

Monday Evening  
Riverside, NJ  
March 18, 2019  
**Regular Meeting**  
7:00p.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 Riverside Township Administrative Office Building on January 3, 2019.
2. Written notice was delivered to the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post on January 3, 2019.
3. Filed written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Riverside on January 3, 2019.

The regular meeting of the Riverside Township Committee was held on the above date at the Riverside Township Municipal Building 1 W. Scott Street Riverside, NJ 08075.

**ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Weaver – present, Mr. Miller – present, Mr. Frey – present, Mr. Kimble – present, Mrs. Hatcher – present.

Also present: Municipal Clerk Susan M. Dydek, Administrator Meghan Jack, Police Chief William Eliason and Attorney Albert Marmero.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Michael D. Miller – Resignation from the Riverside Township Committee effective April 1, 2019.
- 2) Gary Haman, Riverside Democratic Chairman – Submission of three (3) names, Gary Haman, Richard Wasco and Michael Higgins to fill the vacancy on the Township Committee that will be effective April 1, 2019.

**ACTION**

- 1) Appointment of John Michael Higgins to fill the vacancy on the Township Committee effective April 1, 2019 **approved on motion by Messrs. Frey and Kimble. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Frey, Kimble, Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher. Nays – None. Abstain – Mr. Miller. Motion carried.**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

- 2) Oath of Office was administered to John Michael Higgins with an effective date of April 1, 2019 by Assemblywoman Carol Murphy.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mr. Kimble made a motion to adopt the Proclamation Honoring Women's History Month seconded by Mr. Miller. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Frey, Miller, Kimble, and Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Frey read the Proclamation Honoring Women's History Month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Mr. Frey and Mr. Kimble that the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of February 25, 2019 be approved as written. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Frey, Kimble and Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher. Nays – None. Abstain – Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Kimble and Mrs. Weaver that the following minutes be approved as written: the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2019 carried.

Motion made by Mr. Frey and Mr. Kimble that the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of March 4, 2019 be approved as written. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Frey, Kimble and Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher. Nays – None. Abstain – Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Hatcher recognized former Committeeman Timothy Le Coney who was in attendance.

**OPEN PORTION – AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mayor Hatcher opened the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

- 1) Maria Barry – 312 Delaware Avenue Palmyra, NJ - Owner of the Beer Factory - Ms. Barry stated she has brought her morning bartender to the meeting with her. She was not able to bring her attorney and requested that the Ordinance adoption be tabled again. Mayor Hatcher replied that the Township Committee already tabled the adoption once to allow her sufficient time for her attorney to be present. Ms. Barry said that her concern is that she will lose \$1,000.00 a month if the hours are changed. Ms. Barry then stated that she will lose \$1,000.00 a week if the hours are changed and if the Ordinance is passed, she will sue the Township. Mayor Hatcher referred to Attorney Marmero who stated that the Township did table the adoption once already at the request of Ms. Barry and that they did not have to. The Township Committee does not have to table the Ordinance again. Ms. Barry said that she brought her security camera tape that showed maybe 1-3 children walking past her bar in the morning.
- 2) Linda Frake – 318 Nathan Drive Cinnaminson, NJ – Bartender at the Beer Factory – Questioned if the Ordinance needed three readings? Attorney Marmero replied that the Ordinance only needs two readings and there was a first reading in January, a second

reading in February where the Ordinance was tabled, the Ordinance was properly advertised, and another reading currently at this meeting. Ms. Frake questioned why the Ordinance is being changed and stated that the bar is more like a coffee club as men walk to the bar. Mayor Hatcher stated that concerns have been presented by Riverside residents to the Township Committee regarding the opening hours of the bar. Mr. Kimble questioned if Ms. Barry has proof of the loss of income? Ms. Barry answered in the affirmative but not with her. Mr. Frey questioned why didn't she bring proof of the loss income to the meeting? Mr. Frey said that he asked Ms. Barry this question last month and he thought she would bring proof of the loss of income to this meeting to justify the loss.

- 3) Wayne Collins – **15 Clearwater Drive Willingboro, NJ** – Has known Ms. Barry for 30 years and she has opened early every day since he has known her. Mr. Collins said that he has installed the security cameras in the building and he has reviewed the security Cameras and has not viewed anything negative.
- 4) Walt Drissel – **124 N. Fairview Street, Riverside, NJ** – Mr. Drissel said that he has lived across the street from the Beer Factory for fifteen years and the clientele has changed since he moved there. The customers and the employees don't respect the residents in the area. Mr. Drissel said that there are children that live in the vicinity of the bar as he has children and so does his neighbor. Mr. Drissel said that there is problems with drugs at the bar and drinking and driving. Mr. Drissel stated that whenever there is a problem at the bar and the neighbors come out of their homes to witness, the bartenders are always telling the neighbors, "Don't call the Cops!" Mr. Drissel said that the neighbors should not have to deal with this and once the neighbors come out of their houses, the Police should be called. Mr. Miller if questioned if the timeframe that is being changed, is uniform across the State? Attorney Marmero answered in the affirmative and stated that most establishments do not open early in the morning at 7:00am. Mr. Drissel said that the bar plays loud music at 8:00am and they prop the door open with a chair. When Mr. Drissel walks over to the bar, there is only one person in the bar. This disrupts the neighborhood. Also, during the pool leagues, they have people yelling at each other on the sidewalk and this disrupts the neighborhood also.
- 5) Michaela Weaver – **807 Filmore Street Riverside, NJ** – Stated that adults getting drunk at 7:00am is not important, with regard to the safety of children.
- 6) Denise Long – **466 West Avenue Delanco, NJ** – Morning bartender, said that there is really nothing going on in the morning at the bar. There are not many people in the bar in the morning, usually only one person. Ms. Long said that if the neighbors are having problems with the bar, they should come to the bar, not call the Police.

*Upon Ms. Long sitting down, they began to talk among themselves and Chief Eliason had to instruct Ms. Frake, Ms. Long and Ms. Barry not to talk during the meeting as they were being disruptive.*

- 7) Zeke Brinson, -114 N. Fairview Street Riverside, NJ – Mr. Brinson said that his car has been hit multiple times, he has been threatened by customers of the bar, drunk people are falling off their bikes into neighbor's gardens, he has been called a "baby killer" because he serves in the Military and said that if the Beer Factory does have security cameras, they should be able to view this activity.

*Chief Eliason had to again instruct Ms. Frake, Ms. Long and Ms. Barry not to talk during the meeting as they were being disruptive.*

- 8) Gary Haman – 800 Rancocas Avenue Riverside, NJ – said that the bars opening this early was for the factories that existed in the Township many years ago and now there are no factories in the Township anymore. Mr. Haman said that a bar opening at 11:00am is a reasonable time to have drinks with lunch and that a 7:00am opening time is an idea that has gone away.

Mayor Hatcher and Mr. Frey reiterated that the Township Committee is changing the hours for the betterment of the Township. There have been concerns presented by the residents in the area regarding the negativity of bars opening early. Mayor Hatcher said that the opening time will be uniform across the board so that all the bars open the same time. Mr. Frey said that a major concern is that alcohol is being served a 7:00am and there is a possibility of drunk drivers driving through the Township at very early hours. Mayor Hatcher also said that a Tort Claim has been filed against the Township from a woman who said she left the Beer Factory intoxicated and fell. Mayor Hatcher said that this will impact the taxpayers and residents of the Township.

Hearing nothing further from the public, **motion made by Mr. Miller and Mrs. Weaver to close Public Portion (Agenda Items Only) carried.**

### ORDINANCES

The following Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2019 and advertised in the Burlington County Times on February 8, 2019, February 8, 2019 and March 5, 2019. **ORDINANCE 2019 - #4 entitled, "AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES."**

**Mayor Hatcher opened the Public Portion.**

Hearing nothing from the public, **motion made by Mr. Miller and Mr. Kimble that Public Portion be closed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Miller, Kimble Frey and Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher. Nays – None. Abstain – None. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Weaver that the foregoing Ordinance be passed on second and final reading. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:**

**Ayes – Messrs. Miller, Frey, Kimble, Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher.**

Nays – None.

Abstain – None.

Motion carried.

Mr. Frey and Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019 - #5 entitled, "AMENDING CHAPTER 255 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "LAND USE ORDINANCE" on the first reading. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Messrs. Kimble, Miller, Frey and Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher. Nays –None. Abstain – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Frey and Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019 - #6 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 243 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" on the first reading. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Messrs. Kimble, Miller, Frey and Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher. Nays –None. Abstain – None. Motion carried.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kimble that the Consent Agenda be approved carried.

The following Resolutions were contained in the consent agenda:

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| 2019 - #46 | Green Acres Resolution.  |
| 2019 – #47 | A Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside Authorizing the Institution of an <i>In Rem</i> Tax Foreclosure. |

### ACTION

- 1) Authorization to approve Peddler/Solicitor's Licenses for Joan Schober, Andrew T. Williams, Bryant Geissler and Kenneth Winder to sell Mr. Softee products **approved on motion by Mr. Miller and Mr. Kimble carried.**
- 2) **Mr. Frey made a motion** authorizing the hire of a Part-Time Laborer for the Public Works Department **seconded by Mrs. Weaver carried.**

### SHADE TREE COMMITTEE REQUEST

None.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Burlington County Bridge Commission – Endorsed Plan – Route 130/Delaware River Corridor Strategic Plan.
- 2) Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Township of Riverside Green Acres Development Application.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION 2019 -- #46 RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Riverside, desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of a \$625,000 grant and a \$1,875,000 loan (Total \$2,500,000) for phased improvements to Whomsley Field;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Mayor Lorraine M. Hatcher or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

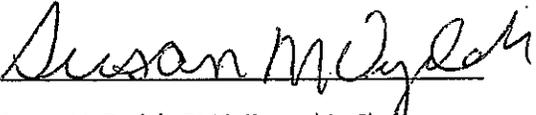
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE;

1. That the Mayor of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as the Township of Riverside Whomsley Field Project;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of N/A;
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Susan M. Dydek, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by Riverside Township Committee at a meeting held on the 18th day of March 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 18th day of March 2019.

  
Susan M. Dydek, RMC, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018 - #47

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE  
AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF AN *IN REM* TAX FORECLOSURE**

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WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Riverside has prepared an *in rem* tax foreclosure list and has certified the same to the Township Committee. This list includes Schedule Numbers 1 through 3; and

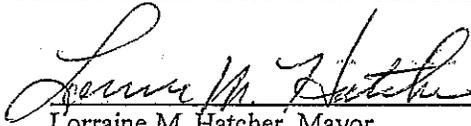
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.35 provides that a governing body, by Resolution, may foreclose on any of the tax sale certificates held, by the summary proceedings *In Rem* as provided in the *In Rem* Foreclosure Act, (P.L. 1948, c.96), and it is the desire of the governing body to institute *in rem* tax foreclosure proceedings against the properties which are set forth on Schedule "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it is not only in the best interest of the Township to institute said proceedings, but also is a duty of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the institution of said *in rem* proceeding will result in revenue to the Township of Riverside either by a redemption of the subject properties or their foreclosure and resale by the Township of Riverside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Riverside Committee, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the institution of *in rem* tax foreclosure proceedings in regard to the properties set forth on Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Attorney.

  
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Lorraine M. Hatcher, Mayor  
Riverside Township

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Riverside held on the 18th day of March, 2019 and that the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
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Susan M. Dydek, RMC  
Township Clerk

**REPORTS:****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Chief Eliason reported the Police Activity for February 2019: Incidents – 584, Investigations – 86, Adult Arrests Total – 56, Motor Vehicle Summons – 133, Motor Vehicle Accidents – 12, Juvenile Charges – 5, Curfew Violations – 0, Protective Custody – 0, Stationhouse Adjustments – 0, Summons for False Alarms – 0, False Alarm Calls – 0, False Alarm Warning Letters – 0. Chief Eliason reported on the various trainings that the Officers attended, the various programs in which the officers and the Chief participated in, and various awards and commendations that the police officers received.

Mayor Hatcher reported that the Delran Emergency Squad will submit a report next month.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Frey reported that Christmas tree pick-up has ceased, potholes were patched, storm drains were cleaned off and handicapped playground equipment was installed at the AA Field and Spring Garden Park. Brush pick-up will begin on April 1, 2019 and Friday morning sweeps will begin on April 5, 2019.

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Frey will be taking over the Sustainable New Jersey. Mr. Frey thanked Mr. Higgins for taking over his seat upon his resignation. Mr. Miller also thanked the residents who voted for him. Mr. Frey reported on the Tax Collector's 2018 Annual Report, the total tax receipts are \$16,044,1960.33.

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:**

Mr. Kimble reported that the registration for the 5k are now live and people can sign up for it on any website where it is advertised. Mr. Kimble thanked everyone who provided assistance. The walking club will begin again on Saturday and this will be posted on Social Media. Mr. Kimble thanked Riverside Turners for sponsoring the 5k.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EVENTS:**

Mrs. Weaver reported that the Whomsley Field Clean-Up will be held on April 6, 2019 hosted by Senator Singleton, the Annual Easter Egg will be held on April 13, 2019 and there will be pretzels, Boost and prizes. Clean-up Day will be held on April 27, 2019 and a shredder will be present to shred the resident's secure documents.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Marmero had no report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

The Engineer's Report has been submitted and a copy of the report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Jack reported that grant applications have been submitted, New Jersey American Water Company is beginning water main replacement on Heulings Avenue, Delaware Avenue and Eighth Street. Mayor Hatcher questioned why the entire road of Delaware Avenue is not being replaced? Administrator Jack answered that she will check with New Jersey American Water Company and report back to the Committee.

**Motion made by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Kimble, approving all the reports that were submitted carried.**

**BILLS AND EXPENDITURES:**

**Motion made by Mr. Miller and Mr. Weaver to approve the bills and expenditures for payment carried.**

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mayor Hatcher opened the Public Portion

- 1) Walt Drissel – 124 N. Fairview Street – questioned if all the residents will be receiving new water meters? Mr. Frey answered in the negative and explained that the only people getting the new meters will be in the area that NJAWC is currently working on.
- 2) Mr. Higgins – 404 Cleveland Avenue – Thanked Mr. Miller for his service on the Township Committee
- 3) Mr. Carl Palermo – 400 N. Pavilion Ave. – Requested that the parking on N. Pavilion Avenue be restricted because you cannot see the traffic coming from the bridge. Chief Eliason stated that N. Pavilion Avenue is a County Road. Mr. Palermo expressed concern over the amount of potholes in the Township.
- 4) Brittney Rae – 128 Delaware Avenue – Showed the Township Committee banners that will be hung up which honor service people who served in the Military. Ms. Rae thanked the Township Committee for their support.
- 5) Richard Naylor – E. Hancock Street – Stated that there is a hole in the pedestrian walkway on the bridge that connects Riverside Township to Delanco Township.
- 6) Alice Smith – Riverside Historical Society – Ms. Smith stated that she sees the banners as an evolution and would like to see different banners that would honor the Firemen and Police Officers as well as the members of the Military.

**Hearing nothing further from the public, motion made by Mr. Frey and Mr. Kimble to close Public Portion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes – Messrs. Frey, Kimble, Mmes. Weaver and Hatcher. Nays – Mr. Miller. Abstain – None. Motion carried.**

**There being no further business to attend to, motion made by Mr. Miller and Mr. Frey that the meeting be adjourned, and so declared by Mayor Hatcher.**

*Susan M. Dydek*  
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Municipal Clerk

Riverside Township