

February 18, 2010

A special meeting of the Riverton Borough Council was held on the above date. Mayor Martin presiding.

PRESENT: Council members Brown, Cairns Wells, Smyth, Myers, and Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn

ABSENT: Council members Katella and 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 notice of this meeting published in the Burlington County Times on February 15 and
- (b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on February 12, 2010.

The open and closed session minutes from January 6 and January 13 were then presented. Mr. Smyth moved that these minutes be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Brown. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Katella absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

TREASURER'S, FINANCE REPORT AND BILL LIST FOR APPROVAL-Mr. Smyth

Mr. Smyth moved that the attached reports for the months of December and January be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Ms. Cairns Wells. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Katella absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

**RESOLUTION 23-10
TRANSFER RESOLUTION
(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. Brown. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Katella absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

REVIEW OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE HANDICAPPED RAMP AT THE SCHOOL

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that two bids were received, opened and publicly read on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. They are as follows: **Thurston F. Rhoades, Inc. t/a J&M Concrete Company of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey \$23,295.00 and RDA Construction of Medford, New Jersey \$28,087.00.** Mr. Gunn reported that he has reviewed Thurston Rhoades' bid and everything is in order. Council can award this contract to them.

**RESOLUTION 24-10
A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THURSTON F. RHOADS,
INC., TRADING AS J&M CONCRETE COMPANY, FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADA ACCESS RAMP AT RIVERTON SCHOOL
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION)**

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. Mr. Katella

absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

RESOLUTION 25-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AERIAL LARVAL/ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES OVER THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON DURING 2010

(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 Ms. Cairns Wells. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Katella absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

RESOLUTION 25-10

A RESOLUTION OBTAINING A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 FROM THE 2009 BUSINESS STIMULUS FUND GRANT ENDORSED BY THE NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL

(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

The above Resolution was read by title only by Mr. Myers, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Ms. Cairns Wells. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Katella absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Martin announced that he was appointing Bob Bednarek to serve as Alternate No. 2 on the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION 26-10

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD MOOD AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON

(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. Mr. Katella absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT/COURT-Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown read a report for the month of January that was submitted by Chief Willis Vehicle Mileage 2,493, Juvenile Arrests 0, Adult Arrests 7 (Criminal Summons 2, Contempt 4 and Motor Vehicle 1), Motor Vehicle Accidents 3, Motor Vehicle Stops 74, Motor Vehicle Warnings 28, Motor Vehicle Summonses 47 (Riverton Officers 47), Burglar Alarms 10, Assists to other Police Departments 25, Fire Calls 6, Animal Complaints 6, Arson 0, Ambulance Calls (Riverton) 28, Unattended Deaths 1, Criminal Cases 9, Incidents 228, Domestic 1, Thefts 2, Shoplifting 0, Burglaries 1, Assaults 0, Sexual Assaults 0, Criminal Mischief 2, Robberies 0, Motor Vehicle Thefts 0, Miscellaneous Calls 293 , Total Calls Dispatched 513.

Mr. Brown read a report for the month of January that was submitted by Deputy Fire Chief Robert Yearly. Fire Calls for the Month 15, Drills 3, Calls in Town 8, and Calls out of town 7.

Mr. Brown read a report for the month of January that was submitted by Court Administrator, Jackie Gleason. Total receipts for the month amounted to \$3,712.00. The total disbursed to Riverton amounted to \$1886.14.

UPDATE RE: PATRIOT CONSULTING GROUP'S DRAFT (POSSIBLE POLICE MERGER) REPORT.

Mr. Brown reported that, on behalf of Council, he had e-mailed and sent a letter regarding this draft report. Mayor Martin asked if anyone from Council had attended the scheduled meeting on February 8th with representatives from Patriot, Cinnaminson and Palmyra to discuss this report. Mr. Brown reported that he was unable to attend this meeting. No other Council member was able to attend. He will ask Patriot Consulting for minutes from that meeting for Council's information. Ms. Cairns Wells commented that she has read the entire draft report. It seems to her that the whole report was based on asking police officers four questions. While she feels that is a necessary part of the study, she didn't really see any financial analysis included with the draft report. Ms. Cairns Wells also stated that although the report indicates that there would be no financial gain to merging, she asked on what they are basing that recommendation. Ms. Cairns Wells hopes that the final report will have more in depth information. Mr. Brown stated that he will discuss the concerns raised with the representatives from Patriot Consulting.

UPDATE ON 622 THOMAS AVENUE

Mr. Brown reported that our Solicitor appeared in Court on February 16th regarding this property. Mr. Gunn stated that none of the heirs to this estate were present. Mr. Gunn explained that the Court signed an order enforcing our Construction Official's previous orders in connection with the property. The heirs were ordered to contract with a building contractor to remediate the property no later than April 1, 2010. If they don't comply, the Borough has been granted leave to demolish the property or correct the unsafe conditions with the costs to be assessed as a lien against the property. Mr. Gunn further stated that the Court entered judgment against the estate in the amount of \$28,000.00. This represents the outstanding fines. Mr. Gunn stated that he would be serving the heirs a copy of the order. Council will be kept apprised of this issue.

PLANNING/REDEVELOPMENT/SCHOOL-Ms. Cairns Wells

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that Planner Tamara Lee and the Planning Board's Solicitor will attend Council's March 10th meeting to review and discuss COAH issues (the Borough's proposed submission for 3rd round certification).

Ms. Cairns Wells publicly thanked the Public Works Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department for all of their efforts during the recent snow storms.

STREETS/SEWER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SHARED SERVICES

Mr. Smyth reported that he got very good feedback from residents regarding the snow removal efforts. Mr. Smyth reported that we are looking into the possibility of being reimbursed for salt costs, overtime costs, etc during the recent storms from FEMA.

Mr. Smyth reported that the ad requests for the Borough Directory have been circulated around town. Gary Ford, President of the Riverton Business and Civic Association is handling this.

Mr. Smyth announced that the first River Route Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 24 and the Palmyra Nature Cove at 6:00pm.

Mr. Smyth will be attending the Legislative Day to be held in Trenton on February 24th. The Governor and a group of legislators will be discussing the budget, the property tax impacts, COAH, shared services, etc.

SHADE TREE/PARK & RECREATION-Mr. Myers

Mr. Smyth suggested putting together an estimated cost amount for the proposed upgrades to our park. We could then submit this information to Congressman Rob Andrews in hopes of obtaining some stimulus monies to defray the costs for this proposed project.

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

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk