

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Community Center**  
**Monday, September 14, 2020**  
**7:30pm**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 7:35pm in the Community Center located at 628 Rivervale Road, River Vale, New Jersey.

**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:** Township Attorney Silvana Raso, Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Engineer Chris Statile and Township Clerk Karen Campanelli.

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**Council Comments**

Councilman Ben-Yishay had no comments.

Councilman Donovan commented that it's a pleasure to be back in the Community Center and he's also happy to have the sound system in place. He also reported that the Planning Board is looking forward to meeting in person.

Council President Bromberg clarified that anyone wishing to speak should first hit the red button on the microphone.

Councilwoman Sieg had no comments.

Councilman Criscuolo had no comments this evening.

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**PRESENTATION SETTEMBRINO ARCHITECTS New Public Safety Complex**

Council President Bromberg introduced Kevin and Rita Settembrino of Settembrino Architects who will be presenting the design for the new Public Safety Complex.

Mr. Settembrino thanked the Council and members of the public. He announced that this evening they will be reviewing the schematic plans of both first floor and basement level and some entry level renderings of the project. He explained that he will walk them through the design of the project, how they got to the size of the building, what's inside the building, where it's located on the site, how the parking is situated on the site, a rendering of what the building will look like, what type of materials will be used, the timeframe of the project and the approximate cost of the project. Mr. Settembrino asked the Council to keep in mind that when they last presented this information; including the schematic estimate was in December of 2019. Unfortunately, everything has gone up in cost; however, he will be providing a general idea of what those costs were last December.

Mr. Settembrino began the presentation explaining the first screen is a rendering of the project; he explained that this is a one story, Police building with a partial basement. Their intention was to keep the building as low and residential looking as possible in order to fit into the neighborhood. He detailed that the exterior building will have brick veneer, composite siding and metal roofing. Mr. Settembrino reported that the building will be about 18,000 square feet over the course of one floor and the partial basement. He explained some of the numbers on the next screen detail the distribution of space. Mr. Settembrino has worked with the Police Chief and Administration to meet their requirements and needs which then determined these numbers. The spaces shown were for administrative space, evidence, patrol, training and detention which is under auspices of the NJDOC.

He next reviewed the location of the building and the overall site including parking. The building sits squarely on the site and is longer than it is wide. The front of the building and main entrance faces Rivervale Road, public parking is the right side, Police Department parking is on the left side and the sally port entrance is in the rear of the building. Mr. Settembrino stressed that the public will only have access to the front vestibule of the building. The Police will have access from the secure parking on the left side of the building and from the sally port in the rear of the building. He next stated that the sally port, jail cells and processing area are all governed and regulated by the NJDOC. Mr. Settembrino added that the NJDOC will review the plans and monitor construction throughout the project until completion. He further explained that all of the office spaces are on the perimeter; on the left and right side building. The large group meeting spaces are located in the interior as well as processing and jail cells.

Mr. Settembrino next described the partial basement which is located to the rear of the facility; directly underneath the sally port. He explained that the locker room, evidence storage, laboratories and mechanical room are located at the basement level. He added that none of the spaces will have windows and there is a cost saving by not excavating for a full basement.

He next described the exterior of the building which is meant to have a residential look and remain as low as possible at one story. The building has a brick veneer at the base, brown/tan composite siding, perimeter columns run around the building providing an overhang and metal roof.

Mr. Settembrino next presented the project timeline. The first phase would be design development by this December, next the construction documents phase in February 2021 and then final documents and going out to Bid for the project by approximately March of 2021. He continued that the award of the Bid would be May of 2021 and the building would take at least 18 months to build; therefore, the earliest the building could be occupied would be January of 2023.

Mr. Settembrino reported that in December of 2019 they completed the schematic design and an independent line estimate for the project. The estimate at that time was approximately \$12 million. Mr. Settembrino clarified that the \$12 million does not include any site improvement costs. He also stressed that the line item estimate was done in December of 2019 and unfortunately prices do escalate at a rate of about 6% per year.

Council President Bromberg questioned the construction cost increase of 6% per year. Mr. Settembrino responded that many communities think that because of the pandemic the construction costs would have gone down. He explained that the costs have actually increased mostly from the material vendors. Council President Bromberg questioned that besides the \$12 million are there any other expenses barring any unforeseen issues. Mr. Settembrino explained that there are site improvement costs which are not included. Councilman Criscuolo asked Mr. Settembrino to explain what the site improvement cost would be specifically and whether the site improvements would include the excavation of the basement. Mr. Settembrino clarified that the excavation of the basement would be included in the building costs. He explained that the site improvement costs are the parking lots, curbing, sidewalks and landscaping that surround the building. He added that typically site costs for a project like this would be less than ½ million dollars depending upon the topography of the site and other challenges.

Council President Bromberg questioned what the cost would be to excavate the entire basement, keep it unfinished and possibly have room to grow when needed. Mr. Settembrino responded that presently the construction costs are based on a price per square foot; you can do this but you need to make sure all your mechanical systems can accommodate the added space. He further explained that when you have a basement you need steel framing to support the structure above which is

more expensive than a slab on grade building. Mr. Settembrino has worked with the Police Chief to get to the plan they have today which has been modified already several times already. He explained that the Chief is comfortable with the square footage, layout and design of building.

Councilman Criscuolo questioned why other than for aesthetic reasons; not have a second floor instead of a basement. Also, is it more affordable to add a second floor compared to excavating. Mr. Settembrino responded that their intention is to keep the building as low as possible and the original design was for (2) story building. He explained that it was the intent of the Administration and his office to design the building to fit into the residential character of the neighborhood. Mr. Settembrino explained that the cost difference is nominal between a partial basement and second floor.

Mr. Rotella commented that the locker room, armory and evidence room will all be in the basement not on the main floor. They did look at have everything on one floor but the footprint of the building was just getting too large.

Councilwoman Sieg questioned the elevators. Mr. Settembrino responded that any government owned building with more than one floor in New Jersey is required to have barrier free access. Councilman Ben-Yishay had questions about the price of construction per square foot. Mr. Settembrino explained that construction cost for a Public Safety Complex will be higher than typical construction. He further explained that they are in early stages; the estimate is very conservative and includes contingencies; as the job moves along the numbers may come down.

Councilman Ben-Yishay questioned how they come up with the numbers for the project when they're ready to bid the project. Mr. Settembrino responded that they hire an independent estimator; the estimator generates the cost per square foot, the cost for labor and materials. The labor items are adjusted on a regional basis and unfortunately the labor costs are higher in north Jersey. He explained that the purpose of the estimate is to get you to a median bid price. Mr. Settembrino further explained that this project will be bid in accordance with Local Public Contract Law. When you go out to public bid there will be a spread between the bidders. The bid price should be one-half of the spread lower than the estimate. Mr. Settembrino stressed that the bidders do not have access to the estimate. Mr. Rotella commented that the bidder will have detailed information about the building that the architect will provide. Mr. Settembrino added that this project will be bid as a single lump sum contract.

Councilman Donovan questioned whose responsibility is it to qualify the bids and authorize changes to the specifications. Mr. Settembrino responded that under Local Public Contract Law they will review and make sure all the paperwork is in order and the bid is responsive to all the areas requested to populate. He continued that after their review the municipal attorney will be asked to review and verify the documents. Next, his office will coordinate a de-scoping call with the engineers in his office and the administration to discuss all the components of the contract with the contractor and make certain they have included them in their base bid. Mr. Settembrino continued that after this step his office would make a recommendation of award. Councilman Donovan clarified that Mr. Settembrino's office would take the lead. Mr. Settembrino concurred that once the project begins everything would go through his office; however, they would still always work hand-in-hand with the administration.

Chief Scheidle commented on the future growth of the department. The Chief explained that the plan they currently have allows for 20% growth in the department; which more than covers them for the next 50 to 75 years. He added that even if they merged with another agency this building would still work. Chief Scheidle next commented about the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; and the aesthetics were a big issue. Additionally, having a second floor doesn't work for River Vale and this type of policing.

Councilman Criscuolo referenced the Chief's comment about merging the department. He used the scenario that in 25 years the environment changes and two other Towns want to merge with River Vale. Councilman Criscuolo questioned if there is anything that would prevent them from eventually adding a second floor to the building. Mr. Settembrino responded that this design cannot accommodate a second floor. He further explained that if they wanted the possibility of adding a second floor he would recommend changing to a flat or low sloped roof; and increase the steel in order to carry a floor load instead of a roof load. He added that the footings would have to be changed and the current design does not lend itself to a future second floor given the fact that the roof is pitched.

Councilman Donovan asked if windows could be added to the eaves to allow natural light into the meeting spaces. Mr. Settembrino responded that this is possible.

There being no more questions from the Council; Council President Bromberg thanked Mr. Settembrino for his presentation.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Hearing of the Public**

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

Jim Hanna—381 Sunset—Mr. Hanna thanked everyone for the drainage work that has been completed and it looks like it's going to work. He also suggested adding a list of businesses to the Fall Newsletter because some are struggling. Mr. Rotella commented that all the businesses in Town are listed in a Directory on the Township website.

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

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**Business Administrator's Report**

Mr. Rotella commented on the resolution approving the purchase of Orodex Air by Bio Shine; this great product that is being utilized in other Towns and the funding for the purchase comes from the Cares Act. Mr. Rotella also had another energy audit project through PSE&G; who will pay 75% of the recommended lighting improvements. The Township will see a savings of \$500 a month.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Statile reported that the Road Program is starting on Monday and will run approximately 2 to 2 ½ weeks. He next reported that the Township is taking bids on October 8<sup>th</sup> for the Poplar Road Safety Improvements Project. Mr. Statile gave an update on the Fairways at Edgewood project. He had a field meeting with the owners and builder regarding the intersection improvements at Rivervale Road and Piermont. The first step would be relocating 6 to 7 utility poles; the contractor will have to install curbing before the poles are relocated to their new positions. Mr. Statile did stress to the builder that the intersection must remain open for pedestrians and school children.

Councilman Donovan questioned how long Piermont will be closed for the current work. Mr. Rotella responded approximately 6 days. Councilman Donovan added that there has been some confusion among the residents and suggested adding some detour signs.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to approve Resolutions #2020-190 through #2020-202 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

**Resolution #2020-190**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**Resolution #2020-191**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 TERM**

**WHEREAS**, the following liquor license holders have submitted their renewal applications through the POSSE ABC portal and paid the required fees 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021 term.

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

**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

#0253-33-005-005	P & D, Inc. (Florentine Gardens) 97 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07624	\$2,000.00
#0253-33-007-008	ZOZOS USA LLC 625 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07675	\$2,000.00
#0253-33-006-009	Blutarsky LLC (Valley Burgers & Brew) 640 Westwood Avenue River Vale, NJ 07675	\$2,000.00

**Resolution #2020-192**

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE (2<sup>ND</sup> SNOW SEASON)**

**WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2018 the Township awarded a contract to Zuccaro, Inc., 248 Alberta Drive, Saddle Brook, New Jersey for the provision of Snow Plowing Service for the Township of River Vale for a period commencing on October 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020 at the rate of \$130.00 per hour per truck; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15*, the contract was awarded with an option to renew the contract for a second snow season as follows:

**Base Bid – Second Snow Season (October 1, 2020 – April 30, 2022)**

**\$ 135.00 Per Hour Per Truck**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Current Account Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the contract for Snow Plowing Service is hereby extended for a second season and that Zuccaro Inc. will continue the above mentioned service to the Township of River Vale for the period mentioned above, and for the amount stated.

**Resolution #2020-193**

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICE FOR THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE (2<sup>ND</sup> SNOW SEASON)**

**WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2018 the Township awarded a contract to Zuccaro, Inc., 248 Alberta Drive, Saddle Brook, New Jersey for the provision of Snow Plowing Service for the Borough of Montvale for a period commencing on October 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020 at the rate of \$220.00 per hour/per Class 7 truck and \$140.00 per hour/per truck; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15*, the contract was awarded with an option to renew the contract for a second snow season as follows:

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Item	Price - Hourly Rate/Per Truck
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Base Bid</b>  <b>Second Snow Season</b>            (October 1, 2020 – April 30, 2022) If Council Extends Contract</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$ <u>230.00</u> (4) Class 7 Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ <u>150.00</u> Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT</p>

**Option 1 Sidewalk Crew (2<sup>nd</sup> Snow Season) If Council Extends Contract**

\$ 230.00 Per Hour (3) Laborers

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 230.00 per hour/per Class 7 truck rate and \$150.00 per hour/per truck in the Current Fund Account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the contract for Snow Plowing Service is hereby extended for a second season and that Zuccaro Inc. will continue the above mentioned service to the Borough of Montvale for the period mentioned above, and for the amount stated.

**Resolution #2020-194**

**RESOLUTION**

**TAX LIEN REDEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, the property located at 767 Orangeburgh Road (Block 202, Lot 21.02) has been redeemed. The Tax Collector has received (1) one check in the amount of \$ 59,762.21 for payment of the lien (Certificate No. 19-00007); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is holding a \$ 103,000.00 premium in a Trust Account for the above mentioned lien.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Treasurer is hereby by authorized to issue three (2) municipal checks in the amounts of \$ 59,762.21 and \$ 103,000.00 respectively payable as follows:

**“Robert Rothman Pension Plan”**

Mail to:  
 411 Grand Avenue  
 Englewood, NJ 07631

**Resolution #2020-195**

**RESOLUTION**

**REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a tax overpayment was received for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020 and the property owner has requested a refund of said overpayment.

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

(Block 2203.02, Lot 2)  
137 Geiger Drive  
River Vale, NJ 07675  
**Refund amount \$ 4,544.10**

**Payable to:**  
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137 Geiger Drive  
River Vale, NJ 07675

**Resolution #2020-196**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the on August 20, 2020 the Township received one bid to provide Curbside Recycling Collection Services in the Township of River Vale; and

**WHEREAS**, the one bid received the from Buldo Brothers Sanitation Inc., P.O. Box 326, Westwood, New Jersey has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest bidder at the following price for the collection of recyclables as follows:

**Dual Collection Service**

Collection of Designated Recyclables shall be performed on Wednesdays, Four (4) times each month according to the following schedule:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month - Commingled Recyclables
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month - Newspapers and Magazines
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month - Commingled Recyclables
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month - Newspapers and Magazines
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month - **No pickup**

**Base Bid – Beginning August 1, 2020**

<b>Base Bid Curbside Collection Service</b>	\$ 4.97 Unit Price per Collection Source Per Month	\$ 16,366.21 Base Bid Price Per Month (Unit Price Multiplied by 3,293)
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**Price beginning August 1, 2022  
(ONLY if Contract extended)**

<b>Base Bid Curbside Collection Service</b>	\$ 5.15 Unit Price per Collection Source Per Month	\$ 16,958.95 Base Bid Price Per Month (Unit Price Multiplied by 3,293)
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**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 16,366.21 per month (August—December) in the Current Fund Account.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the bid of Buldo Brothers Sanitation, Inc. is accepted as the lowest responsible bidder. The Contract Period shall be for a period of twenty-four (24) months beginning August 1, 2020 and ending on July 31, 2022 with an option to renew for one (1) additional twenty-four (24) month period. The Mayor and Township Clerk are here by authorized and requested to execute a Contract on behalf of the Township of River Vale for the services described in the Specifications for Curbside Recycling Collection Services.

**Resolution #2020-197**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, on August 20, 2020 the Township received bids for the provision of Janitorial Service for both the Township of River Vale and Borough of Montvale; and

**WHEREAS**, the one bid received from Best Cleaning Building Service, Inc. with offices located at 1121 Edgewater Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657 has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest responsible bidder at the price of

<b>Base Bid Janitorial Service the Township of River Vale and Borough of Montvale (Price Per Year) :</b>	<b>\$ 85,200.00</b>
<b>Option #1 Cleaning River Vale Police Department an additional day weekly (Saturday) (Price Per Year):</b>	<b>\$ <u>5,200.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ <u>90,400.00</u></b>

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 90,400. 00 in the Current Fund Account.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the bid of Best Cleaning Building Service, 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 Janitorial Service as described in the Bid Specifications.

**Resolution #2020-198**

**RESOLUTION CANCELLING CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION AND REVNUUE**

**WHEREAS**, the following 2020 Current Fund budget appropriation balance requires a reduction do to an adjustment in grant funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, the following 2020 Current Fund offset budget revenue balance requires a reduction do to an adjustment in grant funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the reduced balances may be cleared of record.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale that the below listed unexpended balances be cancelled:

<b><u>Budget Line Item</u></b>	<b><u>Unexpended Appropriation</u></b>
Public & Private Programs – Municipal Alliance Grant	\$ 4,405.24
	<b>Total <u>\$4,405.24</u></b>
<b><u>Revenue Line Item</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated Revenue</u></b>
Public & Private Programs – Municipal Alliance Grant	\$ 4,405.24
	<b>Total <u>\$4,405.24</u></b>

**Resolution #2020-199**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CONTRACT WITH APPROVED STATE VENDOR FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2a (BEYER 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 vehicle for the Administration utilizing State contracts;

- **(1) 2020 Ford Explorer 4WD**

and

**WHEREAS**, the State Contract price is

Vehicle Purchase Price:           \$ 33,859.95

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Snow Removal Trust Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into a Purchase contract with Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (NJESC Co-op#65MCESCCPS-ESCNJ 17/18-21) 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 Beyer Ford, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

**Resolution #2020-200**

**RESOLUTION INDEMNIFYING THE TOWNSHIP OF LIABILITY FOR A BRICK MAILBOX COLUMN CONSTRUCTED IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY (584 STELLMAN DRIVE)**

**WHEREAS**, the owner of 584 Stellman Drive desires to construct a brick mailbox column in the Township Right-of Way; and

**WHEREAS**, as per the Township Code no permanent structures are permitted in the Township Right-of-Way: and

**WHEREAS**, the resident of 584 Stellman Drive will agree, as a condition of permission to construct the brick mailbox column to indemnify and hold harmless the Township from any liability resulting from the placement of the mailbox in the Township Right-of Way; and

**WHEREAS**, the resident of 584 Stellman Drive will agree, as a condition of permission to construct the brick mailbox column to waive any claim for any damages caused by the Township resulting from the placement of the mailbox in the Township Right-of Way;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the construction of a brick mailbox column for the property located at 584 Stellman Drive is hereby permitted provided the resident of 584 Stellman Drive executes an agreement with the Township setting forth the terms of this Resolution.

**Resolution #2020-201**

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

**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 supplies/equipment for the Administration utilizing State contracts;

**(17) Odorox Slimline Hydroxyl Generator**

**WHEREAS**, the State Contract price is

**\$ 2,062.50 Per Unit (17 Units)**

**\$35,062.50 Total**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Current Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into a Purchase contract with Bio Shine, 190 Summerhill Road, Spotswood, New Jersey 08884 (New Jersey Co-op#HCESC CAT SER 19-01) 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 supplies/equipment from Bio Shine, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

**Resolution #2020-202**

**AUTHORIZE 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:	\$	226,005.68
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	17,884.59
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	78,949.11
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$	5,200.00
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	13,164.00
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	49.80
GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	12,214.26
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	104,164.85
ACCUMULATED ABSENCE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,458.33
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	38.01
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	63,817.62
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	100,907.33
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	42.10
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	5,205.00
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	720.77
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>629,821.45</b>

**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:	\$	8,430,496.70
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	619.00
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	582,243.81
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	770.82
TAX SALE REDEMPTION ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	59,762.21
TAX SALE PREMIUM ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	103,000.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	900.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	66,254.69
PAYROLL AGENCY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,751.26
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	834.03
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	34,864.17
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,399.70
BUILDERS ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS PAID</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,285,896.39</b>

**TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION** **\$ 9,915,717.84**

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS  
BILL LIST FOR SEPT. 14, 2020**

7/30/2020	Transfer Payroll	\$ 278,618.16
8/15/2020	Transfer Payroll	\$ 271,748.39
8/30/2020	Transfer Payroll	\$ 269,430.71
9/10/2020	Transfer Payroll	\$ 270,027.12

**TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS**

**\$ 1,089,824.38**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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There were no Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

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**Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing**

**ORDINANCE #370-2020**

**Motion to Adopt:** Councilman Criscuolo

**Second:** Councilman Ben-Yishay

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Donovan to open the public hearing on Ordinance #370-2020.

There being no questions or comments from the public; motion by Councilman Criscuolo second by Councilman Donovan to close the public hearing on Ordinance #370-2020.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE CODE ENTITLED LAND USE ARTICLE LVIII LIMITING SCHEDULE RESIDENCE DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale seeks to update and clarify its residential bulk regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Vale Joint Planning Board recommends clarifying the front yard setback bulk standards based on variance applications that it has considered in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s 2011 Reexamination Report references that the Township has reviewed its bulk standards and recommends that the Planning board formally finish developing bulk standards.

**Purpose:** This ordinance revises the required Front Yard Setback in the “A,” “A-1,” “B” and “B-1” Residential Zone Districts. This ordinance removes reference to setbacks of existing buildings on the street, and provides one required front yard setback for each zone district. The ordinance also clarifies required front yard setback for corner lots in residential zone districts.

**§142-263E(1), “A” Residence District as follows:**

- (1) Front Yard
  - (a) Minimum Front Yard Setback: 35 feet.
  - (b) On corner lots, the Primary Front Yard setback is defined as the yard with the longest street frontage. If the two street frontages are equal in length, the Property Owner shall identify the Primary Front Yard Setback at the time that construction permits are required. Identification of the Primary Front Yard Setback shall not be changed without approval from the Joint Planning Board. On corner lots, where the Primary Front Yard Setback complies, the Secondary Front Yard Setback may be reduced to 20 ft.

**§142-264E(1), “A-1” Residence District as follows:**

- (1) Front Yard
  - (a) Minimum Front Yard Setback: 35 feet.

- (b) On corner lots, the Primary Front Yard setback is the yard with the longest street frontage. If the two street frontages are equal in length, the Property Owner shall identify the Primary Front Yard Setback at the time that construction permits are required. Identification of the Primary Front Yard Setback shall not be changed without approval from the Joint Planning Board. On corner lots, where the Primary Front Yard Setback complies, the Secondary Front Yard Setback may be reduced to 20 ft.

**§142-265E(1), “B” and “B-1” Residence Districts as follows:**

(1) Front Yard

- (a) Minimum Front Yard Setback: 25 feet.
- (b) On corner lots, the Primary Front Yard setback is the yard with the longest street frontage. If the two street frontages are equal in length, the Property Owner shall identify the Primary Front Yard Setback at the time that construction permits are required. Identification of the Primary Front Yard Setback shall not be changed without approval from the Joint Planning Board. On corner lots, where the Primary Front Yard Setback complies, the Secondary Front Yard Setback may be reduced to 15 feet.

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.

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**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 Councilman Donovan to close the meeting to the public.

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Councilman Ben-Yishay questioned the status of the deer and that he has noticed many more in Town. He questioned how much was the drone survey of the deer population; and could we have another survey.

Mr. Rotella responded that the survey was approximately \$3,500; he added that the fall would be the best time when the leaves are off the trees. Councilman Ben-Yishay feels this is the best way to determine how the population has changed. He added that a lot of residents are asking him as well. Councilwoman Sieg has seen less deer in here neighborhood.

Councilman Criscuolo agrees with doing the study as a way to give them an idea of the numbers. He also stated that before they expend the money he feels they should probably have another discussion as to where they left this issue. Councilman Criscuolo explained that if they’re not going to do anything than it doesn’t matter how many studies they have done.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that it was put on hold because they didn’t have a suitable location. She added that it won’t work unless the other Towns are involved. Council Donovan agrees with having the study to give them an idea of the matrix. He added that it’s been a year and now is the best time to do another study to determine if there are any changes. Councilman Criscuolo stressed that the numbers can’t determine if a culling can be done safely. Councilman Donovan added that if the numbers show enough of an increase then perhaps they can put pressure on other options.

Councilman Criscuolo is not against the study; however, he feels they should have further discussions before moving forward. Councilwoman Sieg added that the problem has been where we can safely hold it and also not offend the residents.

Council President Bromberg commented that strategy wise he feels it’s warranted to consider having the administration do another survey to determine how bad the problem is. He also recalled there being issues with the logistics and whether it was going to be a worthwhile endeavor.

Councilman Ben-Yishay added that it's important that they hear from the Police Chief as to where he stands on the issue.

Councilman Donovan commented that this clearly proves we need to have another discussion about this issue.

Mr. Rotella will speak to the gentleman that did the first drone study. He added that they are extremely limited in the areas where they can do this in a safe manner. Councilman Criscuolo concurred that this is his point as well. Mr. Rotella explained that SUEZ owns a lot of property however they will not allow this. He recalled that even if you do decide to have a hunt the question was where. In addition, the Chief of Police does have concerns about safety. Mr. Rotella added that even before you can have a deer hunt you need to first submit a Deer Management Plan which requires the preparation of a lot of documents.

Council President Bromberg is in favor of doing the study as a way to give them information about the issue and decide whether to move forward with any investigations. Councilman Donovan asked if they need a resolution and what their next step would be. Mr. Rotella responded that he would get a quote for the drone study and will also get updated information about the number of accidents involving deer in Town.

Councilman Criscuolo stressed that he knows they have an issue and they need to figure out what can be done and try to solve the issue. Councilwoman Sieg commented that this all goes back to not having a place to have a hunt.

Council President Bromberg questioned if they want to have this as an agenda item. Ms. Raso responded that you don't have to add something as an agenda item unless you're taking action in a resolution. She suggested that you can bring up any topic for discussion; if you are looking to take action that would require a resolution then it would be added as an agenda item.

Council President Bromberg stated that they are not looking to take any action; only the possibility of getting information from a study to determine if they still have a deer problem. Mr. Rotella will speak to the Mayor and let him know what was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.

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ATTEST:  
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

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Council President Mark Bromberg







