

November 3, 2010

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

PRESENT: Council members Katella (arrived at 7:32pm), Brown, Cairns Wells, Smyth, Myers, Borough Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn and Special Counsel for Police Matters, Stephen Raymond

ABSENT: Council member 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 October 31, 2010

(b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on October 29, 2010

RESOLUTION 65-10

**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 Mr. Brown, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Ms. Cairns Wells. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Katella aye, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye. It should be noted that a Personnel matter -Police Chief will be discussed.

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

RESOLUTION 66-10

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 64-10 WHICH TERMINATED THE PROBATIONARY STATUS OF GREGORY A. WILLIS AS CHIEF OF POLICE ON NOVEMBER 4, 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. Mr. Katella raised concern about the sudden level of discussion and discovery of specific issues since the October 13th meeting. From what he remembers, two thirds of the Public Safety Committee had been all for the Resolution to take the Chief off of probation and were comfortable with the level of the Standard Operating Procedures issue. Mr. Katella is not comfortable with how quickly that has turned around and that we weren't aware of these issues before we considered taking the Chief off of probation. Mr. Brown responded that there is a level of trust here. The Public Safety Committee has held monthly meetings with the Chief. Mr. Katella stated that it is very strange to him that we went an entire year of a probationary period and suddenly these issues come to light. Ms. Cairns Wells commented that the issue of the special officers working alone came up and was addressed prior to Chief Willis being appointed. Ms. Cairns Wells stated that Chief Willis put out a memo to his department re-enforcing the fact that Class II Special Officers would only be permitted to

work in the Borough of Riverton in conjunction with a full-time Riverton police officer. Given that, Ms. Cairns Wells was of the opinion that we shouldn't have had to do a cross checking of schedules to time sheets to determine if this was happening. Mr. Katella stated that at the October 13th meeting he was relying on the opinion of the Public Safety Committee. Mayor Martin commented that he thought that the usage of the Special Officers alone was the more important issue here and not the Standard Operating Procedures. Mr. Smyth, a member of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the Special Officer information was only presented to the committee last Monday night. Mr. Smyth commented that he agreed with Ms. Cairns Wells comments. He doesn't believe we should have to do an audit of the Police Department. There needs to be a level of trust and there certainly has been a large level of communication during the past year between the Chief and the Public Safety Committee. Ms. Cairns Wells stated that if we rescind the resolution it will give Council more time to review everything. A poll vote was then taken on the above Resolution. Mr. Katella aye, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

RESOLUTION 67-10

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

RESOLUTION 68-10

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF CHIEF GREGORY WILLIS FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS, OR UNTIL MAY 4, 2010
(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. Mr. Katella aye, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers

Mr. Brown then moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Mr. Smyth. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Katella aye, Mr. Brown aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Smyth aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk