AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Township Council
Monday, September 14, 2026
Council Chambers 7:30pm

Mayor Mark Bromberg

Council President Paul Criscuolo, Council Vice President Denise Sieg,
Councilman Ari Ben-Yishay, Councilman Jim Tolomeo, Councilman Joe Ziccarelli

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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

SALUTE TO FLAG

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially appointed Township newspapers, notice is posted at the Municipal Office and on the Township website.

ROLL CALL

1. Township Council
2. Municipal Officials Present

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

1. Mayor's Comments
2. Township Council Comments

SWEAR IN NEW POLICE OFFICERS

- *Brandon Scalisi*
- *Dylan Toback*

Business Administrator's Report

Engineer's Report

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Each person wishing to address the Council shall give his or her name and address in an audible tone for the record. All members of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive, or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

RESOLUTIONS

#2026-186—Approve Minutes August 10, 2026, Council meeting
#2026-187—Authorize Refund 3rd Quarter Property Tax Overpayments
#2026-188—Authorize Escrow Balance Refunds
#2026-189—Authorize Escrow Refund (575 Piermont Avenue)
#2026-190—Award Snow Plowing Service Contract River Vale
#2026-191—Award Snow Plowing Service Contract Montvale
#2026-192—Award Contract Organic Recycling (2026-2027 Leaf Disposal)
#2026-193—Authorize Mayor to Sign Interlocal Services Agreement with RVBOE (Vehicle Maintenance)
#2026-194—Approve Appointment of Council Representative to the Joint Planning Board (unexpired term)
#2026-195—Authorize Payment of Bills
#2026-196—Endorse New Jersey State Assembly Resolution No. 149 Supporting Law Enforcement Officers

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Ordinances for 1st Reading

Ordinance #482-2026—AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 214 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" ESTABLISHING UNIFORM PROCEDURES TO REIMBURSE RESIDENTS FOR DAMAGE TO MAILBOXES DUE TO SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

Ordinances for 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance #481-2026—AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "LAND USE" ARTICLE LVII "DEFINITIONS"

2nd HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION

#2026-197—Authorize Council to enter into Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution offered:	No. 2026-186
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, that the minutes of the August 10, 2026, Council meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

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Dated: September 14, 2026

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Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk

Resolution offered:	No. 2026-187
Resolution seconded by:	

R E S O L U T I O N

REFUND 3RD QUARTER PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, tax overpayments were received for the 3rd quarter of 2026, and the property owners have requested a refund of said overpayments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue municipal checks payable as follows:

Block 1201, Lot 6.03
Fairways at Edgewood
River Vale, NJ
Refund Amount:
$ 62,984.60
Payable to:
Toll NJ 1 LLC
1140 Virginia Drive
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Block 1201, Lot 6.03, C2303
23 Royal Birkdale Ct.
River Vale, NJ
Refund Amount:
$ 5,726.00
Payable to:
Mona Zalatan
23 Royal Birkdale Ct.
River Vale, NJ 07675

Block 1507, Lot 8
287 Rivervale Rd.
River Vale, NJ
Refund Amount:
$ 4,051.85
Payable to:
William Cruz
287 Rivervale Rd.
River Vale, NJ 07675

Block 1802.01, Lot 8
280 River Drive
River Vale, NJ
Refund Amount:
$ 4,613.46
Payable to:
Edith A. Cook
1133 McDaniels Street
Sun City Center, FL 33573

Block 2110, Lot 16.01
132 Terbell Parkway
River Vale, NJ
Refund Amount:
$ 4,497.19
Payable to:
Conal Duffy
132 Terbell Parkway
River Vale, NJ 07675

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-188
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION

(Escrow Balance Refunds)

WHEREAS, the following property owners had posted escrow deposits for construction projects; and,

WHEREAS, the projects are complete, the Township Engineer has performed all the necessary inspections, and Certificates of Occupancy have been issued; and,

WHEREAS, the property owners are requesting a refund of the remaining escrow balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, that the remaining Escrow Deposits and any accrued interest be released.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, that the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue municipal checks as follows:

S-13-56-858-681 - GENDRON-B 404/L 12 – 270 ALPINE CIRCLE - $492.50
S-13-56-858-668 - CILANO - B 1805/L 1 – 276 RIVER DRIVE – $225.00
S-13-56-858-694 - BURNETT/FANTAUZZI - B 1803/L 5 – 604 FLORENCE - $77.50
S-13-56-858-716 - NOVIELLI - B 2205/L 26 – 196 BERGEN PLACE - $295.00
S-13-56-858-734 - PRUSINOWSKI-B 101/L 22 – 705 ORANGE COURT – $217.50
S-13-56-858-737 - McCULLOGH/DUNN - B810/L 14 – 652 GREENWAY - $210.00
S-13-56-858-748 - REDUCE - B 1510/L 22.02 – 106 CHOI COURT - $2026.25
S-13-56-858-756 - SCHIMPF - B 902/L 19 – 615 DALE COURT WEST - $195.00
S-13-56-858-759 - CONBOY - B 406/L 3 – 559 STELLMAN DRIVE - $116.25
S-13-56-858-760 - ASGAR - B 304/L 36 – 842 LORETTA - $87.50
P-13-56-858-346 - FERRARA. J – B601/L 7 – 7 RIVERVALE RD - $652.85

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-189
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION

(Escrow Refund)

WHEREAS, the owner of 575 Piermont Avenue (Block 1714, Lot 3) had posted an escrow deposit for a subdivision application; and,

WHEREAS, the project is complete, and the Township Engineer has performed all the necessary inspections; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner is requesting a refund of the remaining escrow balances from the following accounts:

- 575 Piermont Ave. – S-13-56-858-530 – B1301 L12.01 – Balance $295.00
- 559 Piermont Ave. – S-13-56-858-433 – B1301 L46 – Balance $140.50
- Subdivision B1301 L11 and 12.01 – Balance $323.73

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, that the remaining Escrow Deposit and any accrued interest be released.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale, that the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue a municipal check as follows:

Payable to:
John Fornazor
575 Piermont Avenue
River Vale, NJ 07675
Total Refund: $759.23

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-190
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICE FOR RIVER VALE

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2026, the Township received bids for the provision of Snow Plowing Service for the Township of River Vale; and

WHEREAS, the bid received from Zuccaro Inc., 64 Commerce Street, Garfield, New Jersey has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest responsible bidder at the price of

Base Bid - First Snow Season

Item	Price - Hourly Rate
Base Bid - First Snow Season (October 1, 2026 – April 30, 2028)	$ 195.00 per hour per truck

Base Bid– Second Snow Season if Council extends Contract*

Item	Price - Hourly Rate
Base Bid - Second Snow Season (October 1, 2028 – April 30, 2030)	$ 210.00 per hour per truck

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed $ 195.00 per hour/per truck in the Current Fund Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Zuccaro Inc. is accepted as the lowest responsible bidder. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Contract on behalf of the Township of River Vale for Snow Plowing Service for the Township of River Vale as described in the Bid Specifications.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-191
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICE FOR BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2026, the Township received bids for the provision of Snow Plowing Service for the Borough of Montvale; and

WHEREAS, the bid received from Zuccaro Inc., 64 Commerce Street, Garfield, New Jersey has been reviewed and approved and is hereby accepted as the lowest responsible bidder at the price of

Item	Price - Hourly Rate/Per Truck
Base Bid **First Snow Season** (October 1, 2026 – April 30, 2028)	$ 195.00 **(6) Class 7** Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT $ 290.00 Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT

Option 1 Sidewalk Crew (First Snow Season)

$ 250.00 Per Hour (3) Laborers

Item	Price - Hourly Rate/Per Truck
Base Bid **Second Snow Season** (October 1, 2028 – April 30, 2030) **If Council Extends Contract***	$ 212.50 **(6) Class 7** Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT $ 315.00 Per Hour/Per Truck as referenced in Section 2:2.3 EQUIPMENT

Option 1 Sidewalk Crew (2nd Snow Season) If Council Extends Contract*

$ 280.00 Per Hour (3) Laborers

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in an amount not to exceed $ 195.00 per hour/per truck Class 7 rate and $ 290.00 per hour/per truck in the Current Fund Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Zuccaro Inc. is accepted as the lowest responsible bidder. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Contract on behalf of the Township of River Vale for Snow Plowing Service for the Borough of Montvale as described in the Bid Specifications.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-192
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARDING A CONTRACT
LEAF DISPOSAL FACILITY 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize the Township's need for a facility to dispose of leaves collected each year; and

WHEREAS, as per *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(s)*, recycling contracts are not subject to public bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Township award a contract to Organic Recycling, Inc., 121 Route 303, Orangeburg, New York at the following price for leaves that are delivered to their facility pursuant to their proposal:

$15.00 per cubic yard for compacted leaves
$11.50 per cubic yard for loose leaves

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Current Operating Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Organic Recycling Inc., for the disposal of leaves for the term of October 2026 through February 2027.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-193
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PROVISION OF VEHICLE MECHANICAL AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES BY THE RIVER VALE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (2026-2027)

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40A8A-1 et. seq., authorizes public entities to enter into contracts with each other to subcontract any services which the parties to an agreement are empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the RVBOE wishes to enter into a shared services agreement with the Township whereby the mechanics of the River Vale Department of Public Works would perform maintenance repairs to vehicles owned and/or operated by the RVBOE; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is beneficial to both the Township and the RVBOE to share the services of the Department of Public Works' mechanics; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed by the Township Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Interlocal Services Agreement with the River Vale Board of Education for the provision of mechanical and maintenance services by the River Vale Department of Public Works.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-194
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD (UNEXPIRED TERM)

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, John Donovan resigned from the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donovan was also appointed as the Council Representative to the Joint Planning Board for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2026; and

NOW THEREFOE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that _____ is hereby appointed as the Council Representative to the Joint Planning Board filling an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026.

NO THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Certified Copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Joint Planning Board.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-195
Resolution seconded by:	

Payment of Bills

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to pay the following claims:

CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 429,861.45
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 29,000.00
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 65,621.18
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	$ 6,500.00
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
SNOW REMOVAL TRUST claims in the amount of:	$ 14,195.70
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 11.40
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 599.00
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
STATE & FEDERAL GRANT claims in the amount of:	$ 7,054.20
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 598,217.86
UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
ACCUMULATED ABSENCE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
PROJECT/BUILDERS ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 6,436.50
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 385.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 1,082.50
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 390.00

TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID $ 1,159,354.79

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the following claims have been paid by the Business Administrator prior to the Bills List Resolution in the following amounts:

CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 7,582,066.40
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of	$ 209,312.61
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	

HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
STATE & FEDERAL GRANT claims in the amount of:	
PAYROLL AGENCY ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 1,947.48
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 186,488.26
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
ACCUMULATED ABSENSES ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 8,553.05
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 17,997.50
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST claims in the amount of:	
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	$ 163,733.91
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	
PERFORMANCE BOND claims in the amount of:	
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	**$ 8,170,099.21**
TOTAL BILLS LIST RESOLUTION	**$ 9,329,454.00**

MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS BILLS LIST SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

08/15/2026 Transfer Payroll	$ 389,086.29
08/28/2026 Transfer Payroll	$ 389,174.68
09/15/2026 Transfer Payroll	$ 410,560.16
TOTAL STATUTORY DISTRIBUTIONS	**$ 1,188,821.13**

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-196
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND ENDORSING NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 149

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers across the State of New Jersey and within the Township of River Vale dedicate their lives to protecting the public, preserving the peace, and upholding the law; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women routinely face unpredictable and dangerous situations in the line of duty, putting their personal safety at risk to ensure the security of our neighborhoods, schools, and business districts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of River Vale recognizes that a safe community is the foundation of local prosperity and quality of life, a reality made possible through the professionalism, vigilance, and compassion of our law enforcement professionals; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Assembly Resolution No. 149 (AR149) formally declares support for all law enforcement officers throughout the State and explicitly urges each county and municipality to issue similar expressions of solidarity and support; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of River Vale strongly concur with the sentiments of AR149 and believe it is vital to publicly reaffirm their commitment to the law enforcement personnel who serve with honor and distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of River Vale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that it hereby voices its full and unwavering support for all law enforcement officers locally and statewide, thanking them for their dedicated public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of River Vale formally endorses New Jersey Assembly Resolution No. 149 and joins the call to action for all local governing bodies to recognize the invaluable contributions of their police departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Sponsors of AR149, the legislative representatives of New Jersey's 39th Legislative District, all Municipal Clerks in New Jersey, the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the River Vale Police Department.

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Resolution offered:	No. 2026-197
Resolution seconded by:	

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Council to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public, the nature of which items are denoted below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of River Vale is hereby authorized to enter into Closed Session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

> Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become, a party, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise their ethical duties as a lawyer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion conducted in this session be disclosed at such time as the need for confidentially is no longer needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no formal action will be taken following the Closed Session.

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Township of River Vale
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey

ORDINANCE #482-2026

Date of 1st Reading: September 14, 2026	Motion to Introduce:
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 214 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" ESTABLISHING UNIFORM PROCEDURES TO REIMBURSE RESIDENTS FOR DAMAGE TO MAILBOXES DUE TO SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

ARTICLE V
Mailbox Damage Reimbursement

§ 214-51 Intent; policy.

A.
It is the intent of this article to establish uniform procedures to reimburse residents for damage to mailboxes due to snow removal operations. The Township's primary obligation is to ensure that its roadways are as clear as possible of snow or ice. It is also understood that most mailboxes are located within the public right-of-way, and, therefore, while fulfilling the primary objective, mailboxes may be unintentionally and unavoidably damaged. This policy assumes there is a shared responsibility between the Township and the homeowner when mailboxes located in the public right-of-way are damaged during snow removal operations.

B.
While there is no legal requirement that the Township do so, it is the policy of the Township of River Vale to reimburse residents up to $75 for eligible damage to mailboxes caused by direct plow contact on the part of the Department of Public Works. Nothing in this article shall be construed to entitle any resident to reimbursement for damage caused by the weight or placement of thrown snow, nor shall this article be construed to entitle any resident to reimbursement prior to an investigation and determination by the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works that the claimed damage is eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this article.

C.
Resident Responsibility. Snowplow operators make every effort to remove snow as close to the curb line as practical and to provide access to mailboxes for the Postal Service. However, it is not possible to provide perfect conditions and minimize the damage to

mailboxes with the size of equipment the Township operates. Therefore, the final cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

D.

Landscaping; hardscape. Property owners should assume all risk of damage for landscaping/hardscape, including nursey and inanimate materials that are installed or encroach on the Township right-of-way. The Township assumes no responsibility for damage incurred to these nonpermitted elements as a result of snow plowing and ice control activities with the exception that lawns that are scraped or gouged by Township equipment will be repaired by top dressing and seeding the following spring. In addition, inanimate materials such as boulders, timbers, etc., are a hazard and can cause damage to plow equipment

§ 214-52 Eligibility**.**

The reimbursement provisions of this article shall only apply to those residents who satisfy the following criteria:

A.

The mailbox is securely fastened to a sturdy post which is sufficiently anchored in the ground to resist the impact of plowed snows.

B.

The damaged mailbox and/or post must meet the requirements of the U.S. Postal Service, as well as all other applicable regulations in regard to construction and location. Mailboxes that do not meet the requirements of the U.S. Postal Service and/or any other applicable regulations are not eligible for reimbursement.

C.

The damage must have been caused by direct contact with Township plows or snow removal equipment. The Township will not provide reimbursement for damage to mailboxes or posts caused solely by snow thrown from Township plows or snow removal equipment.

D.

The resident must notify the Township within fourteen (14) days of the date the damage occurred. Damage reported outside of this time frame will not be eligible for reimbursement.

E.

The Mailbox and Post Damage Notification Form must be completed in its entirety, signed by the resident and subsequently approved by the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

§ 214-53 Procedure; investigation.

A.

Within the time period described above, a resident making a claim for reimbursement pursuant to this article shall complete a Mailbox and Post Damage Notification Form, available at the Superintendent of Department of Public Works office.

B.
After submission of the completed form, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works shall investigate the alleged damage to determine if the damage was caused by the plow blade or vehicle itself, rather than thrown snow. A written response on the findings of the investigation will be mailed with a check, if appropriate.
C.
If it is determined the mailbox was damaged by the plow blade or vehicle, the resident will be reimbursed in an amount not to exceed $75 for a new mailbox. If it is determined that the damage was not caused by the plow blade or vehicle, no reimbursement will be given. All actual repairs and/or replacements shall be the responsibility of the resident.
D.
Nothing in this section prohibits a resident from foregoing the reimbursement and filing a tort claim under Title 59 of New Jersey Statutes Annotated.

§ 214-54 Form to be utilized.

All residents shall utilize the Mailbox and Post Damage Notification Form, available at the office of the Superintendent of Public Works office.

This Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner prescribed by law.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "LAND USE" ARTICLE LVII "DEFINITIONS'

ARTICLE LVII
Definitions

§ 142-262. Word usage; terms defined.

B. Definitions. For the purpose of this Part 9, the terms used herein are defined as follows:

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CURRENT PROPERTY SURVEY—A property survey prepared by a licensed land surveyor that accurately depicts all existing improvements and site conditions and is dated no more than **five (5) years** prior to the submission of an application. Any survey that does not reflect all existing improvements or site changes shall not be considered current and must be updated or replaced.

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