BOROUGH OF RIVERTON

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**May 5, 2020 at 4:00 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 Adequate Notice provided.

**Open Public Meetings Act Statement**

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

1. Having written notice published in the Burlington County Times Sunday May 3, 2020

b. Forwarding written notice to the Courier Post for informational purposes only on Thursday April 30, 2020

1. Posting written notice on the Borough Website and the Borough Hall on Thursday April 30, 2020

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 May 5, 2020 at 4 o’clock p.m. meeting are to dial 856-829-6840 password “1234#”.

**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, Solicitor Tom Coleman and Borough Clerk Michelle Hack.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Mayor opened the Public Comment session of the meeting. No one was on the call from the General Public for both Public Comment sessions.

**RESOLUTION #72-2020**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTIMATED BILLS FOR PROPERTY TAXES**

**(Full Resolution in Resolution Book)**

Mr. Fullerton 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 aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

**ORDINANCE #O-2020-05**

**1st READING**

**AN ORDIANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SALARY RANGES FOR ALL MUNICPAL EMPLOYEES**

**(FULL ORDINANCE IN RESOLUTION BOOK)**

Mr. Fullerton read the ordinance by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. Corbi seconded his motion. There were increases to the Zoning/Code Officer line and Sewer Plant Operator Line. There will be a second reading and Public Hearing on May 19, 2020. Public Notice will be provided in the Official Newspaper. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

**RESOLUTION #73-2020**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PETE CLIFFORD AS ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMNT OFFICER TO THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020**

**(Full Resolution in Resolution Book)**

Mr. Mills read the resolution by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. DeGeorge seconded his motion. Mr. Corbi commented that his resume looked impressive and Mr. Quinn asked if there is a salary adjustment for the new hire, to which there is an increase being provided from $7519 to $8789 with a promise to increase to $10k in 2021. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

Mr. Quinn proposed the Borough consider upgrading the medium of which Council meetings are hosted, from our current conference call-in system to a video conferencing, “zoom” type platform. Mr. Corbi stated that he in opposition to this plan, as the current platform meets the need and asked if the Borough Hall is receiving complaints. He further stated that he doesn’t want to be captured on video. Mr. DeGeorge noted that we are already into our Municipal Budget and suggested maybe it would be a better fit for 2021. He stated that he uses Zoom for his employment, which is also a public entity hosting public meetings. Based on that familiarity he asserted to properly use Zoom for public access, will require resources that he isn’t sure the Borough is ready to jump in for this year. There was a discussion of the costs and value of a video platform. Mr. Corbi asked for a vote. Mr. Quinn made a motion to use a video conference platform for future Council meetings. Ms. Major seconded his motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi nay, Mr. DeGeorge nay, Mr. Fullerton nay, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills nay, Mr. Quinn aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Corbi 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