

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 13, 2020**  
**7:30pm**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 7:33pm in the Council Chambers located at 406 Rivervale Road, River Vale, New Jersey 07675.

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

Council President Bromberg asked all in attendance to rise and 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:** Mayor Glen Jasionowski, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Engineer Christopher Statile, Township Clerk Karen Campanelli, Judge Vincent Galasso and Police Chief Sean Scheidle.

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**Mayor's Comments**

The Mayor had no comments.

**Council Comments**

There were no Council comments.

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS** *Lieutenant Peter Martin & Sergeant Jared Arcidiacono*

The Mayor read Pete Martin's bio into the record:

Pete was hired by the River Vale Police Department in 1995 and spent his first 14 years assigned to patrol. While in patrol, he received extensive training in the area of Domestic Violence and became the departments. Domestic Violence Liaison Officer. He was also assigned to the Firearms and Fingerprint Bureau where he conducted background investigations for the issuance of firearms permits. Further, he attended training at Ft. Dix and became a department firearms instructor.

In 2010, Pete was assigned to the Detective Bureau. As a detective he received extensive training in investigations of all types. He has closed multiple cases in the areas of theft, assault, fraud, sexual assault and others. He helped acquire and implement a new evidence tracing system and became the department Property and Evidence Officer.

In 2018, Pete was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assumed command of the Detective Bureau. At that time, he was tasked with the training of a newly assigned detective. He continued his responsibilities of conducting and overseeing all investigations and assumed the responsibility for the many administrative and supervisory tasks associated with the position of Detective Sergeant. Pete

oversaw the implementation and officer training for many new guidelines and directives over the past few years.

During his time in the Detective Bureau, Pete conducted multiple extensive background investigations for many of the River Vale Police Department's new officers hired within the past few years.

Throughout his 24-year career, Pete has received several awards and commendations and has served as President and State Delegate for Pascack Valley Local 206.

Mayor Jasionowski congratulated Officer Martin and added that they are all very proud to see him sworn in as a Lieutenant this evening. The Mayor announced that holding the Bible will be Samantha and Alyssa Martin and pinning his badge will be his brother Erik Martin. Judge Galasso administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Martin.

Next, the Mayor read Jared Arcidiacono's bio into the record:

Jared was hired by the River Vale Police Department in September, 2008 after Graduating from John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He spent his first 10 years assigned to patrol. While in patrol he became a Field Training Officer, Domestic Violence Liaison Officer and an instructor with the Junior Police Academy Program. He attended numerous trainings, including Methods of Instruction, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Response to Suicide Bombings in New Mexico.

In 2018, Jared was assigned to the Detective Bureau. As a detective he received extensive training in all types of investigations. He was also named the departments Municipal Counter Terrorism Coordinator, Bulletproof Vest Officer and Records Retention Officer. He conducted several background investigations for several of the River Vale Police Department's new officers.

Throughout his 11 year career, Jared has received several awards and commendations and has served as Vice President for Pascack Valley Local 206. He is an instructor at the Bergen County Police Academy. He is also an alternate captain and treasurer of the NJSPBA Hockey Team.

The Mayor added that holding the Bible will be Jared's wife Kim and his children Lily and Jake. Jared's Grandmother Diane will pin his badge. Judge Galasso administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Arcidiacono.

On behalf of himself and Jared; Lt. Martin thanked everyone that came out tonight. Lt. Martin thanked the Mayor and Council for this opportunity. He next thanked Administrator Gennaro Rotella for all his help during this process. Lt. Martin also thanked Chief Scheidle for this opportunity and that they are looking forward to serving in their new positions.

Lt. Martin offered their thanks most importantly to their family and loved ones; for supporting them during this process.

Council President Bromberg called for a brief recess at 7:47pm. Council President Bromberg called the meeting back to order at 7:55pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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**Mayor's Comments**

The Mayor had no comments.

**Council Comments**

Councilman Ben-Yishay had no comments.

Councilman Donovan congratulated the Officers.

Councilwoman Sieg had no comments.

Councilman Criscuolo had no comments.

Council President Bromberg also congratulated the Officers on their promotions.

**Business Administrator’s Report**

Mr. Rotella reported that the new Basketball Courts are near completion. The new Courts look great and he encouraged everyone to take a look. Mr. Rotella next report that he and Chris Statile had a meeting regarding the miniature golf course. They have made some changes to the plans and hope to have this project out to bid as soon as possible.

Mr. Rotella next announced that the 2020 BCUA calendar listing the collection dates for hazardous household waste is now available. He explained that this service is very helpful for the disposal of paint and other items that cannot be thrown in the garbage. Mr. Rotella reminded all that it’s pet license time and to please renew your pet’s license by the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**Township Engineer’s Report**

Mr. Statile thanked the Mayor and Council for reappointing him for 2020. Mr. Statile reported that he and his staff are cleaning up the grants from last year. He also reported that they are applying for discretionary aid for the bridge over the reservoir which is in need of some repairs. He explained that the Township owns the bridge which was bestowed upon them in 1966 by the Hackensack Water Company.

Council President Bromberg questioned if we are coordinating with PSE&G with regard to this year’s Road Program. Mr. Statile responded that he is working with his contact at PSE&G and will seek full restoration of any roads.

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

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

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilwoman Sieg to Approve Resolution #2020-49 as follows:

**Resolution #2020- 49**

**RESOLUTION**

**STATE TAX APPEAL  
REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the following property owner was rendered State Tax Appeal decision for a reduced assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner is requesting a refund for overpayment of their taxes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a municipal check payable as follows:

Block 815, Lot 2  
738 Beechcrest Drive  
River Vale, NJ 07675  
**Refund Amount: \$1,284.16**

**Check payable to:**  
Kissler, Glenn & Donna  
C/O Valerie Hofer, Esq. Trust Account  
120 Lebbie Lane  
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Council President Bomberg pulled Resolutions #2020-57 and #2020-60 from the agenda.

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilman Criscuolo to approve Resolution #2020-47 through #2020-59 with the exception of Resolutions #2020-57 and #2020-60 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

**Resolution #2020-47**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**Resolution #2020-48**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES JANUARY 1, 2020 REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the January 1, 2020 Reorganization meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**Resolution #2020-50**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE RIVER VALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, at the December 18, 2019 meeting of the Board of Officers of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department the appointment of the following individual as a member of the Fire Department was approved:

- **James V. Berlamino, Jr. - Probationary member**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby confirms the appointment of James V. Berlamino, Jr. as a member of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded the Chief of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department.

**Resolution #2020-51**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE 2018 MUNICIPAL AID ROBERGE SCHOOL REGIONAL SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM—RIVERVALE ROAD & WESTWOOD AVENUE SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (INCREASE)**

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2019 the Township of River Vale awarded the 2018 Municipal Aid Roberge School Regional Safety Enhancement Program Rivervale Road & Westwood Avenue Sidewalk and Curb Improvements Project contract to Covino & Sons Construction Co. Inc., 39 North Drive, Rochelle Park, New Jersey ; and

**WHEREAS**, there were necessary changes during the project which are detailed in a statement prepared by the Township Engineer and on file in the Clerk's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, this change order results in an increase to the contract sum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Capital Account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Change Order No. 1 for the above mentioned project be approved as follows:

Original Contract Sum	\$ 243,647.40
<u>Change Order #1 Increase</u>	<u>+ 26,395.66</u>
<b>New Contract Sum</b>	<b>\$ 270,043.06</b>

**Resolution #2020-52**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2020 TOWING LICENSES FOR THE RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the following companies have applied for a 2020 License to provide Towing services for the River Vale Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk has certified that all of the documents and fees required have been received pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 223 of the Township Code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the following companies are hereby the designated Towers for the River Vale Police Department:

<b>Emerson Towing, LLC</b>	<b>Bergen Brookside Towing</b>	<b>Rich's Automotive Specialist LLC</b>
23 Chestnut Street	One Emerson Plaza E.	50 Chestnut Street
Emerson, NJ 07630	Emerson, NJ 07630	Emerson, NJ 07630

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police.

**Resolution #2020-53**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MUTUAL AID PLAN AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. APP. A: 9-40.6, and

**WHEREAS**, this plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale to participate in mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force in accordance with the plan as submitted by the Bergen County Chief's Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale that the Police Department of the Township of River Vale under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor and all municipalities in Bergen County.

**Resolution #2020-54**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TAX ASSESSOR**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148, 149 *et seq.* there shall be a Certified Tax Assessor (CTA) appointed by the Governing Body to serve a term of four years; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy occurred for the position when the former Tax Assessor retired effective December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Township employee Joanne Allgor holds the statutory license required to be a Tax Assessor and has successfully performed these duties; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Business Administrator to appoint Joanne Allgor as the Tax Assessor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council that Joanne Allgor is hereby appointed as Tax Assessor for the Township of River Vale filling an unexpired term ending June 30, 2020.

**Resolution #2020-55**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH THE FAIRWAYS AT EDGEWOOD, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, The Fairways at Edgewood, LLC (the Developer) is the contract purchaser of the property located at 455 and 449 Rivervale Road (Block 1201, Lots 5 and 6) in the Township of River Vale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer desires to subdivide the property into three lots: consisting of a Golf Course, residential lot and COAH lot; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2019 the Joint Planning Board approved the Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan, Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision and "C" variance applied for by the Developer for the above mentioned property.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Developers Agreement with The Fairways at Edgewood, LLC.

**Resolution #2020-56**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2019 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale adopted their current Master Plan in 2005 and re-examined the Master Plan in 2011 and 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan includes a Housing Element pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(3) and requires the preparation of a Fair Share Plan to address the Township's fair share obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:97-3.1(b) requires the adoption of the Fair Share Plan by the Joint Planning Board and endorsement by the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Planning Board adopted the 2019 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan at their meeting held on December 18, 2019.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby endorses the Joint Planning Boards adoption of the 2019 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

**Resolution #2020-58**

**RESOLUTION**  
(TRANSFERS)

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to make transfers in the 2019 Budget Appropriations Reserves, 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 2019 Budget Appropriations Reserves.

Inside CAP:

From:

Administration S&W	\$ 4,000.00
Tax Assessor OE	\$ 3,000.00
Planning Board OE	\$ 7,000.00
Code Enforcement S&W	\$ 8,000.00
Code Enforcement OE	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Prevention OE	\$ 5,000.00
Statutory OE	\$15,000.00
<u>DPW S&amp;W</u>	<u>\$24,650.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,650.00</b>

Inside CAP:

To:

Police Patrol S&W	\$47,500.00
Garage S&W	\$ 450.00
Garage OE	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone	\$15,000.00
Deferred Compensation	\$ 2,400.00
<u>Health Services OE</u>	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,650.00</b>

**Resolution #2020-59**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RENTAL HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL & THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

**WHEREAS**, in reference to *In Re Fair Share Housing Obligation of the Township of River Vale* Case Management Order #4 filed on November 22, 2019 the Township is required to adopt a Rental Housing Rehabilitation Program Policies and Procedures Manual and the Township of River Vale Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Policies and Procedures Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rehabilitation Manuals have been prepared to assist the municipality in the administration of the programs by providing guidelines for implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to submit both Rehabilitation Plans in compliance with the above referenced Case Management Order.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby adopts the Rental Housing Rehabilitation Program Policies and Procedures Manual and the Township of River Vale Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Policies and Procedures Manual both of which hereto attached to this resolution.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing of the Public**

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilman Donovan to open the meeting to the public.

Bob Fortsch—511 Bernita Drive - commented on a tree problem he had been having in his yard. Mr. Fortsch commented that his arborist reported there was a tree of substantial size in an easement adjacent to his property that he deemed to be unsafe and needed to be removed. Mr. Fortsch explained that since the tree was not on his property he then went to Gennaro. Gennaro sent Rich to look at the tree(s) who then marked the trees to be removed. Mr. Fortsch was happy to report that the trees have been removed and he thanked them for a great job.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

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ATTEST:  
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

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Council President  
Mark Bromberg





