

February 7, 2007

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

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

ABSENT: Council member Kinzler

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

Recognition of Freeman Moorhouse-former Zoning Board Member and Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Martin and members of Borough Council presented Mr. Moorhouse with a plaque in appreciation for his many years of service to the Borough.

Pat Bruner to address Council regarding historic preservation issues. Ms. Bruner, who is a member of the Historic Society of Riverton (HSR) read the attached statement which stresses the importance of preserving Riverton's historical heritage. Ms. Bruner highlighted the fact that most of Riverton was designated as a Historic District ten years ago. However, Ms. Bruner was concerned that at that time the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) was given only a non-binding, advisory role. The HSR believes this should be changed.

On behalf of the HSR, Ms. Bruner submitted proposed changes to our present Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 128) for Council's consideration. This is on file with the Municipal Clerk. Solicitor Gunn commented that a lot of these proposals fall under the Planning Board's jurisdiction and that they should review this. Mr. Gunn stated that the ARC was originally established in conjunction with the Planning Board. Mr. Gunn stated that he would need to review these proposals to determine if any of them fall under Council's jurisdiction. Mr. Gunn further stated that some of these proposals may impact our Master Plan. Mr. Smyth, who is a member of the Planning Board, stated that historical issues would be addressed during the current re-examination of the Master Plan and with the Environmental Resource Inventory (Smart Growth Grant). Public hearings will be held. Mr. Smyth stated that new ordinances dealing with historical issues might then be recommended by the Planning Board to the Council for their consideration.

Dr. Daniel believes that historical preservation is such a critical part of this community. Dr. Daniel stated that this is a historic town and we want to maintain the character of it. Mayor Martin asked how close the HRS's proposed Ordinance is to Haddonfield's. Ms. Bruner responded very close. Mayor Martin commented that we might suggest appointing a member of Council to serve on the ARC. Mr. Cesaretti asked if Council has a liaison to the ARC. Mayor Martin responded no, but the Planning Board does. Mr. Smyth suggested that since

he is the Council representative serving on the Planning Board, he could also serve as the Council representative to the ARC. The Solicitor commented that our present ordinance would have to be amended to provide for this.

Dr. Daniel stressed the importance of planning the future of the way that Riverton looks based on the history already here. Dr. Daniel believes what Riverton has should be respected and embraced. Mr. Cesaretti asked if the HRS's proposed ordinance would include ongoing assessments for property maintenance or would the changes proposed be just when a property changes ownership or if there are additions or demolitions. Ms. Bruncker responded just when something on the exterior of the structure of the property changes. Mayor Martin commented that this issue will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review.

Patricia Taylor 402 Lippincott Avenue a member of the HSR, informed Council that a bill has been introduced that would give historic tax credits for homeowners.

Bob Kennedy, 106 Lippincott Avenue, a member of the ARC supports the HSR's recommendations. Mr. Kennedy stated that it is frustrating to give residents recommendations that they don't have to follow. He believes the ARC needs to have "some teeth". Mr. Kennedy further stated that some type of appeal process would also have to be implemented. Mr. Kennedy believes it is a benefit that Riverton is on the historic register. Mr. Kennedy also stated that we have to maintain it because we could be taken off the register.

Shade Tree Issues:

a. Review of the bid received for Care & Maintenance of Trees. Dr. Daniel reported that one bid was received, opened and publicly read on January 25, 2007 for the Care and Maintenance of Trees for 2007. The bid received was from the **Paul May Tree Service of Delran, New Jersey**. A copy of the bid is attached. Dr. Daniel reported that the Shade Tree Commission and Solicitor have reviewed this bid and are recommending that Council award the contract to Paul May. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of Council to agree to this.

RESOLUTION 19-07

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THE PAUL MAY TREE SERVICE, INC. FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TREES FOR 2007 (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 Mr. Cesaretti. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

Concrete repair work done by a resident on Thomas Avenue that should have been done by our tree contractor. Dr. Daniel asked that this issue be tabled until next week's meeting when the Chair of the Shade Tree Commission would be present. It was the consensus of Council to agree to this.

Streets & Roads Issues: Dr. Smyth

Garbage & Trash Contract (currently expires on 12/31/07) Dr. Smyth reported that he would be meeting with his committee and our Public Works Superintendent to discuss this issue. He will report back to Council by next month.

Letter received about the need to repair or re-surface Church Lane. Council reviewed a letter received from resident Barry Solin informing them that Church Lane is in need of repair. Mr. Solin reported that the lane is used by the owners of homes on Lippincott and Main Streets to access their yards and garages, as well as a thoroughfare between Broad and Main Streets. Mr. Solin included pictures showing that there are many holes in the lane and some are quite deep. Mr. Solin is requesting that this roadway get a full-re-surfacing soon. After a discussion, it was the consensus that Public Works Manager Scott Reed should have his Department fill the potholes along this lane. The issue of when this road would be considered for re-surfacing will be discussed during the budget process.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Grant. Mr. Brown reported that we are still waiting to receive the scope of work for this project. Council will be kept informed.

Police Contract Update. Mr. Brown reported that there will be a negotiating meeting on February 22nd. Council will be kept informed.

Update Re: Personalized Brick purchase. Mr. Brown reported that the cost for the bricks will be \$40.00 each. This price will include 14 free characters. Additional letters are \$2.00 each. We are presently designing a form to be distributed to the public. The Riverton Improvement Association will be handling this project. Council will be kept informed.

Proposed Skateboard Ordinance. Mr. Brown reported that the Chief is requesting that Council consider adopting an Ordinance that would prohibit skateboarding at the plaza in front of Zena's. This issue was taken under advisement for now.

Daylight Savings Time issue. Since daylight savings time will commence earlier this year (March 11), Mr. Cesaretti asked that we check with our computer company to assure that everything is in place to assure that operations are not disrupted.

Update Re: Riverton Improvement Association (RIA). Mr. Smyth reported that he recently met with members of this association and Robert Fenton of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Organization. Mr. Smyth reported that the RIA would like to initiate a project (through private donations) this year to upgrade the War Memorial (new landscaping, better lighting, addressing and possibly replacing the flagpoles at this site, etc.) Mr. Smyth reported that representatives of the RIA will be in next week to address Council about this project.

Meeting open to the public

Armand Bianchini, 803 Main Street asked if the architecture of the CVS building and the new construction at Broad & Main will be in conjunction with the town. Mayor Martin and Mr. Smyth commented that a lot of thought went into this during the site plan and variance review process for these projects. The Architectural Review Committee was also involved. There will be a lot of brick work at both sites.

Mr. Bianchini commented that he would like to see a nice Christmas tree placed at the War Memorial next year.

Mr. Bianchini also asked for a clarification on what trees belong to him as to which are maintained by the Borough at his location. This question came up during the removal of a tree at his property after a recent storm. Dr. Daniel referred this to the Chair of the Shade Tree Commission.

Gene Bandine, 522 Main Street asked for confirmation that a new flagpole would be placed at the War Memorial. Mr. Smyth stated that this was not definite now, but would be considered by the RIA as one of their projects for this year.

Mr. Bandine commented that he believes a great job was done on the landscaping at the new CVS.

Phyllis Rodgers, 405 Lippincott Avenue asked that Council provide some financial support towards this year's Victorian Day celebration on June 2nd. Mrs. Rodgers stated that last year, Council had placed \$1,000.00 in the budget for this. Mrs. Rodgers requested that Council consider doing the same amount, or if they can, to increase the amount. Mr. Smyth asked that Mrs. Rodgers provide Council with a written request so that it can be considered during the budget process. Mr. Cesaretti asked that the Palmyra Nature Cove be informed of the date for Victorian day so that they do not schedule any events on that date. Mrs. Rodgers also asked Council to consider making Harrison Street a two way street. Mrs. Rodgers expressed concern that since drivers cannot turn onto Harrison from Main, it is difficult for those who are unfamiliar with the area to know where to access Harrison Street and the parking lots that are available. After a discussion, this issue was taken under advisement.

Renee Azelby, 706 Thomas Avenue informed Council that the stump from the tree that fell down near her property on Midway was never ground up. Mrs. Azelby asked what needed to be done so this would be accomplished. Dr. Daniel responded that he would confer with the Chair of the Shade Tree Commission regarding this issue.

Mrs. Azelby asked for an update regarding the Bicycle/Pedestrian study. Mr. Brown responded.

Barry Solin, 406 Main Street understands that Riverton already has a cable franchise agreement with Comcast Cable. However, Mr. Solin is interested in the services that Verizon can provide, which he feels are better and faster than what Comcast is providing. The Borough's Solicitor responded that the Borough's 15 year franchise agreement with Comcast Cable does not end until 2014.

Muriel Alls-Moffatt, 202 Fulton Street, asked how many co-locators we have attached to the cell tower installed by T-Mobile at the sewer plant. Mr. Smyth responded just T-Mobile. We have received an inquiry from Verizon to talk to T-Mobile about this.

Mrs. Alls-Moffatt asked when we would be doing a revaluation. Mr. Smyth reported that we already have a contract with Vital Services Group to complete this work this year. Mrs. Alls-Moffatt asked how much the contract was. The Clerk responded \$69,900.00.

Updates Re: Grants & Shared Services-Mr. Smyth

RESOLUTION 20-07

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RICHARD A. ALAIMO ASSOCIATES AND ENGINEERS TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2006 SIDEWALK CENTERS OF PLACE GRANT

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

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

RESOLUTION 21-07

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR CONCRETE CURBS AND HADCO STREET LIGHTS FOR THE BROAD STREET ENHANCEMENT GRANT

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

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

RESOLUTION 22-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION NUMBER 1 TO THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT NUMBER 05-DT-LA DATED AUGUST 9, 2005

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

The above Resolution was read by title only by Mr. 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 absent and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

Mr. Smyth reported that we have an opportunity to submit a Transportation and Community Development Initiative application. This is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Smyth reported that the application would be prepared at no cost to the Borough by the Bridge Commission. Mr. Smyth asked Council for a recommendation as to what type of project we should specify in the application. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of Council that we request funding for revitalization planning in the Broad and Main Street transportation corridors in Riverton. Council will be kept informed.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mayor Martin made the following appointments:

PLANNING BOARD-REGULAR MEMBER (Term 4 Years)

Suzanne Wells-Class IV 12-31-10

PLANNING BOARD-ALTERNATES (Term 2 Years)

Keith Wenig-Alternate No. 1 12-31-07

Joseph Creighton-Alternate No. 2 12-31-08

ZONING BOARD-REGULAR MEMBERS (Term 4 Years)

Kerry Brandt 12-31-10

William Corbi 12-31-09 (fills unexpired term of Freeman Moorhouse)

Patricia Manzi 12-31-08 (fills unexpired term of John Trotman)

ZONING BOARD-ALTERNATES (Term 2 Years)

Craig Greenwood-Alternate No. 1 12-31-07 (fills unexpired term of Robert Hoag)

Janine Miller-Alternate No. 2 12-31-08

SHADE TREE COMMISSION (Term 3 Years)

Gene Bandine 12-31-09

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE-REGULAR MEMBER

(Term 4 Years)

Nancy Siefert 12-31-10

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE-ALTERNATES (Term 2 Years)

Andee Byers 12-31-08

Rocky Adriance 12-31-08

Robert Kennedy 12-31-08

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION-REGULAR MEMBER (Term 3 Years)

Joseph Runyon 12-31-09

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION-ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Term 2 Years)

Bennett Landsman 12-31-08

Christopher Halt 12-31-08

PARK & RECREATION (Term 5 Years)

Joseph Della Penna 12-31-08 (fills unexpired term of William Corbi)

Dolores DeFreitas 12-31-11

BOARD OF HEALTH (Term 3 Years)

Anthony Cherico 12-31-09

Wendy Augustyn 12-31-09

RESOLUTION 23-07

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COURT PERSONNEL

(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. Smyth. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel aye, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

RESOLUTION 24-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES

OVER THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON DURING 2007

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

Preliminary agenda for February 14. The Clerk reviewed this with the Governing Body.

Meeting open to the Public

James Moffatt, 202 Fulton Street, informed the Mayor that he had made no mention of the parking committee appointments, of which Mr. Moffatt has served as a member. Mayor Martin then announced that the Parking Committee was made up of Councilman Cesaretti, James Moffatt, Frank Cioci, and Chief Norcross. Additional members will be added as needed.

Armand Bianchini, 803 Main Street asked for additional information regarding the Aerial Larval Mosquito Control Activities. Mr. Cesaretti responded that operations are conducted annually by the County Board of Health in the daylight hours only and that the contract will run from April 1st through November 18th.

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

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk