

December 5, 2007

The work session of the Riverton Borough Council was held on the above date. Mayor Martin presiding.

**PRESENT:** Council members Brown, Dr. Smyth, Mr. Smyth, Kinzler, Cesaretti and Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn

**ABSENT:** Council member Daniel

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 2007 published in the Burlington County Times on December 27, 2006
- (b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 3, 2007

**ORDINANCE 6-07**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SKATEBOARDS AND SKATEBOARD  
RAMPS THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON  
(IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)**

The above Ordinance was read by title only for the second time by Mr. Brown, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Mr. Cesaretti. At this time Mayor Martin opened this portion of the meeting to the public for any comment on this Ordinance. There being no comment, Mayor Martin closed this portion of the meeting to the public. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth nay, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye. Mr. Smyth commented that the reason he voted against this Ordinance is because he thought it was too restrictive. He believes that this issue could have been decided more informally.

**RESOLUTION 102-07**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SEPARATE SHADE TREE  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES AND STUMPS AND FOR  
THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TREES AND AUTHORIZING THE  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE RECEIPT OF SEPARATE BIDS  
FOR THIS WORK  
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Kinzler questioned the 39 trees and 2 stumps scheduled to be removed in 2008. He asked Mr. Emens, Chair of the Shade Tree Commission, if these had to come down. Mr. Emens stated that these are hazardous or diseased trees which are causing problems and need to be addressed. Mr. Kinzler asked how this number compared to last year's. Mr. Emens stated that it's around the same. Mr. Emens explained that it is hard to predict because maintenance issues are ongoing, if we want to maintain the quality of the safety issues to the Borough. Mr. Kinzler expressed concern over these potential removal costs. Mr. Smyth asked Mr. Emens if we can expect any grant monies to help defray costs. Mr. Emens responded only for maintenance which he has factored into his budget request for 2008. Mr. Emens clarified this by stating that while we have been awarded this grant money, we have not received it yet.

The above Resolution was read by title only by Mr. Smyth, 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.

**RESOLUTION 103-07**  
**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST 2007**  
**YEAR END CRACKDOWN**  
**(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

The above Resolution was read by title only by Mr. Cesaretti, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Mr. Kinzler. 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.

**UPDATE RE: REQUIRED REVISIONS TO OUR TAX MAPS FOR REVALUATION PURPOSES-Mr. Kinzler**

Mr. Kinzler stated that Council had authorized the awarding of a contract to Alaimo Associates for this work on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This was contingent upon their submission of a contract which itemized the services to be performed and which is acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Tax Assessor. Mr. Kinzler stated that Alaimo Associates has complied with our request.

**RESOLUTION 104-07**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RETURN OF THE TAX MAPS AND THE**  
**SUBMISSION TO ALAIMO GROUP FOR UTILIZATION OF TAX MAP**  
**SERVICES FOR REVALUATION PURPOSES**  
**(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 absent, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

**COMMENTS AND INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Smyth reported that both he and Mr. Brown would be meeting with representatives of the Bridge Commission to discuss possible upgrades to the Bank & Linden Avenue location. The Bridge Commission previously informed Council that they might have the funds to do this. Council will be kept apprised of this issue.

Mr. Smyth reported that he has been informed that the Riverton Post Office has selected Riverton Square for their re-location. Mr. Smyth was unsure how long it would take for the Post Office to make this move.

Mayor Martin announced that the tree lighting will be held on December 7, 2007 at 7:00pm at the gazebo.

Mayor Martin announced that the library's sponsored house tour will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm until 9:00pm.

Mr. Kinzler announced that he wanted to start meeting with Department Heads the week of December 17<sup>th</sup> to review their budgets. Mr. Kinzler asked if budgets had been submitted for the Police Department, Public Works and the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Clerk responded no. Mr. Kinzler asked the Chief and the Public Works Manager to submit these expeditiously.

Mr. Cesaretti announced that Crossing Guard, Kristine Romagnoli resigned and that the Chief sent her a thank you letter for her services.

Mr. Cesaretti announced that there was a press release in the Burlington County Times announcing the website for the Police Department.

Mr. Cesaretti announced that the new telephone system was installed and that it has the capability for voice mail boxes for the members of Council. After a short discussion, it was the consensus that this feature would not be utilized because the councilmember's home phones are listed in the Borough's Directory.

Mr. Cesaretti announced that the new server for the Borough's computer system would be installed on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Scott Reed, 421 Lippincott Avenue, asked why a Sergeant has not been appointed in the Police Department. Mr. Reed believes this is a very important position and should be filled. Mr. Brown responded that once the police contract is resolved that will satisfy the salary requirements for this position, it will be filled.

**UPDATE RE: SEAWALL ISSUE AT 109 BANK AVENUE**

Mayor Martin reported that resident Alice Veneziano, an Environmental Attorney has volunteered to assist the owners of 109 Bank Avenue (Mr. & Mrs. Horner) in obtaining an emergency permit from the Department of Environmental Protection to repair their deteriorating seawall. Council then reviewed a draft letter that would be included with all the rest of the required paperwork that Ms. Veneziano is putting together to submit to the DEP. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with this. Mr. Gunn stated that Council would need to do a formal Resolution that authorizes the Mayor to sign this letter.

**RESOLUTION 105-07**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FORWARD A LETTER TO THE NEW JERSEY DEP IN SUPPORT OF AN EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR REPAIR OF THE SEAWALL AT 109 BANK AVENUE  
(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. Brown. 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.

**RESOLUTION 106-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON AUTHORIZING THE DAY AND TIME FOR THE 2008 REORGANIZATION MEETING  
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

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

**RESOLUTION 107-07**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DAYS AND TIMES OF ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2008  
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

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

absent, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth abstained, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

**DISCUSSION: 2008 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Council reviewed and discussed the current year's assignments, making suggested adjustments for next year. Mayor Martin announced that the 2008 assignments are scheduled to be publicly announced at the Borough's 2008 reorganization meeting.

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 12.** The Clerk reviewed this with the Governing Body.

**RESOLUTION 108-07**

**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. Cesaretti. 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 the following issues will be discussed-Potential Claim by a resident-sewer issue, Personnel-2008 Professional Service Appointments and Contract Negotiations-Police

At this time Mr. Cesaretti moved that we return to public session. This was seconded by Mr. Brown. 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.

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

Mary Longbottom, RMC  
Municipal Clerk