

October 14, 2015 7:30 PM Borough of Riverton Regular Monthly meeting

Mayor William C. Brown, Jr. was present and called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Mr. Armand Bianchini, Mr. Joe Creighton, Ms. Suzanne Cairns Wells, Ms. Renee Azelby, and Mr. Bill Corbi. Absent from this meeting was Mr. Mike Kinzler. Additionally present Borough Officials were Solicitor Bruce Gunn, Ms. Ashley Mele, Treasurer, Ms. Michelle Hack, RMC, Borough Clerk, Chief John Shaw and Mr. Fred Rodi, DPW Manager.

Mayor Brown read the following statement "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, 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.

CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Hack submitted open session and closed session minutes from September 9, 2015 for approval. Mr. Creighton motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Ms. Azelby seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells, aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

Ms. Hack submitted several items of correspondence including a change in schedule at the Riverton School, a One Day Social Affair for the Palmyra Baseball Club, a Raffle Application for the Hope Loves Company charity organization, information from the Police & Fireman's Credit Union and notice from the New Jersey League of Municipalities of their intent to increase membership dues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Gunn updated the Council on the status of the property at 410 Main Street; litigation is pending due to a notice from the Construction Official stating that the property has been deemed unsafe and the Code Enforcement Officer has cited various current code violations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCE, REPORT & BILL LIST

Ms. Mele presented Council with a tax and sewer and finance report from July. Also presented was the bill list for the period ending October 15, 2015. Ms. Cairns Wells motioned to approve as submitted, and Mr. Creighton provided the seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells, aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brown opened the floor to the public. Mr. Don Dietz stepped forward to commend the professionalism and empathy demonstrated by Officer Coniglione at the scene of a recent motor vehicle accident. Mr. Gene Bandine publically thanked the Riverton Borough officials naming the Police and the Department of Public Works for all their hard work.

Mr. Carlos Rogers and Ms. Susan Ramone presented the Council with new information regarding the dog park. They reported to the Council that their fundraising goal was almost met and talked about obtaining a grant. Mr. Rogers asked Council members if each would be willing to go out to the site, which they will. Mr. Rodgers talked about installing an access gate for utility trucks and several points of discussion were brought up in regard to the easement belonging to NJ Transit & refining setbacks, dog park signage being in compliance with the Borough Code, height of fence in relation to nearby tennis courts, and potential DEP issues due to urine run off to a nearby tidal stream. Mr. Creighton discussed the liability of a dog park in accordance with Park rules and noted the dog park rules will need to be established by ordinance. It was proposed a draft ordinance be ready for the November meeting.

Mr. Keith Fencl and Mr. Rick Cureton presented the Council with tentative plans for residential construction at 601 Lippincott, which is currently zoned as Neighborhood Business. They promoted the project (as 12 townhouses) as the “village transit” theme that is talked about in the Master Plan. Council also discussed the type of variance what would be required for this should an overlay of zoning be granted. Mr. Fencl and Mr. Cureton explained their opinions of the positive criteria of potentially developing this site rather than a vacant lot, which is mainly tax revenue. At this point this discussion is informal but asked the Council if the project was worthy to proceed with a Phase 2 Environmental Study. Council advised of further steps required by the Planning Board, which it was decided will be the next step forward in this project.

No one else from the public came forward to speak therefore closing the public portion of the meeting.

Mayor Brown reported that Pete Gray, of Riverton volunteered to paint the gazebo again and it looks quite nice. He also reported on renovations of the War Memorial and mentioned an anonymous donor for the concrete. He also commented on the retirement of Spl. Officer John Lazzarotti, and a street light at Harrison Street that has finally been replaced from Hurricane Sandy damage.

RESOLUTION 86 - 2015
TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION FOR PERSONNEL ISSUES OF THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairn Wells read the resolution by title, noted the purpose of the closed session is to discuss the hiring of various police personnel and motioned to approve. Ms. Azelby seconded the motion. This portion will become available at a time when it is appropriate; however filed in the closed session minutes book.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells, aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye. Ms. Cairns Wells motioned to come out of the closed session discussion, seconded by Ms. Azelby with all present members voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 93 - 2015
TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER BURK AS A PATROLMAN IN THE BOROUGH OF
RIVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairn Wells read the resolution by title only; to which Ms. Azelby seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells, aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye. Solicitor Gunn conducted the swearing in of Christopher Burk.

RESOLUTION 94 - 2015
TO APPOINT STEVEN STROBEL AS A PART TIME CLASS II SLEO IN THE BOROUGH OF
RIVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairn Wells read the resolution by title only; to which Ms. Azelby seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells, aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye. Solicitor Gunn conducted the swearing in of Steven Strobel.

RESOLUTION 96 - 2015
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CURFEW FOR THE DATES OF OCTOBER 30-31, 2015
FROM 9 P.M. – 5 A.M. FOR ALL PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairns Wells read the resolution by title only. Mr. Creighton motioned to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Azelby. The Council held discussion on which parts of the park they felt was priority to consider for upgrades.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells, aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

While on the subject of police matters, Chief Shaw read his monthly report (attached) of the Riverton Police Department). Ms. Cairns Wells read the monthly reporting of the Riverton Municipal Court.

RESOLUTION 90 - 2015
TO MEMORIALIZE A DISCUSSION ON THE SUBMISSION OF 2015 BEST PRACTICES
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairn Wells read the resolution by title only, and then explained the Best Practices process which included a meeting with herself, Mayor Brown, Ms. Condo, Ms. Hack and Ms. Mele where they reviewed the 2014 Best Practices submission and discussed the changes to 2015, being #2, 13, 24, 25 and 26. Ms. Azelby provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

RESOLUTION 95 - 2015
TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RIVERTON FIRE COMPANY
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairn Wells read the resolution by title only. It was noted the amount of the lease is \$24,000.00 for a two-year lease and not \$12,000.00 which is listed on the lease. Ms. Azelby provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

RESOLUTION 92 - 2015
TO SUBMIT SAFE STREETS TO TRANSIT GRANT APPLICATION
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Azelby read the resolution by title only and motioned to approve. She explained that this is not the first time this grant has been applied for and hopes to be successful this go-round. She talked about the

need for push-buttons and the Order set forth by NJ DOT and that the Borough has requested an extension of time, based on the submission of this grant. The grant is being submitted for push buttons at Cedar, Thomas, Elm and possibly 7th. Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

RESOLUTION 87 - 2015
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP
OF CINNAMINSON THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING
PROFESSIONAL (CRP)
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Mr. Corbi read the above resolution by title only; clarifying this is until Mr. Rodi becomes a Certified Recycling Professional, which he is attending classes for. Ms. Cairns Wells seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

RESOLUTION 88 - 2015
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO MCGOVERN ENVIRONMENTAL FOR THE TERM OF
THREE YEARS FOR WASTEWATER SLUDGE
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Mr. Corbi read the above resolution by title only to which Mr. Creighton provided the second. Ms. Hack will move forward to notify McGovern.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

RESOLUTION 91 - 2015
TO SUBMIT FOR THE 2016 MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROJECT GRANT
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Mr. Corbi read the above resolution by title only to which Mr. Creighton provided the second. It was noted to place a limit of \$2000.00 in the resolution. Mr. Corbi explained that Alaimo prepared the grant.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

ORDINANCE 2015 - 6
INTRODUCTION TO AMEND CHAPTER 105-38 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN
SEWER CONNECTION FEES
1st Reading
(IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)

Mr. Corbi motioned to introduce the above title amendment to Ordinance 06-2015 to reflect an increase in the sewer connection fees to \$1500 for residential units and \$4,000 for commercial units within the Borough of Riverton. Mr. Creighton seconded the motion. The second reading and public hearing will be held November 12, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

Mr. Corbi provided further updates stating that the Sewer Plant had a recent surprise inspection by the DEP and was found to be in good standing and that water mains are being replaced throughout town and the new mains will increase residents' water pressure by about 20%. He also reported on the various road project statuses and commended the DPW crew for a tree removal at the Riverton School. The repairs at 612 Linden are completed.

RESOLUTION 89 - 2015
RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN WITH
SPENDING FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Mr. Creighton read the above resolution by title and explained this is what the Planning Board is filing with the Superior Court. The Governing Body's passage of this resolution is simply to endorse the Riverton Planning Board. Ms. Cairns Wells provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Ms. Cairns Wells aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye

Mr. Bianchini has no resolutions for Council's consideration however provided updates to Council that the Shade Tree Commission is in the process of developing further SOP's for STB contractors. He also stated the Environmental Commission reported that the Mud Run interrupted turtle nesting that occurs at the Creek and Council should further consider environmental impacts when discussing potential Borough projects.

RESOLUTION 86A - 2015
TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION FOR TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITATGATION
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairn Wells read the resolution by title, noted the purpose of the closed session is to discuss potential litigation with KDI and Greenscapes, Inc. and motioned to approve. Mr. Creighton seconded the motion. This portion will become available at a time when it is appropriate; however filed in the closed session minutes book.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Creighton aye, Ms. Cairns Wells, aye, Ms. Azelby aye, and Mr. Corbi aye. At the conclusion of the closed session Mr. Corbi motioned to return to open session and seconded by Mr. Creighton with all present members voting in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss Mr. Creighton motioned to adjourn, to which Mr. Bianchini provided the second and the Council unanimously approved in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hack, RMC
Municipal Clerk