

July 5, 2006

The July meeting of the Riverton Borough Council was held on the above date. Mayor Martin presiding.

PRESENT: Council members Daniel (left meeting at 9:50pm), Brown, Dr. Smyth, Mr. Smyth, Kinzler and Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn

ABSENT: Council member Cesaretti

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 on January 17, 2006
- (b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 19, 2006

The minutes from June 7 and the closed session minutes from June 7 were then presented. Dr. Smyth moved that these minutes be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Brown. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti absent.

TREASURER'S, FINANCE REPORTS & BILL LIST FOR

APPROVAL-Mr. Kinzler

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

RECOGNITION OF FLORENCE KLEIN, RETIRING WELFARE DIRECTOR

Mayor Martin and Borough Council publicly recognized Mrs. Klein for her twenty years of service to the Borough as our Welfare Director. On behalf of Borough Council and the community of Riverton Mayor Martin presented Mrs. Klein with a gift in appreciation for her tenure with the Borough.

FINANCIAL ISSUES: Mr. Kinzler

Funding for the Broad Street Enhancement Grant. Mr. Kinzler reported that since this is a reimbursable grant from the State, the Borough needs to have the money in place to pay the contractor. Mr. Kinzler reported that we could either go out for a Grant Anticipation Note or cash in a Certificate of Deposit (CD). Mr. Kinzler stated that the recommendation from our Auditor to cash in the CD. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of Council to agree to this.

Mr. Gunn stated that since Council has now determined the appropriate funding for this project conditioned on reimbursement from the grant, another resolution must be done certifying the Broad Street Enhancement Grant project. Mr. Gunn further stated that this certification is subject to written approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION 76-06

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE BROAD STREET ENHANCEMENT
PROJECT CONTRACT
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

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

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE REVALUATION/REASSESSMENT OF ALL PROPERTIES

Mr. Kinzler reported that two proposals were received, opened and publicly read by June 14th. They are as follows: Vital Services Group of Trenton, New Jersey \$69,900.00 and Renwick & Associates of Maple Shade New Jersey \$125,000.00. Mr. Kinzler stated that he needs to confer with our Tax Assessor regarding these proposals before a recommendation can be made to Council. Mr. Kinzler asked that this issue be placed on Council's August 2nd agenda for further discussion.

RESOLUTION 77-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVERTON FIRE COMPANY, INC. FOR THE YEARS 2006 AND 2007

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

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

It should be noted that at this time Dr. Daniel left the dais and building.

RESOLUTION 78-06

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2005 AUDIT REPORT

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

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

Authorization to open a separate interest bearing account at Farmers' & Mechanics Bank for payments in lieu of construction. Mr. Kinzler reported that opening this account is a requirement regarding the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH)

RESOLUTION 79-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO OPEN A SEPARATE INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT AT FARMERS' & MECHANICS BANK FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF CONSTRUCTION

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

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

Part-Time Tax Clerk/Office Helper Position. Mr. Kinzler reported that after conferring with the Clerk and Treasurer, he is recommending the hiring of Dolores Rosso for this position. Mr. Kinzler stated that, if Council concurs, Ms. Rosso would be brought in on a trial basis for 90 days. During that time, Ms. Rosso will work no more than 19 ½ hours per week and will not be entitled to any benefits. Her hourly wage will be \$12.36. Mr. Kinzler stated that after the 90 day period, Ms. Rosso's job performance

would be reviewed. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of Council to agree to this recommendation.

RESOLUTION 80-06

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOLORES ROSSO AS THE PART-TIME TAX CLERK/OFFICE HELPER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON ON A TRIAL BASIS

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

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

It should be noted that at this time Dr. Daniel returned to the building and dais.

RESOLUTION 81-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NETWORKS PLUS FOR COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE RIVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

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

Discussion: Centers of Place Grant. Joseph Augustyn of the Alaimo Group addressed Council. Mr. Augustyn stated that the Borough's application (which was prepared by former Councilman Ed Gilmore) included the potential for streetscape improvements (sidewalks) at the following locations: 1. Broad Street from Pompeston Creek to Fulton Street, Harrison Street behind the Bank and On the Southwest side of Main Street, from Block 801 Lots 33 to 39. The Borough received \$60,000 in grant money. Mr. Augustyn further stated that based on Council's consensus at their March 8th meeting, he met with members of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to get their input and opinion so that Council could make a final decision regarding this grant. Mr. Augustyn stated that the ARC is recommending that the grant money be utilized for the sidewalk from Cinnaminson to Fulton Sts. It would then tie in with the proposed development of the Nuway property. The ARC would also like to utilize brick to add a historic flavor. Mr. Augustyn reviewed possible pricing for this, which would be more than the grant allocation. We would have to go back to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to explain why we want to go with a more expensive design, to request additional funding and to stress the historic aspect of our town. Mr. Augustyn requested that representatives from Council attend a meeting with the DOT representatives. **Ed Gilmore, 103 Main Street** stated that the application for this grant was submitted to improve our downtown area. Mr. Gilmore is totally against going to DOT and asking to change the suggested location of the work. Mr. Gilmore believes we could complete maybe two of the suggested improvements originally outlined in the original application. We could then try and obtain additional grant funding to complete the other work. Mr. Mr. Gilmore believes this grant should have been completed by now. Mr. Augustyn stated that if Council would like to relocate the location for this grant money, they need to go back to the DOT. Mr. Augustyn's recommendation is for Council to do that. Mayor Martin commented that

he agreed with Mr. Augustyn. **Muriel Alls-Mofatt, 202 Fulton Street** commented that if you keep changing the grant nothing gets done. **Ann Matlack, 809 Thomas Avenue** questioned whether this suggested brick is in line with the planned pavilion at the center of town (Enhancement Grant Project). Ms. Matlack is concerned that the ARC's suggested location still leaves the National Casein area empty and it also leaves the area from Cinnaminson Street to Main Street not matching what is happening. Ms. Matlack concurred with Mr. Gilmore about the area around the bank needing to be re-done. She believes there is real validity to Mr. Gilmore's suggestion although she doesn't want to go against the ARC's recommendation. Ms. Matlack suggested that the Planning Board be asked to look at this. She is concerned about the big picture and making sure everything comes together without dramatically increasing costs for all of us. Mr. Smyth thinks it is a good idea to try and get additional funding from the DOT. If we can't, we can always go back to the original scope of work. Mr. Smyth wants to know what is available to us. Dr. Daniel agreed that while it makes sense to do the locations outlined in the grant application, he feels we should respect the recommendation from the ARC and Mr. Augustyn. **Gene Bandine, 522 Main Street** asked if additional bricks could be purchased at the apex in front of Zena's. Mr. Smyth commented that the bricks already there with names on them will be saved and used for the enhancement project.

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Joseph Augustyn, 634 Elm Terrace, publicly thanked Scott Reed and Keith Adams of the Public Works Department for removing a limb that had fallen on his car during the recent windstorm. There was no damage to his vehicle.

Gene Bandine, 522 Main Street, supports the Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Campaign. Mr. Bandine also asked Council to consider adopting a noise ordinance. Mr. Bandine commented that there are cars in town that make a lot of noise. Chief Norcross and Mr. Gunn commented that Chapter 140 of the Borough's Code references the adoption of the Public Health Nuisance Code (1953). Mr. Gunn provided an overview of this Code. The Police Department should be contacted when a situation arises so that it can be properly addressed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY-Mr. Cesaretti

In Mr. Cesaretti's absence, Dr. Smyth read a report for the month of June that was submitted by Chief Norcross. Vehicle Mileage 2948, Gas used (figure not submitted) Juvenile Arrests 0, Adult Arrests 8 (Criminal Warrant 0, Criminal Summons 0, Traffic Warrants 6, DWI 2, Other 0), Motor Vehicle Crashes 8, Motor Vehicle Stops 69, Motor Vehicle Warnings 11, Motor Vehicles Summons 60, Burglar Alarms 14, Asst. to other Police Departments 29, Animal Complaints 6, Fire Calls 24, Ambulance calls (Riverton) 23, Unattended Deaths 0, Criminal Cases 25, Domestic 2, Thefts 2, Burglaries 0, Assaults 0, Sexual Assaults 0, Criminal Mischief 3, Robberies 0, Motor Vehicle Thefts 0, Miscellaneous Complaints 15, Miscellaneous Calls 658 and Total Calls 957.

During the month of June, the Borough's Animal Control Officer assisted the police with a dead dog and removed an injured opossum to the shelter.

Chief Norcross reported that there is a problem with large truck traffic on 4th Street. The same problem has occurred on Main Street when attempts are made by the truck driver's to turn onto Bank Avenue. Some property damage has occurred at these locations because the driver's cannot negotiate the streets. Chief Norcross wants to

purchase signs to be installed at the locations in question to curtail this traffic. Chief Norcross stated that this is covered by statues already on the books as well as in the Borough's code book. Chief Norcross believes that the problem lies with the directions the truck drivers are using to access the Baptist Home and the school for deliveries. Mr. Gunn reminded the Chief that we should have an exception for local deliveries.

Regarding the Riverton Drive 25 Campaign, Chief Norcross reported that he is recommending that Council consider giving this committee an exemption from the Borough's sign ordinance for the last two weeks in August through the entire month of September when school starts. Chief Norcross stated that a similar exemption has been made regarding curfew changes. Mr. Gunn stated that this potential sign exemption would require an amendment to our Zoning Ordinance and should be referred to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation. Mr. Smyth commented that he would raise this issue at the next Planning Board meeting.

Chief Norcross reported on the radar operation being run on Thomas and Lippincott Avenue. Chief Norcross stated that 10 tickets were issued on Thomas and 4 tickets for excessive speeding on Lippincott Avenue. Chief Norcross stated that his department would be working closely with the Riverton Drive 25 Campaign committee. Chief Norcross wanted those present to understand that while it may seem that drivers are speeding, they may not be.

ZONING, PARK, CODE ENFORCEMENT & MUNICIPAL COURT-Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown reported that maintenance continues at the park. Mr. Brown reported that he met with the Code Enforcement Officer, Mary Lodato regarding the vacant and neglected property located at 622 Thomas. Ms. Lodato will be contacting both County and State Health agencies to determine what can be done to address this issue.

Mr. Brown announced that Kady Iannacone will not be able to work as the Arts & Crafts Assistant for one of our summer programs. Mr. Brown stated that Chris Rago will be able to fill this position. Mr. Brown further stated that we need to amend our previous Resolution that authorized the hiring of summer park personnel to reflect this change.

RESOLUTION 82-06

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 72-06 CONCERNING THE
HIRING OF PERSONNEL FOR THE 2006 ARTS AND CRAFTS PROGRAM
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

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

The following Municipal Court report for the month of June was submitted by Court Administrator, Jacqueline Gleason. There were 89 traffic tickets issued—12 for parking, 76 moving and 1 DWI. There were 6 criminal violations issued—2 summons, 3 warrants and 1 local ordinance. The total receipts for the month amounted to \$9,977.14. The total disbursed to Riverton amounted to \$3,848.22.

STREETS, ROADS & SEWER-Dr. Smyth

Dr. Smyth announced that our Engineer for the Fulton Street project has discovered some items which either require correction or completion. The contractor for this project has been notified of these issues. Dr. Smyth reported that Adolph Schoemer will be retiring as our Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator later on this year. The

committee is in the process of discussing a recommended replacement. Council will be kept informed.

PLANNING, REDEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-Mr. Smyth

Regarding the following site plan applications before the Board, Mr. Smyth reported that the expansion of Zena's Bakery is on a continuation basis, the Nuway project has been approved and it is now being reviewed by the County, T-Mobile's cell tower application has been approved and the demolition of the home at 2-4 Thomas Avenue has been approved.

Mr. Smyth announced that Mayor Martin, Planner Tamara Lee and himself met with representatives from the Office of Smart Growth to review the Borough's options for utilizing these funds. Mr. Smyth commented that the Borough does not want to lose this funding. Mr. Smyth stated that initially this funding was for a sustainable zoning ordinance and then changed to a possible redevelopment plan or traffic study. The Office of Smart Growth provided some options for the Borough to consider, which will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board as well as our Environmental Commission before Council reaches a final decision. The Mayor has sent a letter to the Office of Smart Growth requesting a one year extension to the grant. Council will be kept informed.

Mr. Smyth announced that Victorian Day was a great success and that over 5,000.00 people attended. Our businesses benefited from it. Mr. Smyth read a citation from Assemblymen Connors and Conaway regarding this celebration. Mr. Smyth also showed Council a sample plaque indicating the Borough's placement on the National Register of Historic Places that will be placed at the clock after the completion of the enhancement grant.

SHADE TREE, HUMAN SERVICES, BOARD OF HEALTH & RECYCLING-Dr. Daniel

Dr. Daniel read a report for the month of June that was submitted by Welfare Director, Florence Klein. There were five cases on the rolls. Dr. Daniel announced that the County would be taking over Riverton's Human Services cases when Mrs. Klein retires at the end of this month.

Dr. Daniel reported that he and Mr. Kinzler will be meeting with the Chair of the Shade Tree Commission to review and discuss the over expenditures of the 2006 Shade Tree budget. Council will be kept informed.

CORRESPONDENCE. There was no correspondence presented at this time.

RIVERTON'S DRIVE 25 CAMPAIGN. Katy Roussos, 708 Thomas Avenue provided an overview of what the campaign has accomplished. Mrs. Roussos reported that 15 of their yard signs were stolen and that 13 were recovered at the golf course. **Renee Azelby, 706 Thomas Avenue** and Mrs. Roussos reviewed the attached which details the Education and Awareness and Long Term Solutions for the campaign. Mr. Smyth asked if there was a way of informing every resident in town about this campaign. The Clerk and Treasurer suggested that an insert be placed with our tax bills. Ms. Roussos stated that the police are a very important element to the campaign pertaining to the enforcement of the speed limits in town. Mrs. Roussos wants Riverton to be one of those towns where you don't speed. Mayor Martin applauded their efforts. Mr. Smyth stated that potential grants may be an option to help with their campaign efforts. Resident David Gerkins, who is a planner and grant writer, might be able to assist the

Borough with this effort. Mr. Kinzler commented that at the last meeting the issue of contacting the Baptist Home was raised to discuss possible speeding issues by their employees. Mr. Smyth stated that he has spoken to their Director about the committee's campaign. Mr. Smyth informed her that there should be an employee meeting to discuss the speeding concerns. Mr. Kinzler asked the Chief for his overall assessment of the speeding issues, in particular along Lippincott Avenue. Chief Norcross stated that while you might assume that a particular vehicle is speeding; they may not be going as fast as you think. Dr. Daniel commented that he knows that the cars that speed along Lippincott Avenue are usually from the people that work for the Baptist Home. Chief Norcross asked for the list of cars and license plates and he would personally speak to the Baptist Home directly.

UPDATE RE: PEACE POLE. Dr. Smyth reported that the committee is still slightly short of their projected goal of \$600.00 for the purchase of the peace pole. Dr. Smyth stated that he would keep Council informed of their progress.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Gene Bandine, 522 Main Street, reiterated his position that there needs to be additional trash receptacles placed at various locations in the Borough, in particular in front of the ice cream parlor and the bakery.

Eileen DellaPenna, 402 Linden Avenue, stated that she is a nurse for the Baptist Home (Riverview Estates). Mrs. Della Penna does not feel that the speeding issues raised tonight should be directed solely to the employees of Riverview Estates. She took exception to this. Mrs. Della Penna believes that the employees of Riverview Estates are being singled out. Mrs. Della Penna stated that other people speed at the locations mentioned tonight.

Phyllis Rodgers, 405 Lippincott Avenue, publicly thanked Borough Council and Borough Officials for all of their help in making the Victorian Day celebration a great success. Mrs. Rodgers stated that with Council's support, we hope to hold this event again next year.

RESOLUTION 83-06

**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 Smyth, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Mr. Smyth. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti absent. It should be noted that litigation and personnel matters will be discussed. At this time Dr. Daniel left the meeting and was not present for the closed session.

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

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

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Components of Riverton's Drive 25 Campaign as of 6/22/06

Education & Awareness	Long-Term Solutions	
Drive 25 Campaign	Traffic Calming	Police enforcement
Goal:	Goal:	Goal:
To educate community members and alert drivers	To work with and support the borough to determine if needed, where, which measures and funding options	To support the police through communication and collaboration with concerned citizens
Next Steps:	Next steps:	Next Steps:
Participation in 4 th of July parade & booth	Circulate petitions	Create a Public Safety liaison group
Awareness letters to business owners to influence employees	Research options for a traffic study	Work with police to develop strategies and communication procedures for community members to report and discuss concerns
Awareness letters to post on vehicles parked at Riverline station	Examine efforts in other communities	
Organize yard sign campaign (specific weeks in the year) and possible street sign campaign	Research grant options	
Collaboration with schools ("Safe Routes to School," "Walk to School Week," contests & incentives, drivers' ed. programs)	Collaborate with NJ DOT's Department of Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety (Sheree Davis)	
Investigate "Riverton Drive 25" merchandise & corporate sponsorships	Look into possible benefits of Riverton becoming a member of Cross County Connection to support our efforts	
Look into possibility of proclamation by Mayor		