

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Monday, April 23, 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 reported that during the past several weeks he has met with the Police Department, the auditors and architects to work on coming up with a final number for the cost of the new Police Department and Court building. The Mayor announced that the new building will be located at the Meskers Site and the budget will be slightly under \$10 million dollars. They are preparing the necessary documents for the Local Finance Board to obtain approval before they can move forward with the project. Mayor Jasionowski explained that once they have a date to meet with the Local Finance Board; they will start scheduling tours, sending out press releases and answering any questions from the residents.

Council Comments

There were no Council comments this evening.

Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile reported that under the new Storm water Management rules Township Officials which includes Planning and Council will be required to take an online course. He explained that the course takes 45 minutes and is due by July 1st.

He next reported that the Giordano Playground equipment has been delivered and is ready for installation. Mr. Statile is currently negotiating the installation of the concrete footings; once this done they can start assembling the playground equipment.

Mr. Statile next reported that the preconstruction meeting for the Ambulance Corp project was held last week. The project is scheduled to start in the middle of May and will take two months to complete. He next gave an update on the miniature golf course. Mr. Statile explained that they ran into an issue with the existing water service and fire stand pipes; which will have to be relocated. He concluded his report with an update on the Open Space Grants. The Township has submitted a letter of intent for two project; refurbishing Enterprise memorial and Amphitheater improvements.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolutions 2018-124 through 2018-127 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2018-124

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE RIVER VALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (OFF PREMISES MERCHANDISE)

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

NAME:	River Vale Volunteer Fire Department 330 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07675
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	South Firehouse 330 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07675
DATE OF RAFFLE:	October 10, 2018 (7:00pm)
I.D. #:	426-9-29723
RAFFLE LICENSE:	RL 522

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 #2018-125

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CONTRACT WITH APPROVED STATE VENDOR FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2a (Day Chevrolet)

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 following vehicle for the River Vale Police Department utilizing State contracts;

- **(1) 2018 Chevy Tahoe 4WD**

and

WHEREAS, the State Contract price is \$ 35,627.20; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Offer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the General Fund account; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into a Lease/Purchase contract with Day Chevrolet, 1600 Golden Mile Highway, Monroeville, PA 15146 (NJSC A89938) 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 vehicle from Day Chevrolet, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

Resolution #2018-126

RESOLUTION

(Performance Guarantee Release)

WHEREAS, Blue Hill Estates, Inc. had posted escrow as requested by the Planning Board for a Major Subdivision located at Abbe Court (Block 202.01, Lots 9, 15.01 and 16.05); and

WHEREAS, as requested by the Township Engineer the developer has posted a Maintenance Bond, a Storm Water Maintenance Bond and the sum of \$1,000 shall be retained in escrow for a period of ten years to cover any damage or liability from the drainage detention system; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has determined that all site improvements are complete and the remaining cash portions of the Performance Guarantees may be released.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Escrow Deposits be released from the following account(s):

- **S-13-56-858-260 \$ 4,427.50**
- **P-13-56-858-322 \$ 829.45**
- **B-13-56-856-258 \$ 16,684.50**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue a municipal check payable as follows:

Payable to:
“Blue Hill Estates, Inc.”

Mailing Address:
707A Orangeburgh Road
River Vale, NJ 07675
\$ 21,941.45

Resolution #2018-127

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:	\$	356,478.96
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	6,327.99
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	118,660.19
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	495.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	4,042.54
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,033.33
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:		
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	630.00
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	75.03
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$	487,743.04

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:	\$	3,330,069.19
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	210,435.10
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TAX SALE PREMIUM TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	33,047.33
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	4,887.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
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:	\$	6,948.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	9,100.69
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:	\$	450.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID		\$ 3,594,977.32
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION		\$ 4,082,720.36

**MANUAL
DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR
April 23, 2018**

3/30/2018	Transfer Payroll	\$	310,465.47
4/13/2018	Transfer Payroll	\$	243,985.51
TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS		\$	554,450.98

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

PRESENTATION OF RIVER VALE HISTORY BOARD

**John Hogan
Bergen County Clerk**

Mr. Hogan thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him opportunity to present at this evenings meeting. Mr. Hogan briefly reviewed the "Around the County," initiative; he explained that the County sets-up temporary satellite offices throughout the County bringing their services to the residents. He added that the satellite office has been in River Vale twice. Mr. Hogan explained that they can speak on a variety of subject including voting and will also come out and speak to senior groups.

Mr. Hogan next gave a brief history the County Clerk being responsible for Land Records pre-dating the Civil War. He explained that one of his jobs is to preserve land records; and with the help of the County Historian who has shown them how to handle and store the records properly. All of the documents have also been scanned. He has original maps for all 70 Towns in Bergen County, maps that predate the Towns, incorporation papers, records of the first vote and numerous other interesting documents.

Mr. Hogan announced that this year the County will be dedicating a Historical Research Center; which will allow people view and print up any of the scanned and archived historical documents. He then presented the history board for the Township of River Vale. Mr. Hogan reported that before 1841 the area was part of Harrington Township and known as the Overkill neighborhood. The southern part of Town was known as Eastwood; named in contrast to Westwood. He further reported that River Vale was incorporated as a

Township on April 30, 1906 and the original incorporation papers are reproduced on the history board. Mr. Hogan described the various other documents reproduced on the Board including various maps, the first exempt firefighter certificate and elections records from 1895.

Mayor Jasionowski commended Mr. Hogan and his office for doing an outstanding job. The Mayor commented that River Vale recently hosted the "Around the County," visit and he received a tremendous amount of praise about the program. Mayor Jasionowski added that it is nice to have someone in office that cares about every municipality and all the residents in the County.

Ordinance 1st Reading

There were no Ordinances for 1st Reading this evening.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE #339-2018

Motion to Adopt: Councilwoman Sieg

Second: Councilman Criscuolo

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilman Criscuolo to open the public hearing on Ordinance 339-2018.

There being no questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman Criscuolo seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 339-2018.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIVER VALE COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$1,320,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,254,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE TO FINANCE THE SAME

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of River Vale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Township"), as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated \$1,320,000, including \$66,000 as the down payment for the improvement or purpose required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of provision in the capital improvement fund in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,254,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued is the construction of a miniature golf course and irrigation upgrades at the River Vale Country Club Golf Course in the Township, and including all work and materials necessary therefor on incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the several improvements or purposes is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget, as applicable, of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget, as applicable, and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Township Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the costs thereof have been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,254,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$120,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

(e) The Township reasonably expects to commence acquisition and/or construction of the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the Township further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, in an aggregate not to exceed the amount of bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the several improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Township is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such

undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond 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 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 Councilwoman Sieg to close the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg second by Councilman Criscuolo to approve Resolution #2018-128 as follows:

Resolution #2018-128

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 *et seq.* the Township Council of the Township of River Vale will now convene into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adjourning from Closed Session no action will be taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg second by Councilman Criscuolo to adjourn from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm.

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

Council President
Mark Bromberg