

MINUTES
Council Meeting
Monday, August 9, 2010
8:00pm

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

Also present: Mayor Joseph Blundo, Robert Gallione, Business Administrator/Deputy Clerk, Holly Schepisi, Township Attorney, Gennaro Rotella, CFO, and Christopher Statile, Township Engineer.

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

The Mayor opened with comments on the National Nights Out event; which was both very successful and well attended. He added that this event comes at no expense to the town; and all the vendors made donation to the police department. The Mayor wanted to publically take this opportunity to thank resident John Greco for donating the fantastic fireworks display for the past (2) years. Mayor Blundo also wanted to extend his thanks to the Chief of Police and his family. This year the Chief’s wife Gina and his sons took on a very active role in the planning and running of this event. He also thanked police department volunteers as well as the Cert Team. Mayor Blundo has heard that River Vale has one of the best National Nights Out event in the area.

Mayor Blundo continued that also present at the Night Out event was the formal kick off of newly formed group to keep Pascack Valley High School together and affordable. There will be a vote on September 28th; asking the town if we voluntarily want to change the funding formal and go to a per student formula. The Mayor explained that this would an average increase of \$450 per home. If all four towns vote to change the formula; both River Vale and Hillsdale residents will be paying a larger percentage of the overall budget. The Mayor stressed that we need to get the word out and send a message to the legislature that we do not support a change to the funding formula.

The Mayor gave an update on the hospital; that was not good. He explained that we continue to constantly send letters and make phone calls to Governor Christie and staff; and they are falling on deaf ears. The Governor has responded that we will hear something by September; but it will not be a commitment either way. Mayor Blundo added that a promise was made to the taxpayers of the Pascack Valley region that Christie would do everything in his power to open the hospital. The Mayor continued that the Governor has not delivered on that promise. The local mayors and supporters will continue to put pressure on the Governor and assembly people to move this along. But the Mayor is not as optimistic as he once was.

Mayor Blundo concluded his comments with a brief update on the progress with the River Vale County Club. We are proceeding with eminent domain and are following the steps outlined in that process which include negotiations with the current owner and lien holders.

The Mayor introduced a Girl Scout Troop and their leader Susan Vicchio. As part of achieving their silver award, the Troop created and presented to the Mayor and Council a DVD of the Memorial Day Parade.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman de Stefan announced that the history of River Vale is 99% complete and should be ready for sale in about a month. He thanked the Mayor and Council for all their help funding this book. He also thanked Joe Massin for providing photos, Jim Hanna and family for their contributions and Bob Gallione for helping steer this project through.

Councilwoman Sieg had no comments this evening but did want to congratulate the Girl Scouts on the DVD and she hopes they achieve their award.

Councilman Bromberg also congratulated the Girl Scouts and is looking forward to watching the DVD of the parade. He also commented on the great turn out for the National Night Out event. Councilman Bromberg commented on the High School vote and encouraged people to vote in September.

Council President Jasionowski was very happy to see both Safety Town and the Girl Scouts at the meeting; and he's heard nothing but great thing about the Safety Town Program. Council President Jasionowski commented on the Fire Department and the replacement of trucks. Specifically, he mentioned that during a recent fire call; one of the engines was out being repaired requiring the standby (1980's) engine to come out on the call.

Council President Jasionowski also commented on the hospital. He agreed with the Mayor; whether you like Governor Christie and his politics or not he made a commitment to the Pascack Valley specially, to do everything in his power to reopen the hospital. To date we have seen nothing done. He added that there have been numerous occasions demonstrated that there is a need to have a hospital in this area and the huge difference it would make in the quality of life.

The Council President concluded with comments on a letter received from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He requested that for various legal reasons we don't make this a public issue. He requested a meeting be set up at Town hall with the Mayor, attorney, a councilmember or two and the Zoning Board to discuss.

Business Administrator's Report

PRESENTATION – *Safety Town*

Bob Gallione briefly reported on the success of the Safety Town Program. The Director of Safety Town, Tina Lippert, thanked the Mayor and Council for all their support and presented them with shirts from the program. She also noted that this is the 20th year of the Safety Town Program.

Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile reported that five (5) construction contracts are underway in August; the bikeway, the cooperative road program, Bernita headwall, Brookside Avenue, and the DPW remediation. These projects are all in some stage of being initiated this month. He added that the sidewalks will be advertised this week and hopefully awarded in September. The Roberge School soccer field reconstruction will also be advertised and awarded in September. The EMS park water feature is being restored by the DPW. He also discussed wells being installed at both the EMS and Roberge field for irrigation.

The Engineer reported that the County will hopefully be starting their resurfacing program soon. As part of that program; we are obligated to construction handicap ramps along Westwood Avenue and the Town will be reimbursed for this expense by the County.

Mr. Statile announced that two (2 applications for funding next year are being submitted the NJDOT for Cleveland Avenue and Coopers Lane. We should hear back on both applications in 2-3 months.

Mr. Statile concluded that both the County Open Space Grants and CDBG Grant Applications are due October. And we need to come of with projects for these grant applications.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Bromberg 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.”

Jim Hanna – 381 Sunset Road – commented on the golf course specifically regarding where the money is coming from, how much and will there be any matching grants.

Council President Jasionowski couldn’t answer how much we will be borrowing because it is still being negotiated but did say it will be run as a separate municipal utility. Mayor Blundo added that we are pursuing Open Space grants and Green Acres funding and we are optimistic that it will lessen the overall purchase price.

Mr. Hanna also questioned whether the Town will run the golf course or would hire a management company. Council President Jasionowski answered that it’s in discussions but safe to say a management company will be involved. Mr. Hanna also had questions regarding costs estimates for the course and the liquor license presently associated with the golf course.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2010-227, as follows:

Resolution #2010-227

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the July 26, 2010 Council meeting are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Bromberg to approve Resolution #2010-228, as follows:

Resolution #2010-228

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2009 CLOSED SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the January 12, 2009 Closed Session Council meeting are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolution #2010-229 through 2010-239 on Consent Agenda, as follows:

Resolution #2010-229

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2009 CLOSED SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

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

Resolution #2010-230

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2009 CLOSED SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

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

Resolution #2010-231

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2009 CLOSED SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the March 28, 2009 Closed Session Council meeting are hereby approved.

Resolution #2010-232

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2011 INTERNATIONAL MODEL 4300 SBA TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Township received bids for the 2011 Model 4300 SBA Truck; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received the from **Campbell Freightliner LLC, 145 Talmadge Road, Edison, NJ 08817** and said bid has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest responsible bidder at the price of

Base Bid \$ 98,714.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 98,714.00 in the Capital Account;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the bid of Campbell Freightliner LLC, 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 2011 Model 4300 SBA Truck as described in the Bid Specifications.

Resolution #2010-233

Resolution Re: Requesting Approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Veterans Memorial Park Donations moneys pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:5-29 et seq.

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance, and

WHEREAS, municipalities are allowed to receive amounts for costs incurred for Veterans Memorial Park Donations Moneys and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body hereby requests permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures the Veterans Memorial Park Donations Moneys as per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39.
2. The Township Clerk of the Township of River Vale is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution #2010-234

RESOLUTION
(CHAPTER 159)

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4087 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item has been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2010 in the sum of \$15,927.74 which is now available from The NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Communities Act Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$15,927.74 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Public and Private Programs.

Resolution #2010-235

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Cleveland Avenue project.

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to receive **\$360,075.00** in funds from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Trust Fund for the purpose of resurfacing, making safety improvements and traffic calming measures along Cleveland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has developed a plan of action and cost estimate to improve Cleveland Avenue from River Vale Road to Cedar Lane and key intersections through the addition of pavement markings and other physical complementary safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project will also improve safety to the local schools and commuter lines, thus leveraging the requested funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of River Vale, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application MA-2011-River Vale Township-00537 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of River Vale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of River Vale and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution #2010-236

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Coopers Lane project.

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to receive **\$273,710.00** in funds from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Trust Fund for the purpose of resurfacing, making safety improvements and traffic calming measures along Coopers Lane; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has developed a plan of action and cost estimate to improve Coopers Lane from River Vale Road to Westwood Avenue and key intersections through the addition of pavement markings and other physical complementary safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project will also improve safety to the local schools and commuter lines, thus leveraging the requested funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of River Vale, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application MA-2011-River Vale Township-00538 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of River Vale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of River Vale and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution #2010-237

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Township awarded a contract to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. for Curbside Recycling Service for a period commencing on August 1, 2008 and ending July 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, the contract was awarded with an option to renew the contract for one (1) additional twenty-four (24) month period at the following prices:

Price beginning August 1, 2010

Base Bid Curbside Collection Service	\$ 1.44 Unit Price per Collection Source Per Month	\$ 4,717.44 Base Bid Price (Unit Price Multiplied by 3,276)
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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Current Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for Curbside Recycling Collection is hereby extended by (1) additional twenty-four (24) month period ending July 31, 2012 and that Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. 77 Brookside Place, Hillsdale, New Jersey 07642 will continue the above mentioned service to the Township of River Vale for the period mentioned above, and for the amount mentioned.

Resolution #2010-238

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale has entered into a Three Year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA 40A:8A-1 et seq. and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that one Municipal Representative be appointed by the Governing Body of the community to be part of the Community Development Regional Committee for the term of one year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1 through June 30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby appoints Robert J. Gallione, Jr. and his alternate, Denise Sieg to participate on the Community Development Regional Committee.

Resolution #2010-239

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:

CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 102,595.14
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 303.50
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 6.00
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 26,267.89
RESERVE OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,375.00
APPROPRIATION RESERVE ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,101.50
PRIVATE DUTY ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 8,944.23
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 311.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 5,075.74
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 15,945.46
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,147.50
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 10,993.50
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,156.75
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 213.50
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	<u>\$ 176,436.71</u>

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:	\$ 165,075.43
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 17,875.42
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
ZONING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 211,164.50
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 775.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	<u>\$ 394,890.35</u>
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	<u>\$ 571,327.06</u>

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR AUGUST 9, 2010**

07/30/2010 – Transfer Payroll \$ 211,164.50

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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 Councilman de Stefan to close the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolution #2010-240 as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale the Council enters into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. Action may be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Council President
Glen Jasionowski

ATTEST:

Karen Padva
Township Clerk