

MINUTES
Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council
Monday, January 1, 2007
12:15 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Township Clerk called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 406 Rivervale Road, River Vale, New Jersey 07675.

SALUTE TO FLAG

The Township Clerk asked all in attendance to rise and join him in a Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Township Clerk 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.”

SWEARING IN OF 2007 OFFICIALS

Judge Greenhalgh administered the Oath of Office to the following:

Mayor – Joseph Blundo – 4 year term ending 12/31/10
Council – Mark Bromberg – 4 year term ending 12/31/10
Council – Denise Sieg – 4 year term ending 12/31/10

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT –

The Township Clerk asked for a Nomination of the Council President for the year 2007.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to nominate Councilman Glen Jasionowski as Council President for the year 2007

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Bromberg, Councilman Matos and Councilwoman Sieg voted yes. Councilman Jasionowski abstained.

ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT –

The Council President Jasionowski asked for a Nomination of the Council for Vice President for the year 2007.

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Matos to name Councilman Mark Bromberg as Council Vice President for the year 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg, and Council President Jasionowski voted yes. Councilman Bromberg abstained.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Blundo thanked George Paschalis and Robert Menville for their years of service with the Township. Additionally, he thanked Robert Menville for agreeing to continue his service as a member of the Planning Board. Mayor Blundo stated that he's looking forward to working with both the current and new Council members,

Mayor Blundo pledged to simplify things and reduce legal spending with the help and assistance of the Council. He gave his full support to all the Department heads and volunteer groups and empowered them to run their departments as they see fit.

The Mayor praised both the River Volunteer Vale Fire Department and Ambulance Core for all their hard work and dedication. He also announced that with the approval of the Council resident Holly Schepisi will be appointed out the new Township Attorney. Ms. Schepisi will protect and guide the Township officials and not dictate policy.

He vowed to continue to maintain the Township's infrastructure with regard to roads and fields. The Mayor also stated that incomplete projects such as the River Vale Community Center and DPW building though under funded they must be completed. Once finished the administration could reassess their finances and as a team discuss future projects.

Mayor Blundo stated that before the end of the year he would form a committee to consider a change of government for the Township. This would give the Township a more fairly balance of power between the Council and Mayor. He also recommended Roy Blumenthal, a former Business Administrator to be the JIF representative for the Township. The Mayor thanked former Councilman Bill Turick for getting him involved in the Town Council. Mayor Blundo also honored former Councilman Barry Evertz by placing a plaque in the Council Chambers in his memory.

In conclusion, Mayor Blundo stated that Congressman Scott Garrett will be visiting the Township on the fist Thursday of each month at 10:00am to hear resident's concerns.

Mayor Blundo wished everyone a happy New Year.

Judge Greenhalgh administered the Oaths of Office to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Gregory Goodell – Fire Official
Michael Oriolo – Fire Inspector

Judge Greenhalgh administered the Oaths of Office to the 2007 Board of Fire Department Officers:

James Miles – Assistant Chief
Peter Wayne – Senior Captain
Glenn Plescia – Captain
Rick Herburger – Lieutenant Rescue 54
Frank Lentino – Lieutenant Engine 56
Greg Goodell – Lieutenant Engine 57
Thomas Shine – Lieutenant Engine 58
Wayne Celentano – Lieutenant Tower Ladder 59

Judge Greenhalgh administered the Oath of Office to the new Fire Chief, Gerard Marsh.

MUNICIPAL AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS –

Mayor Blundo and Council President Jasionowski presented Fire Chief John Tobin with a watch and thanked him for his many years of service to the community.

Mayor Blundo presented retired Police Officer Thomas Mattner with Plaque and thanked him for his years of service with the River Vale Police Department.

Mayor Blundo also presented retiring school crossing guard Catherine Sharkey with a Plaque for her many years of service to the community.

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Matos to adjourn for a 5 minute recess at 12:40pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Bromberg, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski voted yes.

The meeting reconvened at 12:50pm.

ROLL CALL

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Bromberg, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski were present.

Also present: Robert Gallione, Business Administrator, Holly Schepisi, Township Attorney, Wanda Worner, Township Clerk and Karen Padva, Recording Secretary.

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

Mayor Blundo had no comments.

The Township Council had no comments.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to open the meeting to the public.

Council President Jasionowski read the following statement into the record.

“Each person wishing to address the Council shall step up to the microphone, shall give his or her name in an audible tone for the record. All member of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.”

There being no questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman Matos to close the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS –

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman Bromberg to approve Resolutions #1 – 26 on Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2007-01

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Regular Meetings of the Township Council are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except when a meeting date falls on a Township Holiday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those dates are as follows:

January 22, February 12, February 26, March 12, March 26, April 9, April 23, May 14, May 29, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 13, August 27, September 10, September 24, October 9, October 22, November 12, November 26, December 10.

Resolution #2007-02

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the following are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Township:

The Record

The Ridgewood News

Resolution #2007-03

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Township Clerk is hereby designated as the Assessment Search Officer in accordance with State Statutes.

Resolution #2007-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAX SEARCH OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Township Tax Collector is hereby designated as the Tax Search Officer in accordance with State Statute.

Resolution #2007-05

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PENALTY INTEREST RATES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the township of River Vale that the penalty interest rate for the year 2007 chargeable against all persons who are delinquent in the payment of taxes is hereby established at eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a grace period extending to the tenth day of each quarter in which taxes are payable be allowed, in which taxes may be paid without interest. If the tenth day of the above named quarters falls on a non-business day, however, one additional interest-free day will be allowed. After the grace period, interest will revert to the first day of the quarter in which the taxes were payable.

Resolution #2007-06

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the depositories for the:

- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACCOUNTS
- TRUST ACCOUNTS
- SPECIAL ACCOUNTS
- ANIMAL LICENSE ACCOUNT
- CURRENT ACCOUNT

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
COAH ACCOUNT

for the Township of River Vale shall be as follows:

PNC BANK
BANK OF AMERICA
COMMERCE BANK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the custodian shall be the Township Treasurer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements shall be made by checks signed by the Mayor or Administrator, Township Clerk, and Treasurer, using either live or facsimile signatures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above noted shall affix their signatures to the Signature Certificates and that the seal of the municipality be thereto affixed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to file with said depositories a certified copy of this Resolution.

Resolution #2007-07

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY FOR PAYROLL FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the township of River Vale that the following shall be the depositories for all the Payroll Funds for the Township of River Vale and the Custodian shall be the Township Treasurer.

PNC BANK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements shall be made by checks signed by the Treasurer as single signatory with live or facsimile signature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk, is hereby, directed to file with the aforesaid depository a certified copy of this Resolution.

Resolution #2007-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF TAX APPEALS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Tax Assessor and/or Tax Collector be, and hereby are, authorized to file Tax Appeals and/or Stipulations of Settlements with the Bergen County Board of Taxation for the purpose of correcting assessment errors in the 2007 tax roll.

Resolution #2007-09

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that all moneys which may be on hand as surplus may be invested as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:5-7.1 et. Seq., and that the Treasurer be authorized to make said investments in any designated depository bank located in the State of New Jersey.

Resolution#2007-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FUNDS TRANSFER AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the following officers of this Corporation are hereby authorized to enter into a Funds Transfer Agreement with PNC Bank (the "Bank") for the transfer of funds by wire from account(s) of this Corporation at the Bank to any other account with the Bank or to an account at another bank, such agreement to contain such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreeable to the Bank and such officers, the execution thereof by any such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of the exercise of the discretion herein conferred:

Name Title

Roy Rossow

CFO

Robert J. Gallione, Jr.

Business Administrator

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing officers are hereby authorized to appoint and/or delete, from time to time, in their sole discretion, officers and/or employees of, or other persons to act on behalf of, this Corporation, to receive personal identification numbers and codes used to authenticate, requests or orders for the transfer of funds for this Corporation or to initiate such transfers in accordance with the aforesaid agreement or to otherwise act in accordance with the aforesaid agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority conferred herein shall continue in full force and effect until written notice of its revocation shall be received by the Bank, if by first class U.S. mail at the following address: P.O. Box 600, Edison, New Jersey 08818, Attention: Manager, Funds Transfer Department, or if by hand delivery or express mail at the following address: 499 Thornall Street, Edison, New Jersey 08837, Attention: Manager, Funds Transfer Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of this Corporation are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any amendments, exhibits or schedules to the aforesaid agreement and any and all instruments, certificates and other documents, and to take all such other actions, as are necessary, advisable or appropriate to effect the foregoing resolutions.

Resolution#2007-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8 in the Local bond Law of the State of New Jersey, bond anticipation notes of the Township of River Vale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Township") are hereby authorized to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of the Township authorized by virtue of all bond ordinances heretofore adopted by the Township and pursuant to which bonds remain authorized but unissued.

The bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution may be issued in the amounts and the denominations, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of notes authorized pursuant to the ordinances as aforesaid, as may be determined from time to time by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township pursuant to this resolution.

Section 2. The following matters in connection with the notes are hereby determined:

(a) All notes issued hereunder shall mature at such time as may be determined by the chief financial officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date;

(b) All notes issued hereunder shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the chief financial officer or treasurer;

(c) The notes shall be in the form determined by the chief financial officer and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive as to such determination; and

(d) Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time for periods of not exceeding one year for the time period specified in, and in accordance with the provisions of, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.

Section 3: The chief financial officer is hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the notes not determined by this or a subsequent resolution and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive as to such determination.

Section 4: In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:2-28, the chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized and designated to sell the notes from time to time at public or private sale in such amounts as such officer may determine at not less than par and to deliver the same from time to time to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof and payment therefore.

Section 5. Any note issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the Township. The full faith and credit of the township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the notes and, unless otherwise paid, an amount

sufficient for such payment shall be included in the Township's budget and tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 6: In accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:2-28, the chief financial officer is authorized and directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale of notes pursuant to this resolution is made, such report to include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 7: All resolutions inconsistent herewith regarding the form or sale of bond anticipation notes heretofore adopted by the Township are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

Section 8: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution#2007-12

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TOWN HALL PETTY CASH FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Petty Cash Fund be established for the year 2007 for the Town Hall in the amount of \$ 200.00 and the custodian of said fund shall be the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer draw a check on the Current Account Fund for the establishment of said Petty Cash Fund.

Resolution#2007-13

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHANGE FUND FOR THE TOWNSHIP HALL

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to provide a \$100.00 Change fund for the Township Hall, said fund to be administered by the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution#2007-14

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHANGE FUND FOR THE VIOLATIONS BUREAU

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to provide a \$100.00 Change fund for the Violations Bureau said fund to be administered by the Municipal Court Administrator and Deputy Court Administrator.

Resolution#2007-15

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUND FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Petty Cash Fund be established for the year 2007 for the Town Hall in the amount of

\$ 200.00 and the custodian of said fund shall be Richard Campanelli, Superintendent of Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer draw a check on the Current Account Fund for the establishment of said Petty Cash Fund.

Resolution#2007-16

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUND FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Petty Cash Fund be established for the year 2007 for the Town Hall in the amount of \$ 200.00 and the custodian of said fund shall be Aaron Back, Chief of Police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer draw a check on the Current Account Fund for the establishment of said Petty Cash Fund.

Resolution#2007-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale has a need to acquire legal services and special counsel as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, Holly Schepisi, Esq. has submitted a proposal on December 26, 2006 indicating she will provide certain legal services and special counsel for \$125.00 (One Hundred Twenty Five) per hour; and

WHEREAS, Holly Schepisi, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Holly Schepisi, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of River Vale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Holly Schepisi, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds required for this contract *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Holly Schepisi, Esq. as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to cause a copy of this resolution to be published as required by law.

Resolution#2007-18

Authorize the Mayor and the Township Clerk to Sign the Contract with the Bergen County Animal Shelter for the Year 2007

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Contract with the County of Bergen for 2007 Animal Shelter Services.

Resolution#2007-19

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Luis Martinez be appointed as Municipal Public Defender with a term expiring on December 31, 2007 is hereby confirmed.

Resolution#2007-20

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Vincent Galasso be appointed as Municipal Prosecutor with a term expiring on December 31, 2007 is hereby confirmed.

Resolution#2007-21

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointments of Thomas O’Brien for a five year term expiring on December 31, 2011 and Paul Garfinkel (Mayor’s Representative) for a one year term expiring December 31, 2007 are hereby confirmed.

Resolution#2007-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2007 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey provides that the Governing Body of any municipality may make temporary appropriations to provide for any contracts, commitments or payments to be made between the beginning of the year and the adoption of the final budget; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of appropriations can not exceed 26.25% (Twenty Six and One Quarter Percent) of the total budget appropriations of the Township of River Vale for 2006 exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service and capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the temporary budget for the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey for the year 2007 be adopted by the Council of the Township of River Vale in the amount of \$ 2,480,584.00 for operations, \$ 450,000.00 for debt service and \$ 60,000.00 for capital improvements.

APPROPRIATION	SALARIES & WAGES	OTHER EXPENSES
Administration	32,000.00	30,000.00
Mayor & Council	5,000.00	400.00
Township Clerk	13,500.00	6,000.00
Financial Administration	26,000.00	2,500.00
Audit Services		3,000.00
Revenue Administration	9,000.00	2,000.00
Tax Assessment	4,000.00	2,000.00
Legal Services	1,000.00	30,000.00
Engineering Services	500.00	15,000.00
Planning Board	600.00	10,000.00

Zoning Board	600.00	1,000.00
Police Department	600,000.00	40,000.00
Emergency Management	1,500.00	1,000.00
Fire Department		10,000.00
Fire Prevention Bureau	2,500.00	35,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor	2,000.00	
Streets and Roads	160,000.00	15,000.00
Snow and Ice Removal	20,000.00	30,000.00
Recycling and Garbage Removal		75,000.00
DPW Director	26,000.00	3,000.00
Buildings and Grounds		20,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	15,000.00	20,000.00
Public Health Services	1,500.00	25,000.00
Social Services	2,500.00	3,000.00
Department of Athletics	1,000.00	5,000.00
Social and Cultural Affairs	1,000.00	10,000.00
Street Lighting		8,000.00
Telephone		9,000.00
Other Utilities		30,000.00
Municipal Court	20,000.00	4,000.00
Public Defender		1,500.00
Construction Code Official	20,000.00	3,000.00
Social Security System		70,000.00
Flow Charges		145,000.00
Public Library		175,000.00
Joint Insurance Fund		30,000.00
Other Insurance Premiums		8,000.00
Worker Compensation Insurance		30,000.00
Group Insurance		200,000.00
Eyeglass-Dental		5,000.00
Unemployment Compensation		2,000.00
PERS		52,337.00
PFRS		292,147.00
Gasoline		22,000.00
Municipal Alliance		3,000.00
Community Policing		1,500.00
Purchase of Vehicles		30,000.00
	965,200.00	1,515,384.00
Total		
Debt Service		450,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund		60,000.00

Resolution#2007-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT AND CONTRACT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Robert Gallione be appointed as the Business Administrator for a four term expiring on December 31, 2010 is hereby confirmed.

Resolution#2007-24

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Dwight de Stefan be appointed to the Planning Board for a one year term expiring on December 31, 2007 is hereby confirmed.

Resolution#2007-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council that the Township of River Vale recognizes the National Guard and reserves as essential to the strength of our nation and well-being of our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serves voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security. Their members must have the cooperation of all American employers in encouraging employee participation in Guard and Reserve.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that Township of River Vale join other employers pledging that:

1. Employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserve;
2. Employee job and career opportunities will not be limited to reduced because of service in the Guard or Reserve;
3. Employees will be ranted leaves of absence for military service in the Guard or reserve, consistent with existing laws, with out sacrifice of vacation; and

This agreement and its resultant policies will be made know throughout our organization.

Resolution#2007-26

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OFFICERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointments to the Fire Prevention Bureau are hereby confirmed for the year 2007:

Fire Official	Greg Goodell
Fire Inspector	Michael Oriolo

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Bromberg, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski voted yes.

Council Discussion

The Council discussed each of their recommendations to the three (3) open positions of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to approve Resolution #2007-27 as follows:

Resolution#2007-27

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Kevin Martin be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four (4) year term expiring on December 31, 2010 is hereby confirmed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Bromberg, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman Bromberg to approve Resolution #2007-28 as follows:

Resolution#2007-28

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUST MENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Robert Adamo be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a two (2) year term expiring on December 31, 2008 is hereby confirmed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Bromberg, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski voted yes. Councilman de Stefan voted no.

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Bromberg to approve Resolution #2007-29 as follows:

Resolution#2007-29

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUST MENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Joseph Massin be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a one (1) year term expiring on December 31, 2007 is hereby confirmed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Bromberg, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski voted yes. Councilman Matos voted no.

ORDINANCES –1st Reading

Motion by Councilman de Stefan; seconded by Councilman Matos to introduce Ordinance #173-2007 as follows:

ORDINANCE #173-2007

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Article II, entitled “Clerk” of the Code of the Township of River Vale be amended, as follows:

Section 1. Deputy Township Clerk establishment of position.

There is hereby created in and for the Township of River Vale the position of Deputy Township Clerk.

Section 2. Compensation.

The Deputy Township Clerk shall be paid such salary or compensation as shall be set forth by the Township Council in its annual salary ordinance.

Section 3. Appointment.

The Deputy Township Clerk shall be appointed through the nomination of the Council President and confirmed by a majority of the members of the Council.

Section 4. Powers and duties.

The Deputy Township Clerk shall have all the powers of the Township Clerk and shall perform the functions and duties of such office at the direction of the Township Clerk and New Jersey State Statutes.

Section 5. Effectiveness.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Bromberg, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to introduce Ordinance #174-2007 as follows:

ORDINANCE #174-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE #161-2006 OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED “ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE ON PURCHASING PROCEDURES, PAY TO PLAY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Ordinance #161-2006 is hereby rescinded and vacated.

Council Discussion

Council President Jasionowski stated that Ordinance #161-2006 is too strict and could possibly discourage vendors from doing business with the Township. If the Township rescinds the Ordinance we go back to the state regulations. Mayor Blundo added that the Township would honor the State Statues.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman de Stefan, Councilman Bromberg, Councilman Matos, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Jasionowski voted yes.

Judge Greenhalgh administered the Oaths of Office to the following:

Holly Schepisi– Township Attorney
Robert Gallione– Business Administrator

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman de Stefan to open the meeting to the public.

There being no questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman Bromberg; seconded by Councilman Matos to close the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further questions or comments to come before the Council at this time; motion by Councilman Matos; seconded by Councilman Bromberg to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Glen Jasionowski
Council President

ATTEST:
Karen Padva
Recording Secretary