

April 1, 2009

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

**PRESENT:** Council members Daniel (left meeting at 10:00pm), Brown, Cairns Wells, Smyth, Kinzler, Cesaretti, Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn and Auditor Robert Stewart

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 meeting to be held in 2009 published in the Burlington County Times on December 29, 2008

(b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 2, 2009

### **2009 Municipal Budget Discussion**

Mr. Kinzler distributed information pertaining to the 2009 municipal budget for Council's review. A lengthy discussion ensued with Council reviewing various line items, making adjustments where necessary.

Council also decided that the capital portion of the budget would total \$388,361.00. This includes \$361,757.00 for the reconstruction of Linden Avenue from Broad to Park and the overlay of Linden Avenue from Bank to Second Streets. This amount takes into account the \$180,000.00 in grant money received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for this project. In addition Council agreed to the following capital expenditures: \$1680.00 for new carpeting (no padding) for the Police Department, \$13,250.00 for a lawnmower for the park and \$4174.00 for new carpeting (with padding) for the Municipal Building.

Council then discussed the pros and cons of going out to bond or borrowing from ourselves for the capital projects with our Auditor. It was the consensus of Council to borrow from ourselves. The Auditor stressed the fact that a Bond Counsel would be needed to prepare the required Ordinance. Mr. Kinzler commented that he would make a recommendation to Council at next week's meeting.

It was also the consensus of Council to reduce our debt payment by \$50,000.00 and to increase the general fund surplus balance from \$150,000.00 to \$159,000.00. Our Auditor reported that with all of these adjustments discussed tonight, this budget reflects a 5.06% tax decrease in the local municipal purpose tax. This budget also reflects a 3% salary increase for all Borough employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

### **ORDINANCE 1-09**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009**

**(N.J.S.A.40a:4-45.14)**

The above Ordinance was read by title only for the first time by Mr. Kinzler, 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.

### **RESOLUTION 27-09**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK & 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, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Cesaretti aye. It should be noted that a public hearing on the 2009 Municipal Budget is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Advertisement of the municipal budget will published in the Burlington County Times on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The total budget is \$3,217,307.96.

**Meeting open to the public**-There was no public comment at this time.

**Preliminary agenda for April 8.**The Clerk reviewed this with the Governing Body.

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