

March 11, 2015

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

PRESENT: Council members Bianchini, Creighton, Cairns Wells, Azelby, Kinzler, Corbi, Solicitor Bruce M. Gunn and Auditor Rob Inverso

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 2015 published in the Burlington County Times on December 28, 2014
- (b) Forwarding written notification of the 2015 meeting schedule to the Courier Post for informational purposes only on January 6, 2015
- (c) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board on January 5, 2015

The minutes from February 4 and February 11 were then presented. Mr. Corbi moved that these minutes be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Bianchini. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Corbi aye.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Steve Falicki of 4th Street asked Council once again, to consider charging the basketball league(s) a fee to utilize the courts. He doesn't feel it is fair that the soccer and baseball leagues are required to pay a fee, but groups utilizing the basketball courts are not. Mr. Creighton explained the necessity of charging both soccer and baseball leagues a usage fee because there is more wear and tear on the fields. However, after a short discussion, it was the consensus that this suggestion should be reviewed for consideration once more.

Mr. Falicki stated that there was a large sea box (container) in front of his home and asked what was going. Mr. Corbi responded that New Jersey American Water Company will be replacing water mains on various streets in the Borough and that Penn Street is one of them. Mr. Corbi reported that he would speak to a representative from the water company about this to see if the container could be moved to a different location.

FINANCIAL ITEMS: Mr. Kinzler

TREASURER'S, FINANCE REPORT & BILL LIST FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Kinzler moved that the attached reports for the month of February, 2015 be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Ms. Cairns Wells. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Kinzler aye and Mr. Corbi aye,

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

The Treasurer reported that a Transfer resolution would not be needed this month.

ORDINANCE 1-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14

(IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)

The above Ordinance was read by title only for the second time by Mr. Kinzler, who moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Ms. Cairns Wells. At this time, Mayor Brown opened this portion of the meeting to the public for any comment on this Ordinance. There being no public comment on this Ordinance, Mayor Brown closed this portion of the meeting to the public. A poll vote was then taken. Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Kinzler aye, and Mr. Corbi aye.

2015 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Council reviewed the 2015 budget package distributed by Mr. Kinzler. A copy is on file with the Municipal Clerk. A lengthy discussion then ensued on the capital portion of the budget. After much deliberation and debate, it was the consensus of Council that

the proposed capital portion of the budget would total \$502,075.00. This includes the following items: Computers and or Printers for the Construction, Collector and Assessor's Offices, Park Improvements, Engineering costs for the park improvements, Proposed roads project (portions of Lippincott, Cinnaminson, Cedar and Harrison), Engineering costs for the road program, Street signs, A Suretrac dump Trailer, an F-350 Plow, A new lawn mower, a new diesel Dump 1 truck and sewer replacement on 2nd Street. The required 5% down (\$25,000.00) payment issue was reviewed by our Auditor for Council's information.

A lengthy discussion then continued with Council thoroughly reviewing all line items, making adjustments, revisions and cuts where deemed necessary. It was also the consensus of Council that all Borough employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement would be given a 2% salary increase. Auditor Rob Inverso stated that based on what was agreed upon tonight, we are looking at a local municipal purpose tax increase of 2.3 cents. It was the consensus to introduce the 2015 Municipal Budget at Council's April 1 meeting.

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



Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk