

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Monday, March 12, 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, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Township Engineer Chris Statile and Township Clerk Karen Campanelli.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Jasionowski announced that they have hired two additional Police Officers who will be starting their training at Police Academy this July. This will be the foreseeable end to our Police hiring's and cover all the future retirements. The Mayor reported that this past Saturday there were two crews out picking up branches after the storm. There were crews out today and 65 blocks have been done; they will continue the rest of the week. Mayor Jasionowski next thanked the Council and Administration for all their help with the Budget; he added that it was a tremendous process again this year. He announced that this evening they will be introducing a Budget that raises taxes on the average home 1.1% or \$24 per home. The Mayor added that this is the lowest tax increase in four years. The Mayor further reported that despite the low increase the Township will still put money towards ball field improvements, the roads and sidewalks, the Fire Department, Police and Ambulance Corps.

Councilman Donovan arrived at 8:03pm

Council Comments

Councilman Ben-Yishay welcomed all the guests this evening. He also congratulated the PV Varsity Cheerleading Team on their accomplishment. Councilman Ben-Yishay truly appreciates all their hard work and everyone is very proud of them.

Councilman Donovan commented how great it is to have a full house for a meeting. He also extended his congratulations to the squad.

Councilwoman Sieg extended her congratulations to the squad and is also very pleased to see so many women in the Council Chambers this evening.

Councilman Criscuolo also extended his congratulations. Councilman Criscuolo has a daughter on the team and explained the amount of time the girls put in throughout the year is phenomenal. He added that it is so much more than cheering; there is gymnastics and an amazing amount of teamwork involved during the routines. Councilman Criscuolo can't congratulate the girls enough and they were amazing to watch.

Council President Bromberg thanked the Mayor and Administrator for all the preliminary work done prior to the budget meetings. He also extended his congratulations to the cheerleading team.

Mayor Jasionowski commented that this is a very exciting night to have the competitive cheerleaders attend this evenings meeting. The Mayor explained that he was fortunate enough to see one of their winning routines; he was amazed at their athleticism, agility and grace. He added that he is very proud of all the young ladies.

The Mayor asked the Coach Terzini and Assistant Coach Martinez to come up and say a few words about the team. Coach Terzini commented that she is very proud of the girls especially all their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Jasionowski asked Councilman Criscuolo if he would join him, along with the Coaches to distribute the Certificates to the cheerleading squad.

Certificates of Recognition

***Pascack Valley Varsity Cheerleading Squad
Big North National League Champions***

Coach: Kacey Terzini Assistant Coach: Christine Martinez

Julie Almers, Carly Borges, Kaitlyn Conti, Nicole Criscuolo, Sarah Daniels, Christa Dimitry, Hailee Donne, Allison Garrett, Megan Garrett, Izzy Marchese, Melissa Jennings, Cassie Leibfried, Elexis Levine, Nicolette Luisi, Lauren Martinez, Erica Masseria, Dani Menendez, Brielle Padovan, Alli Pessolano, Megan Sgroi, Sophie Ward, Jillian Wong

Council President Bromberg requested a brief recess at 8:12pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:15pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile reported that there was a dispute from the second low bidder regarding the bid award for the Ambulance Corps. Barrier-Free Bathrooms project. This issue has been resolved; LKL remains the low bidder and their bid is still responsive. Mr. Statile reported that the Township was awarded \$26,000 from CDBG for ADA Improvement at the Community Center. He plans to have this project ready to go out to bid by the Spring. Councilman Donovan thanked Chris for all his work helping the Township obtain grant funding.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolutions 2018-100 through 2018-108 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2018-100

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Council meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

Resolution #2018-101

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LOSAP QUALIFIERS FOR 2017

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Department has notified the Chief Financial Officer of the LOSAP Qualifiers for the year 2017 in writing; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council must approve the certified list of qualifiers after review and backup information has been provided; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Administrator is satisfied that the substantiated information has been provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the following as qualifiers for LOSAP for the year 2017:

River Vale Volunteer Fire Department:

Gennarelli, Nicholas

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the list as certified has been posted by both departments and that there have not been any appeals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,233.10 Lincoln Financial for Investment on behalf of the individuals listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forwards a copy of this resolution to the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department, the Chief Financial Officer and Lincoln Financial.

***Note:** 1 member(s) @1,233.10 = 1,233.10

Resolution #2018-102

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CDBG AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN (SENIOR CENTER ADA IMPROVEMENTS)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale wish to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$26,450 in 2018 Community Development Block funds for the Senior Center ADA Improvements project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to be a signatory to aforesaid Grant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer, to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognize that the Township of River Vale is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that the liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Resolution #2018-103

OPPOSE PSE&G REQUEST FOR MULTIPLE 2018 RATE INCREASES

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2018, PSE&G requested a 1% rate increase for both electric and gas base delivery rates; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G has also requested that the BPU allow the decoupling of revenues from sales volumes which they believe encourage energy efficiency, renewables and other clean energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, this decoupling of revenues and sales volumes will ultimately lead to residential customers paying more for their electric and natural gas charges; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G has also asked the BPU to grant a separate rate increase to subsidize their nuclear plant operations; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G's Bergen County customer base that will specifically be affected by these three proposed rate increases include Englewood, Tenafly, Westwood, Hillsdale, Washington Township, Emerson, Englewood Cliffs, Woodcliff Lake, Haworth, Old Tappan, Montvale, Cresskill, Closter and Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G will receive a 2018 federal tax reduction which will lead to a 15% windfall in profits which will more than offset the need for these rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the 15% federal government windfall, if invested in capital equipment and infrastructure improvements, would negate the need for future rate increases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale does hereby formally oppose PSE&G's multiple rate increase requests now before the Board of Public Utilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of River Vale requests that the Governing Bodies of the other affected municipalities pass resolutions in opposition to these multiple rate increase requests and send copies of the resolution to the Board of Public Utilities, ATTN: Rate Payer Advocate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pascack Valley Mayors' Association and the Bergen County League of Municipalities also pass resolutions opposing these multiple rate increases.

Resolution #2018-104

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY (ROSI) CERTIFICATION FOR THE GREEN ACRES GRANT PROJECT #0253-96-141

WHEREAS, each municipality is required to prepare a ROSI as a condition of applying for and receiving Green Acres funding; and

WHEREAS, the Township's ROSI must be signed and certified by the Mayor of the Township of River Vale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the certification that the ROSI is a complete and accurate listing of lands held by the Township of River Vale for recreation and conservation purposes at the time of receipt of Green Acres funding.

Resolution #2018-105

RE: INTRODUCTION OF 2018 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Township of River Vale, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in the Ridgewood News in the issue of March 16, 2018 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Complex on April 9, 2018 at 8:00 o'clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

The Governing Body does hereby accept and introduce the Budget for the year 2018.

Resolution #2018-106

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 2018 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		\$25,000.00
Mayor & Council		
Township Clerk		
Financial Administration		
Tax Revenue Administration		
Tax Assessment		
Audit Expenses		
Department of Law		
Engineering Services		
Planning Board		
Zoning Board		
Uniform Construction Code		
Insurance – Liabilities		
Insurance – Health		
Insurance – Dental		
Insurance – Unemployment		
Police Department		\$2,000.00
Office of Emergency Management		
Fire Department		
Fire Prevention Bureau		
Prosecutor’s Office		
Director’s Office DPW		\$1,500.00
Public Works Department		
APPROPRIATIONS	SALARY & WAGES	OTHER EXPENSE
Snow and Ice Removal		
Vehicle Maintenance		
Recycling		
Buildings & Grounds		
Health & Human Services		
Social Services		
Recreation		
Dept of Social and Cultural Affairs		
Community Services Act		
Library Contribution		
Utilities		
Street Lights		\$4,000.00
Telephone Charges		\$5,000.00
Gasoline		
Solid Waste Disposal		\$3,200.00
Statutory Expenses – F.I.C.A.		\$30,000.00
Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan		\$3,001.00
Public Employees Retirement System		
Municipal Recycling Assistance		
Municipal Court		
Public Defender		\$32,500.00
Interlocal Old Tappan Dispatching		\$1,000.00
Interlocal Teterboro Tax Collection		
Interlocal Montvale DPW	\$137,274.00	\$254,935.00
	\$137,274.00	\$362,136.00

Resolution #2018-107

RESOLUTION
(GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING)

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2018 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 temporary appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

Other Expenses	\$ 68,000.00
Total	\$ 68,000.00

Resolution #2018-108

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2016 the Township awarded a contract to Buldo Brothers Sanitation, Inc., P.O. Box 326, Westwood, New Jersey for the provision of Yard Waste Collection Service to the Township of River Vale for a twenty-four (24) month period at the awarded bid price of

Item	Unit Price per Collection Source per Month	Base Bid Price (Unit Price Multiplied by 3,276)
BASE BID Yard Waste Collection Service	\$ 6.14	\$20,114.64
Item	Unit Price Per Container (Includes Container, Transportation & Disposition Cost for 24 Month Contract)	
Option #1 Container - Mechanical Pickup	\$ 650.00	

WHEREAS, this contract ended on October 27, 2017 and pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-15, the contract was awarded with an option to renew for an additional twenty-four (24) month period; and

WHEREAS, there is no increase in price for the provision of this service for the renewal period; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Current Account Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract for Yard Waste Collection Service is hereby extended for an additional twenty-four (24) month period and that Buldo Brothers Sanitation, Inc. will continue the provision of this service to the Township of River Vale for the amount stated for a term ending October 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ordinance 1st Reading

Motion to Introduce: **Councilman Criscuolo**

Second: **Councilman Donovan**

ORDINANCE #333-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$108,628 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of River Vale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by up to 3.5%, amounting to \$380,199, and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Township of River Vale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ordinance 1st Reading

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

Second: **Councilwoman Sieg**

Council Discussion:

Councilman Donovan questioned if they need to specifically mention deer because the ordinance states all wildlife. Ms. Raso responded that it is not a legal requirement; however it's important to put people on notice so they understand the ordinance. Mayor Jasionowski added that wildlife was added because there are transitional animals; he explained that if you put out a feeder for turkeys you will draw in the deer as well. He added that this ordinance will accomplish what is needed.

ORDINANCE #334-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 61 OF THE CODE, ENTITLED "ANIMALS" ARTICLE V "FEEDING OF WILDLIFE"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 61 is amended as follows:

**ARTICLE V
Feeding of Wildlife**

§ Section 61-42. Prohibited conduct.

B. No person shall purposefully or knowingly, as said terms are defined in Title C of the New Jersey Revised Statutes, feed wild white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus Virginianus*) or any other wildlife in the Township of River Vale on lands either publically or privately owned. **(New Section)**

§ Section 61-44. Violations and Penalties. (amend to read as follows)

Any person who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day or part of each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ordinance for 2nd Reading & Public Hearing

There were no Ordinances for 2nd Reading.

2nd Hearing of the Public

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

Council President
Mark Bromberg

