

**MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 28, 2008**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

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

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

Council Vice President Bromberg 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, and Councilwoman Sieg were present. Council President Jasionowski and Councilman Matos were absent.

**Also present:** Robert J. Gallione, Jr., Business Administrator, Holly Schepisi, Township Attorney, Dennis Harrington, Township Engineer, and Gennaro Rotella, CFO.

**TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION**

1. Council Comments

Councilman de Stefan complimented the administration on the success of the summer programs and movie night.

Councilwoman Sieg reported and the most recent meeting held to discuss the pocket park near the Jewish Home and that Chris Statile presented the group with a rendering of a design for the park.

Council Vice President Bromberg complimented Dennis Harrington on the success of the road program. Councilman Bromberg also announced the proposed re-opening date of the Emergency Room at Pascack Valley Hospital on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Bob Gallione reported on the latest Shade Tree Commission meeting and that the Township is applying to become a *Tree City*. The administrator added updates on the Fall Newsletter and the *National Nights Out* event being held on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. He concluded with explanations regarding several resolutions on the agenda.

Holly Schepisi added that a lawsuit by a former Westwood public official will not delay the re-opening of Pascack Valley Hospital’s Emergency Room.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Mr. Harrington gave updates on the conclusion of the Road Program and how pleased he is with the results. The DPW building is very near completion pending the installation of an exterior staircase from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. He concluded his comments by reporting that work is commencing on both the Interglen Avenue and 4 Corners projects.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

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

Council Vice President Bromberg 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.”*

Jim Hanna – 381 Sunset Road - requested that the Township obtain its own zip code. Mr. Hanna also expressed his concern that there is no emergency access to the upper grove field and suggested installing a gate in the existing fence. Mr. Hanna also had concerns about the Valente property and the status of their DEP permits.

The Township Engineer responded that the DEP permit requirements have been reviewed and there is compliance by the property owner.

Bob Fortsch – 511 Bernita Drive - requested that two (2) members from both the Planning and Zoning Boards be eligible to attend the League of Municipalities events in November.

Joe Massin – 68 Holiday Court – reported on a meeting he attended in Hillsdale that covered environmental issues. Mr. Massin stated that one item of particular interest was regarding garden drainage and water conservation.

There being no further questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to close the meeting to the public.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolutions #2008-171 through #2008-176 on Consent Agenda, as follows:

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**Resolution #2008-171**

**RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT OF 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$40,000.00 has been proposed by Spectrum for Living Homes, Inc., for Spectrum’s Support Services Program in the municipality 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 Mayor and Council,

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

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

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of River Vale hereby confirm 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 be expedited.

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**Resolution #2008-172**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN BERGEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT – FRANK GIORDANO PLAYGROUND**

**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 \$50,000 in the July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 Open Space Trust Funds for the Frank Giordano Playground in the Township of River Vale; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor Joseph Blundo to be a signatory to aforesaid grant agreement; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Township of River Vale is liable for a dollar for dollar match for any funds awarded in accordance with the Trust requirements;

This resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale at a meeting on July 28, 2008.

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**Resolution #2008-173**

**REFUND OF ESCROW DEPOSIT**

**WHEREAS**, the following individual has posted an Escrow Deposit for inspections for a Zoning Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Board has determined that said project is completed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, buy the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, that the Escrow Balance is refunded, and the Chief Financial Officer be directed to issue a Township check to the following Applicant:

Fred Demmerle	611 Charles Court (Block 1806 Lot 5)	\$ 350.75
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**Resolution #2008-174**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT GALLIONE, JR. TO THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP DEPUTY CLERK**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale appointing Robert J. Gallione, Jr. to the position of Township Deputy Clerk for a term of one (1) year expiring July 28, 2009.

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**Resolution #2008-175**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Development grant of \$ 40,000 has been proposed by the Township of River Vale for the purchase of a Senior Citizens Bus in the municipality of 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 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.

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**Resolution #2008-176**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE INTERGLEN AVENUE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township requested quotes for the for the Interglen Avenue Drainage Construction project; and

**WHEREAS**, one quote was received the from Zuccaro & Sons, Inc., 64 Commerce Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 and said quote has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest quote at the price of

**\$17,953.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$17, 953.00 from the Capital Account;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the quote of Zuccaro & Sons, Inc., is accepted as the lowest quote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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Councilman de Stefan had several questions regarding the Bills List. Councilman de Stefan requested pulling a Kauker & Kauker bill for \$125.00.

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to remove a Kauker & Kauker bill for \$125.00.

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2008-177, as follows:

**Resolution #2008-177**

**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 CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 11,421.20
CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 335,851.51
GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,066.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 86,534.98
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 604.71
DOG TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 00.00
PRIVATE DUTY ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 11,665.89
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 16,103.38
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,334.25
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 1,932.50

**TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID** \$ 467,514.42

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:	\$ 1,469,052.18
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 410,294.05
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS PAID</b>	<u>\$ 1,879,346.23</u>

**TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION** \$ 2,346,860.65

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS  
BILL LIST FOR JULY 28, 2008**

6/30/2008 – Transfer Payroll	\$ 216,596.45
7/15/2008 – Transfer Payroll	\$ 193,697.60

**TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS** \$ 410,294.05

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

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

There being no questions or comments from the public motion by Councilwoman Sieg; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to close the meeting to the public.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to adjourn meeting at 8:36 pm

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Mark Bromberg  
Council Vice President

ATTEST:  
Karen Padva  
Acting Township Clerk