

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 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 Criscuolo, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present. Councilman Donovan was absent.

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

Council Comments

Councilman Ben-Yishay had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg attended the September 11th Tribute Ceremony which she found quite lovely and moving. She added that the two new Social & Cultural Affairs Directors did a very good job.

Councilman Criscuolo had no comments this evening.

Council President Bromberg agreed that the memorial service was well done and he congratulated Rachel and Monica the new Social & Cultural Affairs Directors. He added that it was the worst day however, it brought out the best in people.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile reported that he still working with Veolia on the water connection to the DPW Building for the sprinkler system. The Old Tappan Bridge Replacement project will remain static until the utility poles are moved. Mr. Statile reported that the Township is not awarding the drainage improvements project; the bids were overbudget.

He next reported on the new Police Department and they are waiting on PSE&G to move utility poles. Mr. Statile also expects the new Pickle Ball Courts will be ready for play in a month or so. The 2022 Road Improvements Program will commence in late September; the contractor has already removed trees on Central Avenue to allow for the widening of the road. Mr. Statile added that the 6,000 feet of PSEG gas main replacement work is expected to start in late September as well and work will carry over to the Spring of 2023.

Councilwoman Sieg questioned the bids for the drainage work being too high regarding Barr Court; and is it possible that there is more extensive work involved. Mr. Statile responded that the material costs that are driving the price up, particularly the cost of the plastic drainage pipe.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilman Criscuolo to approve Resolutions #2022-184 through #2022-195 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2022-184

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES AUGUST 22, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the August 22, 2022 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

Resolution #2022-185

REFUND

(Rascals Soccer Program Registration Fee)

WHEREAS, the following resident has requested a refund of their Rascals Soccer Program 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 refunds are approved and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a municipal check payable as follows:

Payable to:

Jennifer Haggerty

556 Roosevelt Avenue

River Vale, NJ 07675

Refund Amount: \$ 65.00

Resolution #2022-186

NJDEP STORMWATER COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to receive \$50,000.00 in funds from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of creating a stormwater asset management program; and,

WHEREAS, the grant money would be used to build a digital inventory of all stormwater facilities within the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the inventory can be used for future planning and maintenance needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of River Vale, formally supports the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on behalf of the Township of River Vale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of River Vale and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution #2022-187

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator is recommending the appointment of Scott Wickersheim to the position of Plumbing Inspector pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126; and

WHEREAS, Scott Wickersheim holds all the necessary certifications required by the Township of River Vale as a State Uniform Construction Code Enforcing Agency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby confirms that Scott Wickersheim is appointed to the position of Plumbing Inspector for the Township of River Vale.

Resolution #2022-188

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale is the owner of various surplus equipment which is listed on file with the Township Clerk and is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale desires to authorize the sale of this surplus equipment at a public sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, to the highest bidder.

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

1. The Township of River Vale hereby declares that the surplus equipment is no longer needed for public use.
2. The Township of River Vale and its officers are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to proceed with a public sale of said surplus equipment.
3. The notice of the date, time and place of the public sale together with a description of the surplus equipment and the conditions of sale, shall be published in *The Ridgewood News*, the official newspaper of the Township of River Vale, with the sale being held not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days after the publication of said notice. The surplus equipment will be sold on a cash basis to the highest bidder(s).
4. No limit shall be placed on the number of surplus equipment that can be purchased by any one bidder.
5. The Township has set a minimum price for each vehicle and reserves the right to reject any and all bids under the minimum price.

The resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution #2022-189

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2021 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Township Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R. S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments

Recommendations

and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments

Recommendations

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of River Vale hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE
COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AT THEIR REGULAR
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

Resolution #2022-190

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CONTRACT WITH APPROVED STATE VENDOR FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2A (NIELSEN FORD)

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale has the need on a timely basis to purchase the following equipment for the Building Department utilizing State contracts;

2022 Ford Explorer AWD

WHEREAS, the State Contract price is

Purchase Price: \$ 35,411.45

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Construction Code Trust Fund Account; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into a Purchase contract with Nielsen Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey (ESC Co-Op#65MCECCPS- ESCNJ 20/21-09) through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of River Vale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase the above listed vehicle from Nielsen Ford pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

Resolution #2022-191

**RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS FOR THE
2022 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2022 the Township of River Vale advertised bid specifications for the 2022 Drainage Improvements project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, bid submissions were received on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 10:00am; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration has reviewed the submissions and determined the bids are over the cost estimate for said project and recommends rejecting the bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the bids received for the 2022 Drainage Improvement project are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to re-advertise for bids for said project.

Resolution #2022-192

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICE FOR RIVER VALE

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2022 the Township received bids for the provision of Snow Plowing Service for the Township of River Vale; and

WHEREAS, the one bid received from Zuccaro Inc., 64 Commerce Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest responsible bidder at the price of

Item	Price - Hourly Rate/Per Truck
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<p style="text-align: center;">Base Bid First Snow Season (October 1, 2022 – April 30, 2024)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$ <u>255.00</u> (4) Class 7 Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">\$ <u>175.00</u> Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT</p>

Base Bid - First Snow Season

Item	Price - Hourly Rate
<p style="text-align: center;">Base Bid - First Snow Season (October 1, 2022 – April 30, 2024)</p>	<p>\$ 160.00 per hour per truck</p>

Base Bid– Second Snow Season if Council extends Contract

Item	Price - Hourly Rate
<p style="text-align: center;">Base Bid - Second Snow Season (October 1, 2024 – April 30, 2026)</p>	<p>\$ 175.00 per hour per truck</p>

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 160.00 per hour/per truck in the Current Fund Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Zuccaro 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 Snow Plowing Service for the Township of River Vale as described in the Bid Specifications.

Resolution #2022-193

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICE FOR BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2022 the Township received bids for the provision of Snow Plowing Service for the Borough of Montvale; and

WHEREAS, the one bid received the from Zuccaro Inc., 64 Commerce Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest responsible bidder at the price of

Option 1 Sidewalk Crew (First Snow Season)

\$ 200.00 Per Hour (3) Laborers

Item	Price - Hourly Rate/Per Truck
<p align="center">Base Bid</p> <p align="center">Second Snow Season</p> <p>(October 1, 2024 – April 30, 2026) If Council Extends Contract*</p>	<p>\$ <u>270.00</u> (4) Class 7 Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT</p> <p>\$ <u>185.00</u> Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT</p>

Option 1 Sidewalk Crew (2nd Snow Season) If Council Extends Contract*

\$ 220.00 Per Hour (3) Laborers

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 255.00 per hour/per truck Class 7 rate and \$175.00 per hour/per truck in the Current Fund Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Zuccaro 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 Snow Plowing Service for the Borough of Montvale as described in the Bid Specifications.

Resolution #2022-194

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointment of following individual to the Joint Planning Board and their corresponding term is hereby confirmed.

- **Demetria Bogosian – (1) year term expiring December 31, 2022 (Alternate No. 1)**

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 #2022-195

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:	\$	150,799.97
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	50,800.21
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
FEDERAL/STATE GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,843.71
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	176,101.59
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	54,216.96
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,150.21
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	10,648.90
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	494.80
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$	448,056.35

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:	\$	2,026,356.88
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	181,803.67

RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
ACCUMULATED ABSENCES TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,412.86
PAYROLL AGENCY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TAX SALE REDEMPTION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TAX SALE PREMIUM TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GRANT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
UCC CODE ENF TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
BOND TRUST claims in the amount of:		
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$	2,209,573.41
 TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	 \$	 2,657,629.76

MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR September 12, 2022

8/30/2022	Transfer		\$	319,084.28
	Payroll			
TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS				\$ 319,084.28

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ordinances for 1st Reading

ORDINANCE #405-2022

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Criscuolo

Second: Councilman Ben-Yishay

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" ARTICLE II "THROUGH STREETS AND STOP STREETS" SECTION 81-6.2 "STOP INTERSECTIONS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 81 of the Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Article II "Through Streets and Stop Streets" Section 81-6.2 "Stop Intersections" is hereby amended as follows:

§ 81-6.2. -27 Stop Intersections.

Intersection

Stop Sign on

Stuhr Place and Tiffany Avenue

Northeast side of Stuhr Place at Tiffany Avenue

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

There are no Ordinances for 2nd Reading

2nd Hearing of the Public

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm.

Council President Bromberg

ATTEST:

Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

