

MINUTES
Work Session
Council Chambers
Monday, June 12, 2017

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 8:25 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 Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

Also present: Mayor Glen Jasionowski, Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Township Engineer Chris Statile and Township Clerk, Karen Campanelli.

Discussion - Proposed Dumpster Ordinance

Mr. Rotella reported that they looked at various ordinances from other Towns and found one that would relate best to River Vale. He explained one of the changes that they made was to remove the section permitting dumpsters in the road; otherwise the ordinance has been left intact.

Council President Bromberg was pleased to see the Violations section corrected. Mr. Rotella noted that they used the violation section from the POD/Storage Container ordinance. The Mayor added that something had to be done however; he also understands that there are situations when someone needs the dumpster longer due to extenuating circumstances. The Mayor feels there needs to be flexibility for the people trying to do the right thing versus the people being abusive to the community.

Council President Bromberg recalled the only other issues where the fees and a reasonable time period. He added that they did not want to be too onerous to a homeowner who may be doing a do it yourself project and may need the dumpster for a longer period of time.

Councilman Ben-Yishay had questions regarding section 5e. He questioned the practicality and necessity of having to cover the dumpster at night and when not in active use. He also feels the language in this section is ambiguous with regard to when the dumpster is not in use. Mr. Rotella clarified that this section pertains to the wind and elements and the possibility that the debris and contents of the dumpster could end up on a neighbor's property. The Mayor questioned if they have a time limit which makes it more manageable is it really necessary to cover the dumpster as well. Council President Bromberg suggested removing this section. Councilman Donovan added that it will cost the homeowner an additional charge to cover the dumpster every night. He also feels it's unnecessary because the ordinance already has other language requiring the area around the dumpster must be maintained and kept clean.

Councilman Donovan also commented on the time limits section. He feels the 30 day limit in a 6 month period is too aggressive. Councilman Donovan would like to see more time permitted in the event of someone doing a major renovation. He added that he does understand the issues; however the penalty section covers anyone who abuses it. Councilman Donovan suggested giving Mike Sartori the opportunity to issue an extension under extenuating circumstances. The Mayor suggested 30 days unless there is an open construction permit to allow more time. He also noted that Mike Sartori always issues a warning first.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that this ordinance will give Mike Sartori the authority in the event there is abuse. Councilman Donovan suggested having the Township Attorney draft language for section 4a giving the Code Official the ability to grant one (1) 30 day extension provided there is an open building permit. Ms. Raso suggested the language that this period can be extended at the discretion of the Construction Code Official provided there is an open construction permit.

Councilman Donovan also suggested clarifying the language in Section II Single Family Residential Zone and that the dumpster cannot be located within 10 feet of an abutting dwelling. He feels there should be reference to a neighbor's property as the abutting dwelling. Ms. Raso agreed and will clarify this section.

Mr. Rotella reminded everyone that this ordinance does need Planning Board approval before the Council can adopt.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm.

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli
Township Clerk

Council President
Mark Bromberg