

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016**  
**8:00pm**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm 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, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

**Also present:** Mayor Glen Jasionowski, Business Administrator Gennaro Rotella, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Township Engineer Christopher Statile and Township Clerk, Karen Campanelli.

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**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Jasionowski commented that they had a very tough budget process this year. The Mayor explained that with no changes to the budget the initial increase was approximately \$300 per household. He and Gennaro both agreed this was unacceptable and went through every budget line item. Mayor Jasionowski is proud to report that the budget books the Council received reflect no cuts in services, all programs are in place, a labor increase of .5% and an increase of \$119 per household. This increase is less than last year and significantly less than the Township's 10 year average. Mayor Jasionowski thanked Gennaro for all his hard work preparing and putting together this year's budget.

**Council Comments**

There were no Council comments this evenings.

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**Administrator’s Report**

Mr. Rotella thanked the Mayor for his kind words. During his report Mr. Rotella referred to a resolution approved last year authorizing a utility audit for the Township. He was pleased to report that the results from this audit are already paying dividends. He explained that the company performing the audit requires no money up front. They reviewed the Township’s utility bills and discovered a \$6,000 saving.

Mr. Rotella next reported that the Township will be participating in the 2016 Cooperative Road Program. Additionally, it is the Township’s turn to use their engineer for the project therefore, Chris Statile will be overseeing the bid process. Mr. Rotella is hoping to have the paving done during the summer months.

**Engineer’s Report**

Mr. Statile reported that they may be awarding a contract for the Road Program as early as March 28<sup>th</sup>. He next reported that DOMUS is very near completion and the building will be having final inspections over the next (2) weeks. Mr. Statile reported that the past two weeks there has been no progress with the Rivervale Road Embankment project due to delayed steel deliveries. He also gave a brief update on the Ambulance Corps bathrooms and NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools grant application.

Mr. Statile also reported that Westwood is requesting to tie into the Township’s sanitary sewer on Brookside Avenue near the park. He explained that for Westwood this would eliminate the use of the pump station at that location. Mr. Statile has spoken to Boswell, Westwood’s Engineer on the project, reviewed the application and has no objection plan. Mr. Rotella added that he is currently working with the Westwood Administrator on several more details of the project. Mr. Statile added that Westwood also needs DEP approval. Councilman Donovan requested that there be further discussion on this topic; Mr. Rotella assured all that there would be.

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

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

Bob Fortsch—511 Bernita Drive - Mr. Fortsch thanked the Mayor and Council for the condolences basket for his mother. Mr. Fortsch also reported on another good job by the River Vale Police Department. He explained that he accidentally set off his alarm system. He called the alarm company requesting them to not send the Police. However, before Mr. Fortsch got off the phone the Police Department was at his door ring his door bell.

There being no further questions or comments motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to close the meeting to the public.

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Council President Bromberg requested a brief recess at 8:20pm.

Council President Bromberg called the meeting back to order at 8:25pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to Approve Resolution #2016-71 as follows:

**Resolution #2016-71**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2016 REGULAR MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; seconded by Councilman Donovan to approve Resolutions #2016-72 through 83 with the exception of Resolutions #2016-77 and 81 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

**Resolution #2016-72**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2016 REGULAR MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**Resolution #2016-73**

(Golf Course Membership Fee)

**WHEREAS**, the following individual has requested a refund of their Golf Course Membership fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified the availability of funds in the Golf Course Operating Account.

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

Payable to:

“Gregory Garville”

Mailing Address:

55 Dewolf Road  
Old Tappan, NJ 07675

**\$1,350.00**

**Resolution #2016-74**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR PTO ROOSEVELT SCHOOL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following license to conduct a Tricky Tray is issued to:

NAME:	PTO Roosevelt School 711 Summit Avenue River Edge, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	Florentine Gardens 97 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07675
DATE OF RAFFLE:	May 12, 2016 (6:00pm to 10:00pm)
I.D. #:	423-5-28534
RAFFLE LICENSE:	RL 461

**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 #2016-75**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR PTO ROOSEVELT SCHOOL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following license to conduct an on premises 50/50 raffle is issued to:

NAME: PTO Roosevelt School  
711 Summit Avenue  
River Edge, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: Florentine Gardens  
97 Rivervale Road  
River Vale, NJ 07675

DATE OF RAFFLE: May 12, 2016 (6:00pm to 10:00pm)

I.D. #: 423-5-28534

RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 462

**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 #2016-76**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR PTO ROOSEVELT SCHOOL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following license to conduct an on premises 50/50 raffle is issued to:

NAME: PTO Roosevelt School  
711 Summit Avenue  
River Edge, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: Florentine Gardens  
97 Rivervale Road  
River Vale, NJ 07675

DATE OF RAFFLE: May 12, 2016 (6:00pm to 10:00pm)

I.D. #: 423-5-28534

RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 462

**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 #2016-78**

**RESOLUTION**  
(Release of Builders Escrow)

**WHEREAS**, the following resident had posted escrow as requested by the Township Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has determined that said project is complete and therefore the escrow can be released.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Escrow Deposit be released.

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

**“Lloyd Mainers”**

Mailing Address:

255 Golf Court  
River Vale, NJ 07675

**\$36.50**

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**Resolution #2016-79**

**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:

CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$106,728.17
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$73,160.22
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$44,671.32
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$720.00
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$2,116.91
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$26,046.23
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$2,879.50
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$2,465.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$27,764.08
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$2,884.26
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$4,059.25
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$71.73
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID</b>	<b>\$293,566.67</b>

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:	\$ 4,247,757.01
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$80,169.73
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$124,005.30
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
STATUTORY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$513,341.02
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00

FIRE PREVENTION PENALTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$95.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$ 0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$7,916.86
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
BOND TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS PAID</b>	<b>\$4,973,284.92</b>
<b>TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION</b>	<b>\$5,266,851.59</b>

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS  
BILL LIST FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

01/30/2016 – Transfer Payroll	\$ 229,846.55
02/12/2016 – Transfer Payroll	<u>\$ 283,494.47</u>
<b>TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b><u>\$ 513,341.02</u></b>

**Resolution #2016-80**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR HEROES & COOL KIDS INC.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following license to conduct an off Premises 50/50 raffle is issued to:

NAME:	Brunan Inc. BDA Heroes & Cool Kids, Inc. 311 Lindbergh Avenue Closter, NJ 07624
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	Edgewood Country Club 449 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07675
DATE OF RAFFLE:	June 20, 2016 (8:00am – 8:00pm)
I.D. #:	89-5-40407
RAFFLE LICENSE:	RL 464

**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 #2016-82**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointment of following individual to the Planning Board and corresponding term is hereby confirmed.

- **Robert Adamo - unexpired term ending 12/31/2017**

**Resolution #2016-83**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the appointment of following individual to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and corresponding term is hereby confirmed.

- **Craig Plescia- unexpired term ending 12/31/2016**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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

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

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

There being no questions or comments motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to close the meeting to the public.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to Approve Resolution #2016-81 as follows:

**Resolution #2016-81**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 *et seq.* the Township Council of the Township of River Vale will now convene into Closed Session for a discussion and update on current litigation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon adjourning from Closed Session no action will be taken.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm.

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ATTEST:  
Karen Campanelli  
Township Clerk

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Council President  
Mark Bromberg