

MINUTES
Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2011
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 Criscuolo, Councilwoman Sieg, Councilman Bromberg and Council President Jasionowski were present. Councilman Matos was absent.

Also present: Mayor Joseph Blundo, Holly Schepisi, Township Attorney, Christopher Statile, Township Engineer, Gennaro Rotella, Administrator/CFO and Karen Padva, Township Clerk.

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

The Mayor is pleased to announce that the new turf field was opened up on Monday night. The field looks great and there will be a grand opening scheduled on October 23rd.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Criscuolo had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg had no comments this evening.

Councilman Bromberg had no comments this evening.

Council President Jasionowski had no comments this evening.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman Criscuolo 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.”

David Lee—607 Montview Place—questioned when the Town is planning on following-up on fixing Montview and Interglen Avenues.

Mayor Blundo explained that there is no guarantee that the Town will fix the problem. The Town did some work on the property to alleviate the situation that was successful until this year. The Mayor noted that this year we have had an unprecedented amount of rain. He will ask the Engineer to check Mr. Lee’s property during a heavy rain storm to see if there is anything that can be done during the interim. Mayor Blundo explained that it would be disingenuous of him if he said that the Town had a plan to fix his problem. The Mayor added that licensed engineers have signed off on documents that the job was designed and built properly.

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

Council President Jasionowski removed Resolution #2011-234 from the Agenda.

Motion by Councilman Bromberg seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2011-235 through #2011-243 on Consent Agenda, as follows:

Resolution #2011-235

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE 2009 PASCACK VALLEY NJDOT ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (BROOKSIDE AVENUE)

WHEREAS, there was a necessary change during the construction of the 2009 Pascack Valley NJDOT Road Improvement Project (Brookside Avenue) in the Township of River Vale; and

WHEREAS, this change order has been approved by the Township Engineer and is detailed in a statement and 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 #2 for the above mentioned project be approved as follows:

Original Contract Sum	\$ 148,301.20
Change Order #1 Increase	+ 4,502.55
Change Order #2 Decrease	\$ - 30,871.48
New Contract Sum	\$ 121,932.27

Resolution #2011-236

RESOLUTION CANCELING CURENT FUND GRANT RECEIVABLE AND UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a certain grant receivable balance remains on the Current Fund Balance Sheet;

WHEREAS, an unexpended budget appropriation balance associated with this receivable remains in the Current Fund; and,

WEHERAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said grant receivable and unexpended budget appropriation balances from the Current Fund Balance Sheet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale that the following grant receivable and unexpended budget appropriation balances be cancelled as of December 31, 2010:

<u>Grant Description</u>	<u>Receivable Balance</u>	<u>Unexpended Appropriation</u>
New Jersey Department of Transportation Road Improvement Grant	\$67,887.74	\$67,887.74

Resolution #2011-237

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR 2011-2012 FOR BARRIER FREE IMPROVMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$ 40,000.00 in 2011-2012 Community Development Grant Funds for Barrier Free Improvements to the Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Mayor to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to sign all County vouchers submitted in connections with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Township of River Vale is liable for any funds no spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Resolution #2011-238

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

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to receive \$239,770.00 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 Ford Avenue and Highland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has developed a plan of action and cost estimate to improve Ford Avenue and Highland 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 the Township 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-00299 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 #2011-239

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

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to receive \$303,860.00 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 Echo Glen Avenue and Rockland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has developed a plan of action and cost estimate to improve Echo Glen Avenue and Rockland 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 the Township 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-00295 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 #2011-240

ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GRANT

APPLICATION FOR 2012-2013 SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, as Bergen County Community Development grant of \$5,000 has been proposed by Township of River Vale for Senior Citizen Activities in the municipality of the Township of River Vale, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State of Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in best interest of the people of the Township of River Vale, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Resolution #2011-241

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE LEAF RECYCLING CONTRACT FOR A SECOND SEASON (2011-2012)

WHEREAS, the current snow plowing services contract is due for renewal on October 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale wishes to extend the Leaf Recycling Services Contract with the contractor Environmental Renewal, LLC, 27 Andrews Drive, West Paterson,

New Jersey for the second season based on the following terms stated the original agreement dated December 21, 2010 as follows:

Leaf Recycling Service \$5.98 per cubic yard
(October 1, 2011– September 30, 2012)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby approves extending the contract for Leaf Recycling Services in the Township for the **Second Season**.

Resolution #2011-242

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE GREATER PASCACK VALLEY WOMAN’S CLUB–(50/50 ON PREMISES)

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following license to conduct a 50/50 on premises raffle license be issued to:

NAME: Greater Pascack Valley Woman’s Club
P.O. Box 3
Park Ridge, NJ 07656

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: Valley Brook Golf Club
15 Rivervale Vale Road
River Vale, NJ 07675

DATE OF RAFFLE: October 27, 2011 (6:30-10:30pm)

I.D. #: 374-8-34469

RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 370

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 #2011-243

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN FLU/PNEUMOCOCCAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF BERGEN

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned agreement that will provide the flu and pneumococcal vaccination clinics for the residents of River Vale for the term of 2011-2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

ORDINANCES

There were no Ordinances for 1st or 2nd Reading

The Mayor and Council had a brief discussion about the scheduling a Closed Session meeting regarding the bids for the golf course.

Township Engineer’s Report

Mr. Statile gave a brief update on the 2011 Road Program and the NJDOT program for the resurfacing of Cleveland. Mr. Statile requested that residents should not be speaking to the contractor about the turf field; any questions should be directed to the Business Administrator. He gave an update on the status of the grants and that the presentation for the 2012 Open Space Grant Application for the Golf Course is scheduled for November 21st.

Mr. Statile gave an update on the artifacts found at the Kirk Property and that it won’t be on the National Register. He is also in the process of contracting for the demo of the buildings on the property.

Business Administrator’s Report

The Business Administrator announced that the Township was recently awarded a \$1,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey to be used for funding a Community Garden.

The Mayor reported that the Advisory Board for the Golf Course had their first meeting. The Mayor felt that it was a good meeting and no unrealistic expectations. Overall it was agreed upon that the pump house would need to be replaced as one of their first capital projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

Council President
Glen Jasionowski

ATTEST:
Karen Padva
Township Clerk

