

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2023
Council Chambers 7:30pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

SALUTE TO FLAG

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

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

Council President Criscuolo 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, and Council President Criscuolo were present. Councilmembers Sieg and Tolomeo were absent.

Also present: Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Township Engineer Chris Statile, and Township Clerk Karen Campanelli.

Council Comments

Councilman Ben-Yishay had no comments this evening.

Councilman Donovan reported that he had the privilege of presenting an award on behalf of the Mayor and Council to Eagle Scout Alex Falkoff. He added that it was an honor to attend this event.

Council President Criscuolo had no comments.

Mayor Bromberg arrived at 7:33pm.

Township Engineer Report

Mr. Statile reported that the poles are up for the Driving Range Confinement Netting project and currently the contractor is fabricating the netting, which will hopefully go up soon. He next reported that the Council will be awarding the Road Program contract tonight to DLS Contracting for \$1.2 million. Included in this project will be the paving of the PSE&G trench work and DOT grant work. Mr. Statile added that the project has a 60-day construction schedule.

He next reported that they are advertising the bid for the New Public Safety Complex, the bid receipt date is in a few weeks and contract award by July 24th. The plan is to have the building substantially y completed by October 2024.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bromberg reported and the letter from the credit agency, issuing the Township a AA credit rating. The Mayor reviewed several highlights from the letter. Overall, the report was very impressive, and the Township is in a strong financial position. The Mayor thanked everyone on the dais and the administration on this achievement.

1st Hearing of the Public

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilman Donovan to open the meeting to the public.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Criscuolo tabled Resolution #2023-162 –Resolution Approving Minutes June 12, 2023 Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Donovan second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to approve Resolution #2023-161 as follows:

Resolution #2023-161

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES MAY 22, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the May 22, 2023, Council meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Councilwoman Sieg arrived at 7:39pm.

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay second by Councilman Donovan to approve Resolutions #2023-163 through #2023-169 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2023-163

RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 TERM

WHEREAS, the following liquor license holders have submitted their renewal application through the POSSE ABC portal and paid the required fee as directed by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, the following liquor license holders have paid the municipal fee and a Tax Clearance Certificates have been received; and

WHEREAS, the applicants are qualified to be licensed per the standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, and pertinent Township Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby authorizes the renewal of the following liquor licenses for the July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, term.

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue liquor licenses as follows:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

#0253-33-002-007	DAYAWATI LLC (The Gathering)	\$2,000.00
	123 Van Riper Lane	
	Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677	

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE

#0253-44-008-007	RVK NJ1 LLC (Liquorland)	\$ 1,500.00
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209 Rivervale Road
River Vale, NJ 07675

Resolution #2023-164

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.

M & T Bank

632 Westwood Avenue

River Vale, NJ 07675

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 #2023-165

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH LAKE TAPPAN URBAN RENEWAL, LLC (BLOCK 701, LOT 8.02)

WHEREAS, the Developer, Lake Tappan Urban Renewal, LLC, is the contract purchaser of property owned by the Township of River Vale and shown on the Tax Map of the Township of River Vale as Block 701, Lot 8.02; and,

WHEREAS, the Developer plans to construct a 100% affordable housing development in accordance with the Settlement Agreement entered into between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center under Docket No.: BER-L-677-15; and,

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement, dated September 8, 2017, proposes 24 Affordable Housing units on the property to be deed restricted in accordance with law for a minimum of thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Board approved the proposed subdivision and site plan by Resolution on August 31, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Developers Agreement with Lake Tappan Urban Renewal, LLC for the construction of a 100% affordable housing development located at Block 701, Lot 8.02.

Resolution #2023-166

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LAKE TAPPAN URBAN RENEWAL, LLC (BLOCK 701, LOT 8.02)

WHEREAS, the Developer, Lake Tappan Urban Renewal, LLC, is the contract purchaser of property owned by the Township of River Vale and shown on the Tax Map of the Township of River Vale as Block 701, Lot 8.02; and

WHEREAS, the Developer plans to construct a 100% affordable housing development in accordance with the Settlement Agreement entered into between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center under Docket No.: BER-L-677-15; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement, dated September 8, 2017, proposes 24 Affordable Housing units on the property to be deed restricted in accordance with law for a minimum of thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Developer applied for and the Township has granted Developer a Long-Term Tax Exemption pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-8; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Settlement Agreement, the Township has committed to convey title to the

Property to the Developer and grant the sum of \$500,000.00 (the "Grant") toward the construction of the Project, which conveyance and Grant is material to the Developer's agreement to construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, this Disbursement Agreement is entered into by the Township and the Developer to govern the terms and conditions of the release and disbursement of the Grant by the Township to the Developer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Disbursement Agreement with Lake Tappan Urban Renewal, LLC.

Resolution #2023-167

REFUND

(Farmers Market Vendor Registration Fee)

WHEREAS, the following vendor signed up as a part-time vendor and paid the registration fee for the 2023 Farmers Market; and

WHEREAS, the vendor is requesting a refund of their registration fee; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified the availability of funds in the Recreation Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that said refund is approved and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a municipal check payable as follows:

Payable to:

"Annalise Alboum"

63 4th Street

Park Ridge, NJ 07656

Refund Amount: \$ 155.00

Resolution #2023-168

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR THE
2023 ROAD RESURFACING &
NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2023, the Township received bids for the 2023 Road Resurfacing and NJDOT Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, one bid received from DLS Contracting Inc., 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest responsible bidder at the price of

Base Bid: \$ 1,240,970.50

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 1,240,970.50 in the Capital Account and Public and Private Programs Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the bid from DLS Contracting Inc. is accepted as the lowest responsible bidder. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute a Contract on behalf of the Township of River Vale for the 2023 Road Resurfacing and NJDOT Municipal Aid Program as described in the Bid Specifications.

Resolution #2023-169

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:	\$	260,325.84
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	5,541.47
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	175,542.43
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,400.00
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	375.00
PAYROLL AGENCY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	523.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	98,235.96
STATE & FEDERAL GRANT claims in the amount of:		
CONSTRUCTION CODE 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:	\$	545,026.22
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	204,856.65
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	135.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	5,210.00
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST claims in the amount of:	\$	2,038.50
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	220.00
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$	1,301,430.07

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:	\$	5,028,014.18
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	682,232.03
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,232.50
PAYROLL AGENCY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,956.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GREEN ACRES GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	500,000.00
U.C.C. TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	201,116.36
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
OPEN SPACE TRUST claims in the amount of:	\$	100,000.00
UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		

CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	661.09
BOND TRUST claims in the amount of:	\$	28,841.17
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$	6,546,053.33
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	\$	7,847,483.40

MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS

BILL LIST FOR June 26, 2023

5/30/2023	Transfer Payroll	\$	362,555.49
6/15/2023	Transfer Payroll	\$	370,230.71
TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS		\$	732,786.20

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

There are no Ordinances for 1st or 2nd Reading this evening.

2nd Hearing of the Public

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay, second by Councilwoman Sieg to open the meeting to the public.

There being no questions or comments from the public. Motion by Councilman Donovan, second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to close the hearing of the public.

Councilwoman Sieg reported that she attended a concert at the Library, a group called London Calling performed, adding that it was a wonderful event. She offered her kudos to Diane and her staff for offering such delightful programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Donovan to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm.

Council President Criscuolo

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

