

MINUTES
Reorganization Meeting
Town Hall Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
6:30pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Township Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

SALUTE TO FLAG

The Township Clerk asked all in attendance to rise and join her 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 2023 ELECTED OFFICIALS

Judge E. Michael Garrett swore in Mark Bromberg as the Township's new Mayor, Denise Sieg as a Councilwoman and James Tolomeo as the Township's new Councilman.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Township Clerk asked the Council for a Nomination for Council President for 2023.

Motion by Councilman Sieg, seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to nominate Councilman Paul Criscuolo as Council President.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Tolomeo, Councilman Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan and Councilwoman Sieg voted yes. Councilman Criscuolo abstained.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Criscuolo asked for nomination for Council Vice President.

Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilman Ben-Yishay to nominate Councilwoman Denise Sieg as Council Vice President.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Councilman President Criscuolo requested a Roll Call of the Township Council.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Tolomeo, Councilman Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Criscuolo were present.

ALSO PRESENT:

Township Attorney, Michael Caulfield, Business Administrator/CFO, Gennaro Rotella,

Township Clerk, Karen Campanelli, and Township Engineer Chris Statile.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bromberg thanked the residents of River Vale for entrusting him with the honor of this elected office. His family has enjoyed living in River Vale for over 27 years and have come to greatly appreciate the Town services. First and foremost, providing peace and security, we have a good pool of volunteers for our Fire, Ambulance and CERT teams and we will continue to develop this pool. Our Police Department is second to none and we have amassed a group of polished professionals who balance the art of community policing while deterring serious criminal activity. Our Department of Public Works has masterfully organized managing our infrastructure so well, that we are the lead in a Shared Services arrangement with a neighboring Town. We expect to continue this arrangement as long as it is financially beneficial to our residents.

He continued that many Government offices can be intimidating to walk into, but our Townhall is staffed with the most friendly, knowledgeable professionals. Their goal is to serve the public and help residents navigate through necessary guidelines. The Township will also continue to preserve Open Space and provide our residents with recreational opportunities exemplified by our new Pickleball Courts.

Mayor Bromberg congratulated Councilwoman Denise Sieg on being elected to a fifth term to the Town Council. Councilwoman Sieg offers valued insight and perspective that make certain no options are overlooked.

He next congratulated the newest member of the team, James Tolomeo. Jim has an extensive record of serving River Vale on numerous Boards and we are grateful that he will be bringing his deliberative talents to the dais.

Mayor Bromberg congratulated Council President Paul Criscuolo on being chosen by his peers and Councilwoman Denise Sieg as Council Vice President.

The Mayor wished all best wishes for a happy and healthy 2023.

Council Comments

Councilman Tolomeo announced that he is thrilled to be here and thanked everyone for always supporting him. He added that he has lived in River Vale for 25 years and spent 18 of those years volunteering in Town. Councilman Tolomeo thanked his wife, kids, everyone on the dais and the Town Hall staff for their support.

Councilman Ben-Yishay commented that he is ecstatic to have Jim sitting to his right.

Councilman Donovan congratulated and welcomed Jim. He also congratulated Denise and is glad they have her back. Councilman Donovan added that Denise has always been a source of inspiration and guidance for him. He also congratulated Mark, adding that he is certain he will carry the torch that has been handed to him and do it justice.

Council Vice President Sieg welcomed Jim adding that he always seems to impress and put the Town first. She also had the pleasure of working with Jim on the Library Board. His guidance, love and passion for the Library will most definitely continue to be a great help.

Councilwoman Sieg agreed that it's not about politics but rather what's right for the Township, this is why she loves serving the Township.

She also couldn't be prouder of Mark, adding that she is so proud to be sitting on the dais.

Council President Criscuolo is looking forward to working with Denise, and he greatly appreciates that she is always frank, direct and honest. He also is looking forward to working with Mark, in a different capacity, and he has no doubt that he will be phenomenal.

Council President Criscuolo welcomed Jim, and he is very excited about having him on the dais.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg, seconded by Councilman Donovan to open the meeting to the public.

There being no questions or comments from the public motion by Councilwoman Sieg, seconded by Councilman Donovan to close the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Tolomeo; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolutions #2023-01 through #2023-55 as a Consent Agenda, as follows:

Resolution #2023-01

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2023 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 23 Regular Meeting

July 10 Regular Meeting

February 13 Regular Meeting

July 24 Regular Meeting

February 27 Regular Meeting

August 14 Regular Meeting

March 13 Regular Meeting

August 28 Regular Meeting

March 27 Regular Meeting

September 11 Regular Meeting

April 10 Regular Meeting

October 10 Regular Meeting (Tuesday)

April 24 Regular Meeting

October 23 Regular Meeting

May 8 Regular Meeting

November 13 Regular Meeting

May 22 Regular Meeting

November 27 Regular Meeting

June 12 Regular Meeting

December 11 Regular Meeting

June 26 Regular Meeting

Resolution #2023-02

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING 2023 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 for the Township of River Vale:

- **The Record**
- **The Ridgewood News**

Resolution #2023-03

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 #2023-04

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 #2023-05

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PENALTY INTEREST RATES
FOR DELINQUENT TAXES**

WHEREAS *N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 et seq.*, permits the governing body to fix that rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of River Vale that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes shall be eight percent (8%) per annum on the first One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars of delinquency and 18 percent per annum on any amount in excess of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made on or before the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and,

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the interest provided above, on all delinquencies in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars and which are not paid prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Tax Collector shall also collect a penalty of six (6) percent of the amount of the delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

Resolution #2023-06

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.01* provides that a municipality may authorize the processing of tax refunds of less than ten (\$10.00) dollars and the cancellation of tax delinquencies of less than ten (\$10.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process, without any further action on the part of the Governing Body, any property tax refund of less than (\$10.00) dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process, without further action on the part of the Governing Body, the cancellation of any property tax delinquency of less than (\$10.00) dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certified Copy of this Resolution be provided the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution #2023-07

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 following accounts:

**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:

- **TD BANK**
- **VALLEY 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, 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 is thereto affixed.

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

Resolution #2023-08

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE GOLF COURSE UTILITY ACCOUNTS

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

- **UTILITY CURRENT ACCOUNT**
- **UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

for the Township of River Vale shall be as follows:

- **VALLEY BANK**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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, 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 is thereto affixed.

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

Resolution #2023-09

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 depository for all the Payroll Funds for the Township of River Vale and the Custodian shall be the Township Treasurer.

VALLEY BANK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements shall be made by checks signed by the Treasurer as the 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 #2023-10

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY FOR THE TOWNSHIP
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the following shall be the depository for the Township Money Market Accounts.

**Santander Bank, N.A.
830 Morris Turnpike, 4th Floor
Short Hills, NJ 07078**

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

Resolution #2023-11

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 2022 tax roll.

Resolution #2023-12

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 Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make said investments in any designated depository bank located in the State of New Jersey.

Resolution #2023-13

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 Valley 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Kelly Lombardi	Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector
Ada Vassallo	Tax Collector
Karen Campanelli	Township Clerk

NOW THEREFORE 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: Valley Bank, 370 Pascack Road, Washington Township, New Jersey 07676 Attention: Manager, Funds Transfer Department.

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 affect the foregoing resolutions.

Resolution #2023-14

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 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 #2023-15

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 2023 for the Town Hall in the amount of \$ 300.00 and the custodian of said fund shall be the Treasurer.

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

Resolution #2023-16

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHANGE FUND FOR TOWN 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 Town Hall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said fund shall be administered by the Treasurer.

Resolution #2023-17

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said fund is to shall be administered by the Municipal Court Administrator and Deputy Court Administrator.

Resolution #2023-18

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 Department of Public Works in the amount of \$ 200.00 and the custodian of said fund shall be the Superintendent of Public Works.

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

Resolution #2023-19

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 River Vale Police Department in the amount of \$ 300.00 and the custodian of said fund shall be the 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 #2023-20

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2023 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 budget year and the adoption of the final budget (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19); and,

WHEREAS, the total amount of appropriations cannot exceed twenty-six and one quarter percent (26.25%) of the total budget appropriations of the Township of River Vale for 2022 exclusive of any appropriations made for debt services, capital improvements and interlocal agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary budget for the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, for the year 2023 be adopted by the Council of the Township of River Vale in the amount of \$3,348,773.00 for operations, \$170,857.00 for debt service, \$884,000.00 for Pascack Valley DPW Interlocal, \$64,661.00 for interlocal agreements and \$25,000 for capital improvements.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u>	<u>SALARY & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSE</u>
General Administration	\$ 42,250.00	\$ 28,000.00
Mayor & Council	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 200.00
Township Clerk	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 7,100.00
Financial Administration	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
Audit Services	\$	\$ 2,000.00
Tax Revenue Administration	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
Tax Assessment	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,200.00
Department of Law	\$ 810.00	\$ 28,750.00
Engineering Services	\$	\$ 26,625.00
Planning Board	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 2,875.00
Uniform Construction Code	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance – Liabilities		\$ 130,000.00
Insurance – Health		\$ 250,000.00
Insurance – Dental		\$ 15,000.00
Insurance – Misc.		\$ 25,000.00
Insurance – Unemployment		\$ 6,000.00

<u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u>	<u>SALARY & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSE</u>
DCRP		\$ 3,500.00
Police Department	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Office of Emergency Management	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 650.00
Fire Department		\$ 10,000.00
Fire Prevention Bureau	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 46,500.00
Director's Office DPW		\$ 2,000.00
Public Works Department	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance/Garage	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Recycling	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 50,000.00
Buildings & Grounds		\$ 90,000.00
Prosecutor's Office	\$ 3,000.00	
Recreation	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dept of Social and Cultural Affairs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Library Contribution		\$ 182,362.00
Utilities		\$ 43,750.00
Street Lights		\$ 13,750.00
Telephone Charges		\$ 21,250.00
Gasoline		\$ 60,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal		\$ 300,000.00
Statutory Expenses – F.I.C.A.		\$ 105,000.00
Municipal Court	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 3,550.00
Public Defender		\$ 1,100.00
Health Services		\$ 17,000.00
Social Services		\$ 1.00
	\$1,481,410.00	\$1,867,363.00

Pascack Valley DPW Interlocal:

Director's Office DPW	\$ 58,500.00	
Public Works Department	\$ 300,000.00	
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 50,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance/Garage	\$ 50,000.00	
<u>Insurance-Health</u>		<u>\$ 425,500.00</u>
	\$ 458,500.00	\$ 425,500.00

Interlocal Agreements:

Teterboro Tax Collection	\$ 1,275.00	
Hillsdale Tax Collection	\$ 2,550.00	
Harrington Park Court	\$ 1,301.00	
Northwest Bergen Dispatch	\$ 59,535.00	
	\$ 64,661.00	

Debt Services:

Interest on Bonds **\$ 170,857.00**

Capital Improvements:

\$ 25,000.00

Resolution #2023-21

RESOLUTION
(GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING)

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2023 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body that the following temporary appropriations be made, and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

Other Expenses	\$ 1,116,754.00
Total	\$ 1,116,754.00

Resolution #2023-22

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of Schepisi & McLaughlin, P.A., 473 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Schepisi & McLaughlin, P.A.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Silvana D. Raso of the firm Schepisi & McLaughlin, P.A. is hereby appointed as the Township Attorney for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-23

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP AUDITOR

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Township Auditor; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of Lerch, Vince & Bliss, LLP, 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the firm Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP is hereby appointed as the Township Auditor for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-24

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A., 3 Fir Court, Oakland, New Jersey 07436 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Christopher P. Statile, P.A. is hereby appointed as the Township Engineer for a term of one (1) year expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-25

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGER

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Risk Manager; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of Eifert, French & Company, 86 County Road, Tenafly, New Jersey 07670 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Eifert, French & Company.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the firm Eifert, French & Company is hereby appointed as the Township Risk Managers for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-26

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PLANNER

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Township Planner; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A., 3 Fir Court, Oakland, New Jersey 07436 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Christopher P. Statile, P.A. is hereby appointed as the Township Planner for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-27

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole & Giblin, LLP, 61 South Paramus Road, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-28

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP
TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Tax Appeal Attorney; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, 61 South Paramus Road, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP is hereby appointed as the Township Tax Appeal Attorneys for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-29

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT CONSULTANT**

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Information Technology Support Consultant; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of DART Computer Services, Inc., 600 Kennedy Court, River Vale, New Jersey 07675 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to DART Computer Services, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the firm of DART Computer Services, Inc. is hereby appointed to provide Information Technology Support Services for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-30

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THE COAH PLANNER

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of COAH Planner; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of H2M Architects & Engineers, 119 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 110, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to H2M Architects & Engineers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that firm H2M Architects & Engineers is hereby appointed as COAH Planner for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-31

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Township Architect; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of Settembrino Architects, 37 East Washington Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Settembrino Architects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Settembrino Architects is hereby appointed as Township Architect for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-32

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGENT

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Affordable Housing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Administrative Agent shall provide affordability control services for the planning and development of affordable housing units constructed in the Township of River in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of Triad Associates, 1301 W. Forest Grove Road, Vineland, New Jersey has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Triad Associates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Triad Associates is hereby appointed as Township Affordable Housing Agent for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-33

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT FOR APPEAL & ASSESSMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the provision of Appeal and Assessment Services; and

WHEREAS, the one proposal received from the firm Associated Appraisal Group, Inc., 6 Commerce Drive, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Associated Appraisal Group.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that firm Associated Appraisal Group is hereby appointed to provide Appeal and Assessments Services for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-34

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Environmental Consultant; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from the firm of VFS Environmental, Inc., 37 Buffalo Run, East Brunswick, New Jersey has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to VFS Environmental Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that VFS Environmental, Inc. is hereby appointed as Township Environmental Consultant for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-35

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, the Township received proposals for Professional Services Contract Positions through a “Fair and Open Process” as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 for awarding 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award a Professional Services Contract for the position of Municipal Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, one proposal received from Joseph Appello, Esq., 1445 Union Turnpike, North Bergen, New Jersey has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the Township of River Vale to award a contract to Joseph Appello, Esq.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Joseph Appello, Esq., is hereby appointed as the Municipal Public Defender for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-36

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF THE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointment of Gennaro Rotella as Business Administrator is hereby confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of the Business Administrator shall run concurrent with the Mayor's term and expire on December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said contact shall have an effective date commencing on January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the employment contract of the Business Administrator.

Resolution #2023-37

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the appointment of the Fire Prevention Officer is hereby confirmed for the year 2023:

**David Haenelt
Fire Prevention Officer**

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

Resolution #2023-38

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointments of the following individuals to the Office of Emergency Management are hereby confirmed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
John Guglielmotti	OEM Coordinator
Sean Scheidle	Deputy OEM Coordinator
Linda Wayne	Deputy OEM Coordinator
Peter Wayne	Deputy OEM Coordinator
Bill Peters	Deputy OEM Coordinator

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OEM members' terms are for three (3) years effective January 1, 2023 and expire December 31, 2025.

Resolution #2023-39

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE TO SUPPORT AND
ENDORSE THE FILING OF RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZE AND
DESIGNATE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SUBMIT SUCH GRANT
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Township of River Vale to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Township of River Vale that River Vale hereby supports and endorses the submission of the annual recycling tonnage grant application for 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto, to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township hereby designates Richard Campanelli as the Recycling Coordinator for the year 2023 to ensure that said application is properly filed.

Resolution #2023-40

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE 2023 APPOINTMENT OF FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE BERGEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the appointment of Gennaro Rotella to serve as the Fund Commissioner to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a term of one (1) year ending December 31, 2023, is hereby confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ada Vassallo is hereby designated as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund representing the Township of River Vale for the term ending December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Resolution #2023-41

RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Councilwoman Denise Sieg is hereby appointed as the Council Representative to the River Vale Library Board for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Certified Copy of this resolution be forwarded to the River Vale Library Board of Trustees.

Resolution #2023-42

RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Councilman John Donovan is hereby appointed as the Council Representative to the Joint Planning Board as a Class III member for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Certified Copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Joint Planning Board.

Resolution #2023-43

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO
JOINT PLANNING BOARD**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointments of following individuals to the Joint Planning Board and their corresponding terms are hereby confirmed.

- Delix Alex: Class IV (four-year term exp. 12/31/2026)
- Demetria Bogosian: Class IV (four-year term exp. 12/31/2026)
- Anthony LaSpada: Alt. 1 (two-year term exp. 12/31/2024)
- Peter Wayne: Class II (one-year term exp. 12/31/2023)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Certified Copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Joint Planning Board.

Resolution #2023-44

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointment of following individuals to the Library Board of Trustees and their corresponding terms are hereby confirmed.

- Colleen Allmers: Trustee (five-year term exp. 12/31/2027)
- Marsha Shapiro: Trustee (unexpired term 12/31/2024)
- James Tolomeo: Mayor's Designee (one-year term exp. 12/31/2023)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Certified Copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Library Board of Trustees.

Resolution #2023-45

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.)**

WHEREAS, all local government units are required to implement Affirmative Action Rules pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 17:27 et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Affirmative Action rules, each unit is to designate a person to serve as a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) and implement the legal requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity Monitoring Program.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Gennaro Rotella as the Public Agency Compliance Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Gennaro Rotella is hereby appointed at the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of River Vale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of the Public Agency Compliance Officer shall be for one (1) year ending December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Department of the Treasury.

Resolution #2023-46

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and County LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the Governing Body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the River Vale Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating in December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the River Vale Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars and any other supplies or equipment of non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the River Vale Police Department without restriction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the River Vale Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "DEMIL B through Q" controlled 3-page property list in its entirety is hereby approved and hereto attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the River Vale Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the River Vale Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A" property and "DEMIL B through Q"

property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-47

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUTUAL AID
PASCACK VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENTS (2023)**

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale recognizes the necessity for sharing of emergency services, aka mutual aid, to communities or districts inside and outside of the presently established Pascack Valley and Tri-Boro Mutual Aid groups, for the purpose of providing of personnel and fire rescue equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale's Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designated representative will be making decisions to provide mutual aid to area communities with brief notice; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale's Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designated representative will insure that arrangements are made, prior to providing such mutual aid to other communities, for appropriate emergency protection for the Township of River Vale and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale understands that the community or region requiring mutual aid may not be adjacent to or part of the existing Pascack Valley or Tri-Boro Mutual Aid groups already established in the Pascack Valley or Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, Worker's Compensation will be provided by the Township of River Vale (employer), General Liability is assumed by the recipient of the service and Automobile Liability/Physical Damage and Property Insurance stays with the owner of the property (Township of River Vale).

NOW, THEREROFRE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale that it authorizes the Township of River Vale's Fire Chief and or the Fire Chief's designated representative to provide mutual aid services to any community or district the Fire Chief or his designated representative deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of River Vale will provide its insurance carriers and its insurance agents with copies of this resolution to insure that insurance coverage, in the same manner as provided on an everyday basis, is provided to the Township of River Vale and its representatives during the time period mutual aid is provided to another community or district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governing Body of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Old Tappan, Park Ridge, Township of Washington, Westwood, Woodcliff Lake and the River Vale Fire Department.

Resolution #2023-48

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE FOR THE USE OF THE INDOOR PISTOL RANGE**

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2015, the Township of River Vale entered into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Hillsdale permitting the River Vale Police Department the use of the Hillsdale's Indoor Police Pistol Range pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 *et seq.* the Interlocal Services Act; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement if mutually agreed upon said contract may be renewed for an additional year from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 at the new annual rate of \$ 2,664.50; and,

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to extend this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the above-mentioned agreement is hereby extended for an additional year for the amount stated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Interlocal Local Services Agreement with the Borough of Hillsdale.

Resolution #2023-49

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER FOR POLICE FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY (2023)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq., known as the “Interlocal Services Act,” authorizes Interlocal Services Agreements between public entities to share services; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to renew the Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Closter for the continued use of the Closter Firing Range for members of the River Vale Police Department; and

WHEREAS, said Shared Services Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney and is on file in the Township Clerk’s office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Closter for the use of the Police Firing Range for a period commencing January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Resolution #2023-50

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE BERGEN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES (2023 - 2026)

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale wishes to contract for the furnishing of Animal Control and sheltering services provided by the Bergen County Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 *et seq.*) promotes the broad use of shared services to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Department of Health Services shall provide the Township of River Vale with duly licensed personnel to carry out the public health activities; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of this contract are on file in the Clerk’s office; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Department of Health Services shall provide services for (4) years from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Public Health Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for the provision of Animal Control Services.

Resolution #2023-51

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION (2023-2025)

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:52-1 *et seq.* the Township of River Vale is required to provide health services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2022, the Township received a proposal from Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission for the provision of health services of a technical and professional nature at the annual price of

- **2023 - \$ 30,319.20**
- **2024 - \$ 30,925.20**
- **2025 - \$ 31,543.68**

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement shall be for (3) three years beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of this agreement have been reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Public Health Services agreement with Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission.

Resolution #2023-52

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE 2023 CONTRACT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale will be offering Child Health Conference Services to several towns in the area; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Health in conjunction with the Hillsdale Borough of Health wishes to promote CHC activities and provide eligible River Vale residents their services in order to maximize the use of the program; and

WHEREAS, the agreed upon fee of \$35.00 per each visit for River Vale residents meeting economic guidelines shall be established; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vales agrees to pay the Borough of Hillsdale an annual fee of \$250.00 to cover administrative costs of the program; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract shall be from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Hillsdale Board of Health Contract for the 2023 Child Health Conference Services.

Resolution #2023-53

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK (CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR)

WHEREAS, the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. authorizes public entities to enter into a contract with each other to share services which the entities are empowered to provide or receive within their own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act promotes the broad use of shared services as a method to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park currently has a need for a Municipal Court Administrator within their municipality; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a shared services agreement whereby Katherine Viger the Certified Municipal Court Administrator for the Township of River Vale shall serve in this capacity for the Borough of Harrington Park pursuant to the Interlocal Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of this agreement have been reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Interlocal Services Agreement shall be for three years effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Harrington Park.

Resolution #2023-54

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF 2023 LOCAL RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (MARK LANE LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$50,000 to carry out a project to provide enhanced lighting at the Mark Lane Athletic Complex.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1) That the Township of River Vale does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of River Vale and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Township Administrator or his/her designee is authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

Resolution #2023-55

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COUNCIL BY-LAWS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the By Laws of the Township Council as amended, are hereby adopted for the year 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Tolomeo, Councilman Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Criscuolo voted yes.

There were no Ordinances for 1st Reading

2ND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay, seconded by Councilman Donovan to open the meeting to the public.

There being no questions or comments from the public motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay, seconded by Councilman Donovan to close the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Donovan; seconded by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm.

Council President
Paul Criscuolo

ATTEST: Karen Campanelli
Township Clerk

