

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Community Center
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
7:30pm

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 7:31pm 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 Donovan, Councilman Criscuolo, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present. Councilman Ben-Yishay was absent.

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

Council Comments

Councilman Donovan wished all to stay healthy.

Councilwoman Sieg urged everyone to wear a mask and practice proper hand washing hygiene. She added that by doing this will it save a lot of people and remember to be respectful of others.

Councilman Criscuolo had no comments this evening.

Council President Bromberg had no comments this evening.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Statile reported that they have been very busy paving; in the past two weeks they have put down 770 tons of asphalt. He further reported that the contractor did a very good job and they are finishing up doing line painting and striping for the stop signs. He next reported that the Bunker Project at the Country Club is being headed up by Gennaro and work is expected to start in the beginning of November.

Mr. Statile next reported that the 2020 Poplar Road Safety Improvements contract is on the agenda for award this evening. The contract is being awarded to DLS Contracting in the amount of \$ 273,000; the DOT grant amount for this project is \$225,000. He added that this project will include repair of the guard rail and construction of a sidewalk on the Southside of the road.

Mr. Statile next gave an update on the Fairways at Edgewood development. The sewer connections to Piermont Avenue are complete; next they will be working on their interior sewer line work. Mr. Statile is hoping that work on the intersection will begin shortly.

He next gave an update on grant applications; the grant for the EMS Park will not be available until March of 2021. Mr. Statile expects to be hearing from the DOT shortly regarding municipal aid applications submitted for various streets in Town.

Councilwoman commented that the sprinklers at the EMS Park are not reaching all the plantings including the Copper Beech. She reported that someone has to manually water the planting. She asked if there is any way to extend the sprinkler system. Councilwoman Sieg added that when it's hot on the weekends during the summer months; often a DPW worker goes on their own time to water the plantings. Mr. Statile can certainly accommodate this request; he will speak to Rich and possibly put a drip line in for the tree.

1st Hearing of the Public

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Donovan to approve Resolutions #2020-203 through #2020-213 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

Resolution #2020-203

**RESOLUTION
STATE TAX APPEAL
REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the following property owner was rendered County Tax Appeal decision for a reduced assessment; and

WHEREAS, the property owner is requesting a refund for overpayment of their taxes as listed below.

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 payable as follows:

2020

Block 1715, Lot 36
252 Rockland Avenue
River Vale, NJ 07675
Refund: \$ 2,521.46

Check Payable to:

Frank & Toni Lashvilli

Mail to:

Nancy E. Saccente, Esq., P.C.
442 Broadway
Hillsdale, NJ 07642

Resolution #2020-204

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC/ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2020 the The Environmental Group, LLC submitted a proposal for the continued environmental investigation and remediation of the DPW property located at 330 Rivervale Road as required to be in compliance with the Site Remediation Act; and,

WHEREAS, the cost for each required tasks is as follows:

- **Determine Direct Oversight Requirements:** \$ 1,700.00
 - **Receptor Evaluation, Public Notice and Data Review:** \$13,750.00
 - **Access Current Ground Water Conditions:** \$14,523.00
 - **Soil and Ground Water Delineation:** \$41,060.00
 - **Ground Water Monitoring Well Sampling:** \$15,874.00
- TOTAL \$86,907.00**

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 \$ 86,907.00 for services of the The Environmental Group, LLC.

Resolution #2020-205

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER STATILE FOR THE RIVER VALE COUNTRY CLUB BUNKER RECONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020 the Township Engineer, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. submitted a proposal for the preparation of bid specifications and to assist the Golf Course Management during the construction as follows;

- **Project Design and Construction Monitoring Services: \$ 8,800.00**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the Golf Course 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 \$ 8,800.00 for the engineering firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

Resolution #2020-206

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER STATILE FOR THE 2020 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020 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 2020 Veterans Memorial Park Improvements project as follows;

- **Project Design and Construction Monitoring Services: \$21,950.00**

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that not to exceed limitations are hereby approved and established in the amount of \$ 21,950.00 for the engineering firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

Resolution #2020-207

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED LIMITATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER STATILE FOR THE 2020 MINIATURE GOLF COURSE (RIVER VALE COUNTRY CLUB)

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020 the Township Engineer, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. submitted a proposal for the preparation of bid specifications and the provision of inspection and monitoring services for the construction of a Miniature Golf Course at the River Vale Country Club project as follows:

- **Project Design and Construction Monitoring Services: \$ 77,260.00**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the Golf Course 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 \$ 77,260.00 for the engineering firm of Christopher P. Statile, P.A.

Resolution #2020-208

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE RIVER VALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, at the August 31, 2020 meeting of the Board of Officers of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department the appointment of the following individuals as new members of the Fire Department were approved:

- **Nathan Grawehr**
- **Daniel Schneiderman**
- **Justin Eliopoulos**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby confirms the appointments of the above individuals as new members of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded the Chief of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department.

Resolution #2020-209

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

WHEREAS, the following liquor license holder has 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 holder has paid the municipal fee and a Tax Clearance Certificate have been received; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is 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 license for the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 term.

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

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

#0253-33-002-006	DAYAWATI LLC 123 Van Riper Lane Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 (Pocket License)	\$2,000.00
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Resolution #2020-210

RESOLUTION

**TAX APPEAL
REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the following property owner was rendered County Tax Appeal decision for a reduced assessment; and

WHEREAS, the property owner is requesting a refund for overpayment of their taxes as listed below.

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 payable as follows:

Block 516, Lot 6
Debra Perlmutter
557 Faletti Way
Refund Amount \$640.71

Payable to:
Debra Perlmutter

Mail to:
Debra Perlmutter
102 George Road
Emerson, NJ 07630

Resolution #2020-211

RESOLUTION

**TAX APPEAL
REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the following property owner was rendered County Tax Appeal decision for a reduced assessment; and

WHEREAS, the property owner is requesting a refund for overpayment of their taxes as listed below.

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 payable as follows:

Block 1301, Lot 18
601 Piermont Avenue
Refund Amount: \$675.20

Payable to: Dana Catanese

Mail to:
Dana Catanese
69 Rochester Drive
Brick, NJ 08723

Resolution #2020-212

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2020 POPLAR ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2020 the Township received bids for the 2020 Poplar Road Safety Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the bid received from DLS Contracting Inc., with offices located at 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: \$ 249,655.20
Alternate: \$ 24,000.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed \$ 273,655.20 in the Capital Account/Private and Public 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 2020 Poplar Road Safety Improvements Project as described in the Bid Specifications.

Resolution #2020-213

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:	\$	206,445.99
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	-
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	92,272.41
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$	-
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	15,700.00

ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	-
GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	864.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,132.48
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	18,215.22
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,275.00
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	333.33
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:	\$	47,788.78
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	-
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	-
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$	388,027.21

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:	\$	3,147,165.34
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	513,127.71
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,185.00
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,000.00
TAX SALE PREMIUM ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	100,000.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
PAYROLL AGENCY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	8,231.29
SNOW REMOVAL 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:		
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	34,997.78
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:		
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$	3,807,707.12
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	\$	4,195,734.33

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS
BILL LIST FOR Oct. 13, 2020**

Transfer		
9/30/2020 Payroll	\$	316,238.08
TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS	\$	316,238.08

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

There were no Ordinances for 1st or 2nd Reading.

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 meeting to the public.

Councilwoman Sieg commented on the behalf of the Council thanking the new members of the Fire Department. She very much appreciates their service and knows that they are always working in River Vale's best interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Criscuolo to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

ATTEST:
Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

Council President Mark Bromberg

