

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Monday, October 22, 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 Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

Also present: Mayor Glen Jasionowski, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Township Engineer Chris Statile, Township Clerk Karen Campanelli and Fire Chief Steve Velthaus.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor announced that this evening was the opening night for the Junior Police Academy; there are approximately 150 plus kids enrolled. He added that this is a great program and that Lt. DeVoe will be announcing the graduation date which the Mayor encouraged all to attend.

The Mayor reported on two recently held events; the Ragamuffin Parade and Town Day. Both were a tremendous success and he estimates that 1,500 people attended the Town Day event. While attending the Town Day event the Mayor received a lot of very positive feedback on the new Pavilion. The Mayor explained that this idea started when Dr. Ben-Yishay was on the Board and it's wonderful to see it come to fruition. He added that the playground is also complete and looks fantastic.

Mayor Jasionowski announced that the Township has dropped the lawsuit against Montvale regarding the Pascack Valley DPW. The Mayor further reported that they are a couple weeks away from reaching an agreement to continue the partnership in a fair and equitable way for both parties. He also thanked Mayor Ghassali for putting in so much effort and making himself available.

The Mayor next gave an update on the deer issue. He has become very popular on the subject and has received numerous comments through social media, email, phone and letters. The Mayor welcomes the feedback and opinions from both sides. He stressed that he is not pro-hunting and he does not like weapons. The Mayor explained that his responsibility is to the Town and he will look at both sides. He further explained that all he is trying to do is come up with a solution for the Township of River Vale. And whether or not you agree with his decision in the end or not he urged to keep the conversation civil. Mayor Jasionowski commented that Gennaro is close to setting a date with Fish, Game & Wildlife to present; and as soon as he has that date he will invite the Animal Protection League to present their facts and figures as well.

Council Comments

Council President Bromberg clarified that the Junior Police Academy Graduation is December 17th.

Councilman Ben-Yishay had no comments.

Councilman Donovan commented that he is glad to hear we are moving in a positive direction with Montvale. He is also looking forward to the public debate on the deer issue.

Councilwoman Sieg reported that Town Day was amazing; it was a beautiful day and wonderful to see all the young families. She also commented that the Pavilion is beautiful and the Giordano Playground looks amazing. Councilwoman Sieg explained that this was very special to her because she was a founder of the playground.

Councilwoman Sieg also had the pleasure of attending the Ragamuffin Parade. She commented that she had the time of her life and she loved seeing all the smiles on the kids; and extended her thanks to Renee and Maria for doing an amazing job.

Councilwoman Sieg communicated a request from Renee that the Food Pantry needs donations especially with the holidays coming up. She encouraged all to drop off a donation.

Council President Bromberg also commented that Town Day was great. He added that the event was very well done, they had a lot of new vendors and interesting food choices. Council President Bromberg is also glad to hear they are hopefully working with Montvale and keeping the Shared DPW. He added that he believes this is a good thing and is glad we're going to get together, talk and make sure we keep this equitable and fruitful for both Towns.

He next commented on the deer issue which he knows brings out people's passion on both sides. Council President Bromberg explained that they are going to strive to make this a search for the facts and keep matters civil during any discussions. He added that they are going to do their best to come up with the best decision for the residents of River Vale.

Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile reported they will be going out to bid on both the sidewalk project and he is gathering quotes for the replacement of the sidewalks at the Community Center. He reported that work is continuing on updating the Tax Assessment Maps. Mr. Statile gave a brief update on the NJDOT and Open Space Grants which will be announced next year. He would also like to perform an updated Road Conditions Survey; the last time this was done was 2015.

The Mayor questioned when the lightning rods are being installed on the Pavilion. Mr. Statile will work on this with the electrical contractor. He reported that the building is completely grounded with lightning rods and is safe.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

Rachel Galatt—421 Margiasso Court—Ms. Galatt commented that River Vale Day was wonderful; and how it has evolved since she's moved to town. She added that her kids had a fantastic time.

Ms. Galatt questioned whether there were any updates on the expansion of the Library.

The Mayor responded that there are no changes and he has not met with the Library Board. He is also not certain where the Library Board is with their grant applications. The Mayor added that the Library Board meets this Wednesday and he might have an update at that time. He explained that the plan is for Library Board to pursue as much grant funding as possible and to look at what has been raised. At that time, the Township would look to consider contributing to help facilitate and get the project done.

Ms. Gallat believes there is a big issue with the Middle School students going to the Library after school; which then gets very crowded. She has two elementary school aged children who love the Library and it currently serves their purpose. However, Ms. Gallat feels we are lacking with respect to the Library being a technological hub and place of the future for our children. She added that the Library could be holding classes but there is not enough room to support this; particularly after school on a weekday. Ms. Gallat noted that there is no after school program for the middle school children.

Ms. Gallat is concerned about this issue and hopes to see it resolved before her children reach middle school.

She also feels it's important that the Town provide for our children and match the technology and advancements of other Towns.

Mayor Jasionowski clarified that the Library has a Board of Directors and the Township cannot tell them what to do with their money but we can help them facilitate expanding the building. Ms. Gallat questioned the Township priority level with regard to this project. The Mayor responded that the Library has always been a priority for the Town and they believe it is one of the best Library's in the Valley. He added that in the past the Town has invested in work and expansions to the Library and they will continue to do so. However, the Mayor clarified that they will never position the Library as an aftercare location. Ms. Gallat agreed but feels this is not what's happening and there is no place for the kids to go after school.

Councilwoman Sieg added that they are having a meeting this Wednesday and they will be discussing different fundraising options for the Library. She added that the Library is a "jewel box" and they are very fortunate to have such an innovative Library Director. Councilwoman Sieg noted that the Library is for the seniors too and not just the kids and she thanked Ms. Gallat for taking an interest in the Library.

Ms. Gallat commented that she is joining the Friends of the Library group tomorrow.

Paul Garfinkel—754 Tiffany Avenue—Mr. Garfinkel questioned if he could speak to an ordinance 347-2018. Council President Bromberg responded that he is welcome to speak about anything at this time; however, they will be holding a public hearing on that particular ordinance.

Mr. Garfinkel commented that he was on the Library Board for about four years. He further commented that it is a de-facto after school program and the place for approximately 70 students go after school for safe refuge. He added that it is absolute mayhem at the Library. And there was talk of having formalized programs but it just could not be done; for either fiscal or insurance reasons. Mr. Garfinkel noted that he was part of the Board that raised funds for the last expansion and renovation and he would be glad to participate in any future projects.

Bob Fortsch-511 Bernita Drive—Mr. Fortsch thanked the Police Department for their wonderful Golf Outing.

Mr. Fortsch commented that he recently had a gas leak at his house which he reported to Public Service and within a minute Officer Yoo was at his house about the gas leak. Shortly, thereafter Greg Goodell, seven firefighters and 2 fire trucks were also at his house responding to the gas leak. Mr. Fortsch expressed that it was a very good feeling and he was very impressed with the response.

Alan Mechlowe—559 Forest Drive—Mr. Mechlowe commented that he is retired and enjoys the golf course. He questioned the additional fees being added to the Golf Course and expressed his concerns about the increasing prices. He also questioned the future of the Golf Course and future rateables in River Vale; to help keep our taxes reasonable.

The Mayor responded that your taxes don't go towards the Golf Course; the Golf Course funds itself. The Management Company establishes the fees based on two factors; running at a profit and maintaining a certain amount of rounds. The Mayor explained that the Golf Course was purchased as an investment for the future and to protect Open Space. When the debt is paid off the revenue will come back to the Town as added revenue. He further explained that the Course was not purchased as an added benefit to the residents; but they do give them a benefit. The Mayor reported that they have had two records years in a row and they have to keep the rounds at a certain level which they accomplish by fluctuating the price.

Mr. Mechlowe questioned who controls the pricing. The Mayor responded that the Management Company controls the pricing which he supports. The Mayor stated that seniors pay the least and the residents receive a significant discount. He noted that the pricing is in ranges and therefore if the play is slow the Management Company can lower the rates for everyone. The Mayor further commented that the resident senior rate is actually going down.

Mr. Mechlowe questioned when the Town anticipates the debt being paid. The Mayor is not certain and will ask the Administrator. Mayor Jasionowski reported that the Town does have a plan in place for rateables with a development that will bring in a half to three quarters of a million dollars in rateables.

There being no further 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 Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2018-255

as follows:

Resolution #2018-255

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Council meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolutions 2018-256 through 2018-258 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2018-256

(attached)

Resolution #2018-257

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE 2018 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2018 the Township of River Vale awarded the 2018 Road Improvements program contract in the amount of \$ 431,272.50 to 4 Clean-Up, Inc., 4501 Dell Avenue, North Bergen, New Jersey 07047; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2018 the Mayor and Council approved Resolution #2018-189 authorizing Change Order No. 1 increasing the contract sum by \$29,900.00 to allow for one (1) additional road be added to the 2018 Road Improvements program list of streets for resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, due to scheduling conflicts the original contractor; 4-Clean-Up awarded the 2018 Road Program contract was unable to resurface the additional road. The Township Engineer has rescheduled this additional resurfacing work to be performed by another contractor. This Change Order results in a decrease to the original contract sum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Change Order No. 2 for the above mentioned project is hereby approved as follows:

Original Contract Sum	\$ 431,272.50
Change Order #1 Increase	+ 29,900.00
New Contract Sum	\$ 461,172.50 (approved 7/23/2018)
Change Order #2 Decrease	- 39,174.84
New Contract Sum	\$ 421,997.66

Resolution #2018-258

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:	\$	562,976.30
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	53,415.70
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	69,349.52
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:	\$	240.59
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,516.12

RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,186.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	11,644.58
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	666.67
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	7,155.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	-
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	40,713.67
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,134.25
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,405.00
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,059.50
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$	757,462.90

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:	\$	4,288,458.58
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	502,363.78
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:	\$	27,000.00
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	621.97
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	7,720.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,294.28
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	150,000.00
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,345.50
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	40.01
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	18,800.00
GREEN ACRES TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	500,000.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	18,346.40
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
PERFORMANCE BOND TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	46,197.93
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$	5,562,188.45
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	\$	6,319,651.35

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR October 22, 2018**

9/28/2018	Transfer Payroll	\$	299,196.75
10/15/2018	Transfer Payroll	\$	242,230.50

TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS **\$ 541,427.25**

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ordinances for 1st Reading

Council Discussion:

Councilman Donovan responded to Mr. Mechlowe’s comments and referenced the Mayor’s point that the Management Company does a good job maintaining the Golf Course and he assured that they don’t want to see the rates get too high. He added that they do have some say and always have healthy discussions regarding the rates.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that she trusts the Management Company. She explained that Christine is very thorough and aware of the prices other golf courses charge. Councilwoman Sieg also feels they are very fair with what they offer their golfers and that the Course is amazing.

Mayor Jasionowski commented that if the rounds go up significantly; expenses and wear and tear on the course will go up significantly as well. The idea is to manage the rounds and maintain the course. This year the new General Manager heavily promoted the Course which created even more play. Additionally, both the Golf Course and General Manager were featured on ESPN.

Council President Bromberg noted that certain fee ranges were actually decreased to allow for more flexibility. He recalled the reasons for acquiring the Golf Course being to preserve Open Space, prevent overdevelopment and the decision to run it as a Town Golf Course. Council President Bromberg also recalled the decision to have a professional management company handle the day-to-day management. He explained that it is their recommendation based on their knowledge that gave them the numbers in the ordinance. Council President supports both the Management Company and he does plan on voting for the ordinance.

Mayor Jasionowski added that they apply for grant money every year and are up to \$4 million in total grants received from Open Space for the Golf Course. He further added that the Bond for the Course was for 20 years and there are 18 ½ left.

Council President Bromberg announced that Christine Issackedes is present this evening to answer any questions.

ORDINANCE #348-2018

Motion to Introduce: Councilwoman Sieg

Second: Councilman Donovan

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 105 ARTICLE V OF THE CODE ENTITLED "GOLF COURSE FEES"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 105 Article V of the Code is amended as follows:

§ 105-8. Golf Course Daily Rates.

A. Monday through Friday

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Resident</u>
Early Bird	\$40 to \$60 \$65	\$30 to \$50
Midday	\$60 \$70 to \$90	\$40 to \$60
Twilight	\$40 \$45 to \$65	\$30 \$35 to \$55
Super Twilight	\$35 to \$45 \$50	\$30 to \$40 \$50
Senior	\$45 to \$55 \$70	\$30 \$35 to \$45 \$50
Junior	\$25 \$35 to \$40	\$20 \$25 to \$27 \$29

B. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Resident</u>
Early Bird	Not Available	Not Available
Midday	\$85 \$80 to \$105 \$110	\$55 \$75 to \$95 \$80
Early Twilight	\$60 to \$90	\$45 \$40 to \$60 \$65
Twilight	\$55 \$50 to \$70 \$75	\$40 \$35 to \$55
Super Twilight	\$40 to \$55	\$25 \$30 to \$45
Senior	Not Available	Not Available
Junior	Not Available	Not Available

§ 105-9. Membership Fees.

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Resident</u>
Individual weekday	\$3,400	\$1,700

Family weekday (one foursome per day)	\$4,700		\$2,350	\$2,550
Individual full membership	\$4,400	\$4,800	\$2,220	\$2,900
Family full membership (one foursome per day)	\$6,200	\$6,600	\$3,100	\$3,900
Corporate	\$17,500	\$28,000	N/A	
Guest fees				
Monday through Friday	\$61	\$65	\$61	\$65
Saturday, Sunday and holidays	\$85		\$85	

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, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg voted yes. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

ORDINANCE #347-2018

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Donovan

Second: Councilwoman Sieg

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #347-2018.

Paul Garfinkel—754 Tiffany Avenue—Mr. Garfinkel questioned what the preliminary expenses were. Mayor Jasionowski responded the preliminary expense are the architectural, engineering and professional fees. Mr. Garfinkel stated that this is a pretty serious amount.

Council President Bromberg added that these estimated expenses are assumed to be carried through to the end of the process. He explained that they had to start somewhere and this was the number the Administrator advised in order to get a serious analysis.

Mr. Garfinkel commented that he has great admiration for Chris Statile and is sure whatever fees are going to be incurred are well spent. He next questioned whether the Board selected an architect? The Mayor responded that they currently going out to RFP.

Mr. Garfinkel questioned if they have explored potential locations? Mayor Jasionowski answered that they have already had a full analysis prepared by a professional company and have taken their recommendations and now we are going out to bid. He commented that they have seen Police Departments built from \$5 million to \$20 million; and that they have an idea of how much the building is going to cost. The Mayor reported that they want to build the new building at the Meskers lot.

Mr. Garfinkel questioned if that that particular lot was part of the Golf Course? Mayor Jasionowski responded that they did acquired the property with the Golf Course.

Mr. Garfinkel questioned whether this property was meant to be an investment for the Town; either to be sold or developed. The Mayor responded that the need for this property right now is for a Police Department. The present building cannot keep prisoners, does not have separate bathrooms and there is no other location to put a Police Department.

Paul Garfinkel commented that it was his understanding the acquisition was made for the purposes of investment. He also questioned how much land is supposed to be used because it's 5 or 6 acre lot.

Mayor Jasionowski explained that this property was bought with the intent on several things. They bought it because they were property poor and they also purchased Cedar Lane because they were property poor. The Mayor further explained that they have looked at it for apartment buildings, they have also looked at it for COAH and now they are looking at it as a combination of COAH and a Police Department.

The Mayor reported that the property is a little over 5 acres; part of the property is still in our COAH plan and part of the property will be used for a Police Department. He detailed that the decision to use this location was not made by him. The decision was made by our engineer, the company they hired to prepare

the analysis and the Police Department. The Police Department researched locations that would allow them to operate safely, in an area located by a main road and not have other building around them.

Mayor Jasionowski explained that when you run a business things change and they also change when you run a municipality. The most important issue in front of the Township right now is increasing rateables as well as building a new Police Department and they came up with a plan with our professionals to do both. The Mayor reported that there are two plans; to build a Police Department on Meskers with COAH units and to build rateables at Edgewood Country Club.

Ms. Raso added that legally speaking regarding Town owned property you are entitled to do what you feel is necessary and reasonable at the time unless there is some other legal restriction that prevents you from doing so. She stated that there is no legal restrictions and the Township is meeting their obligation under the affordable housing settlement to have the COAH units located there. Ms. Raso concluded that everything the Township is considering is legal and appropriate given the Township's ownership of the property.

Council President Bromberg recalled the discussions of many potential uses for this property as it was a package deal when they purchased the Golf Course and this is the best option when considering where to build a new Police Department.

Alan Mechlowe—559 Forest Drive—Mr. Mechlowe commented that it will cost the taxpayers \$5 to \$10 million more to build the facility and would they consider consolidating with nearby Towns and cut the cost to the taxpayers. He feels River Vale is not over ridden with crime and we do have a fantastic Police Department and he commends the safety of River Vale. Mr. Mechlowe questioned whether consolidation was considered to save the Town money.

Mayor Jasionowski agreed that the number is large and it is a tax implication. He commented that they have run from this investment for at least the 14 years he's been here. The Mayor explained that as part of this process they are opening the Police Department for the public to tour so you can truly see the buildings condition. He further explained that the average increase would be \$250 per household; this is a worst case scenario with the building costing \$10 million and if they receive no grant money.

The Mayor added that our Police Department is second to none. He also does not support regionalization of Police Departments because you lose a level of service. Mayor Jasionowski does support home rule of Police Departments and he has never looked at nor considered merging the Police Department with another.

Mr. Mechlowe questioned whether they would consider putting the \$10 million to a vote. The Mayor responded that they will be bonding for the building. He stated that they don't run the Town by referendum and they hope the elected officials do their due diligence. The Mayor assured that they have been working on this project for 3½ years and they will continue to debate.

Rachel Galatt—421 Margiasso Court—Ms. Gallat does not doubt that there is a need for a new Police Department and would like to tour the old building. Her question was the cost to develop the plans and whether we could use the plans from another Police Department that's already been developed to help reduce the cost.

Council President Bromberg explained that this number allows them to have a more accurate architectural and engineering analysis and in order to do this there will be fees. This number will cover architectural, engineering and project management costs.

Chris Statile added that this number is a starting point and extends through the entire project. The Mayor questioned that for any construction project what is average percentage budgeted for professional fees. Mr. Statile responded that generally the fees are 6% to 8% of construction cost; however a Police Department is a complex building. Therefore, the design cost are more expensive than a traditional building.

Ms. Gallat questioned again whether there is any opportunity to utilize an existing plan from a similar community.

Council President Bromberg commented that River Vale has certain needs and may have restrictions that may be different than that of another Town. Mr. Statile noted that you have use an architect that builds Police Stations and this is a niche that only a few architects perform. Mr. Statile commented that you also have to include environmental screening to ensure the site is clean and there is money set aside to do this as well.

There being no further questions or comments from the public motion by Councilman Donovan second by Councilwoman Sieg to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #347-2018.

Council Comments

Councilman Donovan commented that Chris Statile's estimate of 6 to 8% is fairly accurate. Councilman Donovan has worked as a subcontractor on many Police Department buildings. He explained that the requirements are unique and the costs for design and construction management are typically more. Councilman Donovan's hope is that they get a plan and have it be \$7 million instead of \$10 million. He is good with this number primarily because the purpose of it is to see us through the entire project. Council President Donovan supports this number and is happy to make the motion to move this forward.

Council President Bromberg recalled discussions about a new Police Department have been going on for over a decade. He stressed that a lot of thought and discussion has gone into this as well as receiving the best professional advice.

Mayor Jasionowski stated that their plan is to get the estimate and drawings done; then hold a bigger meeting at Holdrum with the Police Department and Professionals present. The Mayor also plans on running tours of the facility and being completely transparent about the cost of the new facility.

ORDINANCE #347-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR PRELIMINARY EXPENSES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 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 \$1,000,000, including \$50,000 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 an emergency appropriation made by the Township for such purpose.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$950,000 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 are preliminary expenses for the design and construction of a new public safety building, including Police Department and court facilities, 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 thirty (30) 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 \$950,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 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 Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg voted yes. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

2nd 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 Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to close the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilman Donovan to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

Council President
Mark Bromberg

