

Monday Evening  
Riverside, NJ  
February 25, 2013  
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 8, 2013.
2. Written notice was delivered to the Burlington County Times on January 8, 2013 and the Courier Post on January 8, 2013.
3. Filed written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Riverside on January 8, 2013.

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 and Van Meter, Mrs. Hatcher, Messrs. Le Coney and Conard along with Township Administrator Meghan Jack, Municipal Clerk Susan M. Dydek, Chief Paul Tursi, and Solicitor Berry.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Conard presented Ms. Christine Hatfield with a proclamation for her volunteer service with the Make a Wish Foundation.

**Motion made by Mr. Prisco, seconded by Mrs. Hatcher that the proclamation presented to Ms. Christine Hatfield be approved carried.**

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

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

**ORDINANCES:**

**Motion made by Mrs. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. Le Coney that Ordinance 2013 - #1 entitled, "2013 BUDGET CAP INCREASE" be approved at the first reading. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Hatcher, Messrs. Le Coney, Prisco, Van Meter, and Conard. Nays – None. Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mrs. Hatcher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Le Coney that the consent agenda be approved carried.

The following Resolutions were contained in the consent agenda:

**2013- #31 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE OPPOSING A - 1196.**

**2013 -#32 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE OPPOSING SENATE BILL 2511 AMENDMENTS TO OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.**

**2013- #33 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE KOSSUTH, FILMORE, & TAYLOR STREETS PHASE 5 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.**

**2013- #34 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR SECURITY CAMERAS.**

**ACTION:**

- 1) **Mr. Le Coney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hatcher** authorizing to permit the Café Madison to extend its hours of operation on Easter and Mothers' Day for the purpose of hosting a buffet brunch with the stipulation that alcohol will only be served within the timeframes that have been established by ordinance **carried**.
- 2) Mrs. Hatcher questioned if the County will notify the residents of the mosquito spraying. Administrator Jack stated that the County does not notify the residents of the application, and that the application is not a spray but pellets that are dropped. **Motion made by Mr. Van Meter and Mr. Le Coney** authorizing to permit the Burlington County Health Department Division of Mosquito Control to perform aerial applications of pesticides for mosquito control over Riverside Township **carried**.

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE REQUESTS:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Baseball Tomorrow Fund – Letter of denial – Field Grant.
- 2) Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Letter of award – Municipal Alliance Grant.
- 3) R. Lucille Hoffman – Thank you – Bernie Orfe Sr.

## RESOLUTION 2013-#31

## A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE OPPOSING A-1196

Whereas: Public safety employees and volunteers should be adequately compensated for on-duty accidents and illnesses.

Whereas: New Jersey's current Workers' Compensation law is already one of the broadest in the country.

Whereas: A-1196 as currently written will make it almost impossible to contest claims from injuries and illnesses caused off-the-job.

Whereas: This bill places the burden of proof on governmental employers to establish that an injury or illness, such as cancer, heart attack or hypertension did not occur on the job.

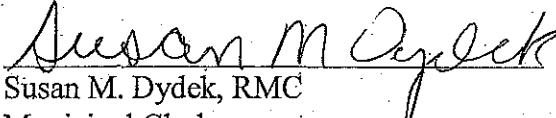
Whereas: The MEL's actuary has estimated that A-1196 could easily double municipal Workers' Compensation expense of \$400 million per year, and

Whereas: The MEL has offered to sit down with the supporters of this legislation to develop less expensive ways of improving the compensation to first responders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Riverside that the legislature be urged to reject A-1196 and urges the supporters of this legislation to work with the MEL and representatives of other units of government to develop less expensive ways to improve compensation to first responders.

Be it further resolved that the Municipal Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the Senate President, Assembly Speaker, members of the legislative delegation representing the municipality, and the Governor.

I hereby certified that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at a Regular Meeting thereof held on February 25 2013.

  
Susan M. Dydek, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2012-#32****A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE OPPOSING SENATE BILL 2511  
AMENDMENTS TO OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**WHEREAS**, legislation has been introduced to reform and modernize the Open Public Meetings Act (S-2511); and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Township of Riverside agrees with and supports the statement that "the right of the public to be present at all meetings of public bodies, and to witness in full detail all phases of the deliberation, policy formulation, and decision making of public bodies, is vital to the enhancement and proper functioning of the democratic process"; and

**WHEREAS**, the changes, however, proposed in S-2511 will not only be a cost driver for local and State government but make government less effective; and

**WHEREAS**, S-2511 includes a number of proposed requirements which involve costly unfunded mandates, impractical requirements and impediments to the democratic process; and

**WHEREAS**, S-2511 creates a new definition of subcommittees that expands subcommittees to be overly inclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, subcommittees would be required to provide public notice of subcommittee meetings, if the governing body determines them to be open; and

**WHEREAS**, subcommittees would be required to submit at least one report to the governing body detailing the number of meetings, names of members of the committee and a concise statement of the matters discussed. The governing body would be required to establish a schedule of when the subcommittee reports shall be filed; and

**WHEREAS**, subcommittees do not commit the governing body to action or expend public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements for subcommittees meetings would, among other things, necessitate additional administrative support for all subcommittees as well as increased legal advertising cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the new requirement that agendas provide a description of all agenda items, including the names of parties to and approximate dollar amounts of any contracts to be acted upon, will delay the award of contracts and could lead to the loss of grant monies; and

**WHEREAS**, the new requirement that the governing body may act upon an item brought up by a citizen at a public meeting if it was not published as an agenda item only if: (1) there is a vote of 2/3 of the members present to proceed, (2) the municipality demonstrates that it is in the public's best interest and includes the reasons why it is in the public best interest in the minutes; is impractical, ineffective and unnecessarily inhibits the operations of municipal government and runs contrary to the time honored tradition of holding a public meeting for the very purpose of soliciting such input and acting upon it; and

**WHEREAS**, the new requirement that electronic communications, such as e-mails and text messages, concerning public business among an effective majority of the members that occurred prior to a meeting become part of the minutes and renders the recordings a permanent municipal record, is

unworkable and unmanageable as the technology does not always exist to make "hard copies" or digital copies of text messages and the records custodian does not always have access to them, and which is an unprecedented expansion of the meeting concept; and

**WHEREAS**, the new requirement that comprehensive minutes must include each member's stated reason for their actions or vote, the identity of each member of the public who spoke, and summary of what was said, be made available to the public as soon as possible but no later than 60 days after the meeting will not only be costly but the historical value of minutes will be lost in order to meet an arbitrary deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, the new requirement that the public be allowed to speak for a minimum of three minutes, at the start of the public meeting, without the ability of the public body to limit the length of the public comment could disrupt public meetings, lead to filibustering and prevent the governing body from conducting business; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of S-2511 place financial, time, manpower and other burdens on municipalities at a time when municipalities are forced to layoff municipal employees, impose furloughs and reduce departmental budgets so that municipalities can meet the strict CAP requirements with decreased revenues and increasing operating expense; and

**WHEREAS**, the totality of the new requirements of S-2511 will be a significant cost driver for local and State government with no known appropriation contemplated or any alternate means to offset these costs, such a reasonable increase in fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of S-2511 continue to exempt the Legislature from the requirements placed on municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, while we appreciate Senator Weinberg's efforts to address our concerns, we must continue to oppose the amendments to the Open Public Meeting Act as the changes proposed in S-2511 will not only be a cost driver for local and State government but make government less effective;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE**, for reasons stated above, does hereby oppose S-2511, as currently drafted, and strongly urges the State Senate and Assembly to oppose these bills, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Township of Riverside does hereby strongly urge the Legislature, in the interest of transparency and openness, to remove the various exceptions in the Open Public Meetings Law that apply to the Legislature. The rules that the legislation makes applicable to other governmental bodies should apply equally to all governmental levels and officials; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this duly adopted resolution be forwarded to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senator Loretta Weinberg, Assembly Speaker Shelia Oliver, Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, the legislators of the State Legislative Districts, Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION 2013-#33**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING A**  
**CHANGE ORDER TO THE KOSSUTH, FILMORE & TAYLOR STREETS**  
**PHASE 5 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.**

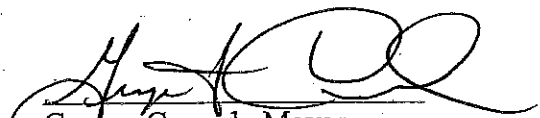
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside awarded a contract to JADS Construction Co., Inc., and

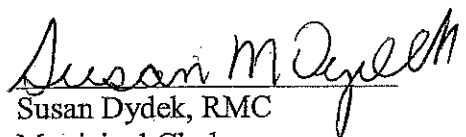
WHEREAS, there were changes to the project necessitated by change in scope of work assignments, and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Riverside Township Committee wish to approve the following change to the original contract:

Change Order #1 (net decrease)	\$25,049.05
Amended contract price	\$282,954.90

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Riverside Township Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

  
George Conard, Mayor

  
Susan Dydek, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2013-#34**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE AWARDED THE**  
**CONTRACT FOR SECURITY CAMERAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside has requested quotes for the installation of security cameras at the Public Works Garage; and

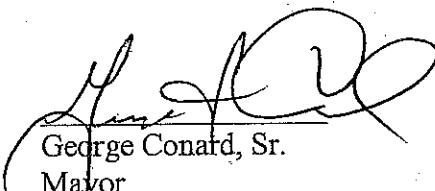
**WHEREAS**, one (1) quote has been received from the following for the same in accordance with the request:

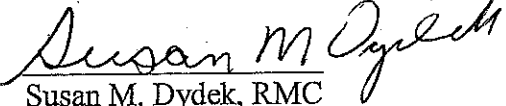
<u>Company</u>	<u>Quote</u>
ASG Security	\$8,774.00
APG Security	\$-
Sonitrol	\$-

**WHEREAS**, the quote of ASG Security is hereby determined by the Township of Riverside to be a responsible bid; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside that the project outlined above shall be awarded to ASG Security.

Adopted the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013 at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Riverside.

  
 George Conard, Sr.  
 Mayor

  
 Susan M. Dydek, RMC  
 Municipal Clerk

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

Chief Tursi reported the Police Activity for January: Incidents – 478, Investigations – 71, Adult Arrests Total – 45, Motor Vehicle Summons – 53, Motor Vehicle Accidents – 10, Juvenile Charges – 8, Curfew Violations – 0, Protective Custody – 0, Domestic Violence Cases – 12, Summons for False Alarms – 0, False Alarm Calls - 19. Chief Tursi 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. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Conard reported the Delran Emergency Squad Activity for January 2013: Medical Emergencies – 50, Motor Vehicle Accidents – 5, Fire Stand Bys – 2, Non Emergency Transports – 1, Water Rescue – 1, Patients transported to the hospital – 41 and Patients refused treatment and transportation – 14.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mrs. Hatcher stated that Mr. March will give the report. Mr. March reported that the Public Works Department has completed branch and Christmas tree pick up throughout the Township. The Department is currently cleaning up the leaves at all parks, lots and ball fields. The Department did road maintenance throughout the Township, and did chipping at the Public Works Yard. The activities for March 2013 were reported. The report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Hatcher commended the Public Works Department on the excellent job performance with the clean-up of Hurricane Sandy.

Mrs. Hatcher thanked Mr. Joseph D'Agostino for the tour of the Sewerage Plant and stated that she was very impressed with the way the plant runs.

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE:**

Mr. Van Meter had no report.

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:**

Mr. Prisco reported that the Riverside Youth Athletic Association and the Township are moving forward with the background investigations for all coaches. Mr. Prisco also reported that he attended Senator Allen's Office for Veterans on Route 206 in Bordentown. The Office is open from 4:00pm – 7:00pm on Wednesdays.



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

Mr. Le Coney reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. Mr. Le Coney also congratulated Sandra Sciacca as the President of the Riverside Business Association.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Saponaro had no report.

**MUNICIPAL CLERK 'S REPORT:**

Municipal Clerk Dydek had no report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mayor Conard asked the Committee if there were any questions regarding the Engineer's Report that was submitted. No questions were presented. A copy of the report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Jack reported that the Developer Hovnanian has been approved by the Planning Board to construct 188 units at the Taubel Mills Site. Administrator Jack stated that the Township received complaints on the lateness of the rabies clinic and explained the process. The report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**RENTAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Rental Inspector's report has been distributed. Mayor Conard questioned if the Committee had any inquiries. No inquiries were presented. The report is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**Motion made by Mr. Van Meter, seconded by Mr. Le Coney approving all the reports that were submitted carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Van Meter and Mr. Prisco to approve the bills and expenditures for payment carried.**

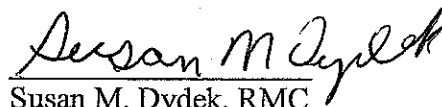
**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Conard opened the Public Portion.

- 1) **Mr. Paul Costello – Riverside Business Association**, – congratulated Mrs. Hatcher on her nomination of Riverside Business Association's Distinguished Person of the Year.

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

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



Susan M. Dydek, RMC  
Municipal Clerk