

March 9, 2016 7:30 PM Borough of Riverton Regular Monthly meeting

Mayor Suzanne Cairns Wells called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk, Michelle Hack confirmed roll call and established a quorum.

Present:

Ms. Renee Azelby
Mr. Joe Creighton

Mr. Armand Bianchini
Mr. Kirk Fullerton

Mr. Bill Corbi

Absent:

Mr. Mike Kinzler

Other Borough Officials Present:

Tom Coleman, Esquire

Ms. Michelle Hack, Clerk,
Police Chief John Shaw

Ms. Ashley Mele, Treasurer

Mr. Fred Rodi, DPW Manager

Mayor Cairns Wells 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 notice published in the Burlington County Times Friday January 22, 2016
- b. Forwarding written notice to the Courier Post for informational purposes only on Friday January 22, 2016
- c. Posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board on Thursday January 14, 2016"

CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Hack submitted minutes from the public meeting and closed session held February 10, 2016 for approval. Mr. Corbi requested the Clerk make a correction in the title of Congressman MacArthur. Ms. Ms. Azelby motioned to approve and was seconded by Mr. Creighton

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

Ms. Hack reported on the following approvals by the Clerk's Office:

1. Orchard Friends Apple Core 5K Run and Ride
2. Social Affair on 4/30 for Cinn Girls Softball at Sacred Heart
3. Family Bingo & Raffle April 8 at the Porch Club by Family Co Op Nursery School
4. 2 Raffles at Porch Club on April 22
5. Bingo and Raffle Cinnaminson Home and Elementary PTO on April 22 at Sacred Heart

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Coleman stated his working on finalizing the settlement at 410 Main Street and he has been working with Ms. Hack to review operational items as they come in.

TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCE/TAX REPORT & BILL LIST

Ms. Mele presented Council with the February 2016 Finance Report and Treasurers Report along with the bill list closing March 9, 2016. Motion to approve bill list as submitted by Ms. Azelby and seconded by Mr. Fullerton.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Carlo Rodgers was present to discuss the potential dog park area. Mayor updated the Council and the audience as to the latest findings, which are the parcel of suggested land to be used is actually property of New Jersey Transit. Therefore the Borough must request of NJT permission to be granted use of the land for a dog park. NJT will not entertain this request from any other group besides the Borough. Therefore all the rules and regulations, maintenance and upkeep will fall on the Borough. Ms. Ann Matlack raised questions about this being inclusive of a park grant and stated she feels there is a need for non-child activities in Riverton. Ms. Susan Zimmerman feels the park would be a long term positive for the town bringing in more diversity and feels a lot of residents want this to happen. Ms. Kathleen Bauman stated that she is large financier of the proposed park and feels it's in the best interest of the community. She also said she feels this would be a big selling point for Riverton real estate when couples look to purchase their first home. Ms. Jennifer Douglas stated that she is in support of the dog park for the purpose of a community gathering place. Mr. Rodgers expressed his displeasure with the slow speed of this entire process. Mr. Bill Brown states that he wants to be sure all the proper vetting channels are carried out and this is reviewed by an engineer and the Planning Board. Mr. Bianchini stated that he feels the size of the suggested park is too small and he is against the idea. Mr. Corbi suggested that the area is used for a gathering place with animals and the fence around it shouldn't make it a dog park. He echoed concerns about the size and lawsuits. Ms. Azelby explained the Borough is offered limited immunity under NJ Title 59 and details surrounding such. Council discussed the need for Planning Board to review whether it fits into the Master Plan and the need for a Site Plan and the process the Borough would go about doing this.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

RESOLUTION # 43 - 2016

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO REQUEST NJ TRANSIT CONSIDER ALLOWING A PARCEL OF LAND FOR THE USE OF A DOG PARK (IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Cairns Wells read the title by resolution only. Council discussed this must be in place and granted by NJ Transit before the next steps of Planning Board review and site plan. Ms. Azelby motioned for approval which was seconded by Mr. Creighton.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

Mr. Corbi addressed Council with his report that the road project will begin and there is pre construction meeting slated for April 1, 2016. The Mandatory Storm Drain report was filed on time. The Clean Communities Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 26 at 10AM at Riverton Memorial Park. The Borough is in receipt of \$1,200.00 for textile recycling. He also gave updates on brush removal and sewer calls. He stated he would like to see better notice given to residents prior to the start of road work being done. Mr. Corbi asked Solicitor Coleman to review the current code and possibly extending the road moratorium from 3 years to 5 years. Mr. Corbi also commended the Department for repairs the Welcome TO Riverton sign. This could have been a costly project however their ability to woodwork and be creative saved the Borough about \$1,000.00 in repairs.

ORDINANCE # 1 – 2016

AN ORDINANCE TO GOVERN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF RIVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES BY PRIVATE AGENCIES (IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)

Ms. Azelby read the above ordinance by title only asking for its approval. Mr. Corbi provided the second. Mayor Cairns Wells opened the floor for a public hearing however no one came forward to speak therefore closing the public portion.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

ORDINANCE # 2 – 2016
AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE CY2016
(IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)

Ms. Azelby read the above ordinance by title only. Mr. Bianchini motioned for its approval. Mr. Corbi provided the second. Mayor Cairns Wells opened the floor for a public hearing however no one came forward to speak therefore closing the public portion.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

RESOLUTION # 34 - 2016
A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Azelby read the above resolution by title only asking for its approval. Mr. Creighton provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

RESOLUTION # 35 - 2016
A RESOLUTION REQUEST THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ALLOW THE BOROUGH OF
RIVERTON TO COMPLETE A SELF EXAMINATION OF THE CY2016 BUDGET
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Azelby read the above resolution by title only asking for its approval. Mr. Creighton provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

RESOLUTION # 36 - 2016
A RESOLUTION ITO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Azelby read the above resolution by title only asking for its approval. This is for the purpose of awarding contracts in later business. Mr. Bianchini provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

RESOLUTION # 40 - 2016
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
AGREEMENT FOR THE PITNEY BOWS DM300 POSTAGE METER
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)

Ms. Azelby read the above resolution by title only asking for its approval. Ms. Hack explained this is for an upgraded machine and a new lease agreement although there is still time left on the current lease. Mr. Creighton provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

RESOLUTION # 41 - 2016

**A RESOLUTION ALLOW THE RIVERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL BOOT DRIVE
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Ms. Azelby read the above resolution by title only asking for its approval. Mr. Creighton provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

**RESOLUTION # 42 - 2016
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE AGENCIES TO HIRE OFF DUTY POLICE OFFICERS
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Ms. Azelby read the above resolution by title only asking for its approval. Mr. Fullerton provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

Ms. Azelby asked Chief Shaw to read the police report for March and read the Fire Report. There is no court report for March and will have in April.

Mr. Bianchini reported that he will step down from the Finance Committee not to affect the work group having a quorum, but will now sit on the Administration Committee. He also stated he is trying to revitalize that Economic Development Committee and will have 7 members. He is hoping to meet March 28, 2016.

**RESOLUTION # 37 - 2016
A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR TREE AND TREE STUMP REMOVALS IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON IN 2016
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Bianchini read the above resolution by title only and motioned for its approval. Ms. Azelby provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

**RESOLUTION # 38 - 2016
A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR TREE TRIMMING IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON IN 2016
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Bianchini read the above resolution by title only and motioned for its approval. Mr. Creighton provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

**RESOLUTION # 39 - 2016
A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR TREE PLANTING IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON IN 2016
(IN FULL IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Bianchini read the above resolution by title only and motioned for its approval. Mr. Creighton provided the second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Azelby aye, Mr. Bianchini aye, Mr. Corbi aye Mr. Creighton aye, Mr. Fullerton, aye.

Mr. Creighton announced that the meeting is scheduled with Alaimo for the construction at Riverton Memorial park on March 28 at 7pm. He is considering applying for a grant to bring walking trails to the Park also. He also stated he attended the Riverton Board of Education meeting with nothing to report.

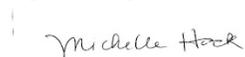
Mr. Creighton stated the Orchard Friends reached out asking if the Borough could utilize an intern in the Public Works Department for an 18 year old student. This would be a service to the Borough and help students prepare to enter the workforce. The Solicitor commented this would not impact the insurance and would not be any different than any other volunteer working for the Borough. Ms. Azelby will look into this a little more in depth and will report back in April.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Council is in receipt of a request for a financial donation for Palmyra High School for graduation seniors. After discussion Council is respectfully declining to send money since all educational requests should be handled through the school, separate of local government.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hack, RMC
Municipal Clerk