



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Township Council

Monday, October 26, 2020

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 step up to the microphone, 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

- #2020-214—Approve Minutes September 14, 2020 Council meeting
- #2020-215—Approve Minutes October 13, 2020 Council meeting
- #2020-216—Award Contract for On-Site Elevator Inspection Services
- #2020-217—Support Grant Application for the Lake Tappan Urban Renewal Project, LLC
- #2020-218—Authorize Property Tax Refund Disabled Veteran Exemption (Lotocki)
- #2020-219—Support Participation in BCPO Body Worn Camera Initiative

Ordinances for 1st Reading

Ordinance 372-2020—an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the Code entitled Fire Department establishing the Office of Fire Police

There are no Ordinances for 2nd Reading

2nd HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT



Resolution offered:	No. 2020-214
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2020-215
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2020-216
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ON-SITE ELEVATOR INSPECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, presently the Department of Community Affairs performs state mandated inspections of elevators in the Township of River Vale in accordance with elevator sub-code pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-12; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has deemed it necessary to award a contract to an on-site elevator inspection services company; and

WHEREAS, by utilizing a private agency the Township gains the opportunity control the inspection process and collect a 40% administration fee of the fees collected by the Township; and,

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2020 Municipal Inspection Corporation submitted a proposal to provide on-site elevator inspection services for the Township of River Vale; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has reviewed the proposal and recommends awarding a contract to Municipal Inspection Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby awards a contract to Municipal Inspection Corporation with offices located at 183 West 4th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey for the provision of on-site elevator inspections services to the Township of River Vale.

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

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LAKE TAPPAN URBAN RENEWAL LLC GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, NEW JERSEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the developer, Lake Tappan Urban Renewal LLC desires to apply for and obtain funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program for an amount not to exceed the maximum amount allowed in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:43-1.1 *et seq.* for the purpose of developing approximately twenty-four (24) units of 100% affordable family rental housing in the Township of River Vale for the Lake Tappan Urban Renewal project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale has determined that the housing project referenced above, will meet all or part of the Township’s low and moderate housing obligation in its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of River Vale does hereby support the application for such funds to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program and acknowledge that the Project is located in an eligible municipality in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:43-1.3(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of River Vale also asks that the developer, Lake Tappan Urban Renewal LLC, as permitted under N.J.A.C. 5:43-1.3(a), to contract only for this project, directly with the Department of Community Affairs.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2020-218
Resolution seconded by:	

**RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX EXEMPT STATUS
DISABLED VETERAN AND AUTHORIZING REFUNDING PROPERTY TAXES PAID**

WHEREAS, Michael J. Lotocki, who resides at and is the owner of 799 Loretta Drive (Block 304, Lot 5) in the Township of River Vale has been deemed a 100% permanently disabled veteran in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30; and,

WHEREAS, Michael J. Lotocki made the appropriate claim for tax exemption through the River Vale Tax Assessor’s Office as a 100% permanently disabled veteran and was approved effective January 16, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lotocki submitted an official letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs with the River Vale Tax Assessor confirming this information; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lotocki is seeking a refund for property taxes paid as follows:

- **2018** \$11,540.32
- **2019** \$12,206.57
- **2020** \$10,097.15
 - Q1 \$3,313.80
 - Q2 \$3,313.79
 - Q3 \$3,469.56

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the property known as 799 Loretta Drive is hereby designated as a tax exempt property as the property owner, Michael J. Lotocki, is a 100% permanently disabled veteran effective January 16, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all property taxes on said property are hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a refund of property taxes paid is hereby granted and the Treasurer is authorized to issue a municipal check payable as follows:

Payable to:

“Michael J. Lotocki”
 799 Loretta Drive
 River Vale, New Jersey 07675

Refund Amount \$ 33, 844.04

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Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE BERGEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (BGPO) BODY WORN CAMERA INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale wishes purchase Body Cameras for the officers of the River Vale Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, due to expenses arising from the construction of a new Police Department and the previous purchase of ALPR cameras; the Township is unable to fund the purchase of (18) Body Worn Cameras for the Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Body Worn Camera Initiative affords municipalities the opportunity to purchase these cameras for their officers; and,

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office urges all law enforcement agencies to participate in this initiative as a measure of protecting their officers from unwarranted claims while assuring the public that the officers are engaging in appropriate conduct.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby authorizes participation in the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Body Worn Camera Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council that the Police Chief is hereby authorized to submit the required application for said Initiative.

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Township of River Vale
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey

ORDINANCE #372-2020

Date of 1 st Reading: October 26, 2020	Motion to Introduce:
Date of Public Hearing:	Motion Seconded:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF FIRE POLICE

Article V **FIRE POLICE**

§ 17-26 Position Established.

There is hereby established within the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department the office of Fire Police.

§ 17-27 Nomination and Confirmation; term of office.

The River Vale Volunteer Fire Department may nominate not more than **[insert desired number]** volunteer members of the Department to serve as fire police. Candidates nominated to said office shall be confirmed by the Township Council and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are nominated and confirmed. Fire police officers shall serve without compensation from the Township.

§ 17-28 Requisites for appointment.

No member of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department shall be appointed to the office of Fire Police unless the person:

- A. Is a volunteer member of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department in good standing;
- B. Is a citizen of the United States;
- C. Will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of appointment;
- C. Is able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently;
- D. Is of good moral character and has not been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude;
- E. Has a valid New Jersey driver's license prior to the date of appointment;
- F. Has successfully passed a physical examination and submitted to a criminal history search as defined in Section **§18-4** of the Code of the Township of River Vale not more than three months prior to said appointment; and
- G. Has successfully completed the "NJ adopted Fire Police Officer instructional program" or an equivalent course approved by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of

Fire Safety, and has passed the associated State exams approved for such instructional program;
and

H. Provides written proof of having been certified by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety, as a fire police officer.

§ 17-29 Oath of Office.

Each individual appointed and qualified as a fire police officer shall, before entering upon the performance of his or her duties, take and subscribe to an oath, administered by the Township Clerk, to faithfully, impartially and justly perform all of the duties of his or her office. The original of the oath shall be filed with the Township Clerk and a copy thereof filed with the Secretary of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department.

§ 17-30 Duties and powers.

The rights, privileges, powers and duties of a fire police officer shall be as follows:

A. The protection of property;

B. The establishment and maintenance of fire lines;

C. The performance of such necessary traffic control duties from the fire station to and at the vicinity of the fire scene, fire drill or other emergency call as the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department may respond to, until the arrival of a duly authorized police officer, or any public event where Fire Police services may be requested to protect the public, subject to the approval of and supervision by the chief law enforcement officer of the Township;

D. The investigation of all causes of fires and preservation of all evidence pertaining to fires of questionable origins, in the absence of investigating authorities; and

E. The wearing and exhibition of an authorized Fire Police badge on the left breast of the outermost garment while on duty and acting in the capacity of a fire police officer.

Nothing herein shall confer on a fire police officer the right to arrest or detain any person.

§ 17-31 Supervision.

The performance of the duties of a fire police officer shall be under the supervision of the Fire Commissioner or the highest ranking fire officer in charge of the fire scene or fire drill, until the arrival of a duly authorized police officer, who shall assume responsibility for the supervision of traffic duties, preservation of evidence and all other law enforcement duties. Nothing in this article shall diminish the powers of the Commissioner or other superior officer(s) of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department in the exercise of his or her duties or confer on a fire police officer the right to supersede a duly authorized police officer.

§ 17-32 Bylaws and standard operating procedures.

The River Vale Volunteer Fire Department shall amend the Department's bylaws and standard operating procedures to provide for the establishment of the position of fire police officer and for the process of nomination to said position.

§ 17-33 Violations and penalties.

A. The refusal to obey a direction or command given by a fire police officer in the performance of his or her duties shall be considered a violation of this article;

B. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this article shall be subject to such penalties as are provided for in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I, § 1-14 of the Code of the Township of River Vale, except that nothing herein shall confer on a fire police officer the right to arrest or detain any person.

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

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