

**BOROUGH OF RIVERTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Cairns Wells called the meeting to order and saluted the Flag. The Borough Hall was closed to the general public in accordance with social distancing guidelines in place due to the onset of COVID-19 and the meeting was held via conference call with notice for calling in provided under OPMA.

Under the guidance of the Governor’s Executive Order 107, the Division of Local Government Services of New Jersey has strongly encouraged all municipalities to conduct public meetings with communications equipment to avoid a public gathering. N.J.S.A 10:4-8(b) authorizes local units to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms. Participant instruction for the public meetings are to dial 856-829-6840 password “1234#”.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

“Public notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given in the following manner:

- a. Having written notice published in the Burlington County Times Tuesday April 7, 2020
- b. Forwarding written notice to the Courier Post for informational purposes only on Friday April 3, 2020
- c. Posting written notice on the Borough Website and the Borough Hall on Friday April 3, 2020

ROLL CALL

Mayor Suzanne Cairns Wells	present	Councilwoman Laura Major	present
Council President Bill Corbi	present	Councilman Ken Mills	present
Councilman Hank DeGeorge	present	Councilman Jim Quinn	present
Councilman Kirk Fullerton	present		

Other Borough Officials Present: Nicole Shively Treasurer, Keith Adams, Public Works Manager, John Shaw, Chief of Police, Solicitor Tom Coleman, Esquire and Borough Clerk Michelle Hack.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/CLERK REPORT

Minutes from the March 17, 2020 regular meeting were submitted for approval. Motion made by Mr. Corbi to approve the minutes as submitted to which Ms. Major seconded his motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

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

Mr. Fullerton asked for a motion to approve the reports and bill list, which closed on April 20, 2020. Mr. Corbi seconded the motion. The full bill list is on file for inspection in the clerk’s office. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor opened the Public Comment session of the meeting.

Katie Lucas stated her displeasure in the Borough's handling, specifically the Mayor's comments regarding her inquiry to the keeping of sheep at her property.

Sharon Stokes asked if there had been any animal inquiry complaints in the last six months.

Michael O'Reirdan stated the positive aspects of housing his goats and feels the need to regulate in unnecessary. If regulations are to coming due, he would like to be part of the process.

Ms. Wanda Swanson commented that she was dissatisfied with the Borough's dissemination of COVID-19 information and stated the decrease in Riverton cases caused her confusion. Mayor Cairns Wells explained the County provides the data and there was a mix up on their end. The Borough doesn't have the manpower to provide daily updates like the County, and disagrees with Facebook being the best tool for providing daily updates, which is why there is a link provided on the Borough's website.

No one additional came forth to speak therefore closing the public portion.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Coleman stated the Final Compliance hearing to accept the Borough's Plan is rescheduled for June 10, 2020.

MARCH 2020 PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DPW: Collected brush 2 times on Park side and 3 times on River side for 3 brush dumpsters; Collected leaves 2 times on Park side and 3 times on River side; Trimmed grass plants along railroad track. Public Service has been fixing gaslights; DPW fixed both loader bucket/hydraulic cylinder; March 25th, Public Works yard closed due to COVID-19, Waste Management suspended bulk trash pickup (We have been handing out letters to residents that have bulk trash out, and for the most part, they are removing it from the curb); April 14th, closure of lots and pocket park on the river bank due to COVID-19. **PARKS:** Worked on baseball fields; Serviced lawnmowers; March 20th, closed park due to COVID-19 and April 7th, we removed the basketball rims and locked the tennis courts. Cut park once, installed 60ft of fence at field #3. **SEWER:** There were six (6) sewer calls- four (4) homeowner problems and two (2) mains: 600 block of Thomas and 400 block of Thomas; Plans and specifications are out for panel replacement; distribution being managed by clerk. There is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for on April 9th at the plant

Mr. Corbi also shared the Sewer plant report from WRM Incorporated. Mr. Corbi thanked the Mayor for all of her daily hard work and dedication to the Borough keeping everyone informed of the impacts of COVID-19.

RESOLUTION #68-2020

**A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF THE DOG PARK
(FULL RESOLUTION IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Corbi read the resolution by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. Quinn provided the second.: ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

RESOLUTION #69-2020

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ERI TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE DOG PARK
(FULL RESOLUTION IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Corbi read the resolution by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. DeGeorge seconded his motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills, Mr. Quinn aye.

ORDINANCE 01-2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOROUGH CODE AT 106-24 CONCERNING SEWER CONTROLS
(IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)**

Mr. Corbi read the Ordinance by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. Quinn seconded his motion. This is the second reading of this ordinance as posted in the Official Newspaper on March 26, 2020. The Mayor opened the floor for public comments pertaining to the ordinance however no one came forth to speak, therefore closing the Public Comment session. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

RESOLUTION #70-2020

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A TEMPORARY ZONING OFFICER
(FULL RESOLUTION IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Mills read the resolution by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. Corbi seconded his motion. This provides for the temporary appointment of Tamara Lee until a regular replacement is solidified. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

Mr. Mills shared the current Vacant Property Report which is on file at the Borough Hall.

March Municipal Court Report

Year To Date:

Tickets Issued:	44	272
Tickets Disposed:	88	319
Complaints Issued:	8	36
Complaints Disposed:	39	104
Total Disbursements:	9,496.67	29,089.44
Riverton Treasurer:	5,311.56	15,937.77

Fire Department March 2020

Fires: 14	YTD: 49	Drills: 2	YTD: 8
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March 2020 EMS Report Not submitted

MARCH 2019 Police Report Description:	Current Month:	Last Month:	Year to Date:
Vehicle Mileage:	2396	2246	6562
Juvenile Arrests:	0	1	1
<u>Adult Arrests:</u>	7	23	57
a) Contempt	7		
b) Possession of CDS / Drug Para	1		
<small>These figures represent people who were arrested and the charges against them.</small>			
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	3	3	9
Motor Vehicle Stops:	63	195	443
Motor Vehicle Summonses:	50	121	293
Motor Vehicle Warnings:	13	74	150
Alarms:	6	8	24
Asst. to other Agencies:	10	17	48
Animal Complaints:	6	2	14
Fire Calls:	4	6	11
EMS Calls:	28	19	66
Unattended Deaths:	0	0	0
Criminal Cases:	11	27	66
Domestics:	0	0	1
Thefts:	2	2	4
Burglaries: Vehicles	2	1	3
Assaults:	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief:	1	1	2

ORDINANCE O-02-2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)
(IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)**

Mr. Fullerton read the ordinance by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. Corbi provided the second for this motion. This is the second reading of this ordinance as posted in the Official Newspaper on March 26, 2020. The Mayor opened the floor for public comments pertaining to the ordinance however no one came forth to speak, therefore closing the Public Comment session. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

RESOLUTION # 66-2020

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
(FULL RESOLUTION IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Fullerton read the resolution by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. DeGeorge seconded his motion. The Mayor opened the floor for public comment concerning the 2020 Municipal Budget only. No one commented, therefore closing the public portion. ROLL CALL:

Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

Mr. DeGeorge extended a thank you to the Riverton Police and Public Works Department on the unwavering service to the Borough during this time. He commended the Mayor's leadership and Mr. Fullerton's financial expertise in guiding along the budget process.

Ms. Major updated to some of the activities that Economic Development Committee is working on, included a joint fundraiser/craft beer event, and rescheduling of the May 20 Food Truck event to June 24. Ms. Hack will complete the paperwork for this date change.

ORDINANCE O-03-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOROUGH CODE AT CHAPTER 10 "ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE"
(IN FULL IN ORDINANCE BOOK)

Ms. Major read the ordinance by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. DeGeorge provided the second for this motion. Second reading and Public Hearing will be held on May 19, 2020 with Public Notice being provided in the Official Newspaper. This ordinance changes provides for the name of the group to change and better reflect the missions, expand membership and collect fees for municipal events from vendors. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

Mayor Cairns Wells gave updates on the Borough services that have been altered as a result of COVID-19. These changes are being printed in an addendum and being distributed with the Directory in the very near future. She also updated that the 4th of July Committee is still proceeding as if the parade will happen, moving forward with the program, and the planning for the disappointment in case it does not. Mayor Cairns Wells also provided an update to the latest State and Federal updates concerning Executive Orders and Stimulus Checks; updates are on the website. Mayor Cairns Wells acknowledged the hard work of Chief Shaw and Scott Reed for the Emergency Management efforts, as well as the entire Police Department, Public Works and Borough Hall employees for keeping the Borough seamlessly operational.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cairns Wells opened the floor for a second public comment session.

Sharon Stokes asked how to be part of the expanded Economic Improvement Committee. She was advised to complete the Citizen Leadership Form found on the website. No one additional wanted to speak, therefore closing this session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to discuss, Mr. Corbi made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. DeGeorge seconded his motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Next meeting of the Governing Body is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 7 o'clock PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hack, RMC
Borough Clerk