

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2020
7:30pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 7:32pm 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: Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Engineer Christopher Statile and Township Clerk Karen Campanelli.

Council Comments

Councilman Ben-Yishay had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg reported that Library Director, Ann McCarthy has recently accepted a model of the USS Enterprise and a charcoal rendering of the stern plate. Councilwoman Sieg explained that the model was donated by a Mr. Martin Quinn; Mr. Quinn is a member of the New Jersey Plastic Modelers Society. She further explained that it took Mr. Quinn two (2) years to build the model. The charcoal rendering was donated by a Mr. Joe Smith who is also a part of the Plastic Modelers Society. Councilwoman Sieg reported that the model is in display case at the Library which also on display many other artifacts and memorabilia from the Enterprise.

Councilwoman Sieg further commented that they are very lucky to have such a collection and Ann McCarthy is the main reason the Township has all of these items. She added that Ann's relationship with the CV-6 Association and her dedication to educate the public about the history of the Enterprise has been unbelievable. Councilwoman Sieg stated that the Township will forever be grateful to Ann and she encouraged all to go to the Library and see the collection which will always be a mark in history.

Councilman Donovan had no comments.

Council President Bromberg had no comments.

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Rotella echoed the comments of Councilwoman Sieg. He added that Ann McCarthy has embellished what we are about and what we have done over the years regarding the USS Enterprise. Mr. Rotella commented that he has met eight (8) individuals who were on the ship. He commented that Enterprise display is amazing and you really don't realize that what we have here in River Vale is just tremendous.

Mr. Rotella commented on the Resolution regarding the Police Accreditation Program. This program is long overdue and now is coming to fruition under Chief Scheidle. He explained that the Township is receiving a

\$25,000 grant from the JIF for the project and the Township will pay \$15,000. He added that the Township will also receive a discount on our insurance policy as part of the Accreditation Program.

Township Engineer’s Report

Mr. Statile reported that the 2020 Road Program is on hold until the Township strikes their budget and allocates the final number towards road resurfacing this year. He explained that he will then final the list which he will compare to both PSE&G and Suez and their plans for 2020.

He next reported that his staff is working on the 2020 DOT grant for the Poplar Road Safety Improvements project and they are currently inventorying the existing guardrail. He added that some of the grant money can be used to repair the bridge the Township owns and he has asked SUEZ if they can provide plans of the original structure. Mr. Statile next reported that Kristen in his office continues working on the Veteran’s Memorial Park and he hopes to have final plans to the Council shortly. He is also going to apply for Discretionary Aid from the DOT for the bridge repair in the event that there is a need for any major work.

Mr. Statile further reported that PSE&G is wrapping up their gas main repair work and should be done by February 13th. He is also working with Gennaro on the theme for the miniature golf course. Mr. Statile has an RFP out for drainage improvements for the parking lot by the Tennis Courts; he explained that the underground seepage pits flood during heavy rains. Mr. Statile hopes this will provide relief to the existing system.

Mr. Statile reported that within the next month or so there will be a pre-construction meeting with the representatives of the Fairways at Edgewood; and they should expect to start seeing some movement with this project. Mr. Statile added that they are trying to control the access points to Township roads during this project.

Councilwoman Sieg questioned if the County had decided if they were going to put a traffic light at the corner. He responded they haven’t yet decided; however, they are going to install all the underground work for the signal if they decide to do so at a later date.

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 Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to close the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilman Criscuolo to approve Resolution #2020-61 through #2020-67 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2020-61

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the January 13, 2020 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

Resolution #2020-62

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH THE FAIRWAYS AT EDGEWOOD, LLC

WHEREAS, The Fairways at Edgewood, LLC 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 Fairways at Edgewood, LLC desires to contribution the sum of \$750,000.00 to the Township to be used toward the costs for municipal improvements deemed appropriate by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed and approved the Contribution Agreement.

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

Resolution #2020-63

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP'S PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.)

WHEREAS, all local government units are required to implement Affirmative Action Rules pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 17:27 et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Affirmative Action rules, each unit is to designate a person to serve as a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) and implement the legal requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity Monitoring Program.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Gennaro Rotella as the Public Agency Compliance Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Gennaro Rotella is hereby appointed at the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of River Vale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of the Public Agency Compliance Officer shall be for one (1) year ending December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Department of the Treasury.

Resolution #2020-64

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:

Law OE	\$ 8,000.00
Statutory OE	\$ 7,000.00
DPW S&W	\$ 24,800.00
<u>Insurance OE</u>	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
Total	\$47,800.00

Inside CAP:

To:

Police Computer Services OE	\$ 4,000.00
Police OE	\$ 2,000.00
Streets and Roads OE	\$ 10,000.00
Garage OE	\$ 13,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal OE	\$ 15,000.00
Buildings \$ Grounds OE	\$ 2,500.00
OEM OE	\$ 300.00
<u>Utilities OE</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total	\$47,800.00

Resolution #2020-65

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO SECURE NJSACOP ACCREDITATION FOR THE RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020 the Township received proposals the through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for the provision of Consulting Services to update the Policies and Procedures Manual for the River Vale Police Department and secure Accreditation by the N.J. State Association of Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has reviewed the proposal and recommends awarding a contract to The Rodgers Group, LLC, P.O. Box 831, Island Heights, New Jersey for the contract price of \$ 39,900.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with The Rodgers Group, LLC for the provision of Consultant Services to secure Accreditation by the N.J. State Association of Chiefs of Police for the River Vale Police Department.

Resolution #2020-66

RESOLUTION
(TEMPORARY EMERGENCY)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments to be made prior to final adoption of the 2020 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time provided; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body that the following additional temporary appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

<u>Pascack Valley DPW Interlocal:</u>	<u>SALARY & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSE</u>
Health & Other Benefits		\$ 600,000.00
Director’s Office DPW	\$ 41,500.00	
Public Works Department	\$ 229,678.00	\$ 62,500.00
Snow and Ice Removal		\$ 155,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance/Garage	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 49,000.00
Recycling		\$ 28,250.00
Buildings & Grounds		
	\$ 331,178.00	\$ 894,750.00

Resolution #2020-67

PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to pay the following claims:

CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	119,198.51
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	228,263.28
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	124,543.94
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$	35,323.02
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	8,721.00
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,444.40
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	999.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ACCUMULATED ABSENCE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,395.83
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	326.02
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	7,350.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	66,735.71
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	95,733.86

PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,079.50
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	10,237.30
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	425.00
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$	702,776.37

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 ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,139,413.29
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	847,144.97
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	25,264.97
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$	49,678.12
ACCUMULATED ABSENCE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	694.87
TAX SALE PREMIUM TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	870.41
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	69.71
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	7,596.59
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	65,208.79
PAYROLL AGENCY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	21,040.84
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	31,067.74
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,025.50
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	148,913.12
BUILDERS ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,293.82
PERFORMANCE BOND TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$	4,340,282.74
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	\$	5,043,059.11

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR January 27, 2020**

12/13/2019 Transfer Payroll	\$	320,261.34
12/30/2019 Transfer Payroll	\$	268,388.43
1/15/2020 Transfer Payroll	\$	357,617.93
TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS		\$ 946,267.70

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

There were no Ordinances for 1st Reading or 2nd Reading this evening.

2nd Hearing of the Public

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Donovan to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

Council President
Mark Bromberg

