

February 14, 2007

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

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

Mayor Martin read the following statement:

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

The minutes from January 3, January 10 and the closed session minutes from January 10 were then presented. Dr. Smyth moved that these minutes be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Cesaretti. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye..

At this time it was announced that the representatives from the Riverton Improvement Association would not be present tonight. They will be in for Council's March 14th meeting to do their presentation.

It was also announced that the Chair of the Shade Tree Commission was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Emens will be present at Council's March 7th meeting.

DISCUSSION: 2007 BUDGET

Mr. Kinzler provided Council with updates regarding the 2007 budget process. Mr. Kinzler reviewed the fund balance, debt issues, insurance issues, Municipal Court issues, proposed capital issues, etc. Mr. Kinzler provided Council with a draft pertaining to specific expense details. Mr. Kinzler asked that if Council had any questions they should contact him to review and discuss as soon as possible. Mr. Kinzler stated that we would be discussing and finalizing the budget at Council's March 14th meeting. Our auditor will be present at that time. Mr. Kinzler anticipates that the 2007 budget will be introduced at that time.

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

Mr. Kinzler moved that the attached reports for the month of January 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 & Mr. Cesaretti aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHADE TREE, BOARD OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL-Dr. Daniel (No Report)

PUBLIC SAFETY-Mr. Cesaretti

Mr. Cesaretti read a report for the month of January that was submitted by Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Yearly. There were 13 fire calls for the month, 3 Drills, 8 Calls in Town, 6 Calls out of town and 227.3 man hours for the month.

The police report and Animal Control Reports were not submitted.

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

Mr. Brown reported that John Trotman recently resigned from the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board tabled appointing a Chairperson until they meet on February 21st. Zoning Board Member Fred DeVece volunteered to oversee the sign ordinance issue.

Mr. Brown reported that foreclosure proceedings have commenced at the property located at 108 7th Street.

Mr. Brown reported that a personalized brick order form is being prepared for distribution to the public. Mr. Brown reported that the Riverton Improvement Association would be handling this. Mr. Brown reported that the Chief of Police would like to see an Ordinance enacted that would prohibit skateboarding at the new plaza (in front of Zena's bakery).

STREETS, ROADS & SEWER-Dr. Smyth

Dr. Smyth reported that the Public Works Department has been hard at work clearing the streets from the recent snow storm.

PLANNING, REDEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SHARED SERVICES-Mr. Smyth

Mr. Smyth reported that the sub-division hearing regarding 815 Homewood was continued. Mr. Smyth reported that the Planning Board is recommending that Council consider the adoption of an Ordinance to provide for an Affordable Housing Committee and Liaison. Mr. Smyth reported that the Comcast Cable Channel (28) will be featuring an informational video on Riverton. It is scheduled to air on February 21st at 8:30pm. Mr. Smyth reported that both he and the Mayor would be doing interviews about Riverton on the Cable Channel CN8 in the immediate future. Mr. Smyth reported that the Bridge Commission would be assisting the Borough with the application process for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation and Community Development Initiative. Council will be kept informed.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Martin announced that Chris Halt resigned from the Planning Board and that he is making the following appointments:

REGULAR MEMBER

Keith Wenig, Class IV Term expires 12-31-08

ALTERNATES

No. 1 Joseph Creighton Term expires 12-31-07

No. 2 Patricia Bruner Term expires 12-31-08

OLD BUSINESS-There was no old business presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smyth reported that we have received a request for financial support for Victorian Day from Riverton's Economic Development Committee. Mr. Smyth stated that Council provided \$1,000.00 in last year's budget for this event. Mr. Smyth thought the Committee was looking for an increase this year. A decision will be made during the final budget process.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Gene Bandine, 522 Main Street, expressed concern that a portion of Main Street (400 and 500 blocks) could not be properly cleared during the recent

snow storm because of all the parked cars. Mr. Bandine suggested that specific guidelines be instituted to remedy this problem. Mr. Bandine commented that most of these vehicles could be parked in the back of the respective homes at this area. Mr. Cesaretti responded that the Chief had also raised this issue as it pertains to the same situation along Broad Street and that this issue, along with Mr. Bandine's concerns about Main Street would be discussed further at Council's March 7th meeting. Mr. Bandine would also like to see no parking regulations instituted when streets are cleaned in the Borough.

Gary Ford, 311 Bank Avenue, raised concern about the deterioration of the property located at 423 Lippincott Avenue. Mr. Ford reported that he knows the owner no longer lives there and that there is no heat in the house. Mr. Ford also reported that our previous Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer (Anthony Dydek), had tried to work with the owner to get him to paint the exterior of the home. Mr. Ford believes this issue needs to be addressed immediately. Mr. Brown commented that he would discuss this issue with our present Code Enforcement Officer and ask her to address these concerns.

Robert Fenton, 16 Morgan Avenue, asked when Morgan Avenue would be re-paved. It is in very bad shape. Dr. Smyth responded that Council was very much aware of this and that it would be discussed during the budget process.

RESOLUTION 25-07

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 aye, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye. It should be noted that personnel and a litigation matter would be discussed.

At this time Mr. Cesaretti moved that we return to public session. 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 aye.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON APPOINTING BRIAN JOHNSON AS A PATROLMAN WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON

The above Resolution was read by title only by Mr. Cesaretti, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Dr. Smyth. At this time Mr. Brown moved that this Resolution be tabled until the Police Committee meets to discuss it further. This was seconded by Dr. Daniel. Mr. Gunn stated that voting on the motion to table takes precedence over the vote on this Resolution. A poll vote was then taken on Mr. Brown's motion to table this Resolution. Dr. Daniel aye, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth nay, 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