

April 12, 2006

The regular meeting of the Riverton Borough Council was held on the above date. Mayor Martin presiding (left meeting at 9:15pm).

PRESENT: Council members Daniel (arrived at 7:30pm), Villari, Dr. Smyth, Mr. Smyth, Kinzler, Cesaretti and Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn

The following statement was read by Mayor Martin:

Public notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given by the Municipal Clerk in the following manner:

(a) Having written notification of all meetings to be held in 2006 published in the Burlington County Times of January 17, 2006

(b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 19, 2006

The minutes from March 1, March 8 and closed session minutes from March 1 and March 8 were then presented. Mrs. Villari moved that these minutes be approved as submitted. This was seconded Mr. Cesaretti. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mrs. Villari aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & BILL LIST FOR APPROVAL-Mr. Kinzler

Mrs. Kinzler moved that the attached reports for the month of March be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Cesaretti. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mrs. Villari aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

DISCUSSION & INTRODUCTION OF THE 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET-Auditor, Robert Stewart present. A detailed discussion took place regarding various line items in this budget, in particular the police budget and the Wastewater Treatment facility Budget.

Additional adjustments were made where deemed necessary by the Governing Body. Mr. Kinzler reported that the Mayor, Mr. Cesaretti and himself met with the Chief and Sergeant last week. A thorough review of the figures was done, in particular the overtime line item. Mr. Kinzler announced that the initial estimate of \$75,000.00 appears to be a little short. Therefore, it was being recommended to reinstate the \$30,000.00 originally cut from this line item. Mr. Kinzler further stated that efforts would be taken to keep these costs as low as possible. Regarding the capital portion of the budget, it was the consensus of Council that new defibrillators would be purchased for the Police Department at a cost of \$10,000.00. There were no other capital items placed in this year's budget. The local municipal purpose tax increase will be 6 Cents. The percentage increase was 4.67%.

RESOLUTION 54-06

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION & MINUTE BOOK)**

The above Resolution was read by title only by Mr. Kinzler, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Dr. Daniel. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mrs. Villari nay, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth nay, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye. Second reading and a public hearing on the 2006 Municipal Budget is scheduled for May 10. The budget will be published in the Burlington County Times on April 23, 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY-Mr. Cesaretti

Mr. Cesaretti read a report for the month of March that was submitted by Chief Norcross. Vehicle Mileage 2835, Gas Used 386.7, Juvenile Arrests 1 (Assault 0, Miscellaneous 0, Curfew 1), Adult Arrests 6, Criminal Warrants 0, Criminal Summons 0, Traffic Warrants 5, DWI 1 & Other 0), Motor Vehicle Crashes 8, Motor Vehicle Stops 57, Motor Vehicle Warnings 12, Motor Vehicle Summons 56, Burglar Alarms 14, Asst. to other Police Departments 26, Animal Complaints 2, Fire Calls 13, Ambulance Calls (Riverton) 22, Unattended Deaths 0, Criminal Case 18, Domestic 0, Thefts 2, Burglaries 0,

Assaults 0, Sexual Assaults 0, Criminal Mischief 0 Robberies 0, Motor Vehicle Thefts 0, Miscellaneous Complaints 26, Miscellaneous Calls 464, and Total calls 727.

STREETS, ROADS, & SEWER-Mrs. Villari

Mrs. Villari announced that we have not yet received written confirmation from the Federal Highway Administration that they would be providing additional funding for this project. Because of this, we are unable to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Paramount, Inc. by the April 21st. deadline. Mrs. Villari further stated that Paramount, Inc. representatives have agreed to a 60 day extension of time for us to award the contract. A formal Resolution needs to be done by Council.

RESOLUTION 56-06

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TIME FOR AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE BROAD STREET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UNTIL JUNE 21, 2006 (IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

The above Resolution was read by title only by Mrs. Villari, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Mr. Cesaretti. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mrs. Villari aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

Mrs. Villari and Public Works Manager, Scott Reed, informed Council that the Department of Transportation is offering potential grant money for their 2007 Municipal Aid Program. Mr. Reed stated that there are some roads in town that could be considered for this program. Mr. Reed stated that he has conferred with our Engineer on this issue and has been informed that they would charge \$500.00-\$800.00 to submit the application. After a discussion, it was the consensus that the Engineer be authorized to proceed with the caveat that the cost for preparing and submitting this application not exceed \$800.00.

RESOLUTION 55-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM (IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

The above Resolution was read by title only by Mrs. Villari, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Dr. Smyth. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mrs. Villari aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

Mrs. Villari reported that some Borough trees were damaged during the Fulton Street project. The contractor for this project, American Asphalt Company has agreed to pay the fine of \$300.00 to the Borough for damages.

ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & PARK & RECREATION-Dr. Smyth

Dr. Smyth reported that the new Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Mary Lodato started her position on April 1. Spring maintenance continues at the park.

PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REDEVELOPMENT-Mr. Smyth

Mr. Smyth provided Council with overviews regarding site plan applications before the Board. Mr. Smyth reported that work continues on the re-examination of the Master Plan. The sub-committee is scheduled to present their review to the Board for its consideration very soon. Mr. Smyth reported that work continues on finalizing the agreement between T-Mobile and the Borough for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower at the sewer plant. Council will be kept apprised of these issues.

SHADE TREE, HUMAN SERVICES & MUNICIPAL COURT-Dr. Daniel

Dr. Daniel read a report for the month of March that was submitted by Welfare Director Florence Klein. There were four clients on assistance. Mrs. Klein attended various meetings and training sessions during the month.

Dr. Daniel read a report for the month of March that was submitted by Court Administrator Jacqueline Gleason. There were 33 traffic tickets issued—2 for parking, 30

moving and 1 DWI. There were no criminal offenses. The total receipts for the month amounted to \$10,202.00. The total disbursed to Riverton amounted to \$4,816.42.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Scott Reed, Public Works Manager, asked who from Council would be taking over Streets, Roads & Sewer when Mrs. Villari leaves office. Dr. Smyth reported that he would be handling that department.

Gene Bandine, 522 Main Street, complained again about the need for trash receptacles to be placed outside of the ice cream parlor on Main Street. Mr. Bandine stated that people throw their empty ice cream containers and other trash all over the area. He would like this issue addressed as quickly as possible. It was the consensus of Council that either the Chief or the Code Enforcement Officer could address that issue with the owners of the store. Mr. Bandine thanked Mrs. Villari for her service on Council.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE RE: REQUEST FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A PEACE POLE IN RIVERTON

Dr. Smyth reported that this issue will be deferred until next month's meeting.

UPDATE RE: REQUEST FROM RIVERTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO WAIVE THE APPLICATION FEES FOR VENDORS FOR VICTORIAN DAY-CHAPTER 96-3 OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Mr. Gunn reported that it was his opinion that this Association was exempt from the required applications fees listed in this Ordinance and therefore a waiver was not necessary. A discussion then ensued. It was the consensus that each vendor who participates shall comply with the requirements of the Riverton Business and Civic Association and Economic Development Committee by completing a vendor application form and providing same to the committee together with a release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement to the Borough of Riverton prior to commencement of the Fair. It was also the consensus of Council that the Economic Development Committee and the Riverton Business and Civic Association shall provide a financial statement and full accounting of funds collected which statement shall be submitted to Borough Council. Mr. Gunn informed Council that a formal Resolution would need to be done.

RESOLUTION 57-06

A RESOLUTION TO SPONSOR A VICTORIAN FAIR ON JUNE 17, 2006 (IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

The above Resolution was read by Mr. Smyth, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Mrs. Villari. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mrs. Villari, Dr. Smyth aye Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Mr. Kinzler asked that this Resolution be held off until next month. He wanted more time to review the information presented. Council agreed to this request.

DISCUSSION: MUNICIPAL COSTS REDUCTION FEASIBILITY STUDY-Mr. Smyth

Mr. Smyth reported that there may be state grants available to assist the Borough in more effective ways to operate, such as shared services. Mr. Smyth also reported that the League of Municipalities has a consulting group that might be available for the same purpose. Mr. Smyth will keep Council apprised of these possibilities for future consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE-There was no correspondence presented at this time.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-There was no public comment at this time

RESOLUTION 58-06

A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES PER SECTION 8 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT C.231 P.L. 1975

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

The above Resolution was read by title only by Dr. Daniel, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Mrs. Villari. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mrs. Villari aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye. It should be noted that a litigation matter will be discussed.

At this time, Dr. Smyth moved that we return to public session. This was seconded by Mrs. Villari. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mrs. Villari aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Smyth moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Mr. Cesaretti, with all present voting in the affirmative.

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk