

MINUTES
Special Council Work Session Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2010
8:30pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Jasionowski called the meeting to order at 8:30pm 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: Robert Gallione, Business Administrator, Holly Schepisi, Township Attorney, Gennaro Rotella, CFO, Dieter Lerch, Township Auditor and Karen Padva, Township Clerk.

Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Blundo reported that today COAH reaffirmed our certification. We cannot under estimate how important this is. This is fantastic news and Holly deserves 80% of the credit; without her we won’t be here.

The Mayor also reported that the High School Board of Education passed a resolution to place a question on the ballot on September 28th. The question is whether we should go to a per pupil funding formula. The Mayor explained that based on today’s budget that would be an average increase in River Vale of \$650. In Hillsdale, the average increase would be \$1,400. This is an increase without any gains. Mayor Blundo stated that Hillsdale and River Vale have renewed their commitment to work together. Everyone in both towns needs to know the importance of this vote. This vote is binding and if we loss it will change the formula. Mayor Blundo stated that we should take no chances and make sure it is overwhelmed in both towns.

Mayor Blundo concluded his comments with compliments and thanks to Bob, Ann McCarthy and Kirstie Levine for doing a phenomenal job on the parade. It was a very special day and their efforts were very much appreciated.

Council Comments

There were no Council comments this evening.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolution #2010-178 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/potential litigation matters and contract negotiations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to adjourn the meeting at 10:30pm.

Council President
Glen Jasionowski

ATTEST:
Karen Padva
Township Clerk