

August 13, 2008

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

**PRESENT:** Council members Brown, Cairns Wells, 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 notice of all meetings to be held in 2008 published in the Burlington County Times on December 30, 2007
- (b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 4, 2008

The open and closed session minutes from July 9 were then presented. Mr. Brown moved that these minutes be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Smyth. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

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

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY-**Mr. Cesaretti

There were no Police, Fire or Animal Control reports submitted for this month.

#### **ORDINANCE 4-08**

#### **AN ORDINANCE IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 69, SECTIONS 18 AND 19 OF THE RIVERTON BOROUGH CODE TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN INSPECTION AND PERMIT FEES (IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)**

The above Ordinance was read by title only for the second time by Mr. Cesaretti, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Mr. Brown. 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, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

Mr. Cesaretti announced that two police officers recently resigned and that the Public Safety Committee was recommending the hiring of Thomas W. Reed as a Class II Special Officer until the vacancies in the Police Department are filled.

#### **RESOLUTION 67-08**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THOMAS W. REED AS A CLASS II SPECIAL OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON FOR THE REMAINDER OF 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 Ms. Cairns Wells. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

**RESOLUTION 68-08**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF ABANDONED**  
**BICYCLES BY THE RIVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**(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 Ms. Cairns Wells. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

**STREETS/SEWER/GRANTS/SHARED SERVICES/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-Mr. Smyth**

Mr. Smyth announced that we received six (6) requests for proposals for the downtown revitalization grant study on July 24<sup>th</sup>. They are T&M Associates \$42,600.00, The Weitzman Planning Group, Inc. \$44,199.00, Community Grants, Planning & Housing \$44,800.00, Remington & Vernick Engineers \$40,045.92, Alaimo Group \$44,505.00 and CMX \$43,997.00. Mr. Smyth reported that the consultant selection committee would be meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> with County Planner, Mark Remsa to begin the review process.

Mr. Smyth reported that a Borough truck was destroyed by a recent arson fire at the sewer plant. We are working with our insurance company and will be replacing this vehicle as soon as possible.

Mr. Smyth reported that Verizon will be a new co-locator on the cell tower at the sewer plant.

Mr. Smyth reported that Riverton recently received an economic development excellence award from the Freeholders.

Mr. Smyth reported that news articles appeared in the Burlington County Times and the Newsweekly regarding Riverton's Classic town designation. Mr. Smyth reminded Council that during the budget process we discussed the required contribution of \$2,500.00 for this designation. The contribution will be used to partially support regional media purchases for the next 12 months. Mr. Smyth stated that at the time of the discussions, Council did not specify a line item for this expense. After some discussion, it was the consensus that the Finance Committee would review the budget to determine where these funds would come from. It is anticipated that the contribution would be on the bill list for approval at Council's September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Smyth reported that he is looking into the possibility of applying for a Green Acres grant which is due on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mr. Brown reported that the Zoning Board approved variances at 706 Thomas Avenue and 3 Seventh Street.

Mr. Brown reported that there is an ongoing skateboarding problem at the gazebo and CVS locations. Mr. Brown stated that while we previously discussed the possible placement of some type of portable ramps at the park, there is concern over the costs and liability issues associated with this.

Mr. Brown reported that there is concern over the placement of a construction crane at 109 Bank Avenue. Mr. Brown also stated that this property owner has not fixed his riverwall. The Borough had assisted him in obtaining the required permits from the DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Brown understands that these permits are good for five years. Mr. Brown and other members of Council expressed their safety concerns due to the deterioration of the riverwall at this location. We have been trying to take a personal approach with the property owner to try and encourage him to get the work started and completed.

Mr. Brown read a Court report for the month of July that was submitted by Court Administrator Jackie Gleason. The total receipts for the month amounted to \$10,611.00. The total disbursed to Riverton amounted to \$5,271.40. Mr. Brown reminded Council of the need to review our present interlocal agreement with Cinnaminson regarding our court.

**PLANNING/REDEVELOPMENT- Ms. Cairns Wells**

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that the Planning Board heard an amended site plan application for the placement of a Beneficial Bank branch at the Shoppes at Riverton location on Broad Street. This application was continued until this month's meeting. Ms. Cairns Wells reported that the Board approved a minor sub-division at 908 Cedar Street, with the stipulation that the old deed restriction be removed. Ms. Cairns Wells reported that a request to demolish and replace a garage at 603 Bank Avenue has been received and will be discussed at the Board's meeting this month. Ms. Cairns Wells reported that Planner, Tamara Lee would be updating the Planning Board on new COAH regulations at this month's meeting.

**SHADE TREE/BD OF HEALTH/RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENTAL-Dr. Daniel-No Report**

**BELL ZONE WAIVER REQUEST.** Mayor Martin reported that to date, no word has been received from the Federal Railroad Administration regarding our request for a bell zone waiver.

**POLICE INTERVIEWS.** Mr. Brown reported that the Public Safety Committee will be holding interviews for two police officers.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Gene Bandine, 522 Main Street**, who is a member of our Shade Tree Commission, reported that 80 new trees have been planted. Mr. Bandine reported that when new trees are planted, the respective property owners are given written notice of the importance of watering these trees. Mr. Bandine stated that this is not being done. It was the consensus of Council that the Shade Tree Commission should send additional notices that reinforces the need to water these newly planted trees.

Mr. Bandine requested that Council petition the County to get a safety walk installed from the Municipal Parking lot on Main Street to the Hair Salon.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2008 LEAGUE CONFERENCE**

The Clerk asked which members of Council would be attending this conference in November (18<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>). Mr. Smyth was the only member who indicated that he would be attending.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed correspondence received from J. Randolph Parry, Architect. Mr. Parry has expressed interest in purchasing the Red Balloon building next door to Borough Hall and has made a written request to Council for a right of way to access his potential property from the rear of the municipal parking lot. After a short discussion on the pros and cons of this request, it was the consensus that more detailed information, such as the number of vehicles which would be accessing Mr. Parry's property and the number of parking spaces planned, would be needed. Mayor Martin expressed concern that parking for Borough business is very limited on this lot and that we also share this parking area with the Fire Company. Ms. Cairns Wells stated that she felt this request would have to go to the Planning Board for review. Council asked Mayor Martin to respond to Mr. Parry's request, indicating Council's concerns.

Council reviewed correspondence from the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. September is designated Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month across the nation and the Southern New Jersey chapter is asking each town across South Jersey to join their awareness campaign by decorating the Borough's main thoroughfare with teal ribbons which their organization will supply. It was the consensus of Council to agree to this.

**RESOLUTION 69-08**

**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 Ms. Cairns Wells, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Mr. Brown. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye. It should be noted that Potential Litigation-a 4th of July issue will be discussed.

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

**RESOLUTION 70-08**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM WITH SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

The above Resolution was read by title only by Ms. Cairns Wells. This was seconded by Mr. Brown. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

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