

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Township Council
Saturday, August 19, 2006
8:00 AM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Menville called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building 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 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 Matos, and Council President Menville were present. Councilman Blundo and Councilman Jasionowski were absent.

Also present: Mr. John M. Carbone, Township Attorney, and Wanda A. Worner, Township Clerk.

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

Councilman de Stefan had no report.

Councilman Matos had no report.

Council President Menville had no report

HEARING OF 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 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.”

Lorraine Waldes – 797 Westwood Avenue – questioned whether the meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and whether the Town gave adequate notice.

James Ippolito – 681 Blue Hill Road – questioned the garbage collection referenda. Council President Menville stated the garbage collection fee could be added to the tax bill. It will be presented as a non-binding referendum question on the November ballot.

Ira Cohen – 536 Bernita Drive – expressed his satisfaction with Buldo and the quality of the current garbage collection service in town. Did not see the benefit in changing and feels the garbage service might not be as good.

Debbie Perlmutter – 557 Faletti Way – agreed with Mr. Cohen’s remarks regarding the current service from Buldo. She also had questions regarding the petition process.

Council President Menville responded that the petition has been filed with the Township Clerk. He would have to follow up with her as to the exact details of the process. However the filing of the petition rescinds the resolution to rehire and give out police back pay.

The Township Attorney added that he has not seen the petition. He stated the Township Clerk has to review petition and present to the Council.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolution #'s 2006-180 through 2006-186, on Consent Agenda, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2006-180

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DPW BUILDING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for receipts of bids for the above mentioned.

RESOLUTION #2006-181

RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE FOR PASCACK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GRIDIRON CLUB

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following license to conduct a Raffle be issued to:

NAME:	Pascack Valley High School Gridiron Club 200 Piermont Avenue Hillsdale, NJ 07642
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	Bergen Hills Country Club 660 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07675
DATE OF RAFFLE:	October 7 th 7PM – 12PM
I.D. #:	211-5-23556
RAFFLE LICENSE:	RL 276

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 #2006-182

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN CDBG GRANT AGREEMENT FOR BARRIER FREE IMPROVEMENTS TO AMPHITHEATER

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 \$25,000.00 in 2006-2007 Community Development Block Grant for Barrier Free Improvements to the Amphitheater; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Roy Rossow to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognize that the Township of River Vale is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that the liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

RESOLUTION #2006-183

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN CDBG GRANT AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENIOR CENTER

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 \$200,000.00 in 7/01/06 – 6/30/07 Community Development Block Grant for Construction of a Senior Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Roy Rossow to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognize that the Township of River Vale is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that the liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

RESOLUITON #2006-184

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN SWIFT REACH NETWORK AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the above mentioned agreement with Swift Reach Networks, Inc. for a term of 12 months.

RESOLUTION #2006-185

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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:	\$ 0.00
CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 51,902.08
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 497,962.00
PUBLIC ASST. ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
DOG TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00

PRIVATE DUTY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00

TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID **\$ 549,864.08**

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:	\$ 3,621,721.42
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST claims in the amount of:	\$ 2,660.33
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 336,131.82
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
OTHER TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 3,735.00
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT	\$ 0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	<u>\$ 3,964,248.57</u>

TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION **\$ 4,514,112.65**

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR AUGUST 19, 2006**

07/27/ 2006 – Wire Transfer	\$ 155,972.60
08/11/2006 – Wire Transfer	\$ 180,159.22

TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS **\$ 336,131.82**

RESOLUTION #2006-186

RESOLUTION FOR NON – BINDING QUESTION ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1, et seq., authorizes the Township Committee to submit a non-binding referendum to the voters in order to ascertain the sentiment of the voters upon any question or policy pertaining to the government of the Township of River Vale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Pursuant to the authority of the aforementioned statute, the Township of River Vale hereby determines to submit the following question and statement to a non-binding vote at the next general election on November 7, 2006:

Question:

Shall the Township of River Vale provide for the collection of all residential garbage with a publicly bid municipal contract and paid for with municipal tax revenues?

Statement:

“This public question is a nonbinding referendum. By law, this procedure allows the Mayor and Council to ascertain the sentiments of the voters on a local issue.

Historically, homeowners in River Vale have always contracted privately and paid a contractor directly for the collection of residential garbage. Residents cannot deduct the cost of garbage collection on their income tax returns.

A “YES” vote would support the Mayor and Council’s proposal to publicly bid and pay by municipal tax revenues for the collection of all residential garbage. Garbage would be collected in a manner similar to the recycling services now provided by the Township. By contracting and paying for these services through the Township, a residential property owner would be then be able to claim these costs as a deduction on their income tax returns.

A "NO" vote would continue the present private garbage collection, paid by the homeowner directly, with no income tax deduction.

2. The County Clerk of Bergen County is hereby requested to advertise and print the above question and statement on the official ballots for the general election to be held on November 7, 2006, to do all acts necessary to accomplish the same, and report the results from the election.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded forthwith by the Municipal Clerk to the County Clerk of Bergen County.

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

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

Lorraine Waldes – 797 Westwood Avenue - questioned whether the Police Ordinance question would be on the ballot.

Ira Cohen – 536 Bernita Drive – requested clarification on the status of the petition and whether it would be on the November ballot. He also asked if the petition will stay the ordinance.

Councilman President Menville stated that he would support putting it on the ballot if the petition requires action by the Council. Both Councilman Matos and de Stefan agreed.

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

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further comments or questions for the Council at this time; motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Matos to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 AM

ROBERT A. MENVILLE
Council President

ATTEST:
Wanda A. Worner
Township Clerk

Approved: _____