

March 3, 2010

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

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

ABSENT: Council member Katella

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 meetings published in the Burlington County Times on December 27, 2009
- (b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 6, 2010

ORDINANCE 1-10

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON AMENDING
CHAPTER 123-15 TO DESIGNATE FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN INTERSECTIONS
IN SCHEDULE IX, CHAPTER 123-31
(IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)**

The above Ordinance was read by title only for the second time by Mr. Smyth, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Ms. Cairns Wells. At this time Mayor Martin opened this portion of the meeting to the public for any comment on this Ordinance. **Renee Azelby** thanked Council for putting this Ordinance in place. She has talked to her neighbors on the upper portion of Thomas Avenue about this and believes it will be appreciated. There being no further public comment on the Ordinance, Mayor Martin closed this portion of the meeting to the public. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Katella absent, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Myers aye.

RESOLUTION 27-10

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2009 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500.00 FOR VARIOUS FIRE EQUIPMENT
(COMMERCIAL GRADE WASHER AND DRYER) AND THE NECESSARY
ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING COSTS FOR INSTALLATION
(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 aye and Mr. Myers aye.

FINANCIAL ITEMS-Mr. Kinzler

2010 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Kinzler reported that both he and the Treasurer met with our Auditor last week to review the budget, including debt issues and proposed capital projects. Our Auditor believes we should not consider introducing the budget until we have an idea what the State is going to do regarding the state aid issue (anticipating \$57,000.00).

Mr. Kinzler stated we need to have final figures on how much we spent for the current road program because this will impact how much money we might borrow in 2010. Our Auditor has indicated that we have the capacity to additionally borrow

\$260,000.00 from ourselves in 2010 for whatever capital projects we choose to do. Mr. Kinzler anticipates that we will have a budget intensive meeting on April 7th with our Auditor present.

Mr. Kinzler reported that our Construction Department presently has a Dedication by Rider, which was instituted many years ago by Resolution. Mr. Kinzler explained that this means that the Construction Department is a stand alone self operating unit. Mr. Kinzler stated that this does not give us effective oversight of this Department. Our Auditor has informed him that most municipalities have done away with this structure and brought the construction funds back into the budget. Mr. Kinzler believes this department should not be a stand alone entity and should be brought back into the budget. Mr. Kinzler reported that the Construction Department has their own fund balance (about \$70,000.00). We could use that to shore up our fund balance even more. This is something for Council to consider.

Mr. Kinzler distributed a draft revenue analysis (actual v. budget and a 2009 budget draft expense detail report for Council's review. Mr. Kinzler reported that based on this draft, if our state aid comes in at \$57,000.00, we are looking at a tax cut. If we don't get any aid we would be at a 2% increase. We are at a range now between a cut of 1 ½ % to an increase of 2%. Mr. Kinzler then reviewed the cell tower receipts. Mr. Smyth reported that we have received a proposal from Mobilitie for a 30 year easement for a lump sum payment of \$142,000.00. The Finance Committee will be reviewing this proposal. Mr. Kinzler then reviewed some budget line items as well as debt service issues.

Mr. Reed reported that he has been informed that the County will be initiating commingled recycling in a few years. Mr. Reed further reported that we have an opportunity of purchasing the new recycling buckets at this time at a reduced rate. Mr. Reed reported that we would need 1,000 buckets, which will cost \$24,000.00. The cost would be spread out over 6 years (approximately \$4,100.00 per annum) and the charges would come out of our recycling enhancement money. It was the consensus of Council to confer with our Auditor before making a decision.

Mr. Reed reported that we have applied for a FEMA grant for possible reimbursement for snow removal costs to the Borough such as overtime expenses, vehicle expenses and salt, etc.

ORDINANCE 2-10

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 (NJSA 40a:4-45-14)

Mr. Kinzler suggested that this Ordinance be tabled until next week. He would like to confer with the Auditor regarding the figures listed in the Ordinance. Council concurred.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-There was no public comment at this time.
PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR MARCH 10. The Clerk reviewed this with the governing body.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Martin read a letter from Ruth Yearly commending Scott Reed and the entire Public Works Department for the great job they did removing the snow.

Mayor Martin read a letter from the Friends of the Riverton Library that outlined their programs. Mayor Martin announced that there would be a fundraiser (cocktail party) for the library on March 27th at Palmyra Harbor Condominium Association from 7:00pm until 11:00pm. Tickets are available at the library.

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

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk