

**MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 24, 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, Councilman Matos, Councilman Bromberg, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski were present. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

**Also present:** Mayor Joseph Blundo, Holly Schepisi, Township Attorney, Christopher Statile, Township Engineer, Lauren Roehrer, Tax Collector/Treasurer and Karen Padva, Township Clerk.

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**TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION**

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

The Mayor opened with comments about the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new turf field. He added that was only part of the day’s festivities. There was also the Mayor’s Wellness Committee headed up by both Aline Lewis and Ann Catalano who put together a really good event. The program began with the John Blackgrove 5K run which is co-sponsored by both the Baseball Association and Educational Association. The Mayor thanked Christine Issackedes for doing a great job coordinating the day’s events. It was a really good day to show off our new project.

Mayor Blundo announced that the Police department will be instituting a zero tolerance policy for the upcoming Halloween weekend.

Mayor took this opportunity to talk about how some of the sports programs give back to the community specifically. This effort is led by Baseball who have most recently done a significant amount of fence work on the Lower Grove. Baseball has also done the tree work at Holdrum field in coordination with

Rich and the DPW. The Mayor continued that the Football Association donated the players' benches for the turf field. They also purchased the seed to help replenish the Upper Grove field which was used during the construction of the turf field. The Mayor continued that Soccer runs on a very tight budget but they were still able to purchase the goals for the new turf field. Overall, there is a lot of community spirit.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Matos had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and stated that the new turf field came out beautiful and that it is not specific to one sport and can be used by everyone.

Councilman Bromberg was very pleased to see how well the turf field came out and it was very encouraging to see all the kids running on the field enjoying it.

Council President Jasionowski commented that the ribbon cutting ceremony was a tremendous event. Chris Statile did a great job in record time. Council President Jasionowski added that every association had nothing but positive comments about the field. And the most compliments he heard regarding the field was about the logo; which represents the 10,000 residents of the town.

Council President Jasionowski concluded by praising Detective Sergeant DeVoe and the Junior Police Academy. Det. DeVoe reported to Council President Jasionowski that this year there are 150 students participating which is the largest enrollment ever and the largest Junior Police Academy per capita in the state of New Jersey. Council President Jasionowski noted that there were several Police Associations from around the State observing the opening night of the program.

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**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Business Administrator had no report this evening.

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**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Chris Statile thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing his firm to serve the Town. He is very proud of the turf field and it was a project that really challenged his staff.

The Road Program started and Haskell paving is expected to start work on Cleveland this week. There are no changes with regard to Grant applications. Mr. Statile did encourage attendance at the public presentation for the 2012 Bergen County Open Space Application for the Golf Course which is scheduled for November 21, 2011. The Engineer also reported that he is working with Ann on the site improvements at the Library. He also gave an update on the sinking conditions on Rivervale Road which are continuing despite repairs. The current project is set to repair the road from the Town hall entrance to Piermont. Mr. Statile added that currently Rivervale Road is sinking between Piermont and Old Tappan Road as well and the County will address this condition separately.

Chris Statile reported that he and the Mayor met with the residents of Pine Lake Terrace who have experienced flooding problems from the new development. There have also been reports that work is

being done at the new complex on Sundays which violates the Township's noise ordinance. The Mayor reported that these complaints have been validated and the developer has been warned. In addition, Mike Sartori has sent a strong email to the developer regarding the issues.

Chris Statile concluded his report by suggesting the Township form a Flood Commission which would have more teeth and the ability to obtain grant funding. The Mayor questioned how it would be governed and under whose auspice. Holly Schepisi added that it would have to be authorized by the State and currently there are a couple of commissions being formed. Ms. Schepisi noted Cindy Randazzo who is the Director of Local Government Assistance for the DEP, and has been traveling to the various municipalities and speaking about the issue with their reservoirs. The Mayor offered to reach out to Ms. Randazzo and perhaps have her come here to River Vale.

Councilman Matos requested that fencing be installed around the Basketball Courts. Rich Campanelli has provided price quotes to Councilman Matos. Mayor Blundo suggested that this request be proposed for the 2012 budget.

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## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Motion by Councilman Matos; 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."*

Bill Hepper—497 Piermont Avenue S. River Vale—reported that black birds may be getting caught in the batting cages at Mark Lane.

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

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Jasionowski removed Resolution #2011-244 from the Agenda.

Motion by Councilman Matos seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2011-245, as follows:

### **RESOLUTION #245-2011**

## **RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the September 26, 2011 Regular Council Meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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Motion by Councilwoman Sieg seconded by Councilman Bromberg to approve Resolution #2011-246, as follows:

**Resolution #2011-246**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES–OCTOBER 11, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the October 11, 2011 Regular Council Meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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Motion by Councilman Bromberg seconded by Councilman Matos to approve Resolutions #2011-247 through #2011-252 on Consent Agenda, as follows:

**Resolution #2011-247**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE PARK RIDGE FOOTBALL BOOSTERS–(50/50 OFF PREMISES)**

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

NAME:	Park Ridge Football Boosters PO Box 307 Park Ridge, NJ 07656
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	Florentine Gardens

97 Rivervale Road  
River Vale, NJ 07675

DATE OF RAFFLE: January 4, 2012 (9:00pm)  
I.D. #: 374-5-36296  
RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 371

**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 #2011-248**

**ENDORISING RESOLUTION 2012 CDBG APPLICATION FOR ADA COMPLIANCE TO THE TOWN HALL ENTRANCE**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$74,600 has been proposed by for ADA Compliant Improvements to the Town Hall Entrance in The Township of River Vale, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State 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 the 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 the aforesaid CD funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, 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 #2011-249**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT AGREEMENT – GROVE FIELD RECREATIONAL COMPLEX IMPROVMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale wish to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$30,000 grant award from the 2010 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the project entitled Grove Field Recreational Complex Improvements located in Block 1401, Lot 3 on the tax maps of the Township of River Vale;

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to sign all County of Bergen Payment Vouchers submitted in conjunction with the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council recognize that the Township of River Vale is liable for a dollar for dollar match for any funds awarded in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements.

**Resolution #2011-250**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT AGREEMENT – TOWN HALL POCKET PARK IMPROVMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale wish to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$20,000 grant award from the 2010 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the project entitled Town Hall Pocket Park Improvements located in Block 1401, Lot 3 on the tax maps of the Township of River Vale;

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to sign all County of Bergen Payment Vouchers submitted in conjunction with the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council recognize that the Township of River Vale is liable for a dollar for dollar match for any funds awarded in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements.

**Resolution #2011-251**

**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 2011 in the sum of \$1,000.00 which is now available from The NJLM Education Foundation, Inc. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program 2011.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$1,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Public and Private Programs.

**Resolution #2011-252**

**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:	\$327,493.61
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$35,439.20
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$28.80
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$2,176.73
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$1,291.25
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$5,280.30
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
APPROPRIATION RESERVE ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$1,506.95
PRIVATE DUTY ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$16,612.32
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$23,250.00
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
RESERVE RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$725,706.44
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$1,134.00
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$59.50

**TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID** **\$1,139,979.10**

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:	\$3,477,415.84
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$480.23
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$117,485.40
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$434,893.85
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00

**TOTAL CLAIMS PAID** **\$4,030,275.32**

**TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION** **\$5,613,455.41**

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS BILL LIST FOR OCTOBER 24, 2011**

09/30/2011 – Transfer Payroll	\$ 234,185.00
10/15/2011 – Transfer Payroll	\$ 200,708.85
<b>TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 434,893.85</b>

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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**ORDINANCES 1<sup>st</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE # 257-2011**

**MOTION TO INTRODUCE:** Councilman Matos

**SECONDED:** Councilwoman Sieg

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 81 ARTICLE VI OF THE CODE ENTITLED “PARKING PROHIBITED CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS”**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 81 of the Code is amended as follows:

**§ 81-17. Schedule I: No Parking Certain Hours.**

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Hours Location</u>
Rockland Avenue	East 8:00A.M. to 10:00A.M. and 2:00P.M. to 4:00P.M.	From Westwood Avenue to Park Place

This Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner prescribed by law.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg and Councilman Bromberg voted yes. Council President Jasionowski voted no. Councilman Criscuolo was absent

**ORDINANCES 2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

There were no Ordinances 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

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

Council President Jasionowski read the following statement into the record.

There being no questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman Bromberg; 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 8:40pm.

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Council President  
Glen Jasionowski

ATTEST:  
Karen Padvá  
Township Clerk