

February 8, 2012

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

**PRESENT:** Council members Layton, Creighton, Cairns Wells, Corbi, Myers and Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn

**ABSENT:** Council member Kinzler

The following statement was read by Mayor Brown:

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 to be held in 2012 published in the Burlington County Times on December 28, 2011

(b) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 3, 2012

The open and closed session minutes from January 4 and January 11 were then presented. Ms. Cairns Wells moved that these minutes be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Myers. A poll vote was then taken. Ms. Layton abstained, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

**FINANCIAL ITEMS:** Mr. Kinzler

**TREASURER'S/FINANCE REPORTS AND BILL LIST FOR APPROVAL**

In Mr. Kinzler's absence, Ms. Cairns Wells moved that the attached reports for the month of January be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Creighton. A poll vote was then taken. Ms. Layton aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

**RESOLUTION 29-12**

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**(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. Corbi. A poll vote was then taken. Ms. Layton aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

**2012 BUDGET DISCUSSION-**This was deferred until next month's meeting.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**GENE BANDINE** expressed concern that every time we want to install a stop sign in the Borough we have to bring in many experts and surveyors and it costs us a lot of money.

Mr. Bandine also expressed concern over the intersection at Broad & Main/Howard Streets. He believes that drivers come around that corner very fast and are creating a hazardous situation. Mr. Bandine is afraid someone will get hurt. Mr. Bandine is of the opinion that many of the offenders are the parents who drop their children off at the school. Mr. Bandine would also like the Howard Street location to be considered a "school zone" and that a 15 mph speed limit be implemented. Ms. Cairns Wells stated that she would confer with the Chief on this to see what we can do. It was also suggested that Ms. Layton reach out to the School's superintendent to ask if a letter could be sent out to the school children's parents making them aware of this situation and to remind them to slow down.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT/COURT-Ms. Cairns Wells**

Chief Shaw read the following report for the month of January: Vehicle Mileage 1621, Juvenile Arrests 1 (Shoplifting), Adult Arrests 8 (Contempt 4, DUI 1, Borough Ordinance 1, Shoplifting 2), Motor Vehicle Accidents 2, Motor Vehicle Stops 42, Motor Vehicle Warnings 6, Motor Vehicle Summonses 36 (all Riverton), Alarms 12, Assistance to Other Agencies 23, Animal Complaints 6, Fire Calls 1, EMS Calls 13, Unattended Deaths 0, Criminal Cases 18, Incidents 237, Domestic Violence 2, Thefts 4 (Theft of Moveable Property 2 and Shoplifting 2), Burglaries 0, Assaults 0, Sexual Assaults 0, Criminal Mischief 2, Robberies 0, Miscellaneous Calls 136, Total Calls Dispatched 373, Incidents 237 and Quick Calls 136.

Ms. Cairns Wells read the following report for the month of January that was submitted by Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Yearly. Fire Calls for month 14, Drills 3, Calls in Town 7 and Calls out of Town 7.

Ms. Cairns Wells read a 2011 year end report that was submitted by Court Administrator, Jackie Gleason. Total receipts for the year amounted to \$88,303.64. The total amount disbursed to Riverton amounted to \$46,173.67.

Regarding the Police Contract negotiations, Ms. Cairns Wells informed Council that in early January we sent some suggested language revisions to the Police Association for their review and comments. To date we have not heard anything from them. No new negotiating meetings have been scheduled.

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that the Reverse 911 system was discussed last year. Ms. Cairns Wells reported that this system alerts residents about emergency situations and there is no cost involved. However, training is a requirement for specific Borough Officials. Mr. Cairns Wells reported that Richard Dreby of the County's Emergency Management Office will be setting this training up once they have enough people to make it cost effective. Council will be kept apprised of this issue.

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that the Tri Boro Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be submitting a formal request to Borough Council to consider providing financial support for the maintenance of the CERT trailer and vehicle.

### **PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-Mr. Myers**

Mr. Myers announced that the road paving project has been completed. Land Engineering is working on a small punch list of some items that need to be addressed before payment is made to the contractor.

### **PLANNING/REDVELOPMENT-Mr. Corbi**

Mr. Corbi reported that the Planning Board held their reorganization meeting and that there were no changes to the Board's professional service appointments for this year.

### **SHADE TREE/PARK& RECREATION-Mr. Creighton**

Mr. Creighton reported that trees are being trimmed at the wires and Lippincott has been in to do grinding work.

**Gene Bandine** commented that his daughter and son-in-law would like to donate a tree for planting at the plaza location on Broad & Main in honor of her mother. Mr. Myers asked if we have an easement from the County at this location. Mr. Gunn responded yes. After some discussion, it was the consensus that this suggestion be reviewed thoroughly before proceeding to determine if this location would even be the appropriate spot for the planting. Mr. Gunn will also review the easement papers. Mr.

Gunn commented that we are limited as to what we can place at this location. This issue was taken under advisement by Council.

**SCHOOL/ENVIRONMENTAL/BOARD OF HEALTH**-Ms. Layton

Ms. Layton reported that she has spoken to Judi Rossi, the Chair of the Board of Health. She plans on meeting with Ms. Rossi to garner more information as to what the Board of Health does. Ms. Layton was unable to attend the recent Board of Health meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Creighton reported that the baseball organization would be raffling off donated bicycles on opening day. Mr. Creighton thought we might want to donate any abandoned bikes we might have at that time. Council concurred that they thought this would be a good idea.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 30-12**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEBORAH WEAVER AS MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 128 (IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

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

**DISCUSSION: COUNCIL MEMBER USAGE OF RIVERTON-NJ.COM E-MAIL ADDRESS AS OPPOSED TO PERSONAL E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Mr. Creighton reported that an attorney brought this issue up at the newly elected official's seminar that both he and Mr. Corbi attended. Mr. Creighton reported that if you opt to use your own personal e-mail address for correspondence pertaining to Council matters and an issue comes up that someone is going to file suit, your personal computer could be subpoenaed. It is recommended that official's use an e-mail address from the Borough for any Borough business. The Clerk reported that our webmaster has already gone ahead and set up Riverton-NJ.com email addresses for the current Council. The previous Council did not want to use the Riverton-NJ.com e-mail address and opted to use their personal e-mail addresses instead. Mr. Creighton asked the Solicitor his opinion. Mr. Gunn responded that he thought that it was a personal choice which way to go. Mr. Gunn did caution that Council should adhere to the guidelines that were established by Resolution 59-2011 in the use of electronic communications in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Ms. Layton commented that she would use the Riverton-NJ. com e-mail address. Ms. Cairns Wells commented that she would continue to use her personal e-mail address. The rest of Council will make their decision and inform the Clerk prior to the printing of the 2012 Borough Directory.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Brown read a letter from Wendy Augustyn, who is resigning from the Board of Health. Mayor Brown informed Council that Don Deitz is interested in serving on this Board and filling Ms. Augustyn's unexpired term.

**RESOLUTION 31-12**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DON DEITZ AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON**

**(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

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

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



Mary Longbottom, RMC  
Municipal Clerk