

September 10, 2008

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

PRESENT: Council members Brown, Cairns Wells (arrived at 7:32pm), Smyth, Kinzler (arrived at 8:00pm), 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 August 13 were then presented. Mr. Brown moved that these minutes 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 absent, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY-Mr. Cesaretti

There were no police reports submitted for this month. Mr. Cesaretti did announce that there have been 9 burglaries and cautioned all residents to keep their doors locked.

Mr. Cesaretti read a report for the month of August that was submitted by Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Yearly. There were 6 fire calls for the month, 3 drills, 3 calls in town, 3 calls out of town and the total man hours for the month amounted to 110.

RESOLUTION 74-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THREE ADDITIONAL CROSSING GUARDS 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 absent and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

STREETS/SEWER/SHARED SERVICES/ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT-Mr. Smyth

RESOLUTION 75-08

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR THE SEVENTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (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 Ms. Cairns Wells. A poll vote was then taken. Dr. Daniel absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent, and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

Mr. Smyth reported that he, Ms. Cairns Wells and Mrs. Alls-Moffatt would be attending a shared services meeting on September 18th that pertains to COAH issues.

Mr. Smyth reported that we have not heard from the Department of Community Affairs as to when we would be receiving a Sharing Available Resources Efficiency grant for possible police consolidation with Cinnaminson and Palmyra.

Mr. Smyth announced that the River Route Advisory Committee was selected by the Freeholders to be the recipient of its 2008 PlanSmart NJ award.

Mr. Smyth announced that SJ Magazine did an article on the River Route communities in their September issue and Riverton was featured.

Mr. Smyth announced that we would probably hear sometime in October if Riverton's Safe Route to Schools grant application was approved.

Mr. Smyth reported that, to date, we have not heard anything from the Federal Railroad Administration regarding our request for a bell zone waiver.

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

Mr. Brown reported that he had no report regarding the Zoning Board.

Mr. Brown read a report for the month of August that was submitted by Court Administrator Jackie Gleason. The total receipts for the month amounted to \$8,214.00. The total amount disbursed to Riverton amounted to \$4,316.12.

Mr. Brown reported that the Riverton Improvement Association (RIA) is proposing to install a path in the park from the peace pole to the nature path. This project is in the preliminary stages. If approved by Council this path would have to meet both Green Acres and ADA requirements. Representatives from the RIA will be presenting their plan to Council for consideration as soon as possible.

Mr. Brown read a thank you note from Eagle Scout recipient Zachary Barth.

Regarding Code Enforcement, Mr. Brown reported that there have been ongoing complaints about the deterioration of 108 7th Street. Both our Code Enforcement Officer and Construction Official are handling these issues.

PLANNING/REDEVELOPMENT-Ms. Cairns Wells

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that the Planning Board approved a revised site plan application for the placement of a Beneficial Bank at the Shoppes of Riverton location.

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that the Zoning Ordinance Task Force Committee would be meeting again to finalize their recommendations for submission to Council for their review and consideration.

SHADE TREE/BD OF HEALTH/RECYCLING &

ENVIRONMENTAL-Dr. Daniel (No Report)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Gene Bandine, 530 Main Street, expressed concern over the lack of a 4 way stop sign at 4th & Lippincott. Mr. Cesaretti responded that the Borough has submitted a Safe Routes to Schools grant application. If we are successful in obtaining grant funding, eleven possible intersections will have stop signs installed and crosswalks would be restriped.

Renee Azelby, 706 Thomas Avenue, commented that the RBA Group's (Bicycle & Pedestrian Study) report supported a 4 way stop sign at 4th & Lippincott Avenues.

Ms. Azelby then asked for an update on 622 Thomas Avenue. Mr. Brown stated that the house is in the foreclosure process. Mr. Brown reported that our Code Enforcement Officer would be contacting the bank, once again, to have them address the ongoing concerns at this property.

Armand Bianchini, 803 Main Street, expressed concern over speeding issues on Main near Homewood.

Regarding Beneficial Bank's relocation to the CVS shopping Center, Mr. Bianchini cautioned Council to protect the integrity of the Riverton. Mr. Bianchini wants to make sure that the new building will fit in with Riverton's architectural design.

FINANCIAL ISSUES: Mr. Kinzler

TREASURER'S, FINANCE REPORT & BILL LIST FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Kinzler moved that the attached reports for the month of August 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.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE 2008 BUDGET

Mr. Kinzler distributed an expense detail report regarding the budget as of August. This is on file with the Municipal Clerk. Mr. Kinzler highlighted some line items of concern such as Computer Hardware/Software costs for the Borough and Police Department, Planning Board Professional Service Costs, Workers Compensation, Public Works Equipment Maintenance and Misc/Courses and seminars, Garbage/Trash removal, Public Buildings & Grounds, Vehicle Maintenance for Public Works, Fire & Police, Utilities (gasoline) and the revaluation process.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Martin announced that September is designated as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Volunteers will be hanging teal ribbons around the Borough to raise awareness.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 76-08

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR THE CURB REPLACEMENT AT CEDAR STREET AND ROAD RESURFACING AT THOMAS AVENUE (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 absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye.

POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN ALARM SYSTEMS IN THE BOROUGH

Chief Norcross reported that there have been many instances where a particular resident's alarm system goes off and the property owner is not home to deactivate it. This has created problems, especially if emergency contact information is not on file with the Police Department. Chief Norcross requested Council consider an Ordinance to regulate this issue. Chief Norcross provided sample Ordinances from neighboring communities. Mr. Cesaretti asked that our Solicitor be given copies of these Ordinances and that this issue be placed on Council's agenda for October 1 for discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE-There was none presented at this time.

RESOLUTION 77-08

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 title only 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 personnel-police will be discussed.

At this time, Mr. Brown moved that we return to public session. 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.

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