

MINUTES
Council Sine Die Meeting
Tuesday, January 1, 2008

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Jasionowski called the meeting to order at 12:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building 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 Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, Council Vice President Bromberg and Council President Jasionowski were present. Councilman de Stefan was absent.

Also present: Mayor Joseph Blundo, Robert J. Gallione, Jr., Business Administrator, Holly Schepisi Township Attorney and Karen Padva, Acting Township Clerk.

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

1. Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Blundo had no comments.

2. Council Comments

Councilman Matos, Councilman Bromberg, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. All Council members had no additional comments.

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.

“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.”

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

RESOLUTIONS –

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman Matos to approve Resolutions #2007-243 through #2007-252 on Consent Agenda, as follows:

Resolution #2007-243

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES–December 10, 2007

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Joint Session of the Planning Board and Council are hereby approved.

Resolution #2007-244

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES–December 10, 2007

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

Resolution #2007-245

RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR THE SPORTS LIGHTING POLES AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township received bids for the Sports Lighting Poles and Equipment for the Lower Grove Field project; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received the from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, 100 1st Avenue West, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577 and said bid has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest bidder at the price of

\$ 99,400.00 (base bid)

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 99,400.00 in the Capital and Open Space Accounts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the bid of Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, is accepted as the lowest responsible bidder and that 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 Services described in the Specifications for the Sports Lighting Poles and Equipment for the Lower Grove Field project.

Resolution #2007-246

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN FOR THE USE OF A SEWER VACUUM TRUCK

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor and Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of River Vale and the Borough of Old Tappan for the continued maintenance and use of the sewer vacuum truck; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Interlocal Services Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough of Old Tappan.

Resolution #2007-247

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN FOR THE USE OF TWO (2) FUEL STORAGE TANKS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor and Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of River Vale and the Borough of Old Tappan for the continued maintenance and use of two (2) fuel storage tanks located within the Borough of Old Tappan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Interlocal Services Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough of Old Tappan.

Resolution #2007-248

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTY OF BERGEN

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale currently maintains a Department of Welfare for the purpose of providing general assistance to individuals pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et. seq., as well as other provisions of the New Jersey State Law and Municipal Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Law (N.J.S.A. 44:8-145.1) provides that a municipality may transfer the financial and operational responsibility for the administration of general public assistance to the county in which it is located; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale has now reviewed the current operation of the Municipal Department of Public Welfare and has determined that it would be in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of the Township of River Vale to request that the financial operational responsibility for this department be transferred to Bergen County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale as follows:

1. The Township Attorney and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action which may be required in order to facilitate the transfer of the financial and operations responsibility for the administration of general public assistance to the County of Bergen.
2. The Township Attorney is hereby authorized to review and /or prepare any documents, resolutions, ordinances or contracts which may be required to facilitate this transaction.
3. The Township Clerk shall report to the Governing Body as to the procedure which must be utilized for the transfer as soon as that information is available for further action of the Governing Body, if further action is required.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to any and all documents necessary to carry out the foregoing of a form approved by the Township Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the County of Bergen, Municipal Department of Public Welfare and the Township Attorney.

Resolution #2007-249

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR T & M ASSOCIATES – SITE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTH FIREHOUSE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that limitations in an amount not to exceed \$41,500.00 be authorized for services to the Engineering Firm of T & M Associates in connection with the Site Improvements to the North Firehouse and Community/Senior Center parking lot.

Resolution #2007-250

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ASSETS OF PASCACK VALLEY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, INC. BE SOLD TO A PURCHASER WHO WILL PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Pascack Valley Hospital Association, Inc. has filed a petition for bankruptcy Case No. 07-23686 Chapter 11 which is pending before the Honorable Rosemary Gambardella, U.S.B.J., and

WHEREAS, Pascack Valley Hospital is vitally important to our community and its 2005 Annual Report states that for 2005 it had 13,997 inpatient admissions, 41,544 patient days, 5,584 operating room procedures, 10,720 same day center patients, 1,025 births and 22,749 emergency room visits, and

WHEREAS, Pascack Valley Hospital closed on November 21, 2007 and as a result residents of our community must now seek other alternatives for certain of their health care need, and

WHEREAS, the best interests of our community will be served if the hospital's assets be returned to service promptly by a purchaser who will provide health care services (including at a minimum an emergency room with observation beds) for the community.

WHEREAS, we understand that Hackensack University Medical Center submitted a proposal to purchase the assets of the hospital and to operate it as a functioning medical facility and medical school and this is the type of proposal that we endorse fully.

WHEREAS, we understand that a public auction for the assets of Debtor will take place on February 4, 2008 in the Honorable Rosemary Gambardella's chambers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of its residents, the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale respectfully request the Honorable Rosemary Gambardella take into consideration the public welfare of our community and the need and desire of our community for the hospital to be sold as an ongoing concern while evaluating the bids made during the public auction of February 4, 2008.

Resolution #2007-251

RESOLUTION
(TRANSFERS)

WHEREAS, there exists a need to make transfers in the 2007 Budget Appropriations, and there exists balances from which to make said transfers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Chief Financial Officer hereby be authorized to make the following transfers to the 2007 Budget Appropriations.

Inside CAP:		
From:		
	Police Patrol Salary & Wage	\$ 20,500.00
	Total	\$ 20,500.00
Inside CAP:		
To:		
	Police OE Auto Accessories	\$ 20,500.00
	Total	\$ 20,500.00

Resolution #2007-252

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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 ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 99.37
CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 142,168.86
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 35,305.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 15,364.82
DOG TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,062.20
PRIVATE DUTY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 3,433.21
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,125.00

TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID **\$ 199,558.46**

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:

CURRENT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,164,398.37
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,789.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 391,052.20
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 114,986.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 62,543.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	<u>\$ 1,734,768.57</u>

TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION **\$ 1,934,327.03**

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR JANUARY 1, 2008**

12/13/2007 – Wire Transfer Payroll	\$ 203,788.90
12/27/2007 – Wire Transfer Payroll	\$ 187,263.30

TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS **\$ 391,052.20**

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman Matos to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Glen Jasionowski
Council President

ATTEST:
Karen Padva
Acting Township Clerk