

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Monday, January 9, 2017**  
**8:00pm**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

The Township Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm in the Council Chambers located at 406 Rivervale Road, River Vale, New Jersey 07675.

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

The Township Clerk asked all in attendance to rise and join him in a Salute to the Flag.

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

The Township Clerk 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."*

**SWEARING IN OF 2017 OFFICIALS**

The Township Clerk asked Judge Galasso to swear in Ari Ben-Yishay and Paul Criscuolo as a Councilmen.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

The Township Clerk next asked the Council for a Nomination for Council President.

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to nominate Councilman Mark Bromberg as Council President.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

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

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**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 and Township Clerk, Karen Campanelli.

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Councilman Donovan arrived at 8:08PM

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**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Jasionowski congratulated newly elected Councilmen Ben-Yishay, Criscuolo and Donovan. He also congratulated both Council President Bromberg and Council Vice President Criscuolo on another year of serving a Council President and Vice President.

The Mayor first gave a brief update on the Deer Management Committee. He reported there has been a tremendous amount of interest in the Committee. Mayor Jasionowski announced that on January 26<sup>th</sup> he has a meeting with Fish, Game & Wildlife. Also in attendance at this meeting will be the Business Administrator, officials from both our surrounding Towns and other Towns wanting to participate and two members of the Council. He explained that this first meeting will not include the whole committee. As a first step Fish, Game & Wildlife would like to meet only with officials from the Towns to help lay the necessary ground work. Mayor Jasionowski added that they will then meet with the River Vale Committee in February. The Mayor has yet to select Committee members but has received numerous requests from people interested in participating.

Mayor Jasionowski commented on the important of the Historic Preservation Commission. The Mayor has asked the Township Attorney to review Ordinance 0-9-00 which created the Historic Preservation Commission. The Mayor plans on updating the Ordinance and then appoint members to the Commission; (5) regular member and (2) alternates. He also asked members of the Council to submit any names they feel would be viable candidates to serve on this Commission.

The Mayor next reported that after speaking with other Mayors, Professionals and current Board members; he would like to ask the Council to consider dissolving both the Planning and Zoning Boards and combining to form one Joint Board. He added that most of our surrounding Towns have already combined their Boards. He explained some of the benefits of having a Joint Board are fewer lawsuits and more efficient service to the residents; the cost savings are nominal. The Mayor cautioned that you can dissolve the Boards by resolution; however in order to reverse the decision you would have to hold a referendum. Mayor Jasionowski suggested contacting the Towns that have combined the Boards; Emerson, Hillsdale, and Montvale.

**Council Comments**

Councilman Ben-Yishay wished all a happy New Year. Councilman Ben-Yishay commented that it is an honor to be re-elected and a privilege and honor to serve on the Council.

Councilman Donovan congratulated both Ari and Paul on their re-election. Councilman Donovan is very excited to serve the next four years and he hopes to accomplish great things. He added that it is an honor to serve on the Council. Councilman Donovan also looks forward to the discussion of the possibility of merging the Boards.

Councilwoman Sieg congratulated both Councilmen on their re-election. She also wished all a happy and healthy New Year and a successful 2017.

Councilman Criscuolo echoed the comments and theme. He wished all a happy New Year. Councilman Criscuolo is both humbled and honored to serve again as the Council Vice President.

Council President Bromberg congratulated his three colleagues. He added that it is an honor and privilege to serve on the Council. Councilman Bromberg also feels they have a great group with diverse and well thought out opinions.

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**Administrator's Report**

Mr. Rotella welcomed new employee Lazime Delihassani who is the new Police Department secretary and will also be assisting with Dispatch. Mr. Rotella next gave a reminder that January is Pet Licensing month and to please license your pet. He also reported that Town Hall may seem a little brighter because of a recent lighting upgrade to 100% LED. Mr. Rotella explained that all the work was performed through a PSE&G grant. He is also looking at having this upgrade for all municipal buildings.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Statile wished everyone a happy New Year. He is currently working with Gennaro and Rich on preparing a list of roads for the 2017 Road Program. Mr. Statile is also preparing grant applications for both NJDOT and Safe Route to Transit. The Township was denied the application for Discretionary for Poplar Road. Mr. Statile will reapply for the grant in 2017. He concluded that most of the subdivisions and big site plans are near completion.

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

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

Jim Hanna—381 Sunset Rd.—Mr. Hanna suggested having a Technology Committee with regard to the planning of the Police Department. He explained that because of the length, shape and topography of the Town radio communications are not good.

Mayor Jasionowski responded that the Police are addressing the technology aspect and have met with Old Tappan. They will also be meeting with each EMS to discuss upgrades to the radio system and Dispatch.

Mr. Hanna also suggested the need for repeaters due to various dead zones in Town. Mr. Hanna was also pleased to hear the Historic Commission was being brought back.

Mr. Hanna next commented that he recently spoke to JJ Clancy. Mr. Hanna said Mr. Clancy spoke about how the Ford, Elizabeth, Herrmann area was purchased by the Hudson Dispatch during the Depression as 25 foot lots. Mr. Hanna said they were giving the lots away with long term subscriptions to the paper. Mr. Hanna would like to research to see if this was true.

Steve Velthaus—538 Bryant Place—Deputy Fire Chief Velthaus wanted to make a clarification on Resolution #2017-47; Voorhis he has turned 18 and will be a full active member and not a Junior member as stated in the Resolution.

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

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Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2017-46 as follows:

**Resolution #2017-46**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES DECEMBER 19, 2016 REGULAR MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to approve Resolutions #2017-47 through 2017-57 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

**Resolution #2017-47**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Officers of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department is recommending the appointment of the following individual as a member of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department:

**MATTHEW VOORHIS**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the appointment of Matthew Voorhis hereby confirmed.

**Resolution #2017-48**

**RESOLUTION**

(Private Duty Escrow Refund)

**WHEREAS**, the following resident posted escrow as requested by the Police Department to secure officers for work being performed at their home; and

**WHEREAS**, said project is complete and therefore the balance of the escrow may 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 authorized to issue a municipal check payable as follows:

**Payable to:**

**“Dennis Nazzaro”**

Mailing Address:

653 Woodside Avenue  
River Vale, NJ 07675

**\$ 554.50**

**Resolution #2017-49**

**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 2017**

**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 #2017-50**

#### **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. 40A:14-156.4 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.

**Resolution #2017-51**

**RESOLUTION**  
(TRANSFERS)

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to make transfers in the 2016 Budget Appropriations, 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 2016 Budget Appropriations.

**Inside CAP:**

**From:**

DPW S&W \$ 27,000.00

**Total \$ 27,000.00**

**Inside CAP:**

**To:**

Fire Department OE \$12,000.00

Garage OE \$10,000.00

Buildings and Grounds OE \$ 5,000.00

**Total \$ 27,000.00**

**Resolution #2017-52**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ANN BLANCH SMITH SCHOOL PTA  
(50/50 RAFFLE)**

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

NAME: PTA Ann Blanch Smith School  
1000 Hillsdale Avenue  
Hillsdale, NJ 07642

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

DATE OF RAFFLE: March 16, 2017 (7:00 to 11:00pm)

I.D. #: 211-5-27896

RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 484

**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 #2017-53**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ANN BLANCH SMITH SCHOOL PTA (MERCHANDISE RAFFLE)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following license to conduct a merchandise raffle is issued to:

NAME:	PTA Ann Blanch Smith School 1000 Hillsdale Avenue Hillsdale, NJ 07642
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	Florentine Gardens 97 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07675
DATE OF RAFFLE:	March 16, 2017 (7:00 to 11:00pm)
I.D. #:	211-5-27896
RAFFLE LICENSE:	RL 485

**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 #2017-54**

**RESOLUTION**

(Release of Performance Bond)

**WHEREAS**, River Vale Developers, LLC had posted a Performance Bond of \$ 553,500 as required by the Planning Board for the construction of the Cherry Wood Townhomes located at Block 1001.01, Lot 2.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has made all the necessary inspections and deemed the project completed satisfactorily; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer recommends the release of the Performance Bond upon the receipt of a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of 15% of the original improvements or \$ 276,750; and

**WHEREAS**, before the release of the Performance Bond the Maintenance Guarantee must be reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Performance Bond may be released upon the receipt of the Maintenance Guarantee.

**Resolution #2017-55**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointments of following individuals to the Planning Board and their corresponding terms are hereby confirmed.

- **Mark Erickson - (4) year term 12/31/2020**
- **Scott Lippert - (4) year term 12/31/2020**
- **Peter Wayne - (1) year term 12/31/2017**

**Resolution #2017-56**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the appointments of following individuals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and their corresponding terms are hereby confirmed.

- **Craig Plescia - (4) year term expiring 12/31/2020**
- **Michael Beukas - (2) year term expiring (Alt. #2) 12/31/2018**

**Resolution #2017-57**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Councilman John Donovan is hereby appointed as the Council Representative to the Planning Board for a one year term expiring December 31, 2017.

**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> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading this evening.**

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

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

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ATTEST:  
Karen Campanelli  
Township Clerk

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Council President  
Mark Bromberg