

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022
Council Chambers 7:30pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Council President Bromberg asked all in attendance to join him in a Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

Council President Bromberg read the Sunshine Statement into the record, as follows:

"In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially appointed Township newspapers and notice is posted at the Municipal Office."

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Township Engineer Christopher Statile and Township Clerk Karen Campanelli.

Council Comments

Councilmen Ben-Yishay and Donovan had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg reported that she, Rich Campanelli and Gennaro meet with Montvale to discuss the shared Services Agreement. She commented that the meeting was very positive and they have a wonderful working relationship. Councilwoman Sieg added that Montvale has the utmost of respect for Rich and their residents are happy with the agreement in place.

Councilman Criscuolo had no comments this evening.

Council President Bromberg had no comments this evening.

Council Discussion: River Vale Public School Construction Project

Kelly Ippolito, Business Administrator River Vale Public Schools/Bill Morris, Epic Management

Council President Bromberg introduced Kelly Ippolito, the Business Administrator for the River Vale Public Schools and Bill Morris from Epic Management, the Construction Management Company overseeing the construction at the schools. Council President Bromberg explained that there were questions with regard to one of the resolutions they were asked to consider; which would suspend the Noise Ordinance for the school construction project. He stated that he understands this is a comprehensive project; benefiting the entire school system. The work needs to be coordinated while the students are in school and undertaken without disrupting the students. Council President Bromberg wants to make certain they know what's going on, what noise can be expected and that most on the work is going to be internal projects.

Councilman Donovan noted that the resolution is now more specific to 159-4; and not just an exemption from the noise ordinance as the hours of operation. He stated that he's a contractor as well and wanted to be sure that their request is to work a 2nd or 3rd shift after hours or is there an anticipation that they are going to be using generators and lights enabling them to work through the night on the exterior of the building. He explained that his concerns were that he didn't want them to give a blanket waiver of the only ordinance that gives the residents in the area protection. Councilman Donovan appreciates Kelly and Bill coming to their meeting to explain what they are hoping to accomplish.

Kelly Ippolito thanked everyone for allowing them to attend this evenings meeting. She stated that the project has been complicated. She explained that due to the pandemic and delays with the referendum; which passed in April, they knew they wanted to start working immediately. Ms. Ippolito explained that when they were preparing the milestone schedule; they realized that Roberge is the hardest hit for this particular summer. She added that they realized they would not get all the work completed during the summer. Therefore, they designed a plan where they have four (4) interior classrooms; they are planning on gutting eight (8) bathrooms. The contractor would start the work during Spring Break and work regular hours and all the demo would be done during this particular time. Ms. Ippolito explained that from April to June the contractor would work a 2nd shift to install lights, ceilings, and cabinets and go back to regular hours in June. She further explained that they've extended the school calendar for the summer to enable them to get as much work done as possible. In September, school starts on the 12th and the work would go back to a 2nd shift; with work starting on the Music Room, Media Center and more classrooms. Ms. Ippolito reported that the milestone completion date for Roberge is November 6th.

Ms. Ippolito next reviewed the work at Holdrum which is all exterior and includes the addition which will all be done during regular hours. She further explained that the roofing work at Woodside will start in June when the kids are out of school and the following summer they will be doing the majority of the work in the classrooms. Ms. Ippolito has told the contractor that they are expected to be good neighbors which was also written in the project specifications. Mr. Morris added that the contractor will not be working unsupervised; there will be a manager onsite to ensure the project goes well.

Councilman Donovan really appreciates the opportunity to have this discussion so he could make sure he understood what the expectations are and to have the ability to work past 6:00pm.

Ms. Ippolito added if the Council has any questions to please feel free to reach out to her.

Council President Bromberg thanked Kelly and Mr. Morris for coming in this evening.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile reported the Bridge repair project and the Country Club is complete and DLS Construction the Road Program contractor from last year is working on the new exit ramp at the golf course. Also, at the Country Club this week, the contractor will be taking soil borings as part of the Driving Range Netting Confinement project.

He next reported that SUEZ continues doing road work and house connections. Mr. Statile hopes the work is finished by the end of March and the roads can be paved later this summer. He is meeting with Rich Campanelli next week to review the roads for this year's Road Program. Mr. Statile estimated \$1 million in road work this year. He added that PSEG will be doing some gas service work on Golf Court which will be followed up with paving this year as well.

Mr. Statile reported that the Open Space Grant applications are due April 8th. He will be submitted an application for the updating of the Mark Lane sports lighting to LED fixtures. The EMS Park Improvements project to replace the pavers will be re-advertised. Mr. Statile concluded that they just finished up the plans for the Pickleball Courts at Mark Lane; there will be (2) new courts. This project is funded by (2) grants; one from the State and one from the County totaling \$190,000.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

There being no questions or comments from the public. Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilwoman Sieg close the hearing of the public.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2022-89 as follows:

Resolution #2022-89

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Donovan to approve Resolution #2022-90 as follows:

Resolution #2022-90

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES FEBRUARY 28, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Donovan to approve Resolutions #2022-91 through #2022-97 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2022-91

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER P. STATILE, P.A FOR THE RIVER VALE COUNTRY CLUB DRIVING RANGE CONFINEMENT NETTING PROJECT

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2022 the Township Engineer, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. submitted a proposal for the preparation of bid specifications and the provision of full time inspection and monitoring services of the River Vale Country Club Driving Range Confinement Netting project as follows;

- **Project Design and Construction Monitoring Services: \$15,400.00**
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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the Golf Capital Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that not to exceed limitations are hereby approved and established in the amount of \$15,400 for the engineering firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

Resolution #2022-92

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER P. STATILE, P.A FOR THE EMS PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (2020 OPEN SPACE PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2022 the Township Engineer, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. submitted a proposal for the preparation of bid specifications and the provision of full time inspection and monitoring services of the EMS Park Improvements project as follows;

- **Project Design and Construction Monitoring Services: \$4,700.00**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the General Capital Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that not to exceed limitations are hereby approved and established in the amount of \$ 4,700 for the engineering firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

Resolution #2022-93

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER P. STATILE, P.A FOR THE PICKLE BALL COURTS PROJECT (MARK LANE RECREATION COMPLEX 2021 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE)

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2022 the Township Engineer, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. submitted a proposal for the preparation of bid specifications and the provision of full time inspection and monitoring services of the Pickle Ball Courts project as follows;

- **Project Design and Construction Monitoring Services: \$ 15,400.00**
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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the General Capital Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that not to exceed limitations are hereby approved and established in the amount of \$ 15,400 for the engineering firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

Resolution #2022-94

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER P. STATILE, P.A FOR THE RIVER VALE COUNTRY CLUB BARRIER-FREE PARKING AND PARKING LOT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS (CDBG)

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2022 the Township Engineer, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. submitted a proposal for the preparation of bid specifications and the provision of full time inspection and monitoring services of the River Vale Country Club Barrier-Free Parking and Parking Lot Access Improvements project as follows;

- **Project Design and Construction Monitoring Services: \$ 7,850.00**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the Golf Capital Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that not to exceed limitations are hereby approved and established in the amount of \$ 7,850.00 for the engineering firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

Resolution #2022-95

**RESOLUTION CANCELLING UNUSED BALANCES OF NOT-TO-EXCEED FUNDS
FOR THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator/CFO wished to cancel the unused balances of not-to-exceed funds allocated to the Township Engineer for two projects; and,

WHEREAS, the projects and unused balances are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Unused NTE Balance</u>	<u>Resolution#</u>
2020 Bunker Reconstruction	\$ 4,889.65	Res. 2020-205
2020 Miniature Golf Course	\$ 61,975.00	Res. 2020-207

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the above referenced balances are hereby cancelled.

Resolution #2022-96

RESOLUTION 2022 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments to be made prior to final adoption of the 2022 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time provided; and,

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

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>SALARY & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSE</u>
Insurance – Health		\$ 6,875.00
Public Works Department	\$ 20,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance/Garage	\$ 30,000.00	
<u>Flow Charge</u>		<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 86,875.00

Resolution #2022-97

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF CHAPTER 159 OF THE CODE ENTITLED “NOISE” ARTICLE II “COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES” SECTION 4 “HOURS OF OPERATION” FOR THE RIVER VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Chapter 159-4 of the Township Code regulates the hours of operation for commercial construction activities in all residential and commercial zones in the Township of River Vale; and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator for the River Vale Public Schools has requested that the noise regulations for commercial construction activities for the Township be waived during the local public school construction projects, so as to facilitate the completion of the project and limit any disruption to the students and teachers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby waives the regulations of Chapter 159-4 of the Township Code; the hours of operation for commercial construction activities, for the duration of the River Vale Public School construction project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ordinances for 1st Reading

Motion to Introduce: Councilman Criscuolo

Second: Councilman Ben-Yishay

ORDINANCE #394-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 105 ARTICLE III OF THE CODE ENTITLED “TOWNSHIP FEE SCHEDULE” SECTION B “RECREATION” CAMP FEES

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

§ 105-5. Fee Schedules.

B. Recreation:

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Fee (per camper)</u>
Camp Have Some Fun	
Monday to Friday	\$395 \$415
Monday, Wednesday and Friday only	\$355 \$370
Tuesday and Thursday only	\$310 \$325
Kindergarten Camp	\$290 \$315
Safety Town	\$95 \$115

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

There were no ordinances for 2nd Reading.

2nd Hearing of the Public

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

There being no questions or comments from the public. Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Donovan to close the hearing of the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Council President Bromberg

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

