

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022
Council Chambers 7:30pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Councilwoman Sieg called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Councilwoman Sieg asked all in attendance to join her in a Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

Councilwoman Sieg 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 and Councilwoman Sieg were present. Councilman Criscuolo and Council President Bromberg were absent.

Also present: Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Township Engineer Christopher Statile and Township Clerk Karen Campanelli.

Council Comments

Councilman Ben-had no comments this evening.

Councilman Donovan had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg reported that Montvale Councilwoman Rose Curry passed away. She commented that Rose was a delightful person and expressed hers and the Council deepest regrets to her family. Councilwoman Sieg added that Rose will definitely be missed.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile first gave a brief update on the culvert work at the Country Club. The contractor; Colonnelli, is doing a great job and the project should be done in about two weeks. He is also working with the contractor to finish up the 2021 Road Program. Mr. Statile reported that the contractor needs to finish up the new exit ramp and handicap parking spaces at the Country Club.

He next reported that they are working on the bid for netting at the Country Club driving range and he plans to have the bid out this summer. He added that they first need to solicit a contractor to perform exploratory boring subsurface investigations for the poles. Mr. Statile gave an update on SUEZ as they continue their work on Prospect, Bailey and Whitenack. Currently, they are working on the cross trenching for house service. Mr. Statile does not expect the work to be complete until the summer; and when complete SUEZ will pay the Township to resurface the roads.

Mr. Statile distributed plans for the Meskers sub division and new Police complex. He explained that behind the new Police Complex will be the new Group Home and 24 units of affordable housing; who will both need access to exit their property through a public right-of-way. He further explained that they will need a public easement to access Rivervale Road. Additionally, to the left will be the new Townhouse complex which will also be using the same access road. Mr. Statile explained that they will need to prepare an easement agreement and work with the developer. Ms. Raso added that the shared portion will be maintained by the Township. Mr. Statile also clarified that once you enter the complex that will become condominiums responsibility. Councilman Donovan clarified that this is a permanent easement. Mr.

Rotella agreed and added that in the future the road may be widened and a traffic light added which would be a County decision.

Mr. Statile next gave an update on the bid for new Pickleball Courts at Mark Lane; which he plans to have out in two months. Mr. Rotella added that they applied for and received Open Space funding for this project and Chris also applied for funding at the State level and they received an additional \$ 35,000. Mr. Rotella reported that the courts will be utilized by the residents who are registered and can be used only during certain hours because it can be a noisy sport.

Mr. Statile reported that he is applying for an Open Space Grant for new LED sports lighting fixtures for the Mark Lane complex. He explained that new lighting will be brighter and more efficient and the applications are due in May. He concluded with a brief update on the Fairway's at Edgewood development and that 1/3 of the buildings have been pre-sold.

Business Administrator Report

Mr. Rotella commented on the resolution regarding the LOSAP Qualifiers; which recognizes the Township's volunteers who've qualified according to the guidelines. He next reported on the award for the Construction Management Services contract to Epic Management for the new Public Safety Complex. He explained that they received seven (7) proposals; and he and the architect interviewed and determined the selection of Epic to be in the best interest of the Township. Mr. Rotella added that Epic is well known and currently doing work for the local public schools. He also added that the construction management company works on behalf of the municipality to oversee the project. He explained that Epic will review the building design and work with the architect to prepare the bid specifications for the new Public Safety Complex.

Mr. Rotella next reported on the resolution to sign the contract with SUEZ to purchase the property that runs behind the DPW building. He explained that the Township has had long term agreements with SUEZ that are no longer valid. He added that SUEZ was very agreeable to work and this purchase will permanently fix the problem of access and storage of DPW vehicles and equipment. Mr. Rotella concluded that this will be in the budget as a Capital purchase for land acquisition.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to approve Resolutions #2022-65 through #2022-75 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2022-65

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES JANUARY 24, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

Resolution #2022-66

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOINT PLANNING BOARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2022 the Joint Planning Board held their Annual Reorganization meeting; and

WHEREAS, at this meeting the Joint Planning Board by Resolution appointed both their Board Attorney and Engineer as follows:

- **Marc E. Leibman, Esq., Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi, PC,—Joint Planning Board Attorney**

- **Christopher P. Statile, Statile Associates PA—Joint Planning Board Engineer**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale confirms the Joint Planning Board appointments for a term of one (1) year ending on December 31, 2022.

Resolution #2022-67

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 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, there has been an additional change during this project which is detailed in a statement prepared by the Contractor and approved 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. 2 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
<u>New Contract Sum</u>	<u>\$ 310,870.00</u>

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

Resolution #2022-68

RESOLUTION

Resolution Approving the LOSAP Qualifiers for the Year 2021 for the River Vale Volunteer

Fire Department and Ambulance Corps

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps have notified the Chief Financial Officer of the LOSAP Qualifiers for the year 2021 in writing; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council must approve the certified list of qualifiers after review and backup information has been provided; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Administrator is satisfied that the substantiated information has been provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the following as qualifiers for LOSAP for the year 2021:

River Vale Volunteer Fire Department:

Affrunti, Michael	Cannata, Steve	Centinaro, Michael	Delmage, Christopher
Goodell, Gregory Sr.	Goodell, Kellie	Hanna, James	Karalewich, Vasili
Koons, Michael	Kraus, Ken	Kraus, Michael	Lentino, Frank

Manke, Ron	Marcellari, Michael	Marsh, Gerard	Plescia, Glenn
Scott, Lenny	Shine, Thomas Sr.	Tarna, Charles	Tobin, John
Van Saders, Timothy	Velthaus, Matthew	Stephen, Velthaus	Wayne, Peter

River Vale Volunteer Ambulance Corps:

Miles, Nancy A O'Donnell, Ilene O'Donnell, John Schleier, Curt
Sheby, Josh Skiba, Victor Vasconcellos, Lynne Velthaus, Andrea
Velthaus, Stephen

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list as certified has been posted by both departments and that there have not been any appeals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$49,632.00 Lincoln Financial for Investment on behalf of the individuals listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk forwards a copy of this resolution to the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps, the Chief Financial Officer and Lincoln Financial.

***Note:** 32 members @1,551.00 = \$49,632.00
Velthaus, Stephen shall only be counted once per LOSAP

Resolution #2022-69

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT AGREEMENT (PICKLEBALL COURT CONSTRUCTION)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract ("Contract") with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$77,340.00 matching grant award from the 2021 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") for the municipal park project entitled River Vale Pickleball Court Construction Project: New Pickleball Courts, located at the Mark Lane Athletic Complex (Block 1301, Lot 28), on the tax maps of the Township of River Vale; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes Mayor Glen Jasionowski to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 15, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements. Professional Services Costs may be reimbursed from grant awards unexpended balance, should there be a balance.

Resolution #2022-70

**RESOLUTION GRANTING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR
NEW CONCEPTS FOR LIVING, INC. (426 CEDAR LANE)**

WHEREAS, New Concepts for Living, Inc. operates a Community Residence for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (“IDD Home”) located at 426 Cedar Lane (Block 1301, Lot 38.01) in the Township of River Vale; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6 IDD Homes are eligible for property tax exempt status; and,

WHEREAS, New Concepts for Living, Inc. submitted an application to claim tax exempt status to the Tax Assessor who has reviewed and approved said application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that pursuant N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6 the property known as 426 Cedar Lane is hereby designated as a tax exempt property effective January 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all property taxes on said property are hereby cancelled.

Resolution #2022-71

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE AGREEMENT (RVCC EQUIPMENT)

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale (“Lessee”) as municipal corporation is authorized by the laws of the State of New Jersey to purchase, acquire and lease certain equipment and other property for the benefit of the Lessee and residents and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the Township Council of the Lessee is authorized to acquire and or lease equipment necessary to the functions or operation of the Lessee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more lease agreements or lease schedules for the purpose of acquiring the equipment to be described in the Lease is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operation of the Lessee:

- (1) Express Dual 4100 Table Top Spin Grinder
 - (1) Express Dual Anglemaster 4100 Bedknife Grinder
- Monthly Lease Payment: \$1,361.83**

WHEREAS, PNC Equipment Finance, LLC (“Lessor”) shall act as Lessor under said lease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale:

Section 1. The Business Administrator (“Authorized Representative”) acting on behalf of the Lessee, is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more leases in substantially the form set forth in the document presently before the Governing Body, which document is available for public inspection at the office of the Lessee.

Section 2. By written instrument signed by the Authorized Representative, the Authorized Representative may designate specifically identified officers of employees of the Lessee to execute and deliver agreements and documents relating to the Lease on behalf of the Lessee.

Section 3. The Lessee’s obligations under the Leases shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Governing Body as set forth in each lease and the Lessee’s obligation under the Leases shall not constitute general obligations of the Lessee or indebtedness under the Constitution of law of the State.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

Resolution #2022-72

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX (EPIC MANAGEMENT, INC.)

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2021 the Township received proposals for the provision of Construction Management Services for the New Public Safety Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Township Architect have reviewed said proposals and recommend awarding a contract to Epic Management Services, Inc., with offices located at 136 Eleventh Street, Piscataway, New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale

that Epic Management Services, Inc., is hereby awarded a contract to provide Construction Management Services and act as the Township's representative agent during the construction and post-construction phases of the New Public Safety Complex project.

Resolution #2022-73

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE RIVER VALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, at the January 31, 2022 meeting of the Board of Officers of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department approved the appointment of the following individual as a new member of the Fire Department:

- **Barbar Ashfaq**
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby confirms the appointment of Barbar Ashfaq 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 #2022-74

RESOLUTION

(TRANSFERS)

WHEREAS, there exists a need to make transfers in the 2021 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 2021 Budget Appropriations Reserves.

Inside CAP:

From:

Insurance OE	\$ 10,000.00
Tax Assessor OE	\$ 2,000.00
Streets & Roads OE	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Solid Waste & Recycling OE</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 37,000.00

Inside CAP:

To:

Engineering OE	\$ 35,000.00
<u>Street Lights OE</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 37,000.00

Resolution #2022-75

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTACT FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE WITH SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY, INC. (DPW PROPERTY/BLOCK 1401, LOT 9)

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale has had a License Agreement with the owners of the property located at Block 1401, Lot 9 consisting of .75 acres of vacant land since August 20, 1984 for the purpose of parking the Department of Public Works vehicles and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, said property has been deemed integral and necessary in order for the Township's Department of Public Works to effectively operate; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to enter into a “Contract for Sale of Real Estate “ with the seller SUEZ Water New Jersey, Inc. for the purchase of said property at the price of \$235,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed and approved said agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Contract for Sale of Real Estate with Suez Water New Jersey, Inc. for the purchase Block 1401, Lot 9 in the Township for River Vale.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

There were no Ordinances for 1st or 2nd Reading

2nd Hearing of the Public

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Councilwoman Denise Sieg

ATTEST:

Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

