

Monday Evening
Riverside, NJ
May 18, 2015
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 6, 2015.
2. Written notice was delivered to the Burlington County Times on January 6, 2015 and the Courier Post on January 6, 2015.
3. Filed written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Riverside on January 6, 2015.

The regular meeting of the Riverside Township Committee was held on the above date at the Riverside Township Municipal Building with the following members present: Messrs. Prisco, Bienkowski, Le Coney, and Mayor Conard along with Municipal Clerk Susan M. Dydek, Solicitor George Saponaro, Police Chief William Eliason and Administrator Meghan Jack. Mrs. Hatcher was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Bienkowski and Mr. Prisco that the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of April 20, 2015, the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2015, the Closed Session Meeting of April 20, 2015, the Work Session Meeting of May 4, 2015 and the Special Meeting May 11, 2015 be approved as written carried.

OPEN PORTION – AGENDA ITEMS:

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

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

ORDINANCES:

Mr. Le Coney and Mr. Bienkowski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015 - #8 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING CHAPTER 238 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE GOVERNING "TOWING"
Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Messrs. Le Coney, Prisco, Bienkowski, and Conard. Nays – None. Abstain – None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Bienkowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prisc that the consent agenda be approved carried.

The following Resolutions were contained in the consent agenda:

2014 - #48 – TAX COLLECTOR'S OVERPAYMENT RESOLUTION.

2014 - #49 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR THE YEAR OF 2015.

2014 - #51 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE APPOINTING A K-9 POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHP OF RIVERSIDE.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Prisco made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-#50 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE APPOINTING A POLICE DETECTIVE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE." seconded by Mr. Bienkowski. Upon roll call, the vote was as followed: Ayes – Messrs. Bienkowski, Prisco and Le Coney. Nays – None. Abstain – Mr. Conard. Motion carried.

Mr. Le Coney made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-#54 entitled, "SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT GRIECO vs. RIVERSIDE." seconded by Mr. Prisco. Upon roll call, the vote was as followed: Ayes – Messrs. Bienkowski, Prisco, Le Coney and Conard. Nays – None. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE:

- 1) Police Officer Brandon Conard was sworn in as Detective for the Riverside Township Police.
- 2) Police Officer Anthony Congemi was sworn in as K-9 Officer for the Riverside Township Police.

BUDGET HEARING:

Mayor Conard opened the meeting to the public for the 2015 Municipal Budget.

Hearing nothing further from the public, **motion made by Mr. Bienkowski and Mr. Le Coney to close the Budget Hearing carried.**

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:

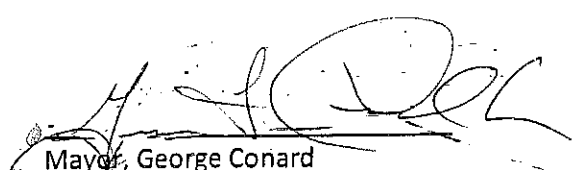
Mr. Prisco made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-#52 entitled, "PROVIDES THAT THE BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE ONLY." seconded by Mr. Bienkowski carried.

Mr. Le Coney made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-#53 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET." seconded by Mr. Bienkowski. Upon roll call, the vote was as followed: Ayes – Messrs. Bienkowski, Le Coney and Conard. Nays – Mr. Prisco. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 - #48
TAX COLLECTOR'S OVERPAYMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following tax overpayments be refunded and cleared from the record and checks be drawn to the following taxpayer:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REASON</u>
2603	15	\$522.81	Powers, Eliz. J. & Walter T. 107 Henry Street	2015	Property is Tax Exempt 2012 Homestead Rebate Applied to 2 nd QTR 2015


Mayor, George Conard
May 18, 2015


Susan M. Dydek – Municipal Clerk
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RESOLUTION 2015 - #49
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF
ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR THE YEAR OF 2015

WHEREAS, The division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey has the authority by State Statute to examine, review and then certify all local government budgets to the County Board of Taxation for the purpose of real estate taxation;

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Taxation has not yet received certification of the Township of Riverside's budget and not strike a tax rate until such certification is received from the State of New Jersey and will therefore cause the delay in receiving state funding; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that there will be insufficient cash flow to support operations in August 2015 unless third quarter revenue is received on time; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3et seq.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby authorized that:

1. The Tax Collector is directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Municipality of Riverside Township for the third quarter 2015, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:66.2et seq.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2015 is hereby set at \$14,948,290.10
3. The Tax Collector takes any additional steps necessary to immediately implement this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provides a certified copy of the resolution to the Tax Collector.

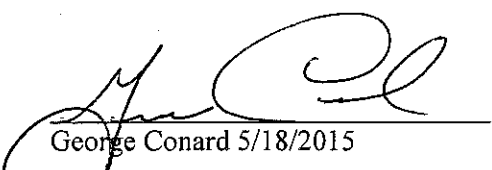
CALCULATION OF THE 2015 ESTIMATED TAX RATE2014 TAX LEVY & TAX RATE2015 ESTIMATED RANGE FOR LEVY

	LEVY	TAX RATE	95%	105%
County Total Tax	\$ 1,647,658.05	0.372	\$1,565,275.15	\$ 1,730,040.95
School District Tax	8,074,620.00	1.638	7,670,889.00	8,478,351.00
Local Purpose Tax	4,363,770.00	0.860	4,145,581.50	4,581,958.50
Fire District Tax	457,922.00	0.101	435,025.90	480,818.10

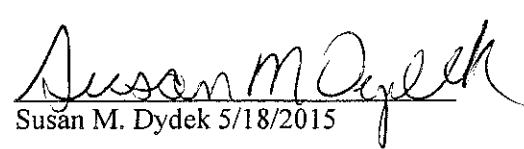
2015 ESTIMATED GENERAL TAX RATE**AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION:****TAX RATE**

101%

County Total Tax	\$1,664,134.63	0.379
School District Tax	8,335,409.00	1.898
Local Purpose Tax	4,488,535.47	1.022
Fire District Tax	460,211.00	0.105
Total	\$14,948,290.10	3.404



George Conard 5/18/2015



Susan M. Dydek 5/18/2015

RESOLUTION 2015-#50

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE
APPOINTING A POLICE DETECTIVE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
RIVERSIDE

WHEREAS, there is a need for an additional Police Detective within the Riverside Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Conard has served as a Police Officer within the Riverside Township Police Department since March 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Conard has met all the necessary qualifications to be appointed as a Detective within the Riverside Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chief of Police that Brandon Conard be appointed as Police Detective.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Brandon Conard is hereby appointed Police Detective for the Riverside Township Police Department effective June 1, 2014.

RESOLUTION 2015-#51**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE APPOINTING A
K-9 POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE**

WHEREAS, there is a need for a K-9 Police Officer within the Township of Riverside Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Congemi has served as a Police Officer within the Riverside Township Police Department since April 26, 2004 and has served as the School Resource Officer since September 2007; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Congemi has met all the necessary qualifications to be appointed as a K-9 Police Officer within the Riverside Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chief of Police that Anthony Congemi be appointed as K-9 Police Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Anthony Congemi is hereby appointed K-9 Police Officer for the Riverside Township Police Department effective June 1, 2014.

RESOLUTION 2015 - #52PROVIDES THAT THE BUDGET MAY BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection in the free public library, if any, located within our municipality, then it must be provided to any county library in the county wherein the municipality is located. Further, the public officer delegated the responsibility for delivery of the copies to said libraries has completed a certification forwarded to the governing body that such deliveries were made and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside that the budget shall be read by title only.

Ayes - Prisco, Bienkowski, LeConey and Conard

Nays - None

Abstain - None

Resolution 2015-#53

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL
BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2015 - #54**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE
AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, a lawsuit was instituted by Heather Grieco pursuant to Docket No. BUR-L-513-15; and

WHEREAS, the above-captioned lawsuit alleged violations of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to settlement negotiations in the above-captioned matter, the lawsuit filed by Ms. Grieco against the Township of Riverside was amicably resolved by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee for the Township of Riverside finds it to be in the best interest of the Township to authorize a settlement of the above-captioned litigation;

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

1. The Solicitor is authorized and directed to settle the above-captioned litigation with a total payment to Plaintiff and her attorney in the amount of \$2,745.00.
2. The Mayor, Township Administrator, and/or Township Clerk are authorized and directed to execute any appropriate Settlement Agreement and/or Release documents, as well as Stipulations of Dismissal in the above-captioned matter.

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTION:

- 1) **Mr. Le Coney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prisco** authorizing to approve the First Moravian Church's request for the issuance of a Carnival License for their Fall Fair to be held on September 19, 2015 from 11:00am to 3:00pm **carried**.
- 2) Authorization to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the County of Burlington for Emergency Asphalt Paving Services **approved on motion by Mr. Le Coney and Mr. Prisco carried**.
- 3) **Mr. Bienkowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Le Coney** to authorize the approval of an Application for a Petition to Extend Licensed Premises for the Beer Factory on June 20, 2015 from 10:00am – 10:00pm for a 30 year in business anniversary party/owner birthday party pending the approval of the Chief of Police **carried**.
- 4) **Mr. Le Coney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prisco** authorizing the approval of Peddler/Solicitor Licenses for Elliot Durtiz, Allan Essrig, Marshall Kerdeman and Benjamin T. Shrager for the 2015 Calendar year pending successful background investigations **carried**.

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

- 1) Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Duckworth – Removal of tree behind their property on Weeks Avenue.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Board of Chosen Freeholders – Invitation to attend the seventh annual County Memorial Day Ceremony
- 2) Board of Chosen Freeholders – Proclamation that proclaims April as Alcohol Awareness Month
- 3) Burlington County Board of Taxation – Order for a Municipal Wide Revaluation
- 4) State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation – Letter of denial for Phase IX Filmore, Taylor, Kossuth Streets Reconstruction Project.

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

Chief Eliason reported the Police Activity for April 2015: Incidents – 584, Investigations – 100, Adult Arrests Total – 69, Motor Vehicle Summons – 186, Motor Vehicle Accidents – 8, Juvenile Charges – 0, Curfew Violations – 0, Protective Custody – 0, Stationhouse Adjustments – 0, Domestic Violence Cases – 15, Summons for False Alarms – 0, False Alarm Calls – 22, False Alarm Warning Letters - 0. Chief Eliason reported 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. Chief Eliason also reported on the School Officer's report. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

The Delran Emergency Squad report is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk. Mayor Conard reported on the activity for April 2015: Medical Emergencies – 52, Motor Vehicle Accidents – 4, Fire Stand Bys – 3, Non - Emergency Transports – 18, Patients transported to the hospital – 45 and Patients refused treatment and transportation – 11.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Administrator Jack gave the report since Mrs. Hatcher and Mr. Holt were excused. Administrator Jack reported that the Public Works Department has begun preparations for the Memorial Day Parade, Whomsley Field is being watered, storm drains are being cleaned as needed and leaf pick-up will be done as bagged leaves only. The anticipated activities for June were reported.

The report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE:

Mr. Bienkowski had no report.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

Mr. Prisco reported that Opening Day went well and that the grant improvement at Whomsley Field is continuing.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Le Coney reported that the Car Show is upcoming.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Saponaro reported that he has met with a Redeveloper regarding the Watchcase Tower and that redevelopment is moving forward.

MUNICIPAL CLERK 'S REPORT:

Municipal Clerk Dydek reported that there have been 662 dog licenses issued, 48 cat licenses issued and that the Township will begin the Bi-annual Dog Census that is required by the State of New Jersey. Municipal Clerk Dydek also stated that the Primary Election will be held on June 2, 2015.

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's reported that Property Maintenance is in full force and stated the requirements for reporting vacant properties in the Township. Administrator Jack also reported on the upcoming Roadway Projects, the Phase VIII Filmore, Taylor and Kossuth Street and the Inlet Repair Projects.

A copy of the report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Motion made by Mr. Prisco, seconded by Mr. Bienkowski approving all the reports that were submitted carried.

BILLS AND EXPENDITURES:

Motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mr. Le Coney to approve the bills and expenditures for payment carried.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Conard opened the Public Portion.

- 1) Mrs. Susan Knight - Lee Street - thanked the Township and the Police for their efforts with the drug deterrent. Mrs. Knight lost her son Matthew four years ago, and thanked the Township for their efforts in deterring drug use.

In seeing that no further members of the Public wished to speak, motion made by Mr. Le Coney and Mr. Prisco carried: Public Portion be closed.

There being no further business to attend to, motion made by Mr. Prisco and Mr. Le Coney that the meeting be adjourned, and so declared by Mayor Conard.


Susan M. Dydek, RMC
Municipal Clerk