

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Town Hall 7:30pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

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

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

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor reported that Town Day was a huge success and very well attended. He also thanked Councilwoman Sieg for working the event for the entire day. The Mayor also noted that they had three big sponsors; Edgewood, River Vale Country Club and Florentine Gardens. Additionally, Dipieros' donated a couple of hundred pumpkins.

He next announced that they have hired three new Police Officers. The Mayor added that there have been retirements and they authorized the Police Department to loan an officer to the DEA. He further explained that while the officer is working for the DEA the Township will be eligible to receive a percentage of the arrest proceeds during that time.

The Mayor reported that the Pascack Valley Mayors are fighting the air traffic pattern over the area. He reported that Gennaro has been instrumental and very helpful with regard to this issue. The Mayor explained that the patterns changed during Covid; and now that things are back to normal, the air traffic has increased most notably over the Pascack Valley area.

Council Comments

Councilman Donovan had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg report that Town Day was amazing and it was wonderful see the residents come out and socializing. She particularly enjoyed seeing all the kids having fun decorating pumpkins. Councilwoman Sieg was also very happy to see all the Departments represented at Town Day; Police, Fire and Ambulance Corps. She added that this shows what a great community they have and everyone has the same goal to make it great for our residents. Councilwoman Sieg thanked the DPW and Renee and Maria who did an excellent job planning and organizing this event.

Councilman Criscuolo had no comments this evening.

Council President Bromberg had no comments this evening.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile reported that he and Gennaro are working with FEMA regarding securing funding for Ida storm damage. He is also working on the bridge repair at the Golf Course. Mr. Statile reported that the Road Surfacing Program is complete with the exception of the work at the Golf Course.

He next reported that SUEZ is installing new water mains on Bailey and Alpine Circle and will pay the Township for the final restoration of the roads. This will be included in the 2022 Road Program. Council President Bromberg commented on how well the paving on Wittich Terrace came out.

Mr. Statile is also working with Gennaro on the installation of netting at the Golf Course driving range; due to the upcoming Townhome construction.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

Andy Marcus—115 Stuhr Place—had questions regarding the New Public Safety Complex he read about in the paper. His concerns are about the increase in the cost of the building from \$6 million to \$13 million. Mr. Marcus noted and compared the cost of the new Firehouse in Washington Township which is \$6 million for a 22,000 square foot two story building.

Mayor Jasionowski responded that you can come into Town Hall and request information regarding the new Police Department building. He clarified the \$6 million to \$13 million was over five years and a Police Department has mandatory building requirements from the Prosecutors Office which are much different than a Fire house. The Mayor added that we should see a price decrease from the rateables at Edgewood development. Additionally, the new building allows for growth of the Police Department.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Bromberg announced that there is an added resolution 2021-203 approving the appointment of Jacob Padva to the River Vale Fire Department.

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolution #2021-193 as follows:

Resolution #2021-193

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilwoman Sieg to approve Resolutions #2021-194 through #2021-203 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2021-194

REFUND

(Mayor's Wellness Program Fall Lacrosse Clinic Registration Fee)

WHEREAS, the following resident is requesting a refund of the Fall Lacrosse Clinic 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:
Christopher Strother
800 Blauvelt Street
River Vale, NJ 07675

Refund Amount: \$ 99.00

Resolution #2021-195

RESOLUTION

(Escrow Refund)

WHEREAS, the homeowner of 515 Brook Avenue (Block 1803, Lot 6) had posted escrow for a soil moving permit as required for the installation of a pool; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has performed the necessary inspections and deemed the project complete therefore the escrow balance may be released.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the remaining Escrow Deposit be released.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue a municipal check as follows:

Payable to:

"Fred Hurst"

Mailing Address:

515 Brook Avenue
River Vale, New Jersey 07675

Refund Amount: \$ 744.62

Resolution #2021-196

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

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 lease/purchase the following equipment for the River Vale Country Club utilizing State contracts at the following prices;

- o **Toro GreenMaster TriFlex Hybrid 3320 Mower - \$45,152.81**
- o **Express-Dual 4100 Table-Top Spin Grinder— \$42,647.00**
- o **Express-Dual Angelmaster 4100 Bedknife Grinder— \$23,224.00**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Golf Course Operating Account; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into a Lease/Purchase contract with Storr Tractor Company (Bergen Contract #20-03) 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 Business Administrator to lease/purchase the above listed equipment from Storr Tractor Company pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

Resolution #2021-197

REFUND

(First Friends Registration Fee)

WHEREAS, the following resident is requesting a refund of the First Friends 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:
Meri Tuohey
552 Victory Place
River Vale, NJ 07675

Refund Amount: \$ 85.00

Resolution #2021-198

R E S O L U T I O N

CHAPTER 159

Ranges Field Park Restroom ADA Improvements

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4087 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item has been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$ 45,000 which is now available from the Bergen County Division of Community Development for the Roberge Field Park Restroom ADA Improvements project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$ 45,000 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Public and Private Programs.

Resolution #2021-199

**Resolution Encouraging Teterboro Airport, the FAA and the Port Authority of New York
and New Jersey to Implement a New Flight Path to Teterboro Airport**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale recognizes the serious negative impact on its residents resulting from the barrage of business jets flying overhead for arrival at Runway 19 at Teterboro Airport; and

WHEREAS, the detrimental effect of low flying jets at high rates of speed with low altitudes often on a descending path, generating high pitched, loud, whistling and roaring engines degrades the quality of life for Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the flight patterns of jets arriving via Runway 19 also impacts the tranquility and quality of life for residents in other municipalities and such flight paths rely on an Instrument Landing System (ILS), which system has lately guided upwards of 200 arriving business jets per day, often 30 during a busy hour, over the homes of residents in the path, generating unreasonably high levels of noise pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recognizes that numerous factors affect the routing of aircrafts by the FAA and air controllers, including Teterboro's status as a feeder airport to Newark and other area airports, such that conditions in Newark and the other airports impact the routing decisions of Teterboro; and

WHEREAS, the FAA and the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey, as well as Teterboro management with the advice of its TANAAC Committee, have long recognized a problem with the growing volume of jets arriving via Runway 19 over municipalities beginning with River Vale to the North and Hackensack to the South; and

WHEREAS, the FAA engaged in and completed a diligent study of the issue, including public hearings and comment periods, resulting in a recommendation effective July 1, 2021 to designate, publish and implement an alternate flight path and train pilots and air traffic controllers in the use of such alternate path; and

WHEREAS, such training and publication have for the time being been completed such that there is now an expectation by the FAA that pilots will use the new flight path.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale strongly urge Teterboro Airport, under the auspices of the FAA and with the necessary involvement of the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey to make all necessary efforts to implement the alternate flight path in order to reduce the excessive noise pollution over the current ILS path and diminish the frequent abundance of flights over the narrow strip of land leading from River Vale to the south.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Teterboro Airport and the other Authorities fully consider new and widely accepted routing methods such as GPS and three-dimensional routing systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby directed, authorized and empowered to forward a copy of this resolution to all interested Parties upon its passage.

Resolution #2021-200

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATIONS

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Special Legal Counsel for labor relations and employment matters in the Township of River Vale; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2021 the firm of Genova Burns LLC submitted a proposal to provide the Township with Labor Relations legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Township Attorney have reviewed said proposal and recommend appointing the firm of Genova Burns LLC as Special Legal Counsel for Labor Relations for the Township of River Vale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Angelo J. Genova and the Law Firm of Genova Burns, LLC, 494 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102, is hereby retained as Labor Counsel for the Township of River Vale to provide counsel, advice and legal services to the officials of the Township.

Resolution #2021-201

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER STATILE FOR THE 2021 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2021 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 2021 Road Resurfacing project as follows;

- **Project Design and Construction Monitoring Services: \$ 29,650.00**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the 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 \$ 29,650.00 for the engineering firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

Resolution #2021-202

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL GRANT FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale is committed to transparency, technology advancements and the safety of their police officers and community members; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale Police Department applied for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General for body-worn cameras; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale Police Department was awarded the SFY21 Body-Worn Grant, on June 24, 2021, in the amount of \$ 50,950.00 (Award Number 21-BWC-374) for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Township of Rive Vale acknowledge and accept the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Mayor and Council hereby accept these grant funds on behalf of the Township of River Vale to be used for the implementation of body-worn cameras; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the required grant forms provided by the New Jersey Department of Public Safety Office of the Attorney General.

Resolution #2021-203

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE RIVER VALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Officers of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department have approved the appointment of the following individual as a new member of the Fire Department:

Jacob Padva

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby confirm the appointment of Jacob Padva as new member of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department effective October 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ordinances for 1st Reading

There were no Ordinances for 1st Reading this evening.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading & Public Hearing

Ordinance #389-2021

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Criscuolo

Second: Councilwoman Sieg

Council President Bromberg asked if Chris Statile could provide a basic explanation on this ordinance. Mr. Statile responded that the State instituted Stormwater Management mandates in 2006 that now require updating. The Township passed an ordinance last year with updated regulations for storm water management. Mr. Statile explained that this ordinance was requested by the County to change a few minor items in order to be consistent.

Motion by Councilman Criscuolo; second by Councilman Donovan to open the public hearing on Ordinance # 389-2021.

There being no questions or comments from the public. Motion by Councilman Criscuolo second by Councilwoman Sieg to close the public hearing on Ordinance #389-2021.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 212 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT"

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 212 of the Township Code entitled "Stormwater Management" is hereby amended as follows:

§ 212-2. Definitions.

COUNTY REVIEW AGENCY

An agency designated by the County Board of {remove} ~~Chosen Freeholders~~ {insert} Commissioners to review municipal stormwater management plans and implementing ordinance(s). The county review agency may either be:

- (1) A county planning agency; or
- (2) A county water resource association created under N.J.S.A 58:16A-55.5, if the ordinance or resolution delegates authority to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove municipal stormwater management plans and implementing ordinances.

NEW JERSEY STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) MANUAL or BMP MANUAL

The manual maintained by the Department providing, in part, design specifications, removal rates, calculation methods, and soil testing procedures approved by the Department as being capable of contributing to the achievement of the stormwater management standards specified in this chapter. The BMP Manual is periodically amended by the Department as necessary to provide design specifications on additional best management practices and new information on already included practices reflecting the best available current information regarding the particular practice and the Department's determination as to the ability of that best management practice to contribute to compliance with the standards contained in this chapter. Alternative stormwater management measures, removal rates, or calculation methods may be utilized, subject to any limitations specified in this chapter, provided the design engineer demonstrates to the municipality, in accordance with §212-~~5~~ {insert} 4F, of this chapter and N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2(g), that the proposed measure and its design will contribute to achievement of the design and performance standards established by this chapter.

§ 212-4.C. Stormwater management requirements for major development.

The following linear development projects are exempt from the groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality, and stormwater runoff quantity requirements of § 212-~~5~~ {insert} 4P, Q and R:

- (1) The construction of an underground utility line, provided that the disturbed areas are revegetated upon completion;

(2) The construction of an aboveground utility line, provided that the existing conditions are maintained to the maximum extent practicable; and

(3) The construction of a public pedestrian access, such as a sidewalk or trail with a maximum width of 14 feet, provided that the access is made of permeable material.

§ 212-4.F. Table 2

(Notes corresponding to annotations ^(b) through ^(d) are found on {remove} Page D-15{insert} Table 3)

§ 212-9.A. (3) Requirements for a site development stormwater plan.

The applicant shall submit {insert} 5 copies of the materials listed in the Checklist for Site Development Stormwater Plans in accordance with Subsection **I(3)** of this section.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

2nd Hearing of the Public

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilman Criscuolo 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 Criscuolo; second by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Council President Mark Bromberg

ATTEST:

Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

