

Monday Evening  
Riverside, NJ  
June 23, 2008  
8:00p.m.

**STATEMENT:**

**Public Notice** of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Riverside Township Committee in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Township Municipal Building on June 9, 2008.
2. Written notice was delivered to the Burlington County Times on June 9, 2008 and mailed to the Courier Post on June 9, 2008.
3. Filed written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Riverside on June 9, 2008.

The regular meeting of the Riverside Township Committee was held on the above date at the Riverside Township Municipal Building.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Prisco, Mr. Carroll, and Mrs. Hatcher. Mr. Polino was excused since he is actively serving in Iraq in the war; Mr. Conard was also excused.

The following people were also present: Municipal Clerk Dydek, Administrator Jack and Solicitor Saponaro.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the attendance of the committee persons at the meetings that are listed on the agenda. Mr. Prisco clarified that Mr. Carroll was not present at the Comcast Public Hearing.

**Motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mrs. Hatcher that the minutes of the Comcast Public Hearing be approved as written. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Mr. Prisco and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Abstain – Mr. Carroll. Motion carried.**

Upon reviewing the minutes, Municipal Clerk Dydek asked that the previous motion be rescinded and that a motion be made to approve the minutes of the Comcast Public Hearing with the correction that Mr. Carroll be marked excused.

**Motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mr. Carroll that the minutes of the Comcast Public Hearing be rescinded and that the minutes be reflected to show that Mr. Carroll was excused, carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mrs. Hatcher that the corrected minutes of the Comcast Public Hearing be approved. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Mr. Prisco and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Abstain – Mr. Carroll. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mrs. Hatcher that the following minutes be approved as written: May 19, 2008 Work Session Meeting, May 19, 2008 Regular Meeting, and June 2, 2008 Work Session Meeting carried.**

Vice Chairman Hatcher opened the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

- 1) **Mr. Richard Horton, 412 Heulings Avenue**, questioned the Comcast Public Hearing, and their terrible programming in Riverside. Administrator Jack explained that it was expressed to Comcast that residents were not satisfied with having to pay for and receive certain channels in their lineup. Administrator Jack further explained the two different packages and explained the pricing of each package. Mr. Carroll stated that some of the channels that are carried on Comcast must be carried because it is regulated by law. Mr. Horton reiterated that his programming is horrible and that he wished that he was aware of the hearing. Municipal Clerk Dydek said that there were two notices advertising the Public Hearing and distributed the minutes of the hearing to Mr. Horton to review.

Hearing nothing from the public, **motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mr. Carroll to close Public Portion (Agenda Items Only) carried.**

#### **ORDINANCES:**

**Motion made by Mr. Prisco, seconded by Mr. Carroll that Ordinance 2008 - #05 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED VIOLATIONS” be approved at the first reading. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:**

**Ayes – Messrs. Prisco, Carroll and Mrs. Hatcher.**

**Nays – None.**

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Carroll questioned what the primary amendments are regarding Ordinance 2008 - #06. Administrator Jack stated that all of the sections 1 -9 have amendments in them. The time frame to remove brush and weeds has been changed. Also, there are minor wording changes.

**Motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Prisco that Ordinance 2008 - #06 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” be approved at the first reading. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:**

**Ayes – Messrs. Carroll, Prisco, and Mrs. Hatcher.**

**Nays – None.**

**Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 2008-#55 TAX COLLECTOR'S OVERPAYMENT**

**Mr. Carroll made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-#55, seconded by Mr. Prisco. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Carroll, Prisco, and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2008-#56 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**

**Mr. Carroll made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-#56, seconded by Mr. Prisco. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Carroll, Prisco, and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion carried.**

Mr. Prisco questioned if the Licensee stated in Resolution 2008 - #57 received approval from the State. Municipal Clerk Dydek answered in the affirmative stating that the Licensee has made a petition to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and it was approved.

**RESOLUTION 2008 - #57 RENEWAL OF AN INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009.**

**Mr. Prisco made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-#57, seconded by Mr. Carroll. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Prisco, Carroll, and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion carried.**

Mr. Carroll if all the State Taxes were paid regarding the licensees in Resolution 2008 - #58. Municipal Clerk answered in the affirmative stating that Tax Clearance Certificates have been received for all licensees listed on the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2008-#58 RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009.**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-#58, seconded by Mrs. Hatcher. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Mr. Carroll and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Abstain – Mr. Prisco. Motion carried.

Mr. Prisco questioned the timeframe of Resolution 2008 - #59. Administrator Jack answered that hopefully an in house electrical inspector will be found by August 31, 2008.

**RESOLUTION 2008-#59 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS FOR INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES.**

Mr. Prisco made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-#59, seconded by Mr. Carroll. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Prisco, Carroll and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2008 - #60 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH AVR RESOURCE GROUP, INC.**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008 - #60, seconded by Mr. Prisco. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Carroll, Prisco and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2008 - #61 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY, LLC.**

Mr. Prisco made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008 - #61, seconded by Mr. Carroll. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Prisco, Carroll, and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2008-#62 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE REGARDING APPLICATION OF COMCAST BURLINGTON COUNTY LLC FOR RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT.**

Mr. Prisco made a motion to *table* Resolution 2008-#62, seconded by Mr. Carroll. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Prisco, Carroll and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion *tabled*.

Mr. Prisco questioned if all the positions that are listed in Resolution 2008 - #63 were required to be listed by the State. Administrator Jack answered in the affirmative and stated that the Township was only given an option to adopt an Ordinance or Resolution. Administrator explained the Resolution. Mr. Prisco questioned if the positions are forced into the program and are any persons grandfathered. Administrator answered in the affirmative to both questions.

**RESOLUTION 2008 - #63 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTIONS RETIREMENT PROGRAM.**

**Mr. Prisco made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-#63, seconded by Mr. Carroll. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Prisco, Carroll, and Mrs. Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion carried.**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Mr. Carroll made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prisco *denying* the authorization to close Greenwood Avenue between Devon Road and Rancocas Avenue for a block party. *Motion denied.*

**BINGO APPLICATIONS:**

- 1) Mr. Carroll made a motion to approve BA:44 for St. Peter's Church, seconded by Mr. Prisco carried.

**RAFFLE APPLICATIONS:**

- 1) Mr. Prisco made a motion to approve RA: 202 for the Rotary Club, seconded by Mr. Carroll carried.

**SHADE TREE REQUESTS:**

- 1) 405 Greenwood Avenue – Tree Removal.
- 2) 513 Greenwood Avenue – Tree Removal.
- 3) 401 Bem Street – Tree Removal

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Maryann T. Bluthusiem - Change in name from St. Casimir's Senior Citizen Club to Friendly Seniors Club.
- 2) Riverside High School – Certificate of Appreciation.
- 3) Alex DeCroce – State Budget Plan and Accompanying Article.
- 4) Yustina Saleh – Department of Labor and Workforce Development – Letter of Appreciation.

Mr. Prisco questioned the correspondence from Yustina Saleh. Administrator Jack explained that it was a thank you letter regarding the census.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief Tursi reported the Police Activity for May 2008: Investigations – 104, Adult Arrests Total – 66, Motor Vehicle Summons – 141, Motor Vehicle Accidents – 11, Juvenile Incidents – 7, Juvenile Charges – 4, Juvenile Incidents at school - 3, Curfew Violations – 0, Stationhouse Adjustments – 0, False Alarm Calls – 19, False Alarm Warning Letters - 2, Domestic Violence Cases – 19, DWI Arrests - 3. Chief Tursi

also reported the various training that the Officers attended; meetings that were attended by the Officers, correspondence received, and grants that are currently being pursued as well as grant programs that have been received. A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Deputy Mayor Hatcher questioned the Chief about automobile break-ins in the Township. Chief Tursi answered that there have been seven burglaries that are being investigated.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. March reported on the following: the Public Works Department will be picking up branches every Monday and Friday, bagged leaves will be picked up on Wednesdays until June 25<sup>th</sup>, all the parks, lots and ball fields had their grass cut, road maintenance was performed, the Memorial Day preparations were completed, and the Friday morning sweeps will continue through October. The anticipated work for July was reported.

Mrs. Hatcher commended the Public Works Department on a fantastic job, and explained that there are only two men working full time due to injuries.

Mrs. Hatcher instructed the Administrator to send a thank you letter to Martino Excavating for their assistance at the AA Field.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE:**

Mr. Prisco reported that budget process continues, and will continue throughout July.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:**

Mr. Carroll stated that he was going to report on the AA Field, but that was already reported earlier in the meeting.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Deputy Mayor Hatcher reported that the upcoming Saturday will be the senior citizen luau and it will be posted on the Township sign. The luau will begin at 1:00pm at the VFW post and there is no charge. Because of the budget cut backs, there will be no concerts in the park this year. The basketball free throw tournament will begin for the children between the ages of 5 -14. Mrs. Hatcher questioned if there will be new nets on the basketball courts before the tournament. Mr. March answered in the affirmative.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Saponaro reported that there is an upcoming Tax appeal that he is currently working on with the Tax Assessor.

### **CLERK – COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Dydek reported the Real Estate Collections for April as follows: current amount collected - \$770,741.94, prior year amount collected - \$22,821.38, 2005 amount collected \$34.13 and interest collected \$3126.29.

Mrs. Dydek also reported that there have been 768 dog licenses issued, 67 cat licenses issued, the liquor license renewal process has begun, and stated that the persons elected to the County Committee positions must come into the Clerk's Office to have the Oath of Office administered and receive their certificates. The next election will be the General Election which will be held on November 4, 2008. A copy of this report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Carroll questioned item 8a on the report. Administrator Jack explained that it is an item to be discussed with the Solicitor. The claim states that a stone struck and broke a windshield. A claim was filed with American Asphalt and it was denied because the amount was \$1500.00 which their insurance company state is preposterous. There is a court date scheduled. Solicitor Saponaro agreed that \$1500.00 for a wind shield regardless if the car is a BMW is ridiculous; and stated that he believes that a tort claim was never filed. Mr. Prisco questioned if the claim is in Small Claims Court. Administrator Jack stated that the notice stated that it was a small claim in Special Civil Court. The report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Jack reported that three grant applications have been submitted. Two of the applications are for municipal aid, for the continued road reconstruction in the area of Filmore Taylor and Kossuth Streets and for improvements to Lee and Carroll Streets. The third application is for the Centers of Place Program to D.O.T. for Wayfinding Signage program for the downtown. Administrator Jack stated that the necessary renovations have begun on the new administrative offices with the projected completion date of July 17, 2008. All offices should be operational as of August 1, 2008. Also, the Police and the Code Enforcement Officer are currently working on code violations for high weeds/grass and for trash.

Deputy Mayor Hatcher instructed the Administrator to post a notice in the Tax Collector's Office and in the offices on the second floor notifying the residents of the

move of the administrative offices. Mr. Prisco clarified that the court and police will remain at the current Town Hall Building. Administrator Jack answered in the affirmative. Administrator Jack state that new computers were installed in the offices this week, so the Township Website is not current. Mr. Carroll questioned where the server for the website is located. Administrator Jack stated that it is a host company which is a local company that the County also uses.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The report has been submitted and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**PLANNER'S REPORT:**

The report has been submitted and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Deputy Mayor Hatcher questioned if there were any questions regarding the Code Enforcement Officer's Report or the Planner's Report. No questions were presented.

**RECEIPTS:**

**Motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mr. Carroll that the following bills be approved for payment carried:**

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

- 1) **Mr. Richard Horton, 412 Heulings Avenue**, commended the Township Committee and the American Legion for their efforts in organizing the Memorial Day Parade and the Memorial Day Service.

Hearing nothing further from the Public, **motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mr. Carroll carried: Public Portion be closed.**

There being no further business to attend to, **motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mr. Carroll that the meeting be adjourned, and so declared by Vice Chairwoman Hatcher.**

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Susan M. Dydek, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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