

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Monday, January 8, 2018
8:00pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 8:00pm 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 Criscuolo, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present. Councilman Donovan was absent.

Also present: Mayor Glen Jasionowski, Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Township Engineer Chris Statile, Township Clerk Karen Campanelli, Judge Vincent Galasso and Police Chief Giordano.

Council President Bromberg asked the Council for a Nomination of Council Vice President for 2018.

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to nominate Councilman Paul Criscuolo as Council Vice President.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor announced that they will be swearing in two new Police Officers this evening. He commended the whole Department specifically Chief Giordano, Sean Scheidle and the Detective Bureau for all their work during hiring process for all the new officers. The Mayor next reported that soon they will be announcing promotions in the Police Department.

Mayor Jasionowski also reported that they are close to having a finalized version of a Deer Feeding Ordinance available for the next meeting.

Council Comments

Councilmen Ben-Yishay had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg wished all the Police Officers a happy and safe New Year; and thanked them for everything they do for the Township.

Councilman Criscuolo wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year; he also congratulated Steve Velthaus the Township's new Fire Chief. Councilman Criscuolo has been away for the past few weeks but heard about the brutal weather and wanted to thank all the First Responders, EMS and DPW for all their hard work.

Council President Bromberg commented on the Police hiring process. The Township received hundreds of applications and they culled it down to the best. Council President Bromberg is very excited to have the two new Officers previously sworn in and two new Officers being sworn in this evening.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Police Officer Daniel A. Kristan Police Officer Tyler Mills

Judge Galasso swore in Police Officer Tyler Mills and Police Officer Daniel Kristan.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

Council President Bromberg called for a brief recess.

Council President Bromberg called the meeting back to order and asked the Clerk to call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

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

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Rotella commented on Resolution #49 authorizing the purchase of the Mark Lane Pavilion on State Contract and that he anticipates delivery in the spring.

Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile first thanked the Mayor and Council for his reappointment. He next reported that the bid specifications are ready for the Ambulance Corps. bathrooms and the Golf Course is ordering the new pond aerators. Mr. Statile reported on the CDBG applications; one application was submitted for renovations to the men's showers at the Country Club. Another application has been submitted for handicap accessible improvements at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Sieg had questions about the new playground equipment. Mr. Rotella responded that once the new playground equipment is delivered; Rich will disassemble the old equipment, clean the area and then it will professionally installed by the vendor in order to certify the warranty. He added that whole area will also be re-mulched. Councilwoman Sieg is thrilled about this project because the Giordano Playground is thoroughly used and enjoyed by many.

Councilman Ben-Yishay questioned the timeframe for the Mark Lane Pavilion. Mr. Rotella responded that once the resolution is approved he will have a Purchase order ready to send to the Vendor. He further explained that there is prep work necessary at the site; including the concert pad, electrical work and moving the rock. Mr. Rotella added that the building is a prefab and work could possibly start in the spring and be completed by football season.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution 2018-47 as follows:

Resolution #2018-47

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolutions 2018-48 through 2018-55 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2018-48

RESOLUTION ENDORSING GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014 THROUGH JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize the submission of a strategic plan for the River Vale Municipal Alliance Grant for **fiscal year 2019** in the amount of:

DEDR:	\$9,876.00
Cash Match:	\$2,469.00
In-Kind:	\$7,407.00

2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Resolution #2018-49

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CONTRACT WITH APPROVED STATE VENDOR FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a (BEN SHAFFER RECREATION INC.)

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New

Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale has the need on a timely basis to purchase the necessary materials for the construction of a Shelter/Pavilion for the Mark Lane Complex utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$105,776.19 are available in the Capital Account; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into a contract with Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc., P.O. Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey (ECSNJ 17/18-20; Co-Op #65MCECCPS) through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of River Vale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase the above listed equipment from Ben Shaffer Recreation In., pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

Resolution #2018-50

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT SERVICES AGREEMENT AND CONFIRM THE DESIGNATION OF AN INDEPENDENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR OF RECORD FOR 2018

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale wishes to retain the services of Phoenix Advisors, LLC, with offices located at 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505 to serve as the Township's Continuing Disclosure Agent and Registered Municipal Advisor to ensure compliance with the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission with regard to purchasing bonds and municipal debt; and

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

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of said agreement are on file in the office of the Township Clerk and available for public inspection upon being signed by the Business Administrator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the Continuing Disclosure Agent Services Agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Phoenix Advisors, LLC is hereby designated as the Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record for the Township of River Vale.

Resolution #2018-51

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH RIVERVALE HOMES, LLC (BLOCK 601, LOT 7)

WHEREAS, the developer Rivervale Homes, LLC and the Planning Board negotiated and executed a Developers Agreement approving a minor subdivision of the property located at Rivervale Road and Orangeburgh Road (Block 601, Lot 7) in the Township of River Vale.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Developer's Agreement with Rivervale Homes LLC.

Resolution #2018-52

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE CONTRACT VENDOR LIST

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) may be resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale has he need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into contracts with the below list of Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the condition applicable to the current State contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of River Vale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors, pursuant to all the conditions of the individual State Contract.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>State Contract Number</u>
All American Ford	Vehicle Parts	A40804
AAA Emergency Supply	Firefighter Protective	A80945-A80973
Beyer Ford	Vehicles & Parts	A83013, A88214, A88731
Cargill, Inc.	Road Salt	A40202
GTBM/InfoCop	Police/Homeland Security	A81341, A81342, A83904
H2M Associates	NJDEP Remedial	A86325
Lawmen Supply Co.	Police/Homeland Security	A81295, A82100
Old Dominion Brush	Road Maint. Parts/Repairs	A85861
P & A Auto Parts	Auto Parts	A86004
Pitney Bowes	Postage/Mail Services	41258, A75237
Stone Industries	Asphalt	A86427
Storr Tractor Co.	Parts/repairs lawn equip.	A43038
Tilcon NY Inc.	Crushed Stone & Asphalt	A86419, A87740
United Rental	Misc. Equipment	A83007
Verizon Wireless	Telecommunications	A82583
Waste Management	Solid Waste Collection	A40379

Resolution #2018-53

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH LIME ENERGY SERVICES CO. FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE RIVER VALE COUNTRY CLUB

WHEREAS, as part of the Direct Install Program the Township of River Vale wishes to enter into a contract with Lime Energy Services Co. for the provision of energy efficient improvements at the River Vale Country Club; and

WHEREAS, the numerous improvements include light bulb and fixture updates, furnace, boiler and HVAC improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,494.77 from the Golf Course Capital account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the contract with Lime Energy Services Co.

Resolution #2018-54

RESOLUTION
REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, tax overpayments were received for the 1st quarter of 2018 and the property owners have requested a refund of said overpayments.

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

“Lloyd Fishman”

“Steven Antico”

Mail to:
412 Faletti Circle
River Vale, NJ 07675
Block 515, Lot 7

Mail to:
563 Brook Avenue
River Vale, NJ 07675
Block 1501.04, Lot 6

\$ 4,789.40

\$12,116.56

Resolution #2018-55

RESOLUTION
(TRANSFERS)

WHEREAS, there exists a need to make transfers in the 2017 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 2017 Budget Appropriations Reserves.

Inside CAP:

From:

Admin S&W	\$ 2,000.00
Taxation S&W	\$ 1,500.00
Zoning Board S&W	\$ 1,500.00
Code Enforcement S&W	\$ 6,000.00
Liability Insurance OE	\$ 3,000.00
Police S&W	\$ 9,000.00
School Traffic Guards S&W	\$ 2,500.00
DPW S&W	<u>\$ 19,455.00</u>
Total	\$ 44,955.00

Inside CAP:

To:

Deferred Comp Plan OE	\$ 210.00
Statutory OE	\$ 5,745.00
Police Department OE	\$ 5,000.00
Buildings & Grounds OE	\$ 5,000.00
Legal OE	\$10,000.00
Administration OE	\$ 5,000.00
Engineering OE	\$ 3,000.00
Garage OE	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 44,955.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Council Discussion Resolution #2018-56 Supporting the Widening of the GW Bridge Sidewalks:

Council President Bromberg stated that normally he wouldn't support a resolution telling another Authority about how to spend their money. However, he explained that the gentleman who proposed this resolution has done a lot of research and this project does have an effect on our residents and the residents of Bergen County. He added that a number of other Towns have considered this resolution as well. Council President Bromberg stated that this project is not a new project but rather it is being suggested the Port Authority include a more accommodating and appropriate bike path for the George Washington Bridge. He further stated that this seems like a good idea but wanted the Council's input as to whether or not to support.

Councilman Criscuolo has no objections and noted Council President Bromberg's comments regarding not getting involved where we don't have a place. However, this is a project that is underway and more a matter of offering suggestions to an ongoing project. He added that it would be an improvement as well.

Councilman Ben-Yishay agreed and that it does not impact the Town directly. He added that it will help Bergen County residents when using their bikes to get into the City and that there are no negatives.

Council President Bromberg noted that the only negative would be that the improvements would cost more money and then possibly increase fares when crossing the Bridge.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that as a former commuter she has seen many people both walk and ride their bikes across the Bridge. She has no issue as long as it does not cost River Vale any money.

Mayor Jasionowski questioned as to how they can widen the Bridge any further and where the space would come from. Mr. Statile responded that the sidewalks are cantilevered and it could be rebuilt.

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to approve Resolution #2018-58 as follows:

Resolution #2018-56

RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY TO WIDEN THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE'S SIDEWALKS

WHEREAS, the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks are the only connection across the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey for pedestrians, runners, and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the paths are heavily used, with an average of 1,700 cyclists and 900 pedestrians crossing each day; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalks are ten feet wide except where the bridge's suspender ropes pass through, where they are less than seven feet wide; and

WHEREAS, According to Federal Highway Administration guidelines, shared-use paths should be at least ten feet wide and up to fourteen feet wide if they are heavily used; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is planning an extensive renovation that will replace all of the bridge's suspender ropes beginning in 2017 and lasting until 2024; and

WHEREAS, as part of the project, the sidewalks will be replaced and new ramps that will provide access to the sidewalks will be constructed, but the sidewalks will not be widened; and

WHEREAS, New York City has made efforts in recent years to make its roadways safer and more convenient for pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly through the Vision Zero street safety initiative and the expansion of the bicycle lane network; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority's own Bicycle Policy states that its goals are to integrate "improved bicycle access" and "safe bicycle lanes," and to "promote the safe co-existence of motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians" at its facilities; and

WHEREAS, the width of the bridge’s sidewalks do not meet federal standards for high-use pedestrian and bicycle paths; and

WHEREAS, the planned renovation project presents a unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would be able to safely and comfortably accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the bridge in the decades to come.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale calls upon the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the George Washington Bridge’s sidewalks.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ordinances for 1st Reading

Motion to Introduce: Councilman Ben-Yishay

Second: Councilman Criscuolo

ORDINANCE #329-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE CODE, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT” ARTICLE I SECTION 33-8 PROMOTIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 33 is amended as follows:

**ARTICLE I
Establishment; Composition; Membership**

§ Section 33-8. Promotions.

H. Candidates who achieve an overall score of 70% or greater shall be placed on a two-year promotional list. (change from one-year)

This Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner prescribed by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

There were no ordinances 2nd Reading

2nd Hearing of the Public

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

Council President
Mark Bromberg

