



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Township Council

Monday, October 24, 2022

Council Chambers 7:30pm

Mayor Glen Jasionowski

Council President Mark Bromberg, Council Vice President Paul Criscuolo,
Councilman Ari Ben-Yishay, Councilman John Donovan, Councilwoman Denise Sieg

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

SALUTE TO FLAG

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

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

1. Township Council
2. Municipal Officials Present

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

1. Mayor's Comments
 2. Township Council Comments
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Administrator's Report

Engineer's Report

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Each person wishing to address the Council shall give his or her name and address in an audible tone for the record. All members 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.

RESOLUTIONS

- #2022-204—Approve Minutes October 11, 2022 Council meeting
 - #2022-205—Acknowledge 2022 Best Practices Checklist
 - #2022-206—Approve Appointment of Fire Prevention Officer
 - #2022-207—Authorize the Utilization of Project Labor Agreements
 - #2022-208—Authorize Payment of Bills
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Ordinances for 1st Reading

Ordinance #406-2022— AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PLANTING, GROWING OR CULTIVATING OF BAMBOO IN THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE

Ordinance #407-2022—AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE CODE ENTITLED “LAND USE” PART 9 ZONING, ARTICLE LIV “FENCES” SECTION 142-246 “FEES”

Ordinance for 2nd Reading & Public Hearing

There are no Ordinances for 2nd Reading

2nd HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION

#2022-209—Authorize Council to Enter into Closed Session to discuss litigation matters.
No action will be taken after the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT



Resolution offered:	No. 2022-204
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

Council Member	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B	Council Member	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B
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Resolution offered:	No. 2022-205
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE BEST PRACTICE INVENTORY (2022)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that all members of the governing body present at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Council on October 24, 2022 have reviewed and discussed the 2022 Best Practice Inventory prepared by the Chief Financial Officer.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2022-206
Resolution seconded by:	

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER
(UNEXPIRED TERM)**

WHEREAS, effective November 1, 2022, the Fire Prevention Officer for the Township of River will be retired creating a vacancy; and,

WHEREAS, the administration has conducted interviews and recommends the appointment of David Haenelt as Fire Prevention Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Haenelt possesses all the necessary certifications to perform the duties of a Fire Prevention Officer as required by New Jersey State Uniform Fire Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that David Haenelt is hereby appointed as the Fire Prevention Officer for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs Division of Fire Safety.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2022-207
Resolution seconded by:	

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF
PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS
UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH IN EXCESS OF FIVE-MILLION DOLLARS**

WHEREAS, the Project Labor Agreement Act ("PLA"), P.L. 2002, Chapter 44, was signed into law on July 21, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, project labor agreements are pre-hire collective bargaining agreements with one or more labor organizations that establishes the terms and conditions of employment for a specific construction project; and,

WHEREAS, the use of project labor agreements is beneficial for construction projects in excess of five million dollars as they lead to less disputes, delays, fair and agreed to employment terms and more efficient project management; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale (the "Township") finds the use of such agreements for projects in excess of five million dollars beneficial, as they:

- (a) Set forth effective, immediate and mutually binding procedures for resolving jurisdictional, labor disputes and grievances arising before the completion of work;
- (b) Contain guarantees against strikes, lockouts, or other similar actions; and
- (c) Standardize the terms and conditions of employment of labor on the public works projects;
- (d) Permit flexibility in work scheduling and shift hours and times;
- (e) Ensure a reliable source of skilled and experienced labor; and
- (f) Further public policy objectives by improving employment opportunities for minorities, women and the economically disadvantaged; and permit the selection of the lowest responsible bidder, without regard to union or non-union status at other construction sites; and
- (g) Are on all contractors and subcontractors, or whatever tier, on the public works project through the inclusion of appropriate bid specifications in all relevant documents; and

WHEREAS, the Township endorses project labor agreements and pledges to utilize same for construction projects in excess of five million dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Governing Body does hereby endorse the use of project labor agreements for construction projects in excess of five million dollars and pledges to utilize same for such projects; and
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer,

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Resolution offered:	No. 2022-208
Resolution seconded by:	

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:	\$	610,884.52
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	44,596.42
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	103,008.16
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$	5,500.00
FEDERAL/STATE GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	45.60
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	52,951.04
FIRE PREVENTION PENALTY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,890.00
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,342.50
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	7,360.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	176,582.49
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:		
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$	1,005,160.73

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:	\$	4,605,661.70
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	647,792.22
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
ACCUMULATED ABSENCES TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,000.00
HOUSING TRUST claims in the amount of:	\$	2,018.50
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	21,541.34
PAYROLL AGENCY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,307.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TAX SALE REDEMPTION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TAX SALE PREMIUM TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		

OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	100,000.00
UCC CODE ENF TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,650.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	6,625.50
BOND TRUST claims in the amount of:		
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$	5,391,596.26
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	\$	6,396,756.99

**MANUAL
DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR October 24,
2022**

9/15/2022	Transfer Payroll	\$	333,677.36
9/30/2022	Transfer Payroll	\$	350,231.97
10/14/2022	Transfer Payroll	\$	321,177.63
TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS			\$ 1,005,086.96

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Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 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 Litigation matters.

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

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ORDINANCE #406-2022

Date of 1 st Reading: October 24, 2022	Motion to Introduce:
Date of Public Hearing:	Motion Seconded:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PLANTING, GROWING OR CULTIVATING OF BAMBOO IN THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to establish an ordinance to preserve and protect public and private property within the Township of River Vale from the damaging spread of bamboo, a non-native invasive plant, by prohibiting the planting, growing, maintaining or cultivation of bamboo within the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the planting and uncontrolled growth of bamboo is known to threaten other vegetation and endanger existing ecosystems, and is disruptive to the general health and welfare of a community.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the following restrictions are hereby established:

§ Purpose.

This chapter is adopted to control the planting, cultivating, or growing of bamboo in the Township of River Vale; and to require barriers to prevent the spread of existing bamboo into other areas of the Township.

§ Planting, growing, or cultivating restricted.

Subject to certain exemptions set forth in this chapter, no persons, or other property owners or others in possession or control of real property or tenants shall plant, cultivate or cause to grow bamboo on any lot or parcel of land within the Township of River Vale, subject to the following exceptions:

- A. The root system of such bamboo plants is entirely contained within an aboveground level planter, barrel, or other vessel of such design, material, and location to entirely prevent the spread or growth of the bamboo plant's root system beyond the container in which it is planted; and

B. Whether planted or growing in a container, as described herein, all bamboo plants shall be located, trimmed, and maintained so that no part of the plant shall be closer than 10 feet to any property line or right-of-way.

§ Exemptions.

This chapter shall not apply to any landowner or possessor who, prior to the effective date of this chapter, has planted or caused to grow bamboo on any property within the Township limits unless the Code Enforcement Officer determines that any portion of such bamboo has been allowed to grow upon, extend roots across, or extend branches, stalks or leaves over any public way or any private property not owned by or in the possession of such landowner, tenant, or any possessor of said land.

§ Complaint notice; order for removal and compliance.

Whenever a complaint is received by the Township regarding the encroachment of any bamboo plant or root, or whenever the Township determines that there is an encroachment of bamboo plants or roots onto the property of another, the Township, through its delegated official, shall forward a notice of violation to the alleged offending person, property owner, or other in possession of such property (hereinafter the "violator"), which notice shall be substantially as follows:

A. The notice shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, properly addressed and with sufficient postage, and also by first class mail. Notice by certified mail shall be deemed served on the date of personal delivery, or the date the certified mail is marked "refused" or "unclaimed" or otherwise undeliverable by the United States Post Office.

B. The notice shall specify the nature of the violation.

C. The notice shall state that the violation must be cured within 30 days from the date of the received or returned mailing.

D. The notice shall state specifically what must be done by the violator to correct the violation.

§ Repealer.

All ordinances of the Township of River Vale which are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

§ Violations and penalties.

A. Any violator determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to have violated this chapter shall be subject to pay a fine of not less than \$25 per day, nor more than \$100 per day, for each day the violation exists after the date for cure as set forth in the notice. Each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate offense, for which an additional fine can be levied. The per-

day fine will be in addition to a penalty for failure to comply with the Bamboo Ordinance. This fine can be up \$1,000.

B. If the violation is not remedied within the time set forth in the aforesaid notice, the Township is hereby authorized, but not obligated, to remove or have removed any encroaching bamboo and to take all reasonable steps to eradicate the regrowth of the bamboo on the public rights-of-way, including sidewalks, and to restore such land to its normal condition, prior to such removal and eradication.

C. The Township's cost of the corrective action together with any civil penalties, legal fees and other costs shall be recoverable from the violator.

§ Severability.

If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this chapter is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this chapter.

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

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Chapter 142-246 of the Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 142-246. Fee.

The fee for a permit for a new or replacement fences shall be \$25. **Please refer to Chapter 90-4(s) of the Code for fee information.**

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

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