

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Monday, February 27, 2017
8:00pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Bromberg 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

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, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Engineer, Chris Statile and Township Clerk, Karen Campanelli.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Jasionowski reported that the Budget meetings started last Saturday. The Mayor thanked the Council, Administration and Department's heads on a very productive day. He reported that they are making very good progress and the average increase should be in the range of \$80 per home.

The Mayor next reported that they had an opening on the Library Board and he will be appointing Jim Tolomeo to the position this evening. He explained that many people know Jim as the past President of River Vale Football.

Council Comments

Councilman Ben-Yishay commented that he had the honor and pleasure of serving with Jim Tolomeo on the Football Board. He added that it was good to see Jim and his family here this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that she is fortunate to serve as the Council liaison to the Library Board. Councilwoman Sieg added that it is bitter sweet because the gentleman stepping down did an outstanding job serving 25 years on the Library Board. She is however, very excited to have a fresh pair of eyes, new ears and a good mouth piece. Councilwoman Sieg is also aware of the outstanding job Jim did with football and hopes that all his experience can be applied to the Library Board.

Councilman Criscuolo echoed his colleagues' comments. He added that it is very difficult to get good people involved in Town. Councilman Criscuolo has also worked with Jim on the Football Board he can attest to the passion Jim will bring to the Library Board. He further commented that we are very lucky to have people like Jim setup and want to help the Town by getting involved.

Council President Bromberg commented that he hasn't had the pleasure of working with Jim personally however; his reputation precedes him. He added that once again this is an example of really good people in River Vale stepping up and volunteering.

Administrator’s Report

Mr. Rotella reported that as discussed in the Budget meeting he will be gathering information regarding new code enforcement ordinances. Mr. Rotella commented that he too has also worked with Jim Tolomeo regarding PSE&G and it has always been a pleasure.

The Administrator concluded with a brief update on the Council Chambers renovations.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Statile announced that he is working with the Administration preparing the list of roads for the 2017 Road Program. He next reported that he has the draft ordinance for the Master Plan update; rezoning Edgewood for multi-family housing. Mayor Jasionowski directed the Engineer to send the draft ordinance to Gennaro for distribution to the Council. The Mayor also suggested to the Council President to hold a Work Session regarding the ordinance if need be.

Mr. Statile gave an update grant applications. He contacted the DOT regarding the status of the Township’s Safe Routes to Schools application submitted last June. Mr. Statile was informed that the DOT will be making their decision in March. He next reported that the DOT did an inspection of Poplar Road and concurred that the road in poor condition. Mr. Statile added that the decision on Poplar Road won’t be until June.

Mr. Statile next reported that there will be a hearing before the Freeholders regarding the Pond Aerators on March 22nd. Regarding Planning Board applications; Bear Brook will be back before the Board with a scaled down sub-division application.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

Lisa Ehrlich—601 Peterson Farm Court—Ms. Ehrlich questioned the possibility of lowering the budget; she also suggested that structure needs to be changed adding that she does not have street lights or garbage pickup.

The Mayor responded that the have been very aggressive about their controllable portion which is 20% of the tax bill. The Mayor explained that the schools are 70% and the County is 10% of the tax bill. He further clarified that the local BOE and high school BOE manage their school budgets. Mayor Jasionowski stated that the average increase for the past 10 years has been in the \$100 range per home with the exception of one year when it was zero. The Mayor further explained that the Townships uncontrollable expenses went up more than the budget increase. He added that short of cutting services, employees, police, fire and ambulance they used every measure to keep the increase at \$87. The Mayor fully understands her concerns however they are very conscientious of their impact on taxes.

Ms. Ehrlich feels the only way to lower taxes is to centralize the school systems. She also feels it may be difficult to sell her home someday due to the high taxes.

Mayor Jasionowski stated that our local State officials have been working on the school funding formula. He explained that the formula is not equal from town to town.

Ms. Ehrlich further expressed her concerns and questioned her options. She has filed tax appeals and will probably file again this year however she feels it’s a no win situation.

Mayor Jasionowski commented that until things change at the State level with regard to school budgets and the funding formula there is nothing the municipality can do. The Mayor suggested speaking to our local Assembly representatives or attending a BOE meeting. He explained that only they can affect State change not the Township.

Council President Bromberg commented that Ms. Ehrlich has brought up a lot of frustrating issues and assured her that she is not the only one that feels this way. Council President Bromberg suggested Ms. Ehrlich attend a Township budget meeting. He also referred to the Mayor’s point regarding the tax bill; 50% goes to the local school, 20% to the high school, 10% to the County and

20% to the Township. Council President Bromberg further clarified that of that 20% they have direct control of only 20%; the rest they have no discretion over and referenced the pension contribution.

Councilman Criscuolo commented that he was BOE member and recommended that anyone interested attend a BOE meeting. He explained the rules with respect to the school budget process have changed over the years. Presently, if they stay under 2% they do not need approval for their budget. Councilman Criscuolo added that they no longer had to go to the public to approve their budget.

Ms. Ehrlich added that she feels what has to be done is bigger and broader than the 2%; rather the whole system needs to be changed. Councilman Criscuolo added that unless the public attends the BOE meetings they are not going to understand the budget. He also recommended anyone from the public to attend the Township's budget meetings where they thoroughly debate and discuss the budget.

David Rice—539 Bernita Drive—Mr. Rice commented on the rates for the River Vale Country Club. Mr. Rice is a senior and feels the people that have paid the most money to the Township over the years are the seniors. He added that they paid the most money to help buy the Golf Course and feels they should not be ignored. Mr. Rice also had prepared a poster listing the Golf Course rates. He reviewed the rates citing the weekday rate is \$55 for nonresidents and \$38 for residents. The weekday senior rate for non-residents receive a \$5 reduction whereas the resident senior receive no reduction in the rate. Mr. Rice feels the seniors are being ignored by not receiving a discount that is offered to out-of-town seniors.

The Mayor stated that is an incorrect statement nor is it how the golf course was financed. Mr. Rice then stated that the Township no longer receives taxes on the land; therefore the Town is funding the course. Councilman Criscuolo clarified that all of the residents in Town are paying and the seniors have not paid more towards the Golf Course.

Mayor Jasionowski explained that seniors already receive a discount and Mr. Rice would like to see a further discount on the resident rate. Councilman Criscuolo added that the seniors are already discounted and the rate is \$12 less. Councilman President Bromberg stated that the discount for resident seniors is significantly more than non-resident seniors. Mr. Rice would also like to know how many seniors played at the Golf Course Monday through Thursday. The Mayor offered to provide this information.

Mayor Jasionowski explained that this question came up last year. He has spoken to several seniors who play the course and discussed with the Golf Course Committee and the majority of the seniors are very happy. The Mayor has only received one complaint about the senior rate. Mayor Jasionowski added that he also has to manage the Golf Course to profitability for the Town.

Council President Bromberg commented that have to come up with a plan or schedule for the Golf Course where they are fiscally responsible to all the taxpayers. They need a certain amount of income to maintain the property as open space and as a financially viable operation.

There being no further questions or comments motion by Councilman Criscuolo; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to close the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to approve Resolutions #2017-89 through 2017-98 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2017-89

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

Resolution #2017-90

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE RIVER VALE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointment of

- **Jim Tolomeo - unexpired term ending 12/31/2019**

to the River Vale Library Board of Trustees and his corresponding term is hereby confirmed.

Resolution #2017-91

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR SELZER SCHOOL PTO

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

NAME: Selzer School PTO
435 Prospect Avenue
Dumont, NJ 07628

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

DATE OF RAFFLE: March 30, 2017

I.D. #: 109-5-37089

RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 491

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 #2017-92

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR PARAMUS SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

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

NAME: Paramus Sunrise Rotary Club
54 Diaz Place
Paramus, NJ 07652

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

DATE OF RAFFLE: April 6, 2017

I.D. #: 373-8-28736

RAFFLE LICENSE: RL 492

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 #2017-93

RESOLUTION
(TEMPORARY EMERGENCY)

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2017 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time provided.

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:

| APPROPRIATIONS | SALARY & WAGES | OTHER EXPENSE |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|
| General Administration | \$24,445.00 | \$24,700.00 |
| Mayor & Council | \$ 7,605.00 | \$ 350.00 |
| Township Clerk | \$22,050.00 | \$10,560.00 |
| Financial Administration | \$66,670.00 | \$1,680.00 |
| Tax Revenue Administration | \$13,958.00 | \$1,013.00 |
| Tax Assessment | \$5,353.00 | \$ 1,550.00 |
| Audit Expenses | | \$17,375.00 |
| Department of Law | \$736.00 | \$31,000.00 |
| Engineering Services | | \$19,750.00 |
| Planning Board | \$3,098.00 | \$4,100.00 |
| Zoning Board | \$500.00 | \$790.00 |
| Uniform Construction Code | \$44,417.00 | \$6,400.00 |
| Insurance – Liabilities | | \$116,558.00 |
| Insurance – Health | | \$370,375.00 |
| Insurance – Dental | | \$7,000.00 |
| Insurance – Unemployment | | \$4,275.00 |
| Police Department | \$806,083.00 | \$29,017.00 |
| Office of Emergency Management | \$1,900.00 | \$568.00 |
| Fire Department | \$17,833.00 | \$13,563.00 |
| Fire Prevention Bureau | \$3,723.00 | \$47,500.00 |
| Prosecutor’s Office | \$2,345.00 | |
| Director’s Office DPW | \$34,431.00 | \$5,788.00 |
| Public Works Department | \$205,750.00 | \$17,750.00 |
| Snow and Ice Removal | \$34,300.00 | \$104,750.00 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | \$15,950.00 | \$8,000.00 |
| Recycling | | \$104,763.00 |
| Buildings & Grounds | | \$64,989.00 |
| Health & Human Services | \$3,075.00 | |
| Social Services | \$1,650.00 | |
| Recreation | \$1,650.00 | |
| Dept of Social and Cultural Affairs | \$1,900.00 | |
| Community Services Act | \$8,850.00 | \$4,600.00 |
| Library Contribution | | \$165,932.00 |
| Utilities | | \$40,950.00 |
| Street Lights | | \$15,550.00 |
| Telephone Charges | | \$14,000.00 |
| Gasoline | | \$20,000.00 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | \$199,275.00 |
| Statutory Expenses – F.I.C.A. | | \$91,250.00 |
| Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan | | \$250.00 |
| Police, Fire Retirement System | | \$1,503.00 |
| Municipal Recycling Assistance | | \$6,023.00 |
| Municipal Court | \$19,600.00 | \$2,643.00 |
| Public Defender | | \$900.00 |
| Interlocal Harrington Park Municipal Court | | \$2,500.00 |
| Interlocal County of Bergen Dog Warden | | \$ 6,750.00 |
| Interlocal County of Bergen Health Services | | \$ 17,375.00 |
| Mental Health Services | | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Mandated Safety Programs | | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Bond Principal | | \$26,100.00 |
| Interlocal Montvale DPW | | \$524,661.00 |
| Interlocal Teterboro Tax Collection | | \$2,500.00 |

\$1,348,592.00

\$2,160,826.00

Resolution #2017-94
RESOLUTION
REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, tax overpayments were received for the 1st quarter of 2017 and the property owners have requested a refund of said overpayment.

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 as follows:

- 1) Block 301, Lot 17.01

705 Blue Hill Road
River Vale, NJ
\$3,582.82

Issue check to:

A Absolute Escrow Settlement Co., Inc.
Trust Account
55 Essex Street
Millburn, NJ 07041

- (2) Block 301, Lot 57
202 Mikell Lane
River Vale, NJ
\$4,775.39

Issue check to:

Valley National Bank
1720 Route 23 North
Wayne, NJ 07470

- (3) Block 801, Lot 1.02

723 Beechcrest Drive
River Vale, NJ
\$172.82

Issue check to:

Joseph & Laura Favorito
723 Beechcrest Drive
River Vale, NJ 07675

Resolution #2017-95

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN SECOND AMENDMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT (MetroPCS)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Second Amendment to the Communications Site Lease Agreement with MetroPCS New York, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Amendment has been reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution #2017-96

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN (FUEL STORAGE TANKS)

WHEREAS, the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. authorizes public entities to enter into a contract with each other to share services which the entities are empowered to provide or receive within their own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act promotes the broad use of shared services as a method to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers and is in the best interests of the residents of the participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale wishes to enter into a continuing shared services agreement for the use of the Borough of Old Tappan’s fuel storage tanks, in place since 1991; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of this agreement have been review and approved by the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Interlocal Services Agreement shall be for seven years from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Old Tappan.

Resolution #2017-97

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:

To:

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| Administration – OE | <u>\$ 10,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 10,000.00 |

Inside CAP:

From:

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| Township Clerk – OE | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Tax Assessor – SW | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Police Chief – SW | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Streets & Roads – SW | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Streets & Roads – OE | <u>\$ 3,500.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 10,000.00 |

Resolution #2017-98

AUTHORIZE 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:

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| CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$119,162.53 |
| RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$73,403.45 |
| GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$48,477.76 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$766.20 |

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| MISCELLANEOUS TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$884.30 |
| RESERVE RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$222.00 |
| PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$60,338.71 |
| SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$9,721.35 |
| JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| 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: | \$5,665.00 |
| PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$125.00 |
| SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$1,053.75 |
| ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$149.25 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID | \$319,969.30 |

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:

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| CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$7,269,354.13 |
| RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$242,217.04 |
| GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$43,184.49 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| MISCELLANEOUS TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$28,100.00 |
| ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| ACCUMULATED ABSENCES TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$2,500.00 |
| HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | \$40.01 |
| 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: | |
| PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS PAID | \$7,585,395.67 |

TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION **\$7,905,364.97**

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR February 27, 2017**

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| 1/30/2017 Transfer Payroll | \$293,650.55 |
| 2/15/2017 Transfer Payroll | \$270,703.76 |
| TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS | \$564,354.31 |

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Mayor Jasionowski administered the Oath of Office to Jim Tolomeo as a Library Board member.

Ordinances for 1st Reading

Motion to Introduce: **Councilman Ben-Yishay**

Second: **Councilwoman Sieg**

Council President Bromberg commented that they are presenting this ordinance in part to help reduce costs. Presently, the Township has two separate Boards a Planning Board and Zoning Board. Council President Bromberg explained that at this point in time after much discussion and

consideration the proposal is to consolidate the both Boards into. This new Board would have one set of professionals on retainer to help reduce costs.

ORDINANCE #320-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 142 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "LAND USE," TO DISSOLVE THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND TO ESTABLISH A JOINT PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law ("MLUL"), specifically, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25c(1) permits governing bodies of each municipality, like the Township's Governing Body, to dissolve separate zoning boards of adjustment and planning boards and to establish a single board that is empowered to act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70; and

WHEREAS, municipalities with fewer than 15,000 residents may dissolve their independent zoning boards of adjustment and planning board in order to establish a single board to exercise these powers authorized under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70, by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the level of activity before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and before the Planning Board has decreased substantially over the past several years and is not anticipated to increase to a level which would require the existence of two separate and distinct Boards; and

WHEREAS, the dissolution of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board in favor of a newly created board to be known as a Joint Planning Board will reduce the expenses incurred by the Township in maintaining two separate and distinct Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Governing Body intends to dissolve the Township Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment and establish a new board to act within the powers granted to both previous boards, pursuant to the MLUL;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 142 is amended as follows:

Section 1.

**ARTICLE II
PLANNING BOARD**

Article II of the Code, entitled, Planning Board, § 142 – 4 through § 142 – 13, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the Planning Board is hereby dissolved.

**ARTICLE III
ZONING BOARD**

Article III of the Code, entitled, Zoning Board of Adjustment, § 142 – 14 through § 142 – 23, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the Zoning Board of Adjustment is hereby dissolved.

Section 2.

**ARTICLE II
JOINT PLANNING BOARD**

§142-4. Establishment; composition.

- A. There is hereby established a new board which shall be known as the Joint Planning Board Board consisting of nine regular members and two alternate members. The regular membership shall consist of the following four classes:
 - (1) Class I: the Mayor.
 - (2) Class II: one of the officials of the municipality other than a member of the governing body, to be appointed by the Mayor.
 - (3) Class III: a member of the governing body, to be appointed by it.
 - (4) Class IV: six other citizens of the municipality, to be appointed by the Mayor. The members of Class IV shall hold no other municipal office, except that one may be a member of the Board of Education.

- B. The alternate members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall be designated as “Alternate No. 1” and “Alternate No. 2.” Alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member of any class.

§142-5. Terms.

- A. The term of the Class I member shall correspond with his/her official tenure.
- B. The terms of the Class II and Class III members shall be for one year or shall terminate at the completion of their respective terms of office, whichever occurs first.
- C. The term of a Class IV member who is also a member of the Board of Education shall terminate whenever he/she is no longer a member of such other body or at the completion of his Class IV term, whichever occurs first.
- D. Members of the Joint Planning Board holding office on the effective date of this Part 1 shall continue in office until completion of their terms as provided by prior law.
- E. The terms of the first Class IV members appointed to the Joint Planning Board as reconstituted pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 291 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.) shall be so determined that, to the greatest practicable extent, the expiration of such terms shall be distributed evenly over the first four years after their appointment and so that no more than two Class IV members are reappointed in any one calendar year, except as necessary to fill vacancies. The terms of all Class IV members appointed thereafter shall be for periods of four years.
- F. The terms of each alternate member shall be two years, except that the initial terms of Alternate No. 1 and Alternate No. 2 shall be one and two years, respectively. **[Amended 2-21-1980 by Ord. No. 0-3-80]**
- G. All terms shall commence on January 1 of the year in which the appointment is made. **[Added 2-21-1980 by Ord. No. 0-3-80]**

§142-6. Vacancies.

Vacancies in any class occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled by appointment as above provided for the unexpired term.

§142-7. Organization.

The Joint Planning Board shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from the members of Class IV and select a Secretary who may be either a member of the Joint Planning Board or a municipal employee designated by it.

§142-8. Attorney.

There is hereby created the office of Joint Planning Board Attorney. The Board may annually appoint and fix the compensation or agree upon the rate of compensation of the Board Attorney, who shall be an attorney other than the Township Attorney.

§142-9. Experts and staff. [Amended 10-19-1978 by Ord. No. 0-14-78]

The Joint Planning Board may also employ or contract for the services of experts and other staff and services as it may deem necessary. The Board shall not, however, exceed, exclusive of gifts, grants or applicants' payment under § 142-33, the amount appropriated by the governing body for its use.

§142-10. Powers and duties generally.

The Joint Planning Board is authorized to adopt bylaws governing its procedures. It shall also have the following powers and duties:

- A. To act, pursuant to the powers granted to planning boards, by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25.
- B. To make and adopt, and from time to time amend, a Master Plan for the physical development of the municipality, which Master Plan shall include the specific policy statement referred to in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28d.
- C. To administer the provisions of Part 8, Subdivision of Land, and Part 6, Site Plan Review.
- D. To participate in the preparation and review of programs or plans required by state or federal law or regulations.
- E. To assemble data on a continuing basis as part of a continuous planning process.

- F. To prepare annually a program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a term of six years, and amendments thereto, and to recommend the same to the governing body.
- G. To consider and report to the governing body, within 35 days after referral, on any proposed development regulation submitted to it and to pass upon other matters specifically referred to it by the governing body.
- H. To act, pursuant to the powers granted to boards of adjustment by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70, except that Class I and Class III members shall not participate in the consideration of applications for development which involve relief pursuant to subsection d. of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70.
- I. To grant conditional uses in accordance with the provisions of this Part 1.
- J. To perform such other advisory duties as are assigned to it by ordinance or resolution of the governing body for the aid and assistance of the governing body or other agencies or officers.
- K. To administer the provisions of Part 7, Soil Removal.
- L. To administer the provisions of ordinances and laws related to planned unit developments.
- M. To exercise such powers and duties as the Joint Planning Board may be given under Part 9, Zoning.
- N. To administer the provisions of such other ordinances and laws as may require review, report or other action.

§142-11. By-laws, rules and regulations.

The Joint Planning Board is hereby authorized to adopt such bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Part I as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions and purposes of this Part 1.

§142-12. Administrative officer.

For purposes of administration of this Part 1, the following officer is designated as administrative officer to the Joint Planning Board: the Clerk of the Joint Planning Board. Such officer shall have the powers and duties provided by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq. and by the ordinances of the Township of River Vale adopted pursuant thereto.

**ARTICLE III
RESERVED**

Section 3. References to Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

All references to the Township Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment throughout this Chapter 142 are hereby amended to reference the Joint Planning Board.

Section 4. Severability.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. Effective Date.

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.

2nd Hearing of the Public

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

David Rice—539 Bernita Drive—Mr. Rice questioned what the projected savings would be by combining the Boards.

Council President Bromberg responded that it is difficult to give an accurate number however, he estimated savings in the thousands and possibly tens of thousands depending on certain factors. He added that in certain situations they feel there may be less litigation. Council President Bromberg also noted that the Board will also run more efficiently and in a more coordinated fashion which will be beneficial to the residents.

Mr. Rice also questioned how often the Board will meet. Mayor Jasionowski responded that the Board will meet as needed. The Mayor commented that several Towns in the area have combined their Boards and it has proved to be more efficient and tends to decrease litigation costs.

Mr. Rice commented again about the golf rates. He clarified that it isn't about the money; it's about being ignored.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that she didn't want Mr. Rice to feel he was being ignored and did respond to him in an email. She explained that the overall cost is a very aggressive lower cost for the whole Township. Councilwoman Sieg also reported that the Golf Course does offer special rates during the day if they have open tee times through Golf Now. She also added that the Management Company of the Golf Course felt that they were being fair to all residents.

Richard Tax—630 Montview Place—Mr. Tax commented on behalf of the people of the Golf Course that they would like to see more of the Town officials dine there. He complimented the Golf Course staff as being a great crew. Mr. Tax added that he really enjoys going to the Course.

Mayor Jasionowski suggested visiting the restaurant which has recently been renovated. Councilwoman Sieg added that the restaurant looks beautiful and they appreciate the fact that Mr. Tax recognizes their effort.

Council President Bromberg commented that they have hired an excellent Professional Management team to manage the course and advise in the decision making process.

Mayor Jasionowski added that we have an Advisory Committee that oversees and reviews the operation of the Golf Course. The Advisory Committee meets monthly to review the revenue, fees, and any projects. They also meet with the Management Company.

Councilman Criscuolo also added that this past Saturday the Management Company of the Golf Course presented at the Budget meeting. He explained that they discuss the same issues again including the fees and these meetings are open to the public.

Lisa Ehrlich—601 Peterson Farm Court—Ms. Ehrlich remarked that you can never please all of the people all of the time. She commented on a newspaper article about River Vale studying the deer population and questioned what the Township plans to do. The Mayor clarified that due to resident complaints and concerns they have put a committee together to review how they can manage the issue. He added that they have not spent any money.

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

Mayor Jasionowski reported that he has received a lot of interest from people wanting to serve on the Deer Committee. They have rescheduled the meeting with the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife for March 30th. This meeting will not be with the full committee but with representatives from River Vale and other communities. The Mayor explained that they will be discussing what can and cannot be done, what works and the expense; and after this meeting they will officially announce Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

Council President
Mark Bromberg