

March 14, 2007

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

PRESENT: Council members Daniel (left meeting at 9:00pm), Brown, Dr. Smyth (left meeting at 10:00pm), Mr. Smyth, Kinzler, Cesaretti and Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn

The following statement was read by Mayor Martin:

Public notice of the 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 February 7, February 14 and closed session minutes from February 14 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.

PAUL GRENA, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RIVERTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENT TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

Mr. Grena reported that this is a non-profit organization dedicated to the beautification of public space in Riverton. Recently this organization has been reinvigorated. They have decided on a project to help landscape our War Memorial. The Association is coming together with methods to help raise money for this project. Mr. Grena reported that there will be a gala (mystery and masquerade) scheduled for Friday May 11, 2007 from 6:00pm until 10:00 pm at the New Riverton Square presently being constructed at 605 Main Street. The ticket price will be \$75.00 and will be available at the usual locations throughout Riverton. Mr. Grena stated that this event would be advertised on our website, a banner would be placed across Main Street advertising the event and a direct mailing to Riverton residents is being considered. Mr. Grena stated that they are looking for more people to help with the Improvement Association. Mr. Grena commented that the Association have employed other fund raising methods such as the brick stamping project, benches, plaques, gaslights, etc. Mr. Grena reported that he is working with a very large benefactor who has a strong interest in the park. Mr. Grena stated that the support from Council is appreciated. Mr. Smyth commented that he thinks that the war memorial project is a great idea. Dr. Daniel thinks the costs for the tickets may be a bit prohibitive to individuals in Riverton because it is too much money.

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

Mr. Kinzler moved that the attached reports for the month of February 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 aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY-Mr. Cesaretti

Mr. Cesaretti read a report for the month of February, 2007 that was submitted by Chief Norcross. Vehicle Mileage 2612, Gas Used 526.70, Juvenile Arrests 1 (Assault 0, Miscellaneous 1 (Drug), and Curfew 0, Adult Arrests 10, (Criminal Warrants 4, Criminal Summons 0, Traffic Warrants 7, DWI 0 and Other 0, Motor Vehicle Crashes 1, Motor

Vehicle Stops 68, Motor Vehicle Warnings 13, Motor Vehicle Summons 59 (Riverton Officers 59), Burglar Alarms 13, Asst. to other Police Departments 21, Animal Complaints 3, Fire Calls 6, Arson 0, Ambulance calls (Riverton) 23, Unattended Deaths 0, Criminal Cases 17, Domestic 0, Thefts 0, Burglaries 0, Assaults 0 Sexual Assaults 0, Criminal Mischief, 0 Miscellaneous Complaints 2, Miscellaneous Calls 545 and Total Calls 782.

Mr. Cesaretti read a report for the month of February, 2007 that was submitted by Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Yearly. There were 15 fire calls for the month, 3 drills, 9 calls in town, 6 calls out of town and 240.3 man hours for the month.

Mr. Cesaretti reported that we received notice of an award for the body armor replacement fund from the state. We should receive close to \$600.00.

STREETS, ROADS & SEWER-Dr. Smyth

Public Works Manager Scott Reed stated that when homes are sold the owners or the buyers leave all of their bulk trash for his Department to pick up. Mr. Reed expressed strong concern about this. It costs a lot of money every time this is done. Mr. Reed believes this issue should be addressed at the settlement table by escrowing funds to take care of the trash removal by getting a dumpster. Mr. Gunn commented that there presently is nothing in our Code to regulate this issue. After a short discussion, it was the consensus that the Solicitor research this issue and bring suggested amendments to our Code for Council's consideration at next month's meeting.

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

Mr. Brown reported that the new members of the Zoning Board were recently sworn in. Mr. Brown reported that Cedar Lane Mews was sold and it appears that the new owner may want to proceed on the site plan for new homes. The Historical Society of Riverton has proposed changes to our Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 128 of Borough Code). These proposed changes are being reviewed by the Zoning Board. Mr. Brown reported that the Brandenberger Main Street site may have some landscaping changes. Mr. Brandenberger wasn't at the Zoning Board meeting to present his side. Regarding the park, work continues to be done on the fields. Mr. Brown reported that the Court Administrator did not have time to get the monthly report to us. Mr. Brown reported that the Riverton bicycle/pedestrian grant's scope of work is being worked on.

PLANNING, GRANTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SHARED SERVICES-Mr. Smyth

Mr. Smyth reported that the Planning Board's reorganization was recently held. Mr. Smyth was appointed the Council Municipal Housing Liaison Officer. Mr. Smyth reported that open forum meetings pertaining to our Smart Growth Grant (Environmental Resource Inventory) are being scheduled. An announcement has been distributed to the waterfront property owners to attend a meeting on March 26 between 9:00am to 11:00am at the library. Mr. Smyth reported that the Planning Board would also be reviewing the Historical Society's proposed revisions to our zoning code. Mr. Smyth reported that a minor sub-division was approved with some restrictions for 815 Homewood Drive. Mr. Smyth reported that at the March 20th meeting, the Board will be hearing a continuation of the site plan application for 515 Main Street.

Mr. Smyth reported that he would be talking to the Mayor of Palmyra about a possible joint shared service for garbage /trash collection. Mr. Smyth reported that he would be contacting the sewage authority in Cinnaminson about possible back-up shared services for our Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Regarding the Centers of Place Grant, Mr. Smyth reported that three bids were received, opened and publicly read on March 8, 2007. **The total base bids + alternates A&B are as follows: Curb Con, Inc. of Barnegat, New Jersey**

08005 \$51,525.00, Think Pavers Hardscaping of Woodbury, New Jersey
08096 \$72,628.75 and Paramount Enterprises, Inc., of Cherry Hill, New
Jersey \$106,250.00. Mr. Smyth reported that our Solicitor has reviewed Curb Con's
proposal and bid documentation and has found everything to be in order. Mr. Smyth
reported that Alaimo Associates, the Borough's Engineer for this project is recommending
that Council award his contract to Curb Con. Inc. of Barnegat, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION 28-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2006 SIDEWALK CENTERS OF PLACE PROJECT TO CURB CON, INC. OF BARNEGAT, NEW JERSEY (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 aye and Mr. Cesaretti
aye.

SHADE TREE, BOARD OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL-Dr. Daniel

Dr. Daniel asked to table his report for Shade Tree and Board of Health until April.
Dr. Daniel will be addressing the proposed changes to our Environmental Commission
Ordinance under New Business.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Robert Foster, 504 Cinnaminson Street addressed Council about the Resolution
they passed on January 10, 2007 regarding the placement of the peace pole. While Mr.
Foster appreciates Mr. Brandenberger's kindness in offering his site, Mr. Foster does not
know if that is an appropriate place for the peace pole. Mr. Foster feels that the intention of
having the peace pole was that it should be used by the school as part of their anti-bullying,
conflict resolution efforts. When it is eventually installed, Mr. Foster wants it renamed the
Riverton Children's peace pole. Mr. Foster suggested placing the pole at the new plaza
where Zena's bakery is.

Anne Creter, 9 Laurel Road wanted to speak on the resolution that council has
passed. She believes there is an urgency to address this issue now. Mrs. Creter stated that
the committee collected money from people for this peace pole. She feels a burden and
pressure to have the peace pole placed somewhere in this town by the end of the school
year. While the committee appreciates Mr. Brandenberger's offer, they believe the area near
Zena's bakery would be a better place for the pole. Mr. Creter stated that the peace pole was
to have been a civic lesson for the school. Mrs. Creter commented that Mr. Brandenberger
has also offered up a spot at the new CVS for the placement of the peace pole. However,
the Committee would prefer that the pole be placed on public property.

Michael Robinson 6 2nd Street spoke on behalf of the peace pole committee by asking
Council to consider placing the pole at the site of Zena's bakery.

Dennis Creter, 9 Laurel Road stated that since he has previously served on Council,
he realizes that there are different considerations the governing body must address when
deciding what's best for the community. He understands all of their questions and concerns
about this issue. Mr. Creter thought that when the idea was originally presented to Council,
it seemed everyone was on board. He also thought that it was originally clear that the
committee wanted the pole placed in a public spot. Mr. Creter was surprised that a
Resolution had been passed that places the pole on Mr. Brandenberger's property. Mr.
Creter stated that the committee was not able to participate in the decision making. Mr.
Creter stated that if the committee had wanted the pole on private property, Council didn't
need to get involved. Mr. Cesaretti asked what happened to the suggestion that the pole be

placed at the library. Mr. Robinson commented stated that the Library Board is involved with a landscaping make-over and they decided not to make a decision on the peace pole. Mr. Cesaretti asked if this issue would be reviewed again after the landscaping is done. Mr. Robinson commented that they could. Mr. Brown commented that the school originally backed right away from placing the pole on school property.

Anne Creter 9 Laurel Road, commented that when this was presented to the school, they were already under the impression that this was going to be a civic project in which the school would participate with the town. Mr. Smyth stated that Council looked at different options, such as the school, the library or Mr. Brandenberger's property. Mr. Smyth commented that Council thought Mr. Brandenberger's offer was a good option. Mr. Brown reminded Council that they unanimously voted to place the peace pole on Mr. Brandenberger's property at the January 10th meeting. Dr. Daniel stated that overall; the Council is not against the peace pole. If the Brandenburger site fails, he suggested looking at the school or the library or maybe at Zena's. Mayor Martin commented that the location issue was and is a big concern for Council.

Susan Foster, 504 Cinnaminson Street understands that none of the peace pole committee members were present when the resolution was passed on January 10th. They were asked not to attend that meeting. Both Dr. Daniel and Mr. Brown asked who told them not to attend. Mrs. Creter responded that it was Dr. Smyth. Mrs. Creter explained that they were planning on attending but Dr. Smyth asked her to let it rest for awhile. She then found out that Council had passed the Resolution. Dr. Daniel suggested that the committee figure out a short list of places, solicit input from those public locations, vote amongst the committee members and then bring it back to Council.

Dennis Creter, 9 Laurel Road stated that the peace pole committee wants the pole placed at Zena's. They brought the pole to that location and took pictures to show council. Mr. Brown stated that he believes the peace pole would be totally out of place at that location. Mr. Cesaretti stated that both the school and library said no to placing the pole at their locations. He wanted to know why this wasn't published in the recent newspaper article.

Cathy Martin 103 Bank Avenue believes people should be educated about the peace pole. Mrs. Martin commented that Council had previously discussed having a public forum on this issue.

It was the consensus of Council that the peace pole issue be placed on their April 4th agenda for further discussion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 1-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 13 OF THE RIVERTON BOROUGH CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The above Ordinance was read by title only for the first time by Dr. Daniel, 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 aye.

RESOLUTION 29-07 TRANSFER RESOLUTION (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. 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.

RESOLUTION 30-07
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TWO ADDITIONAL
CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2006-2007
SCHOOL YEAR
(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 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Cesaretti read a letter of resignation from Patrolman John Shaw. Patrolman Shaw will be leaving March 26, 2007.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET-
(AUDITOR, ROBERT STEWART PRESENT)

A detailed discussion took place regarding various line items in this budget. Additional adjustments were made where deemed necessary by the Governing Body. Regarding the capital portion of the budget, it was the consensus of Council to reappropriate funds not used from a prior bond ordinance for the following: Acquisition of various police equipment, 2007 road program, acquisition of computer equipment for the municipal offices, purchase of file cabinets for the construction office and various park improvements to the basketball and tennis courts. The local municipal purpose tax increase will be 4.8 cents. The percentage increase was 3.58%.

RESOLUTION 31-07
A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2007 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 Mr. Cesaretti. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mr. Brown aye, Dr. Smyth absent, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye. The 2007 municipal budget will be published in the March 25th edition of the Burlington County Times. Second reading and a public hearing on the budget is scheduled for April 11, 2007.

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

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk