



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Township Council
Monday, May 22, 2006
8:00 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Menville called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 406 Rivervale Road, River Vale, New Jersey 07675.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Council President Menville asked all in attendance to rise and join him in a Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

Council President Menville read the following statement into the record:

“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 Blundo, Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Jasionowski, and Council President Menville were present. Councilman Matos arrived late.

Also present: Mayor Paschalis, Township Attorney, John M. Carbone, Business Administrator, Robert Gallione, Chief Financial Officer, Roy Rossow, Township Clerk, Wanda A. Worner and Deputy Township Clerk Karen Padva.

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

1. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Paschalis gave an update on the meeting of the Pascack Valley Mayors Association regarding the FAA Redesign proposal. This was deemed as an informative meeting with discussion about the options the Pascack Valley may have regarding either stopping or slowing down the FAA proposal.

Mayor Paschalis reported on the success of the MS walk held on May 21st. This event helped to raise funds for the Holy Name Hospital MS Center. The Mayor thanked the Town Hall staff and all the volunteers for their help.

The Mayor also gave a brief update on both the Memorial Day Parade and Centennial Dinner. He stated that the Amphitheater is on schedule and will be finished in time for both the First Friends Graduation and Centennial Dinner Concert.

Mayor Paschalis reported on the landscaping improvement project at the 4 Corners held on Monday, May 8th. The Holdrum School 8th grade Honors class along with the DPW planted \$10,000 worth of landscaping. The plantings were donated by both Forcellati Brothers and Home Depot. The Mayor thanked all those who sponsored the event including resident John Ferrara, Town Hall, the PTA, and the River Vale All-Star Basketball Association.

2. Township Council Comments

Councilman Blundo reported that there will be a follow-up meeting on Thursday, May 25th regarding “Quasi’s” entities in sports. The committee will review the attorney’s comments and draft an ordinance before presenting to the various groups.

Councilman de Stefan thanked Mayor Paschalis for his report on the Centennial events.

Councilman Jasionowski commented on the positive feedback he has heard from residents regarding the Upper Grove field improvements; particularly the addition of a fence. He also noted that an additional tree needs to be removed to allow emergency vehicles access to the field. Mayor Paschalis agreed and will see to its removal.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

Council President Menville 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 members 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.”

Paul Grecco – 243 Collignon Way – questioned whether the Council was informed in writing of the cost of the Amphitheater before the bid was awarded.

Mr. Grecco also asked whether the two candidates for Mayor that were present would be interested in having a debate. Both candidates present were agreeable to the idea.

Joe Massin – 68 Holiday Court – expressed his concerns for the public safety regarding motorist using hand held phones while driving.

Alan Jones – 663 Westwood Avenue (owner of River Vale Deli) – stated his concerns over the communication between the Township administration and business owners. He told the Council that the parking lot to his business has been closed for days due to the construction at the 4 corners. The closure of the parking lot has had a costly effect on his business.

There being no further comments from the public at this time; motion by Councilman Jasionowski; seconded by Councilman Matos to close the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve resolution #2006-118, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2006-118

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES – April 24, 2006

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the April 24, 2006 Meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Blundo, Councilman Matos, Councilman de Stefan and Council President Menville voted yes. Councilman Jasionowski abstained.

Motion by Councilman Blundo; seconded by Councilman Matos to approve resolution #2006-119, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2006-119

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES – May 8, 2006

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the May 8, 2006 Meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Blundo, Councilman Matos, Councilman Jasionowski, Councilman de Stefan and Council President Menville voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman Jasionowski to approve resolution #'s 120—123, on Consent Agenda, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2006-120

AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE 2006 ROAD PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the above mentioned project.

RESOLUTION #2006-121

AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 0-1-04 – PERSONNEL POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administration is hereby authorized to amend the Personnel Policy & Procedure Manual, adopted on April 22, 2004, specifically, Section 3 “Paid Holiday Policy” to make the General Election Holiday a work day and give the staff a floating holiday in its place.

RESOLUTION #2006-122

APPROVE THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT FOR THE CENTENNIAL DINNER

WHEREAS, the Centennial Committee is holding a community day on June 10, 2006; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby approves the social affairs permit for the Centennial Dinner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of River Vale shall issue a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for said permit.

RESOLUTION #2006-123

AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE CLEANING SERVICE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the above mentioned project.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Blundo, Councilman Matos, Councilman Jasionowski, Councilman de Stefan and Council President Menville voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman Blundo to approve resolution #2006-124, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2006-124

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:	\$ 5,792.82
CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 158,452.29
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 43,767.53
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 118.00
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 11,509.52
DOG TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 9.60
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,877.00
PRIVATE DUTY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 15,728.71
OPEN SPACE TRUST	\$ 106,113.42

TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID **\$ 343,368.89**

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:	\$ 2,906,653.14
OPEN SPACE TRUST	\$ 0.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,394.00
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 326,974.46

TOTAL CLAIMS PAID **\$ 3,236,021.60**

TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION **\$ 3,579,390.49**

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR MAY 22, 2006**

4/27/2006 – Wire Transfer -	155,041.18
5/12/2006 -- Wire Transfer -	171,933.28

TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS **\$ 326,974.46**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Blundo, Councilman Matos, Councilman Jasionowski, Councilman de Stefan and Council President Menville voted yes.

ORDINANCES – 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE #154-2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED PARKING AND CROSSWALKS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, as follows:

Section 1. That 81-1, Prohibited Parking shall be amended to reflect the following:

NAME OF STREET	SIDE	LOCATION
Echo Glen Avenue Avenue	South	From the intersection with Rockland to a point 150 feet east of Rockland Avenue

Echo Glen Avenue North From the intersection with Rivervale Road
to
A point 900 feet west of the Rivervale Road
intersection

Section 2. That 81-40, Pedestrian Crosswalks established be amended
to reflect the following:

NAME OF STREET	LOCATION
Westwood Avenue	480 feet west of Rivervale Road

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication, according
to the law.

Motion: Councilman Jasionowski

Second: Councilman Matos

Open Public Hearing –

Motion by Councilman Blundo; seconded by Councilman Jasionowski to open the public hearing on Ordinance #154-2006.

Close Public Hearing –

There being no questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman Jasionowski; seconded by Councilman Blundo to close the public hearing on Ordinance #154-2006.

Council Comments –

There were no comments or questions from the Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Blundo, Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Jasionowski, Councilman Matos and Council President Menville vote yes.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

Council President Menville 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 members 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 further comments from the public at this time; motion by Councilman Jasionowski; seconded by Councilman Matos to close the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments before the council at this time; motion by Councilman Jasionowski; seconded by Councilman Matos to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Blundo, Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Jasionowski, Councilman Matos and Council President Menville vote yes.

ROBERT A. MENVILLE, Council President

ATTEST:

Wanda A. Worner
Township Clerk

Karen Padva
Deputy Township Clerk

Approved: _____