

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 25, 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 Ben-Yishay, Councilman Criscuolo, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present.

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

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**Council Comments**

Councilmembers Ben-Yishay and Donovan had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Sieg commented on what a pleasure it is to see how our CERT team interacts with our residents and the responsibility that is put on their shoulders. She added that the CERT team is amazing and how they are out in all types of weather and situations; always with a smile. Councilwoman Sieg expressed how grateful she is and the Township is to have a CERT team that not only helps River Vale but the County as well. Councilwoman Sieg added that it is an honor to be in their presence.

Councilwoman Sieg next commented on the litter she sees in the Town parks and wooded areas and urged everyone to please pick up after themselves and help keep our Town beautiful.

Council President Bromberg echoed Councilwoman Sieg's comments.

Councilman Criscuolo had no comments this evening.

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**CERT Team Special Recognition**

Council President Bromberg announced the formal recognition of the CERT Team by not only this Governing Body but the State of New Jersey and the County. Council President Bromberg read a statement into the record:

*In January, the Bergen County Health Department requested assistance at the Covid-19 test area at Bergen Community College as well as the Covid inoculation center at New Bridge Medical Center. The Bergen County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requested volunteers from the various Community Response Teams (CERT). Fourteen volunteers from the River Vale CERT team logged a total of over 600 hours, with some individuals totally more than 100. In recognition of their help, the state of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, State Police Office of Emergency Management awarded certificates to 14 CERT members for their assistance during the pandemic.*

Council President Bromberg commented that they have a great CERT team and we rely on these volunteers to help our first responders. They also assist with various Town events and parades but sometimes their help is need beyond the Township; and this time it was the County requesting help with the pandemic.

Council President Bromberg stated how impressive the CERT team's duty was at a time when everyone was quarantining and isolating themselves. The River Vale CERT team went into the testing centers where there was potential for people to have Covid. Additionally, the CERT team volunteered at the inoculation sites. Council President Bromberg added that they are all very thankful and proud of the River Vale CERT team.

He next asked the leaders of the CERT team; Bill Peters and Linda Wayne to step up and announce the names of the CERT team members.

Bill Peters thanked Mark and also noted that Mark is a member of the CERT team as well and they really appreciate his participation with the team. Bill Peters noted two individuals that logged in over 100 hours at the testing sites; Lucy and Patrick. Bill Peters next distributed the Certificates to the CERT Team members: Lucy Chua, Patrick Moore, Hercules Couvelos, Lena Helmbrecht, D Scacchetti, Cheryl Bruno, Jim Bruno, Nancy Fastow, Bruce Fastow, Damian Rogich, Birgitte Wiggins, Bill Wulff, and Linda Wayne.

Bill Peters thanked the Council for the opportunity and Mark for his service. Council President Bromberg noted that Bill Peters didn't name himself as he was on the list to be recognized. Linda Wayne thanked the Council for appreciating and supporting the team.

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### **Business Administrator Report**

Mr. Rotella reported that the reconstruction of the Lower Grove Amphitheater is complete and the work came out beautiful; he encouraged all to take a look. Council President Bromberg asked if you can still set-up chairs; Mr. Rotella responded yes at the lower portion. However, it is no longer an amphitheater rather it is landscaping, with stone with a paver pathway.

He next reported on the resolution approving the Audit Corrective Action Plan; he explained that this is something new the State is requiring. Mr. Rotella next reviewed the three resolutions adopting the Employee and Volunteer Handbooks and the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. He explained that one of the benefits of being a part of the JIF is that they have a team of attorneys who have been working on these updates in order to be consistent with the law. Additionally, our own law firm reviewed has reviewed the new Handbooks.

Mr. Rotella reported on the resolution acknowledging the Best Practices Inventory and the Township has no deficiencies therefore we will receive 100% of our funding. The RFQ for construction management services for the new Public Safety Complex went out on Friday and they have received many interested companies.

He next announced the PSE&G has an energy program which the Township participates in yearly. This Wednesday PSE&G will be touring all the Township's facilities looking at energy saving upgrades. Mr. Rotella explained that 75% of the work is paid for by the grant and the remaining 25% is paid by the municipality over a three (3) year interest free period. He is specially looking at replacing all the ballfield lights and upgrading to LED fixtures.

Mr. Rotella concluded with an update on the concert bridge at the Golf Course which was washed out during Hurricane Ida. He reported that Chris Statile has put out a Bid to repair of the bridge.

Councilman Donovan questioned if the RFQ falls under the lowest bidder or do we have discretion. Mr. Rotella responded that the Township will have discretion and does not have to be the lowest.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Statile reported the Bid is out for the Bridge Repair and the Golf Course with a receipt date of November 10<sup>th</sup> and award in November. He added that the project can be done in December or January because it is not weather dependent. Councilwoman Sieg asked what they could do preventatively upstream in the future; she noted all the trees that were washed down. Mr. Statile agreed that there was a lot of debris packed in the culvert; however, the new bridge will be deep enough and be able to handle the water. Mr. Rotella added that the force of the water during the storm was very intense and carried some very large trees downstream that weren't from the Golf Course property. He further reported that the water flooded the maintenance area and lifted the pavement as well.

Councilwoman Sieg commented that when a branch falls on wires the utility company only cuts the limb not the tree which is dead which she finds very concerning. Mr. Statile explained that the utility companies cut below the primary wires and don't perform much preventative work.

Mr. Statile reported that they are looking at grant applications from the NRCS for Hurricane Ida. He explained that when the State declares a disaster they can apply to clean the brooks and remove fallen trees. The grant provides 75% of the cost and the municipality the other 25%; the grant range goes up to \$125,000.

Mr. Statile next reported that the only remaining work for the Road Program is the new exit ramp and handicap spots at the River Vale Country club parking lot. He is also working with Gennaro on the Driving Range Confinement Netting bid specifications which will have a design build option. He added that a trajectory analysis has been completed to determine how tall the steel poles need to be in order to protect the new townhomes that will be built next to the Golf Course.

He next gave a brief update on the Edgewood application. They are asking the Planning Board for a revision to their site plan; which includes modifying a few holes, moving their midway building and installing a bubble over their Tennis Courts.

Councilman Donovan asked about the NRCS grant and realistically how much work could they do. Mr. Statile responded that the grant will provide funding to pull out snags, remove debris and trees; however, they cannot re-channel the brooks. Councilman Donovan asked is we could focus on areas like New Street.

Councilman Donovan commented that the Road Resurfacing Program came in under budget for which he thanked Chris Statile.

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### **1st Hearing of the Public**

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

David Rice—539 Bernita Drive—Mr. Rice agreed that it's a good idea to have a new exit at the Golf course. He next commented on the changes to the Golf Course fees; and feels they're forcing out the seniors and residents on the weekends and Fridays with the 20% increase. Mr. Rice stated that most of the taxes paid in the long run are by seniors. He would like to see the Council reconsider raising the rates 20%.

Bob Fortsch—511 Bernita Drive—commented that he has been working at home for the past 18 months and during that time he has taken a lot of walks. During his walks on the sidewalks of Rivervale Road he's noticed shrubbery, trees and branches blocking the path. He added that he feels this is a safety issue. Mr. Fortsch questioned if there's an ordinance to maintain your sidewalk with regard to shrubbery.

Mr. Rotella responded that the path needs to be maintained; however, it depends where you're talking about. He asked Mr. Fortsch to let him know the areas of concern. Mr. Fortsch responded from the River Vale Golf Course to the Baylor Massacre. Mr. Rotella explained that this is a property maintenance issue and he will have someone take a look at the area.

Mr. Fortsch next commented that he attended the River Vale Police Department Cigar Night; which was a great evening. And on October 14th Bergen Catholic held their Cigar Night at the River Vale Country Club; they raised \$13,000 and had a great time. Mr. Fortsch thanked Christine, Liz, Nick and Brian for doing a great job and they will be back in May of 2022.

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

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilman Criscuolo to approve Resolution #2021-204 as follows:

#### **Resolution #2021-204**

#### **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 October 12, 2021 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Council Comments**

Councilwoman Sieg noted the resolution appointing another volunteer to the Fire Department. She added that this is a nice reflection on our Fire Department and she hopes all of these new recruits maintain the positive and high standards of the Department.

Council President Bromberg commented on the resolution for the Liquor License Transfer; which has already been vetted and approved by the ABC and the Township Police Department. He also spoke to Councilman Donovan; the Council Representative on the Planning Board, who have also reviewed this situation and made some suggestions. Council President Bromberg added that now it is up to the Council to approve the transfer of the license.

Council President Bromberg next commented on the Resolutions adopting the Handbooks which was required by the JIF as explained earlier by Gennaro.

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to approve Resolutions #2021-205 through #2021-213 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

**Resolution #2021-205**

**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:

**Nicholas Scherer**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale hereby confirm the appointment of Nicholas Scherer as a new member of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department.

**Resolution #2021-206**

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE BEST PRACTICE INVENTORY (2021)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that all members of the governing body present at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Council on October 25, 2021 have reviewed and discussed the 2021 Best Practice Inventory prepared by the Chief Financial Officer.

**Resolution #2021-207**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER APPLICATION (DAYAWATI LLC "THE GATHERING")**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a place-to-place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption license number 0253-33-002-006, hereto issued to Dayawati LLC for an inactive license with a mailing address of 123 Van Riper Lane, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale does hereby approve effective October 25, 2021, the place-to-place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption license from an inactive license to its new location at 209 Rivervale Road, Suite 2, in the Township of River Vale.

**Resolution #2021-208**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 AUDIT CORRECTIVE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Annual Audit of the Township of River Vale, conducted by Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP contained recommendations requiring action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the recommendations and prepared a Corrective Action Plan for the 2020 Annual Audit, responding to the Audit Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corrective Action Plan has been reviewed by the members of the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of River Vale 2020 Corrective Action Plan is hereby approved by the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale and approved for submission to the Division of Local Government Services.

**Resolution #2021-209**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

**(NON-CIVIL SERVICE JURISDICTION)**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) is recommending the Township adopt an Employee Handbook to serve as a governing document for all employees of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the MEL defines the Employee Handbook as a comprehensive document containing essential policy information presented in a user friendly manner to all employees.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Employee Handbook is hereby approved and adopted by the Township.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of the Employee Handbook will be distributed to all current and future employees of the Township of River Vale.

**Resolution #2021-210**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) is recommending the Township adopt an Volunteer Handbook to serve as a governing document for all Volunteers of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the MEL defines the Volunteer Handbook as a comprehensive document containing essential policy information presented in a user friendly manner to all volunteers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Volunteer Handbook is hereby approved and adopted by the Township.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of the Volunteer Handbook will be distributed to all current and future volunteers of the Township of River Vale.

**Resolution #2021-211**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council shall from time to time review, amend and adopt personnel policies and procedures to assist in the fair and uniform application of Federal and State employment related law for all Township employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration is recommending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual be amended in its entirety to ensure compliance with current JIF requirements and sound practice in regard to administration by the Township.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the amendments to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual are hereby approved.

**Resolution #2021-212**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT  
CYCLE JULY 2020 THROUGH JUNE 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the River Vale Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of:

DEDR \$ 3836.33  
Cash Match \$ 959.08  
In-Kind \$ 2877.66

2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**Resolution #2021-213**

**Payment of Bills**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to pay the following claims:

CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	475,576.93
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	32,611.61
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	62,525.54
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$	5,350.00
FEDERAL/STATE GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,285.00
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	5,721.60
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	152,360.57
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:	\$	7,260.00
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	101,736.39
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	61,252.86
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	4,057.25
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	8,460.00

ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:

**TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID** \$ **918,197.75**

**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:	\$	7,001,665.85
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	6,275.00
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	646,627.40
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	41.40
HOUSING TRUST claims in the amount of:	\$	5,850.00
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	46,405.73
PAYROLL AGENCY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	3,440.84
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:		
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	100,000.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	744.62
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	63,451.11
BUILDERS ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	150.00
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>7,874,651.95</b>
<b>TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,792,849.70</b>

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS**

**BILL LIST FOR October 25, 2021**

8/30/2021	Transfer Payroll	\$	296,844.47
9/15/2021	Transfer Payroll	\$	294,409.65
9/30/2021	Transfer Payroll	\$	321,079.67
10/15/2021	Transfer Payroll	\$	280,499.70
<b>TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,192,833.49</b>

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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**Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Ordinance #390-2021**

**Motion to Introduce:** Councilman Criscuolo

**Second:** Councilwoman Sieg

**Council Discussion**

Council President Bromberg noted one correction in Section A, Super Twilight, should read \$35 to \$65 not \$50. He commented that these changes take into consideration the financial stability of the golf course. Council President Bromberg reported that it has been explained to him that over time the grant funding will become less and less. The grant money has helped keep the Golf Course to be self-funded and doing very well. Council President Bromberg further explained that it's their responsibility to maintain and keep it self-funded. The rate changes have been suggested by the professionals and will help keep the Golf Course financially viable.

Councilman Donovan asked how many resident seniors as taking advantage of the rate. Mr. Rotella responded approximately 10; and there are 400 residents registered.

Councilman Ben-Yishay asked that with so few seniors playing; is it safe to say that the increase to the senior rate is not going to have a significant impact on the revenue of the Golf Course. Mr. Rotella responded no from a financial impact perspective and the rates were increased across the board.

Mr. Rotella added that the rates are recommended by the Management Company and are based upon the increased play and increased cost of doing business. He noted the cost of goods has greatly increased and in order to stay viable they have to tweak the rates. Mr. Rotella also noted that there is a waiting list for membership at the Course. He also added that you're approving a range and this allows the Management Company to work the ranges by perhaps running a sale if there are open spots.

Councilman Donovan suggested to raise the Senior Resident rate by only \$5.00 which is a 10% increase; which he feels is fair.

The Council agreed to this small change; Council President Bromberg questioned if procedurally they needed to vote on this change. Mr. Raso responded no they didn't have to vote. She explained that they can discuss it and then if they decide to do it they would vote at the second reading of the ordinance. Ms. Raso clarified that they're voting on the ordinance to move it to a second reading and you don't have to vote separately for the \$5.00 increase.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 105 ARTICLE V OF THE CODE ENTITLED "GOLF COURSE FEES"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 105 Article V of the Code is amended as follows:

**§ 105-8. Golf Course Daily Rates.**

**A. Monday through ~~Friday~~ Thursday**

	<b><u>Public</u></b>	<b><u>Resident</u></b>
Early Bird (6:00am to 7:29am)	\$40 to <del>\$65</del> \$70	\$30 to <del>\$50</del> \$60
Midday (7:30am to 2:59pm)	\$60 to <del>\$90</del> \$95	\$40 to <del>\$60</del> \$70
Twilight (adjusted based on sunset)	\$40 to <del>\$65</del> \$70	\$30 to <del>\$55</del> \$65
Super Twilight	\$35 to <del>\$50</del> \$65	\$30 to <del>\$50</del> \$60
Senior (62 years and older)	\$45 to <del>\$70</del> \$75	\$30 to <del>\$50</del> \$55
Junior (Monday through Friday	\$25 to <del>\$40</del> \$45	\$20 to <del>\$29</del> \$35

no earlier than 2:00pm)

**B. Add Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays**

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Resident</u>
Early Bird (6:00am to 7:29am)	Not Available	Not Available
Midday (7:30am to 2:59pm)	\$85 to <del>\$110</del> \$115	\$55 to <del>\$80</del> \$90
Early Twilight	\$60 to \$90	\$45 to <del>\$65</del> \$75
Twilight	\$55 to <del>\$75</del> \$80	\$40 to <del>\$55</del> \$65
Super Twilight	\$40 to <del>\$55</del> \$60	\$25 to <del>\$45</del> \$50
Senior (62 years and older)	Not Available	Not Available
Junior	Not Available	Not Available

**§ 105-9. Membership Fees.**

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Resident</u>
Individual weekday	<del>\$3,400</del> \$3,500	<del>\$1,700</del> \$2,000
Family weekday (one foursome per day)	\$4,700	<del>\$2,550</del> \$3,000
Individual full membership	<del>\$4,800</del> \$5,800	<del>\$2,900</del> \$3,500
Family full membership (one foursome per day)	<del>\$6,600</del> \$8,000	<del>\$3,900</del> \$5,000
Corporate	<del>\$28,000</del> \$34,000	N/A
Cart fee	<del>\$25</del> \$28	<del>\$25</del> \$28
Guest fees		
Monday through Friday	<del>\$65</del> \$75	<del>\$65</del> \$75
Saturday, Sunday and holidays	<del>\$85</del> \$95	<del>\$85</del> \$95

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.

**Ordinance #391-2021**

**Motion to Introduce:** Councilman Criscuolo

**Second:** Councilman Donovan

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 17 FIRE DEPARTMENT ARTICLE IV “LENGTH OF SESERVICE AWARDS” SCHEDULE “A”**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 17 of the Code is amended as follows:

**§ 17-24. Points.**

Each active volunteer member shall be credited with points for volunteer service provided to the Volunteer Fire Department /Volunteer Ambulance Corps in accordance with the Schedules A and B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**17 Attachment 1**

**Schedule A**

**River Vale Fire Department**

<u>Percent of actual calls made without extra credit</u>	<u>Points</u>
0-10%	0
11-20%	20
21-30%	30
31-40%	40
41-50%	50
51-60%	60
61 plus	70
<b><u>In River Vale in good standing</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
1-4 years of service	3
5-9 years of service	5
10-14 years of service	10
15-19 years of service	15
20-24 years of service	20
25 plus years of service	25
State Life Member NJFA or delegate	5
<b><u>Extra Credit</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
Extra credit drills (any drill after member completes 10 drills annually)	2 points per drill
Chief's calls	2 points per call
RVFD Ceremony/Wake/Funeral – Memorial Ceremonies and Parades (i.e. Memorial Day, 9/11, RVFD Funeral/Wake etc. All events in class A uniform)	6 points each
Funeral calls	2 per call
Parades	3 each
Open House (Fire Prevention/Recruitment)	5 points
Christmas details Santa Day Detail	7 per day
Officers call	2
Fire prevention week (school visits)	4-6 per day
Special details (Chief's discretion) Holiday Events (Tree Lighting, Menorah lighting, Town Day, Birthdays, Funeral calls	2 per detail

Non RVFD etc.)

Mechanic	5
Driver (per type)	5, maximum 15
Engine Driver	10
Ladder Driver	15
Rescue Driver	5
Rescue squad	5
Rescue Co. Water/Ice Rescue Team and or Rescue Tech	15
Schooling, 3 points per course over FF1	3 — 9 maximum per class
(State of nationally recognized fire or rescue certification class i.e. FF2, Fire Officer, etc.)	maximum 18
Served as officer 6 plus years	5
Ex-chief per year	5 per year maximum 10-15
Presently serving as officer	5
Fire Bureau F.P.	5

NOTE: In order to qualify you must have 100 points from January 1 to December 31.

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.

**Ordinance #392-2021**

**Motion to Introduce:** Councilman Criscuolo

**Second:** Councilman Ben-Yishay

**Council Comments**

Council President Bromberg stated that he did some research and is in favor of this ordinance. He also spoke to our Code Official Bob Rusch who explained that the problem is people are placing generators in undesirable locations such as their front yard. Therefore, this is the reason the Code Official has asked for the ordinance to be adopted. Council President Bromberg also reported that when he spoke to Bob Rusch regarding item (4) of the ordinance; Bob explained that it is not necessary to require the generators to be screened if they're not going to be in the front yard. Council President Bromberg next asked the Council if they were in agreement to strike item 4 from the ordinance.

Councilman Criscuolo stated that his concerns were not the front of the house; but rather the side and how close to the front which would defeat the purpose of the ordinance. Councilman Criscuolo agreed that in the back yard it can be removed but if it's in the side yard it would have to be a certain distance back to not require screening.

Council President Bromberg commented that he's not sure if there's a practical way to measure and enforce this.

Councilman Criscuolo suggested that it could be measured in feet or by only eliminating the backyard component.

Councilman Donovan suggested if the side yard the setback is maintained far enough from the property line then screening would be less of an issue. He also noted that the generators usually have a case around them. Councilman Donovan was in favor of striking item 4 of the ordinance.

Chris Statile added that you need access to the generator in the event it needs maintenance.

Councilwoman Sieg suggested getting input from the Planning Board on the ordinance.

Councilman Donovan agreed that the ordinance needs to be reviewed by the Planning Board after first reading for their review and comments. He suggested leaving item 4 in and at the Planning Board meeting he will bring up the Council concerns regarding the screening.

Councilman Donovan noted that they constantly try to address things when they become a problem; such as this issue and they do something about it. He added that if the ordinance needs more teeth then we can always change it.

Council President Bromberg also commented on the section regarding the decibel level. Councilwoman Sieg suggested the Planning Board could review this issue as well.

Councilman Donovan will discuss the ordinance with the Planning Board and report back with their comments and suggestions.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "LAND USE" SECTION 142-225 "ACCESSORY BUILDINGS"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 142 of the Code is amended as follows:

§ 142-225. Accessory buildings.

ADD Section

J. Stationary generators, air-conditioner compressors or units.

- (1) Exterior stationary generators, air-conditioner compressors or units are permitted as accessory uses, but are required to be located within the side or rear yards.
- (2) The footprint of stationary generators, air-conditioner compressors or units may not exceed 15 square feet each and must be located no more than three feet from the residential dwelling and shall be set back a minimum of five feet from any operable window, door and meet manufacturer specifications for installation requirements. Stationary generators cannot be located within the required front yard setback and must be located a minimum of 10 feet from the property line.
- (3) Stationary generators, air-conditioner compressors or units must be maintained in good working order consistent with manufacturer specifications, may only be powered by natural gas, propane or diesel fuel, and shall not exceed a noise level of 85 dba at the source and 50 dba at the property line.
- (4) Stationary generators, air-conditioner compressors or units are required to be screened so as not to be visible to adjoining properties.
- (5) Stationary generators, air-conditioner compressors or units are required to meet all applicable accessory structure setback requirements. Stationary generators, air-conditioner compressors or units are not considered a second accessory structure under this subsection.
- (6) Stationary generators, air-conditioner compressors or units are subject to applicable local and state noise ordinance regulations.

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

There are no Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading this evening.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing of the Public**

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

David Rice—511 Bernita Drive—questioned the lease to purchase process and whether this a Capital item. Mr. Rotella explained that sometimes when they purchase equipment it may be a five (5) year lease. At the end of the lease they buy the equipment which comes out of the regular Operating Budget and not Capital. Therefore no debt is incurred.

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.

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Council President Bromberg reported that the Clerk is working on next year’s meeting schedule. He suggested the Reorganization meeting be held on Monday evening on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also briefly reviewed tentative Council meeting dates for 2022.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

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Council President Mark Bromberg

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ATTEST:

*Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk*

