

**MINUTES**  
**Sine Die Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 3, 2023**  
**Council Chambers 6:15pm**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

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

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

Council 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 Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan, Councilman Criscuolo, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present.

**Also present:** Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Attorney Michael Caulfield, Township Engineer Christopher Statile, Township Clerk Karen Campanelli, Judge E. Michael Garrett, Chief Sean Scheidle, and former Mayor Joe Blundo.

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**Council Comments**

Council President Bromberg thanked Mayor Glen Jasionowski for his decades of service to the Township. Glen rose through the Fire Department, to serve as Fire Chief, then ten years on Town Council, eight of those years as Council President, and eight years as Mayor. Council President Bromberg added that Glen continued the transparency and civility brought back to River Vale by his predecessor Mayor Joe Blundo. He further stated that Mayor Jasionowski led the Township through the unprecedented COVID pandemic. Glen along with the Township's diligent Planning Board helped guide a major development project while maximizing the saving of Open Space and navigating the Township's affordable housing obligations and keeping the Town in full compliance.

Council President Bromberg continued that Mayor Jasionowski helped recreate the majority of the Police Department, by guiding the hiring process, hiring the best recruits, and establishing a solid chain of command. Council President detailed that Glen finalized the construction plans for the New Public Safety Complex, which they plan to break ground on in 2023.

Council President Bromberg next thanked his Council colleagues, it has been an honor and privilege to be a part of this great team of elected officials. He explained that this is a team that responds to the needs of residents and constructively deliberates to determine the best solutions for River Vale.

Councilman Ben-Yishay welcomed everyone here this evening and wished everyone a happy 2023.

He also thanked Council President Bromberg for his unbelievable service to the Town and how excited he is about the role he is about to fill. Councilman Ben-Yishay added that the Town couldn't be in better hands.

Councilman Donovan echoed Councilman Ben-Yishay's comments adding that he always likes to see the Council Chambers full. He also congratulated Mayor elect Bromberg and a huge thank you to Mayor Jasionowski. Councilman Donovan added that Mayor Jasionowski was instrumental in

everything they've accomplished and a great sounding board for him when he was new to the Council.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that it's an honor to see everyone here this evening. She recalled when she ran with Mark and Joe Blundo, and it was one of the best days of her life when Joe asked her to run with him. Councilwoman Sieg added that the past 16 years have been amazing, and it's been a privilege and honor to represent the Township. She thanked Joe Blundo for changing the landscape of the Town, which Glen has continued. Councilwoman Sieg cherishes serving under both Joe and Glen, adding that Glen was very supportive and a role model for her.

Councilwoman Sieg concluded that Glen will be missed and she's proud to call Mark their Mayor. She thanked the residents for believing in them again and wished all a happy and healthy New Year.

Councilman Criscuolo commented that there are a lot of things to like about being on the Town Council. He also welcomed and thanked everyone for being here this evening and wished all a happy and healthy New Year. He echoed the other Councilmembers comments and recalled that he initially began volunteering with the Township when Joe was the Mayor and Glen was instrumental on getting him on the Council. Councilman Criscuolo noted that both Joe and Glen played an important part in where he is today, and he thanked them both for their service to the Town. He added that he has no doubt that Mark will continue this tradition and it's been an honor to serve as Council Vice President while he served as President. Councilman Criscuolo concluded that he is looking forward to continuing serving the Town with Mark as Mayor.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Hearing of the Public**

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Criscuolo to open the meeting to the public.

Joe Blundo-271 Collignon—commented that he wanted to recognize Mark's big day today. He recalled that 17 years ago, the three of them decided to run together. He added that Dwight de Stefan asked him what his vision was, and Joe responded that they wanted to get back to the River Vale they knew from the 70's and 80's. He is so proud that they were able to do this, and he is so happy that they have all been able to maintain it. Joe stated that he was thrilled to hear Mark was running and he's certain that Mark will continue to maintain it. He thanked everyone for their service and congratulated Jim adding that the Town is very lucky to have him on Council.

There being no further questions or comments from the public. Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Donovan to close the hearing of the public.

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution #2022-232**

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Donovan to approve Resolution #2022-232 as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the December 12, 2022, Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilman Donovan, Councilman Criscuolo, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg voted yes. Councilman Ben-Yishay abstained.

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Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilman Criscuolo to approve Resolutions #2022-233 through #2022-234 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

**Resolution #2022-232**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 RIVER VALE COUNTRY CLUB  
EMERGENCY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (INCREASE)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 22, 2021, the Township awarded a contract for the River Vale Country Club Emergency Bridge Replacement project to Colonnelli Brothers, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 24, 2022, Council meeting the Council approved Change Order No. 1 increasing the contract sum; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the February 14, 2022, Council meeting the Council approved Change Order No. 2 increasing the contract sum; and,

**WHEREAS** there has been an additional change during this project which is detailed in a statement prepared by the Township Engineer; and,

**WHEREAS** this change order results in an increase to the contract sum.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Change Order No. 3 for the above-mentioned project be approved as follows:

Original Contract Sum	\$ 284,000.00
Change Order #1 Increase	+ 16,250.00 (approved 1/24/2022)
Change Order #2 Increase	+ 10,620.00 (approved 2/14/2022)
<u>Change Order #3 Increase</u>	<u>+ 25,488.00</u>
<b>New Contract Sum</b>	<b>\$ 336,358.00</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the Golf Course Capital Account.

**Resolution #2022-234**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(TRANSFERS)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to make transfers in the 2022 Budget Appropriations, and there exist 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 2022 Budget Appropriations.

Inside CAP:

To:

School Traffic Guards S&W	\$ 300.00
OEM S&W	\$ 100.00
Fire Department OE	\$ 10,000.00
Garage SW	\$ 8,500.00
<u>Planning Board OE</u>	<u>\$ 13,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,900.00</b>

Inside CAP:

From:

Engineering OE	\$ 10,000.00
Patrol S&W	\$ 15,000.00

Patrol OE	\$ 6,900.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,900.00</b>

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilman Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan, Councilman Criscuolo, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg voted yes.

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**Ordinances**

There were no Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading or 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading this evening.

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**2nd Hearing of the Public**

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Donovan to open the meeting to the public.

There being no questions or comments from the public. Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to close the hearing of the public.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm.

Council President Bromberg

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ATTEST:  
*Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk*



