

January 9, 2013

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

PRESENT: Council members Azelby, 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 published in the Burlington County Times on December 28, 2012

(b) Forwarding written notification of the 2013 meeting schedule to the Courier Post for informational purposes only on January 3, 2013

(c) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 2, 2013

The open and closed session minutes from December 12, 2012 were then presented. Ms. Cairns Wells moved that these minutes be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Creighton. A poll vote was then taken. Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers abstained.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION BESTOWED UPON FORMER
TAX ASSESSOR, TOM DAVIS**

Mayor Brown presented Mr. Davis with a plaque and gift from the members of the Governing Body and the community of Riverton in recognition of Mr. Davis' 20 years of service to the Borough. Mr. Davis gave a short thank speech.

FINANCIAL ITEMS: Ms. Cairns Wells

TREASURER'S, FINANCE REPORT AND BILL LIST FOR APPROVAL

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

TRANSFER RESOLUTION-The Treasurer reported that there was no Transfer Resolution this month.

RESOLUTION 12-13

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITOR OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIVERTON TO FILE APPEALS, OMITTED AND ADDED ASSESSMENT
APPEALS AND ROLLBACK COMPLAINTS WITH THE BURLINGTON
COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
(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. Creighton. A poll vote was then taken. Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SBA MONARCH TOWER-This issue was tabled until next month's meeting.

BANK DEPOSITORY ISSUE

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that Beneficial Bank has informed us that they are instituting a monthly fee schedule for our municipal accounts that will run around \$700.00. Ms. Cairns Wells reported that we are getting proposals for another depository. Council will be kept apprised of this situation.

UPDATE RE: 2013 BUDGET PROCESS

Ms. Cairns Wells reported that the Finance Committee met with all the Department Heads before the end of the year to review their 2013 budget requests. We didn't see much in the way of changes to their requests from last year. In fact the numbers are very similar. Mr. Kinzler will be putting together a budget packet for Council to review at the February meeting.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Rich Suter 509 Main Street, expressed concern over the number of drivers making illegal left hand turns going westbound on Broad Street into the CVS parking lot. Mr. Suter is also concerned about the drivers making illegal left hand turns coming out of this location. He has spoken to the Chief about this issue. Mr. Suter stated that there used to be signs at this location and doesn't know why they were taken down. Mr. Suter isn't sure if the owner might be in violation of his prior site plan approval. Mr. Suter wanted to know if there is any intention of enforcing this issue. He is concerned that someone will get hurt. Chief Shaw stated that when the CVS first opened up, the signs were there. He will be talking to the owner about putting the signs back up. Chief Shaw also reported that his department does not have enforcement power on the parking lot because the owner has never signed over Title 39 (motor vehicle) rights to the Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Chief Shaw read a report for the month of December 2012. Vehicle Mileage 2513, Juvenile Arrests 0, Adult Arrests 9 (Contempt 7, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1, Hindering 1, DUI 1, and Harassment 1). These figures represent people who were arrested and the charges against them. Motor Vehicle Accidents 2, Motor Vehicle Stops 85, Motor Vehicle Warnings 23, Motor Vehicle Summonses 62-All Riverton, Alarms 7, Assistance to Other Agencies 18, Animal Complaints 9, Fire Calls 8, EMS Calls 9, Unattended Deaths 0, Criminal Cases 16, Incidents 286, Domestic 1, Thefts 4 (Theft – moveable property 3, Identity Theft 1), Burglaries 0, Assaults 0, Sexual Assaults 0, Criminal Mischief 1, Robberies 0, Miscellaneous Calls 192, Total Calls dispatched 478, Incidents 286 and Quick Calls 192.

Ms. Cairns Wells read a report for the month of December 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.

RESOLUTION 13-13

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COURT PERSONNEL (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. Azelby aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

RESOLUTION 14-13
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RIVERTON POLICE CONTRACT FOR
THE YEARS 2012-2015
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairns Wells provided Council with a detailed overview of the changes that are reflected in this new contract. Ms. Cairns Wells commented that the negotiation process was handled in a professional manner.

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

DISCUSSION: POSSIBLE NUISANCE ORDINANCE FOR ABANDONED PROPERTIES Ms. Cairns Wells reported that she has found a couple of ordinances from other municipalities (Pemberton Township and Hamilton Township) that she will copy and forward to Council for their review. Ms. Cairns Wells believes it is a good idea for the Borough to have this type of ordinance in place to assist us with vacant/abandoned properties in town. Ms. Cairns Wells asked that this be an agenda item for our February meeting. Mr. Myers asked if we were only doing this for vacant/abandoned properties. Ms. Cairns Wells responded yes.

STREETS/SEWER/RECYCLING-Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers reported that the water company is working on repairing/replacing water mains and laterals on Elm Terrace.

Mr. Myers reported that we are working towards the demolition of the grandstand. PSE&G will need to come in to take care of removing wires from the site before demolition can start. Mr. Myers further reported that the contractor (Robert Winzinger, Inc.) needs to obtain a demolition permit and provide the Borough with a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured before work can commence. Council will be kept apprised of this situation. Mr. Myers also stated that bids are due to be received for the new grandstand project on February 6, 2013.

RESOLUTION 15-13
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIVERTON TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNT LAUREL
TOWNSHIP AND RIVERTON BOROUGH FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING
PROFESSIONAL TO REVIEW AND SIGN THE ANNUAL RECYCLING
TONNAGE REPORT
(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 Mr. Creighton. A poll vote was then taken. Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. Kinzler absent and Mr. Myers aye.

PLANNING/REDEVELOPMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL-Mr. Corbi

Mr. Corbi reported that the Planning Board memorialized their approval of the Porch Club's request for the installation of a handicapped ramp on their property at their December meeting.

Mr. Corbi reported that there will be another meeting held in January regarding the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

PARK/SHADE TREE-Mr. Creighton

Mr. Creighton reported that the Shade Tree Board would be meeting on January 14th.

UPDATE RE: PROPOSED MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE PARK AND REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Creighton reported that he is working on determining who will be serving on this new committee. He hopes to have everything ironed out for Council's February meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SCHOOL/BOARD OF HEALTH-Ms. Azelby

Ms. Azelby reported that she is waiting to receive the River Route Advisory Committee's presentation to review before Riverton's representatives come before Council in February.

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Corbi commented that we received a note from Mr. & Mrs. Wittemeyer thanking the Public Works Department for cleaning up the abandoned property at 701 10th Street.

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

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk