations at 8:25pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 9:10m.

Council President
Glen Jasionowski

ATTEST:
Karen Padva
Township Clerk