

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Carelli welcomed the following dignitaries:

Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen
 Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo
 Freeholder Doug Cabana
 Freeholder Tom Mastrangelo
 Former Freeholder and Wharton Mayor Bill Chegwiddden
 Kinnelon Mayor Bob Collins
 Former Councilman Joe Falkoski
 Former Councilman Steve Loesner

READING OF THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:

Municipal Clerk Abubakar Jalloh read the Certification of the Determination of the November 3, 2015 General Election as follows:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Paul M. Carelli	Mayor	4 Years
Dave Desai	Borough Council	3 Years
Matthew Oswald	Borough Council	3 Years

OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS:

The Oath of Office was administered to the Mayor and Borough Council Members by the Honorable U.S. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen.

COUNCILMAN DAVE DESAI:

Thank you all for coming. It's interesting to finally be here. It was funny that when I won the election I got a call from my uncle who lives in Ohio and he said "I saw the results! Congratulations and everything. It's terrific that someone in the family finally took an interest in politics." I said "You're crazy. I haven't taken an interest in politics. I've taken an interest in this community in which I live." That was the reason I ran for this office and I am so thankful to all of you for entrusting me to represent you here on the Council and for all the matters and challenge ahead that face us. Thank you.

MAYOR PAUL M. CARELLI:

Thank you for coming today. I'd like to start out by wishing everyone here today a very happy and healthy New Year and it's fantastic to see such a large turnout today as we start 2016. It goes without saying that I could not have made it here today without the support of my family. My wife, June, has been a rock from day one. My children Michael, Tommy and Samantha have been there to help and support their dad the whole way through. I am fortunate to have my mom here today, Gloria, and my brothers, John and Mark, to join in this special day and I know dad is looking down today with a big smile on his face.

Mom and Dad moved to Riverdale sixty years ago straight from Brooklyn, New York. For them, moving to Riverdale was like moving to a wilderness in the middle of nowhere. Little did they know that Riverdale would become the center of our family's history. Just as Mom and Dad chose to make Riverdale their home, June

OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS (continued):

and I did the very same thing. Looking around the room, I see that our story is just like many of yours. We all share a common bond – this small American town we call our home – the town called Riverdale.

Over the past 60 years we have seen many changes in Riverdale. Our small town has grown but our small town spirit has never changed. Riverdale has always been known to be a stable community and what's quite amazing is that today marks only the third new Mayor in Riverdale in the last 39 years. I know making a change is never easy. The secure thing to do is keep the status quo. But Riverdale has decided to make a change thus starting another chapter in our history. So now it becomes my responsibility to make sure that this change is for the better and this I have no doubt. I am proud to sit beside these fine public servants on the Governing Body. Each of them bring their own life experience, expertise and love of Riverdale to the table - all of them devoted to make Riverdale the best it can be. I am certain that together we will make all of you proud. As we begin 2016 let me highlight some of the challenges that lie ahead:

Keeping our first responders well-trained and equipped and, simply put, we have the best of the best.

Developing long-term strategies for road improvements.

Moving forward with the expansion of our sewer system.

Using technology to streamline all of our processes.

Increasing our means of communication through website upgrades, social media and televised meetings.

We must face all of these challenges head-on while keeping our taxes the lowest they can be. So today starts a new era in Riverdale. This new era in Riverdale starts with a commitment from all of us to bring teamwork, transparency, increased communication and solid objectives to move our community forward. This new era in Riverdale starts with all of us here together with the highest of expectations, the most ambitious of goals and this common bond – our love for Riverdale. This new era in Riverdale starts with all of these things. But more importantly, this new era in Riverdale starts with a Mayor who truly understands the honor and responsibility that has been given to me. This new era in Riverdale starts right now. Thank you.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM MR. SAM DEDIO:

Mr. Dedio congratulated Mayor Carelli and presented him with of a new gavel set from his brother, Former Mayor Michael Dedio and read the following letter:

Paul,

Being a lifelong resident of Riverdale, there cannot be a greater satisfaction than being elected Mayor of your community. You have followed in the footsteps of your father and mother who have a long history of political service to their communities. Having served with you in office and following your career, it has given me great pleasure to read about your political victory. You have always impressed me with your clear vision and ability to get the job done. I wish you the best in your new term in office.

Former Mayor Michael Dedio

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Carelli called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Absent: Clinton**

Borough Clerk Jalloh announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL BY-LAWS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolution:

01-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

Mayor Carelli stated that the last time we adopted By-Laws in the Borough of Riverdale was in 1955, sixty years ago. The By-Laws will dictate how we operate as a Mayor and Council and it is symbolic to be the first thing we did this year.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolution:

02-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolution:

03-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ENGINEER SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016-2018

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS (continued):

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita to approve the following resolution:

04-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolution:

05-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH AUDITOR SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolution:

06-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolution:

07-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolution:

08-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Pellegrini requested resolution **09-2016** be voted on separately.

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolutions:

- 10-2016:** AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2016
- 11-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS FOR 2016
- 12-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPER FOR 2016
- 13-2016:** DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 14-2016:** AUTHORIZING INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS
- 15-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK PERIODS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 16-2016:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR 2016
- 17-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.
- 18-2016:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
- 19-2016:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2016
- 20-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 21-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 22-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 23-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS
- 24-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2016

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

25-2016: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolution:

09-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE MAYORS COMPENSATION FROM AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$57,275 TO AN ANNUAL STIPEND OF \$12,000

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

26-2016: ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2016

Councilman Oswald offered the name of Vincent Pellegrini as Council President; motion seconded by Councilman Astarita.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Carelli stated that we changed the structure of our Committees this year and announced the appointments.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolution:

27-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2016

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Carelli stated that Resolutions 28-2016 through 33-2016 are Mayor's appointments and do not require a Council vote. He announced the appointments.

28-2016: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

29-2016: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS II CLASS IV AND ALTERNATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

30-2016: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HUD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MAYOR APPOINTMENTS (continued):

31-2016: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

32-2016: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

33-2016: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 3:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Desai**

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - December 23, 2015

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

ORDINANCES:

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 01-2016

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2013 OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, FINALLY ADOPTED OCTOBER
21, 2013 IN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION 3(g)**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

34-2016: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$644,678.20

35-2016: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2016 FOR 2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00

36-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS ON PAGE NO. 9-B THROUGH D**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance: No Report

Public Safety: Councilman Revis stated he received the police department's numbers for the year 2015 and was impressed. He distributed the police department's budget and is under review.

Public Works: Councilman Pellegrini stated changes on the planning board and the first meeting was held. Keys were changed on the Borough Hall and other municipal property. The new DPW trucks haven't arrived yet and should arrive soon.

Communications: Councilman Oswald stated he reached out to the various sports teams in order to better utilize the sports field with surrounding towns.

Utilities: Councilman Astarita stated he would familiarize himself with the sewer and water system.

Personnel: No report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Carelli stated he is getting situated in the office and getting a routine down with the borough employees. A new requisition policy was introduced. Mayor Carelli thanked all board members who volunteer their time for the borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Pellegrini stated that there were outstanding invoices left open from the fire department from last year. Mayor Carelli stated he thought they were paid but would look into them.

The emergency management ordinance will be on the agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting

The police department appropriate authority ordinance will be on the agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting

Malanga's towing application will be placed on the agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting

At this moment Councilman Desai arrived to the meeting

Mayor Carelli stated that the community center and Glenburn rentals will be put on a two week freeze until February 1, 2016. He also stated that he would like to see a new employee handle the rentals and showings and the fees for rentals will be discussed.

Mayor Carelli stated he would like to see the newsletter continue. He would like to add this to the budget and make the newsletter smaller.

Mayor Carelli stated there were discussions to possibly raise the sewer fee. An engineering study is currently being done to determine an appropriate rate.

Councilman Desai stated that a special citizen's advisor committee was created under the new bylaws. The creation of other committees are in discussion.

Borough Attorney Bob Oostdyk stated that the approval for the affordable housing plan and the regulation of deliveries will be on the next agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Angel Cruz, 1 Macopin Ave, asked about the process of an ordinance. Borough Attorney Bob Oostdyk explained the process.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

January 27, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Reorganization Meeting - January 1, 2016

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the above listed minutes as read

ALL IN FAVOR: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
ABSTAIN: Clinton

Workshop Meeting - January 13, 2016

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 02-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 93 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT"

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

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- 2) Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 03-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

January 27, 2016

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

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- 3) Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 04-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND SETTING LIMITATIONS ON THE HOURS FOR DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE WITHIN 50 FEET OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 01-2016

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2013 OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, FINALLY ADOPTED OCTOBER 21, 2013 IN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION 3(g)

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

The following were heard: Tom Batelli, 712 Cannella Way

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 01-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

- 37-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$999,831.18
- 38-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE RIVERDALE PLANNING BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR APPROVAL
- 39-2016:** DEDICATION BY RIDER – K9 UNIT
- 40-2016:** APPROVING A TOW OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO MALANGA'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 154 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 41-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PAM SYLVESTRI TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR AND A TOTAL OF 10 HOURS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2016

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that he and Councilman Astarita met with the Borough Engineer to outline the financial analysis for the proposed sewer plan. They will meet tomorrow with the Water/Sewer Engineer to further discuss options and a plan for the financial analysis. They will have more detail for discussion at the next workshop meeting. They received a budget request from the Police Department and expect to receive the Fire Department this week. They will follow up with the DPW Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that he has an application for membership in the Fire Department.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the application from Risto M. Saranovic for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

Councilman Revis reported that he and the Mayor met with the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and former Chief regarding unpaid invoices. We hope to have the matter resolved by the next meeting or sooner.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that one of the DPW trucks came in with a plow just in time for the snow storm. Many residents have said the department did a great job. There were no building problems or roof leaks. There has been talk about putting a solar powered sign on Mathews Avenue for safety.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported the he and the Mayor met with the head of the Soccer Association and the Lacrosse Association to work out scheduling. We are looking into updating the Borough Sign and will bring it to the next Workshop meeting for discussion.

UTILITIES: Councilman Astarita reported that he met with the Shade Tree Commission and they discussed several items. They will be getting a budget to the Finance Committee. There a trees that need to come down that may pose a risk in the near future and we've had a lot of complaints from residents about them. We discussed the Emerald Ash Borer and had a representative from Pompton Lakes Shade Tree who asked if we would be open to sharing ideas. We need another windshield survey and got a price of \$800 which is \$1,000 less than last time. Dan Salameno attended that meeting and asked if we would be open to him planting trees in the Borough. This was brought up in his meetings with the DEP as a remedy for his removing trees. The Shade Tree Commission is open to this and asked the Council for input.

Mayor Carelli stated that he would prefer if the Shade Tree Commission had a plan.

Councilman Astarita stated that Mr. Salameno will advise the DEP that we are open to it and they will come up with the number of trees and a plan. He will bring that to the Council before any action is taken.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Clinton reported he had emailed a draft of an employee performance review document today. We can discuss it further at the next workshop.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported on meeting with the Fire Department to try to get their past due invoiced in check. We're working through a few other areas where bills haven't been paid. Our new requisition system seems to be working well with the borough employees. One of the resolutions tonight is a Dedication by Rider for a K-9 Unit. This establishes a trust fund that the state will recognize that can take in donations to be used specifically to offset costs for caring for our K-9, Elsa.

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BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we were served with a lawsuit from Riverdale Quarry challenging the approval we gave to Tilcon for their license. We've forwarded it to Tilcon's attorney and they assured us they will be going to into court to intervene and to essentially become the party defending the action of the Borough. We have to be involved in defending our decisions. We spent a number of meetings holding hearings, a tremendous amount of effort was put into the consideration of it and I think the lawsuit is completely without merit and basis and more reflects battles going on between an owner and a tenant than anything else. The clerk's office will forward a copy to the Council.

Mr. Oostdyk also stated that we approved the Fair Share Plan tonight. We have already filed an action with the court seeking approval of that plan. He explained that this action tonight takes the plan that was developed and says that is the plan we're going to submit for approval.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Anthony Rentas, 14 Matthews Avenue, spoke regarding the speeding issue on Matthews Avenue.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave., Pompton Lakes spoke regarding his property on Morris Avenue and brought a copy of the permit he secured to take down the trees. He also stated that he was in charge of getting the baseball fields ready last year and inquired about this year. Councilman Oswald responded that we are going through the process of scheduling and obtaining prices for field maintenance. We want the fields to be used and create a revenue to offset the cost if we can. Mr. Salameno shared some of his suggestions and concerns. Councilman Oswald assured him we will come up with a plan and the fields will be as good or better this year. Mayor Carelli stated that we appreciate everything Mr. Salameno does for the fields. We will plan a meeting to get an understanding of what was done last year and what we are going to do this year.

Tom Batelli stated that the Morris Daily Record where the borough is now advertising is not available for delivery in Riverdale. Mayor Carelli stated that everything will be on the Borough website.

Anthony Budesheim, 3 Curtis Street, questioned Councilman Desai regarding comments he said he had made pertaining to the Mayor's salary, pension, benefits, duties and responsibilities in the past. Councilman Desai responded. Mayor Carelli stated that he takes a stipend to be Mayor and the pension is mandatory.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

January 27, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting - January 27, 2016

ALL IN FAVOR

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

43-2016: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$93,837.50

44-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 17- A AND B

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that a meeting will be set up with the Mayor, CFO, and finance committee to begin the budget process.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the fire department submitted a budget and is under review.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that quotes were received to re-do the floor of the community center.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported prices were received for a digital sign outside of the Borough hall. Councilman Oswald and the Mayor met with little league teams to begin the booking of the baseball field.

UTILITIES: Councilman Astarita reported that the needs of the shade tree commission will be discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

PERSONNEL: Councilman Clinton reported that the employee performance review document will be discussed.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that ordinance publications will be advertised in summary and posted in its entirety on the municipal website. The snow reimbursement costs were calculated and sent to the bookkeeper. Mayor Carelli passed out a budget analysis. Mayor Carelli reported a person was hired to handle rentals at the community center and Glenburn estate at the last meeting and stated her hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

The recycling tax resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

An employee performance review document was sent out to the council members and Borough Attorney. The document will be formalized to be used this year as a review document. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

The shade tree commission wants to request to remove 11 trees and budget for their removal at \$10,175 from Down to Earth.

A study was done by Rutgers to study the Ash trees in the Borough which are at risk of being infected. There are 88 within the Borough and these trees will be monitored periodically.

A of couple estimates were received for the lawn care fertilization of fields stated Councilman Oswald. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting based on the recommendation of the DPW supervisor.

Councilman Oswald stated the scheduling, fees, and advertising needs to be adjusted along with the language. A fee ordinance may be introduced at the next meeting.

A resolution will be presented at the next meeting for the establishment of the 2016 communication advisory committee, quarry committee, and beautification committee.

Councilman Oswald stated pricing will be available at the next meeting for the digital sign which will be placed outside the Borough hall.

Mayor Carelli stated that the rental fee structure is very low and the properties are being used every weekend.

Mayor Carelli stated that the computer room is in need of upgrades.

Councilman Revis stated that the Police Chief put together an updated rules and regulations document for the Police Department.

Councilman Desai discussed how the Borough deals with code enforcement within the municipality. Councilman Desai wants to tighten the process with proactive enforcement.

Councilman Desai stated there was a meeting with Bill Ryden regarding the sewer plan. Desai gave an update with the costs for the Borough and home owners. Calculations will be given to the council.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave., Pompton Lakes spoke regarding the baseball fields and the scheduling fee.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

February 24, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Absent: Astarita, Revis**

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Workshop Meeting - February 10, 2016

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to approve the above listed minutes as read

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 05-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 20-A

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 02-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 93 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT"

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

February 24, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

There being no comments, Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 02-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 21-B

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 03-2016

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIRECTOR**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 03-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 21-C

February 24, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

3) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 04-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND SETTING LIMITATIONS ON THE HOURS FOR DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE WITHIN 50 FEET OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

The following were heard:

Angel Cruz, 1 Macopin Avenue, inquired as to the effective date of the ordinance and thanked the Council for passing it.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 04-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini

Nays: None

(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 22-D

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

February 24, 2016

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

- 45-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 46-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 19, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,408,722.40
- 47-2016:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A SUBMISSION OF EXPENDITURE FOR RECYCLING TAX PURSUANT TO P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 311, IN 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,129.56
- 48-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA ROETMAN AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE FIVE TOWN REGIONAL DIAL-A-RIDE BOARD
- 49-2016:** TRANSFER OF 2015 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
- 50-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS POSTED WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 51-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN AND THE TRANSFER OF THE BALANCE TO THE TO THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 52-2016:** APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE REVISED PERFORMANCE PLANNING AND APPRAISAL FORM FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 53-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE MILLING AND PAVING OF MICHAEL DRIVE AND STONELEIGH TERRACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,990.22 AS AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION# 49-2015 AND APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #11-2004/2-2006 FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 54-2016:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT DATED MARCH 2016
- 55-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2016

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini

Nays: None

(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 23-E THROUGH O**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported on a broken pipe at the Glenburn repaired by the DPW. There were leaks in the library and the roofers were called. There are multiple people interested in purchasing the DPW truck so we need a resolution to deem it obsolete.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported they are receiving bids for the sign and getting prices for a used bunker rake for the fields.

UTILITIES: No report.

February 24, 2016

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: Councilman Clinton announced that The Friends of the Riverdale Public Library book sale will be held at the Community Center on Friday, March 18th from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 19th from 10 to 4 and Sunday, March 20th from 12 to 3 p.m. They will be accepting donations of books, CD's and DVD's until March 5th and looking for volunteers to set up on March 16th and 17th from 7 to 9 p.m.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported on meeting with the Police Chief to discuss a new mandate for finger printing equipment that needs to be installed by July 1st. The machine is in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and we are looking into some options presented by the Chief as far as financing. He also reported that we have an outstanding \$8,500 phone bill for the old phone system. Some of the numbers should have been cancelled and he is working to negotiate the amount and cancel the unneeded numbers. He and the Borough Attorney met with a Morris County representative to discuss the flood buyouts. We've purchased one property and there is a second authorized and 3 or 4 others we would like to pursue. We have approximately a half million dollars' worth of grant money outstanding some of which dates back 7 or 8 years. We are working on getting the documentation required to get our reimbursements. He reported on some minor renovations being done at the borough hall and plans to have the workshop meetings take place in the conference room. He and Councilman Desai will meet tomorrow with the engineering firm doing our sewer study and hope to get an update on the infiltration. We'll have a preliminary budget for discussion at the workshop meeting and hope to introduce the budget on March 23rd.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we were contacted by a property owner who no longer wishes to own a piece of property and has offered to donate it to the borough. He explained the process to accept the donation and the reasons to move forward with it.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Roxanne Lewis, 16 Morris Avenue, urged the council to move forward with her quest to have a crosswalk across Paterson Hamburg Turnpike at the end of Morris Avenue.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave., Pompton Lakes and Bob Lipinski spoke regarding maintenance and use of the baseball fields.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

February 24, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting - February 24, 2016

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Astarita, Revis
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 2 abstain motion carried)

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolutions:

56-2016: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 4, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$143,598.03

57-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TARA LAURETTA TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$13.00 PER EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2016

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 26- A AND B

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that a preliminary budget will be distributed to the council and should be adopted on-time. Also that a couple volunteers for the quarry committee were spoken to. Desai also thanked the Mayor for posting the blasting reports on the municipal website.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis thanked the council for approving the hire for the police department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that the damage of the water leak at the Glenburn has been repaired by the DPW.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported that prices are still being taken for the digital sign to be placed outside the municipal building. The gun range would like to have a gun safety course. Field rakes are being looked at for the baseball fields.

UTILITIES: Councilman Astarita reported that he will stop by RER after noticing an odor.

PERSONNEL: No report

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli received a letter requesting April be proclaimed autism awareness month.

The tax assessor worked out a deal with home depot to settle their tax appeal for 2011 and 2012.

Mayor Carelli stated he received a letter from the State Police for a grant for a generator that was never completed. Mayor Carelli stated the paperwork will be filed.

Mayor Carelli stated the grants for the Glenburn were resolved for 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Borough attorney Bob Oostdyk distributed a handout for the remaining tax appeals.

Mayor Carelli stated that our phone company is looking at T1 lines for the police department after a significant increase in the service price.

Mayor Carelli stated he took care of outstanding phone bills from when the borough switched carriers which were never canceled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Carelli stated we have shared services with Wanaque for our construction official. Wanaque increased their fees and Riverdale will look into increasing theirs as well. An ordinance will be prepared for the next meeting.

83 Newark Pompton Turnpike was visited by the Mayor and is leased out to three different entities. The Borough will go out to bid again for this location since their contracts are expired and will include to cover the costs of utilities.

Mayor Carelli stated he is looking into amending the contract for the cablevision franchise agreement.

Mayor Carelli stated quotes are being obtained to replace the carpet within the municipal building.

The beautification committee presented their streetlight banner program. Documents were handed out to the council.

Councilman Desai handed out a document regarding the sewer expansion. An estimate was obtained for phase one for nine streets. Mayor Carelli stated he would like the pricing for all the streets for the sewer expansion. More data will be collected before presenting all possible options.

A quote was received to check for a leak in a water system stated Mayor Carelli.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

Mayor Carelli stated he would like to hire a part-time assistant to the Mayor and has someone in mind.

Mayor Carelli distributed a preliminary draft of the 2016 municipal budget.

Mayor Carelli stated he spoke with all the departments as part of the capital improvement plan.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Riverdale Mayor and Council on March 23, 2016 has been rescheduled to March 30, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Allen Lewis, 16 Morris Ave, suggested to replace the missing poles on Newark Pompton Turnpike and to have them match the current ones. Lewis voiced his concern about sewer billing.

Angel Cruz, 1 Macopin Ave, voiced his concern about a zoning issue which Mayor Carelli stated he will mention to the zoning official.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION – March 30, 2016

Present: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini, Revis.

Absent: Astarita

Also Present: Mayor Carelli, Borough Clerk Jalloh, Borough Attorney Oostdyk

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING MATTER OF POTENTIAL/ONGOING LITIGATION**Re: Bogert V. Borough of Riverdale**

Closed session was convened at approximately 8:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing potential/ongoing litigation.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk advised members of the Governing Body that an offer of settlement had been received from plaintiffs counsel in the above referenced matter.

Mr. Oostdyk explained that the Borough had several options, (1) Award Mr. Bogert \$99,000.00 plus a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, (2) Award Mr. Bogert \$150,000.00 to resolve the matter in its entirety, or (3) take the matter to trial.

Councilmembers raised organizational structure concerns should Mr. Bogert be promoted to Lieutenant, as well as morale issues within the Police Department. Further it was noted that costs associated with a promotion, in the long run could exceed \$150,000.00. Additionally, Councilmembers raised concerns of future lawsuits from other Police officers should Bogert be promoted.

Keeping in mind that the Borough would only be responsible for a deductible payment, Councilmembers discussed that the more fiscally prudent approach may be to decline the offer of promotion and settling the matter for \$150,000.00.

Mr. Oostdyk indicated that he would report back to the council at a later date with further information.

Closed session concluded at approximately 8:22 p.m.

March 30, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Astarita

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Workshop Meeting - March 9, 2016

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the above listed minutes as read

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 06-2016

CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 29-A

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 05-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

March 30, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 05-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 30-B

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Clinton commented on resolution 66-2016. He stated that he is not convinced that we don't currently have an employee who is capable of filling that role. Mayor Carelli stated that is duly noted.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolutions:

- 58-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 24, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$741,831.07
- 59-2016:** TRANSFER OF 2015 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
- 60-2016:** EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
- 61-2016:** DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE POLICE VEHICLE
- 62-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND ADVERTISE TO SOLICIT QUOTATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVERDALE LEAF COMPOST FACILITY
- 63-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR A LICENSE TO PARK MOTOR VEHICLES INSIDE THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY GARAGE LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE

March 30, 2016

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

64-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE USE OF 3 PARKING SPACES FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF STORING EQUIPMENT WITH USE OF AN EXTERIOR POWER OUTLET AT THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE

65-2016: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2016 AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

66-2016: (SEPARATE VOTE)

67-2016: DISPOSAL OF AN OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE

68-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE WITH ABI FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT TO BE FUNDED BY THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$15,660.00

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

66-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF CAROL TALERICO TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: Clinton
(4 ayes – 1 nay - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 31-C THROUGH M

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Councilman Pellegrini set for the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, for the introduction of the 2016 municipal budget.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

Mayor Carelli announced the public hearing on the municipal budget will be held on April 27th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

COPY OF 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 31-N

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the Police Department is bringing in an intern and asked if council approval was required. It was determined that it is a non-paid position and up to the discretion of the Chief. He asked about the status of financing for the finger printing machine and budgeting for a police vehicle. He also reported that he met with the Fire Chief and asked about the procedure to handle invoices for equipment.

March 30, 2016

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported there will be another CERT meeting at the Fire Department on April 19th run by Russ Hatzel. He reported that things are running smoothly with the ball fields. We took in over \$3,000 for games and practices for the spring session.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported on the equipment that was purchased for field maintenance.

PERSONNEL: No report.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that the Armory will be doing a roofing project. The council agreed to waive the construction permit fees. The Mayor thanked the Fire Chief for inviting the Public Safety Committee to the Fire Department installation dinner and for the great job they do. He also reported that we received a 2016 Municipal Aid Grant for Oak Street improvements in the amount of \$90,000.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that he, the Mayor and the Planning Board Attorney met with representatives of Riverdale Square. They filed an action challenging an approval from the Board that has to do with parking. Blu Ale House had been doing valet parking and they and the owners desire to continue to do that temporarily until they do their actual improvements. Council agreed not to take action on the valet parking for a temporary time period to be specified as part of the settlement.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Mark Olynyk, 49 Harrison Road, spoke about his concerns with noise issues with RER. He was also concerned about the maintenance of Harrison Road.

Angel Cruz, 1 Macopin Avenue, asked for clarification of the hours permitted for delivery of merchandise as per the ordinance.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation.

March 30, 2016

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION – April 13, 2016

Present: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Pellegrini, Revis.

Absent: Desai

Also Present: Mayor Carelli, Borough Clerk Jalloh, Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Dennis Dakake

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING A PERSONNEL MATTER**Re: Appeal Of Action By The Board Of Fire Officers- Dakake**

Closed session was convened at approximately 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk briefly informed the members of the Governing Body of the bylaws in which that they hear appeals of disciplinary actions taken by the fire department.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that on January 14, 2016 there was a meeting held by the Board of Fire Officers. At the conclusion of the meeting it was determined that Dennis Dakake should be expelled from the fire department due to the charges brought against him.

Dennis Dakake stated that the charges brought against him were from a scene during an emergency response in which he didn't listen to orders from fire officers. Dakake told the members of the Governing Body his side of the story during the emergency response.

At the completion of the hearing Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Closed session concluded at approximately 9:32 p.m.

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Desai

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting - March 30, 2016

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Astarita
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain- motion carried)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1) Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 07-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-A

2) Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 08-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168, "ZONING", "SCHEDULE D- BULK REQUIREMENTS", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Oswald
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-B

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolutions:

- 69-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 8, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$42,796.20
- 70-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GO ORGANIC LAWN CARE, PO BOX 680, OAKLAND, NJ 07436 FOR THE 2016 LAWN CARE SERVICES TO THE SOCCER AND BASEBALL FIELDS AT FREEDOM PARK FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,095.00
- 71-2016:** AUTHORIZING \$200 FOR THE TOWING OF THE SHOWMOBILE ROUND TRIP BY MALANGA'S AUTOMOTIVE

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36- A,B, AND C

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis stated the fire department is requesting the Council pass a resolution in support for volunteer emergency responders tax reduction act. A preliminary meeting was held with the PBA for discussion of the police contract.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that the jail cell was inspected.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported that the field dragger will be delivered soon along with a field liner.

UTILITIES: No report

PERSONNEL: Councilman Clinton stated that the library raised about \$4,100 from their book sale.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli stated that the construction for the Federal & Halsey project will begin on Monday.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolutions:

- 72-2016:** RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR BOROUGH BEAUTIFICATION DONATIONS AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A5-29

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36- D

MAYOR REPORT: (continued)

Mayor Carelli stated that paper work for a grant from Green Acres is being completed. DMC land associates will be hired to conduct the necessary survey.

Mayor Carelli stated the person contracted for the maintenance of the baseball fields was requesting the final payment for his services.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Carelli distributed a draft of the 2016 salary ordinance. Mayor Carelli stated a lot of the titles that were being eliminated because they were never going to be used.

Mayor Carelli stated that the beautification committee nearly sold all of the banner advertisements.

Mayor Carelli received quotes to replace the carpeting in the Borough Hall.

Mayor Carelli stated that the person living in the apartment owned by the Borough next door has moved out. The utilities were disconnected. The apartment may be put to bid for the next tenant after doing a cost analysis.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Dan Salameno, Pompton Lakes, inquired about the resolution which was passed in support of requesting a crosswalk be put in by the County. Salameno also asked about the status of the digital sign to be placed outside the municipal building.

Joe Salonia, 7 Dalton DR, asked about the company which is inspecting trees within the Borough.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 9:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

April 27, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Absent: Revis

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith,
 Chief Financial Officer Sesholtz, Auditor Heidi Wohlleb**

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting - March 30, 2016 Closed Session

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the above listed minutes as read

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Astarita, Desai
(3 ayes – 0 nays – 2 abstentions - motion carried)

Workshop Meeting - April 13, 2016

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the above listed minutes as read

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 09-2016

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY DONATION FROM
 GERALDINE B. MINES (BLOCK 38.04, LOT 14)**

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 40-A

- 2) Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

April 27, 2016

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

ORDINANCE 10-2016

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 41-B

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 06-2016

CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 06-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 41-C

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli declared that the public portion be closed.

April 27, 2016

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

- 73-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 22, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$744,241.71
- 74-2016:** AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND INTEGRA REALTY RESOURCES
- 75-2016:** AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET
- 76-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MARJORIE JONAS TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF ALTERNATE DEPUTY COURT CLERK
- 77-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PK ENVIRONMENTAL, PO BOX 1066, 205 MAIN STREET CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY 07928 TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT (PA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJDEP GREEN ACRES REQUIREMENTS FOR BLOCK 30 LOT 57 (3 HARRISON ROAD) AND BLOCK 30 LOT 48 (134 HARRISON ROAD)

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 42-D THROUGH H

2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Carelli gave a Power Point presentation that provided an overview of the 2016 municipal budget, including property assessments, lost ratables, the tax levy and various services provided. The tax increase for the average house is \$68.52. He also explained how different projects are funded so residents would have a better understanding of how tax dollars are spent. He stated that our goal is always to keep the taxes as low as we possibly can.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Councilman Desai set for the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to open the public hearing for the 2016 municipal budget.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Oswald set for the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, for the adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

April 27, 2016

COPY OF 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 43-I

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported on the sewer expansion. A bid spec will be prepared in the very near future.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported the fishing tournament will be held this weekend from 7 to 11 am.

UTILITIES: Councilman Astarita reported on the Shade Tree Commission meeting. Trees to be taken down have been identified. The windshield report advises us to take down and prune a lot trees and we'll try to find the money to do that.

Councilman Astarita stated that Patrolman Bogert did a very heroic thing and saved a life the other day and recommended we do something to commend him.

PERSONNEL: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Oswald reported that the Fire Department spaghetti dinner will be held this Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: Assistant Clerk Homsy reminded the Council that the Financial Disclosure Filing deadline is April 30th.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that the Quarry Committee has done a good job of identifying problems and issues and the Quarry has made a good effort to accommodate our concerns. They have a street sweeper coming down every morning and we'll continue to post the quarterly blasting reports on our website. I'm trying to create a partnership with Tilcon so that all of the residents benefit. Some evidence of goodwill was that Tilcon's representative, Josh Benson, heard of our beautification plans and presented us with a donation of \$10,000 toward a new sign outside the borough hall. Michael Carelli from our Beautification Advisory Committee has been working very hard. He designed banners and they are all sold out. We are purchasing flags and flower pots and the DPW will be painting lamp posts. Mayor Carelli commended Officer Bogert for his action and also the Police, First Aid and Fire Departments for making everyone in Riverdale proud. Bid specs are basically done for 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike and the compost site.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we received notice from the court that our Affordable Housing Plan has been scheduled for a hearing on July 20th in Morristown.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. APPEAL OF ACTION BY THE BOARD OF FIRE OFFICERS- DAKAKE

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that a hearing was held in closed session at the last meeting which was carried until tonight for a decision.

April 27, 2016

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to affirm the action taken by the Board of Fire Officers in the above matter.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Desai
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstention - motion carried)**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the action of the Fire Department is sustained in this matter.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Sean Farley from Terrie O'Connor Realtors stated he represents the interests of the Born family and Allenwood Corporation as well as the Petracca family on vacant land on Route 23 south. He proposed the town potentially purchase that land for dedication of public space. Borough Attorney Oostdyk advised that a specific type of appraisal would be required before the council is able to consider the proposal. Council will discuss the matter at the next meeting to determine if there is interest.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Avenue, Pompton Lakes advised the Council that the old Golden Sakura property has been leased and will be a steak and seafood restaurant called the Black, Blue and Sea.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Carelli announced that former Mayor Budesheim lost his mother on Monday and offered sympathies to him.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jimmy Homs
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Clinton**

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following minutes:

Closed Session - April 13, 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain:
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting - April 27, 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Revis
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain- motion carried)**

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 07-2016

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES CHARGED
BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 07-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: (continued)

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 46-A

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 08-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168, "ZONING", "SCHEDULE D- BULK REQUIREMENTS", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 08-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Desai, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Oswald
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain- motion carried)**

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 46-B

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolutions:

78-2016: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 6, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$84,511.64

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA: (continued)

79-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (HOME DEPOT- BLOCK 40, LOT 4.01)

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 47-A AND B**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the fire truck is under repair. The finger print machine will soon be installed in the police department.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported that they will consider replacing a wall at the baseball fields.

UTILITIES: No report

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli distributed a draft ordinance regarding sewer fees.

Mayor Carelli reported that he asked the DPW to paint some of the light posts. The bulbs of the light posts in front of the municipal building were replaced with LED bulbs.

Mayor Carelli reported that the Mayor and Council received a letter from the planning board requesting the removal of a board member. Borough attorney Bob Oostdyk recommended that the board member be given all the information they were given and the opportunity to be heard before the Mayor and Council. A Rice notice will have to be given. Borough attorney Oostdyk also asked the Governing Body not to discuss the request from the planning board.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Desai stated that the pending sewer expansion project is getting finalized and will be put out for bid.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave, Pompton Lakes, stated he received a bill for \$20,000 for connecting to the sewer lines. Salameno stated he was told he could pay the bill over 5 years by the former Mayor. Mayor Carelli and Borough attorney Oostdyk explained that is against the Borough ordinance and state law.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

May 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief Sturm

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Workshop Meeting - May 11, 2016

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the above listed minutes as read

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Clinton
(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstention - motion carried)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 11-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND REPEALING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE RESERVATION OF SEWERAGE CAPACITY

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 49-A

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 09-2016

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY DONATION FROM GERALDINE B. MINES (BLOCK 38.04, LOT 14)

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

May 25, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for public comment.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 09-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 50-B

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 10-2016

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for public comment.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 10-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 50-C

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) **80-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH May 20, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$539,875.31

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 51-D

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported that everything is going well with maintenance and rental of the ball fields.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that at the Board of Health meeting it was decided the fees charged for various events and food vendors will be reviewed and a new schedule will be proposed. CERT has enough members at this time to be a viable organization and the next meeting will be June 28th at the firehouse. Regarding the Police Department - we will be declaring the old finger print machine and cabinet as junk. The phone system has been subject to many breakdowns and should be replaced. An estimate will be obtained. The Police Chief is working with the School Superintendent regarding coverage for Oak Street during drop off and pick up.

UTILITIES: No report.

PERSONNEL: No report.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported there were no responses to our request for bids for parking at the Verizon building. We will advertise for bids again.

Mayor Carelli reported on spraying the Glenburn property for mosquitoes. A resident in this business offered to provide eight applications for the year at a cost of \$600. This service would typically cost \$1,200. Council had no objections to proceeding with the service.

Mayor Carelli suggested changing the June 22nd meeting to June 20th so it does not conflict with the school graduation. Council was in agreement.

Mayor Carelli reported that the banners have started to go up along Newark Pompton Turnpike and it's a welcome addition to our main street. Tomorrow we will start with

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MAYOR REPORT (continued):

the flower pots. He thanked the DPW for their help in making it happen in time for the Memorial Day parade.

Mayor Carelli reported on the status of the Federal and Haley Avenue paving project.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we will close on the second house on Harrison Road sometime the end of June. Thereafter, we will be obligated to demolish both houses so we should start to get estimates.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning Board referral concerning removal of member Glenn Venza

Mayor Carelli read the letter received April 29th from the Riverdale Planning Board stating the at their April 28, 2016 meeting it was unanimously voted upon that one of the Board Members, Glenn Venza, has violated his office and position and the Planning Board Members are recommending that Mr. Venza be removed from the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk clarified the procedure. He stated that the Planning Board cannot remove its own member. A member can only be removed by the Borough Council and only for cause during the member's term of office. The member is entitled to have a hearing and the Borough Clerk received a letter from Mr. Venza, who is here tonight, indicating he wanted this matter discussed in public. Mr. Oostdyk stated that this is a very unusual procedure. The law is not clear about what the standards are and what good cause to remove him is. The court's guidance in this area indicates we are supposed to review the conduct and also how the conduct relates to the office and how that conduct can jeopardize the public interest. The Council was forwarded copies of the minutes from the Planning Board verbatim where this was discussed together with copies of some postings on Facebook that were handed out to Planning Board members which severed as the basis for the concern that came from the Planning Board.

Glenn Venza requested that he and any witnesses speaking on his behalf or against him be sworn in. Borough Attorney Oostdyk swore him in. Mr. Venza read the following prepared statement:

I know you are all aware that this is a first amendment issue. However, the overriding question raised by Mr. Loesner is whether or not I can objectively rule on Planning Board applications. I've been on the Planning Board for 10 years appointed as a recommendation by Loesner to former Mayor Budesheim. The major difference in the last 10 years is not me but the drastic change in Loesner's loyalties. In the past decade I've voted on dozens of Planning Board applications judging each solely on the merits of the application by following the guidelines of Riverdale's zoning requirements and Master Plan. My online statements did not address an entire class of people. My statements were to individuals in response to comments made by those individuals. Such responses pertaining to an individual member on a closed Facebook page have zero bearing on my ability to make an unbiased determination on a Planning Board application. If any of those individuals were to go before the Planning Board with an application I would certainly recuse myself to continue to maintain the integrity of the

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NEW BUSINESS (continued):

board as I have always done. That being said, I'd like to know exactly how I violated my position.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that will be for the Council to determine if they remove you. The way this was presented by the Planning Board was that you jeopardized your objectivity by making comments which they felt were inappropriate in a Facebook post. All the Council has before it are copies of posts that were made on Facebook.

Mr. Venza said that the post was incomplete. I don't have a copy of it and thought that the whole experience was de minimus and had very little to do with anything. It went on for about an hour or so and was just banter. Maybe someone felt insulted but it was never meant on my behalf as insults.

Mr. Oostdyk stated that we haven't gone through what these comments all were but what we get from the Planning Board was a sense that these were anti-gay or anti-homosexual statements being made and if a person came before the Planning Board that was openly gay would you be able to objectively evaluate their application or are you prejudiced.

Mr. Venza stated that he has relatives and friends that are homosexual and he has no bias towards homosexuals at all. This was like locker room talk that ended up being on a semi-public forum.

Councilman Astarita read the following statement:

Although I think the information we were given was not complete, because I'm not a Facebook aficionado, but there are times when it says "see more" and I guess there's more dialogue going but yet it wasn't on this Facebook page. I've read it several times as it was presented to us. It seems to be a one day occurrence although it seems to me to stem from earlier hostilities that have gone on probably prior to the past election. That being said, there were things said about our former Mayor that seemed to escalate back and forth between neighbors, public employees and other residents. I think there is enough bad behavior in this incident by all parties who seem to be trying to push each other's buttons and really get reactions and it succeeded in doing so. I think there's really bad behavior all around in this. Although it seemed to me like there were two or three major players from what I've read. I've read the insults and innuendos pitched from both sides of this incident on Facebook for all to see and I didn't realize it was a closed Facebook page until I tried to go on it to see what the "see more" was and then I realized you had to sort of apply to get on it, and I was approved by the way, so now I'm on. I don't know if that's a good or bad thing.

Mr. Venza stated that at the time of this incident there were 761 members on the Facebook page.

Councilman Astarita stated that he didn't see disparaging remarks aimed at any particular group in the dialogue. I saw things aimed at specific people. That would lead me to believe it was a back and forth thing between Mr. Venza and several other people who all behaved badly. There's nothing in it that made me believe that there was a rant by Mr. Venza as indicated in the Planning Board minutes. I really think it would not inhibit Mr. Venza from judging an applicant to the Planning Board. Mr. Venza made 14 out of the 108 postings and they were mostly one-liners and not rants. For the most

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part the whole thing is disgraceful and puts Riverdale in a bad light but there were many people involved in this. I thought long and hard and I can't see any reason to remove Mr. Venza from the Planning Board.

Councilman Clinton stated that he would echo the statement made by Councilman Astarita. I sat on the Planning Board with Mr. Venza for at least 10 years and I have never once seen him show bias or non-objectivity towards an application. I didn't read anything in that posting that would lead me to believe he could no longer be objective.

Councilman Revis agreed there was not a group insult. I think members of public bodies should be held to a higher standard and that would include communication in social media. He suggested a compromise such as sensitivity training. I did not see anything in the posting that directly compromised the position to make a good logical decision on items before the Planning Board.

Councilman Desai agreed that all government officials should be held to a higher standard. I think Mr. Venza was the only government official involved in this instance. Like Mr. Clinton, a lot of members of the Planning Board served with Mr. Venza for a long period of time and they voted unanimously that he be removed. There is nothing I saw in the packet to compel me to go against the request of the entire Planning Board who, again, have served with Mr. Venza for a long period of time. If there is inference of a prejudice by the nature of the comments against a particular group that the borough could be at risk down the road if a member of one of those groups didn't get the turnout they wanted from the Planning Board. To that, I have to agree with the Planning Board that it does compromise the integrity of the board and puts the borough in a difficult position.

Councilman Pellegrini stated that the Planning Board read the entire document and voted 100% to remove him.

Councilman Astarita felt there are several parties who have an ulterior motive pushing this forward and he doesn't like it. These hostilities we've seen stated many months ago and it's distasteful to see it continuing through our borough. I think we can look past this one incident. He's been on the Planning Board for 10 years, he's served it well, he's a volunteer and I don't see any reason to take him off.

Councilman Clinton asked the Borough Attorney for his opinion if he felt there were comments made towards a group or a segment of the population and not towards an individual.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated this decision is not a legal decision. This is not crystal clear. I think the court has a fairly vigorous standard in looking at "for cause". When you have a volunteer employee or a paid employee the term "for cause" means the same thing. If we were talking about a police officer who did this, we'd be looking at it from the same standard. The standard is what we have to pay attention to. There is free speech and I understand how that plays into it. There clearly is a line that could be crossed and I can give you examples of what would be a pretty clear line that was crossed. You can't say anything you want on social media in any context and then just say it's free speech. Whether this rises to that level is the debate I'm hearing from both sides.

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NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Mayor Carelli stated that he thinks it is a disgrace that we received a letter from our Planning Board to address such a ridiculous topic. The hardest thing to do is show restraint and I've done it. I don't get involved in these Facebook things. When I became Mayor I began trying to raise the bar. I want people that are responsible, do their job and have respect of the residents and their colleagues. It's troubling to have to address this and it angers me. Probably 9 or 10 people voted and asked us to remove this gentleman.

Mr. Venza stated that some of the postings that day were about Councilman Desai and his wife and to his wife. Because of that, I would ask that he be recused.

Mayor Carelli stated there were also things said about him. Mr. Venza asked that Mayor Carelli also be recused. He also asked if it was unethical for Councilman Pellegrini to vote twice since he already voted on this on the Planning Board. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that he didn't think it was as they are two separate entities.

Councilman Desai stated that his wife was attacked by Mr. Venza on that post when she made a comment that everyone needed to grow up. The only one who jumped down her throat was Mr. Venza and her comment wasn't directed at him specifically. Mr. Venza then went on to make derogatory comments about her and her family which I guess I'm included in that. Mr. Venza has never met my wife so if you don't call that a rant I don't know what you want to call it. As far as recusing myself, I considered that, but I don't think anyone should be rewarded for bad behavior. He could have gone back and said bad things about other members of the council and asked for them to be recused. If he thinks he can be objective on the Planning Board, I certainly can be objective here. The issue is whether there were derogatory remarks, whether they can be interpreted as prejudicial, and also whether this council should go against the wishes of 11 Planning Board members who requested that he be removed. If we send him back it puts the other members in an uncomfortable situation.

Mr. Venza stated that the unanimous vote of the Planning Board was based on information given to them by the Planning Board Attorney. He made some statements and did not explain what those statements meant. He gave the wrong date for the New Jersey statute – it had been repealed in 1953. He stated this was a maleficence in office. I wasn't on this site as a Planning Board member and nothing I said was evil. That could have been mis-transcribed as malfeasance. That's official misconduct which I did not do. He also said "conduct unbecoming" which is typically conduct by a certified professional contrary to the interest of the public. I am a volunteer. This is what the attorney told them and they all sound bad. What happened was not as bad as he made it sound.

Councilman Oswald asked Mr. Venza if Councilman Clinton should also recuse himself since he is a personal friend of his.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that recusing is not so much when you can't be objective as when it would appear to the public that your objectivity would be in question.

Councilman Revis stated that based on the attorney's comments about a reasonable person inferring something has caused him to change his opinion. Having read the comments on Facebook, he agreed that a reasonable person might reach the conclusion that there is bias here.

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NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to not remove Mr. Venza from the Planning Board.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton
Nays: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
(2 ayes – 4 nays - motion failed)

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to remove Mr. Venza from the Planning Board.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: Astarita, Clinton
(4 ayes – 2 nays - motion carried)

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue, stated that he was threatened with a lawsuit by an individual's attorney because of OPRA requests made to the clerk's office. That individual had specific information regarding the requests. Mr. Venza asked if it was a matter of practice for the Clerk to advise others about OPRA requests.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that OPRA requests are public information.

Clerk Jalloh stated that aside from employees who work in the office and the Mayor and our in house counsel, he has never done that and it is not his practice or the practice of the Clerk's office.

Nancy Salazar, Newbury Place, asked for the status of the sewers. Councilman Desai responded with the current status and stated that we are working hard on the sewer expansion plans. There are a lot of approvals needed and we do not think it possible to be done this year. We hope to have a firm timeline in place by the next meeting.

Meg Sturm, Munn Avenue, asked the Council to once again consider an ordinance in favor of giving residents the right to own chickens in Riverdale. She read a letter specifying the reasons she felt the ordinance should be passed along with a sample ordinance she had prepared for consideration.

Tom Batelli, Cannella Way, stated that in 35 years of doing municipal governing that is the worst case of political retribution he has ever seen in his life.

Matt Pollison, 58 Post Lane, stated that he supports Meg Sturm with the new chicken ordinance.

Larry Feld, 10 Arlington Place, asked if there was information about blue lines indicating water lines recently painted on Arlington Place. Mayor Carelli stated he did not know and would find out.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

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ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

81-2016: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 3, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$808,605.04

82-2016: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF S2254/A3821 TO CLARIFY MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 58 A and B

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that there is an investigation into the sewer costs as they are moving along to put together a bid spec for the sewer expansion plan. Desai also reported that Tilcon finished repairing the wall and is now working on repairing the floor.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the police department submitted its three year capital plan.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that the railings at the library need to be replaced.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported that another treatment will be placed on the baseball field.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

UTILITIES: No report

PERSONNEL: No report

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: The Borough Clerk stated that a resolution will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for liquor license renewals.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli stated we have bids out for parking spaces at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike for the second time after not receiving any bids on the first advertising.

Mayor Carelli stated that the Borough Judge requested a bailiff to help the workload during court sessions. A resolution will be prepared to fill the position.

Mayor Carelli stated that the old police department finger print machine will be declared obsolete.

Mayor Carelli stated the old police contract is signed and the new one is going to be worked on soon.

Mayor Carelli stated the next Council meeting is moved to Monday, June 20, 2016.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough attorney Bob Oostdyk reported that the special planner regarding COAH had a meeting regarding the Boroughs obligations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Borough attorney Bob Oostdyk distributed a map regarding the potential acquisition of Block 11, Lot 8. Oostdyk stated an appraisal should be done on this property. The County would fund the acquisition at its appraised price but it's the Boroughs obligation to pay for the appraisal. It was the consensus of the Council to not move forward with the appraisal at this time.

Mayor Carelli stated that he received the Capital plan from the Police Department and is waiting on the other departments.

Mayor Carelli stated that he will be working on the salary resolution.

Mayor Carelli stated that a resident requested the Council revisit the hen ordinance. The Board of Health will be contacted to look over the ordinance.

Councilman Desai stated that the statue in front of the school is deteriorating. The Council will consider options on what they would like to do with the statue after the school boards discusses what they would like to do.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Robert, 3 Stratford Place, inquired about purchasing property within the Borough.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: (continued)

7 Dalton Drive, inquired about a tree removal update.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave, asked about the sewer permits and shared services agreement with Wanaque.

Steve Loser, 61 Cottage Place, distributed a courts final decision on ethics charges filed against the previous Mayor.

William Budesheim, 3 Curtis Street, stated is has been the practice for the Borough to allow for a payment plan for sewer connections. Borough attorney Oostdyk stated the statute never allowed for a payment plan for sewer connections but it does for special assessments.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

June 20, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Desai

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief Sturm

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting - May 25, 2016
 Workshop Meeting - June 8, 2016

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to approve the above listed minutes as read

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

Mayor Carelli introduced Eagle Scout candidate, Joseph Soto, and invited him to present his Eagle Scout Project to the Governing Body.

Joseph Soto said that he is a member of Boy Scout Troop 380 of Pompton Lakes and Riverdale. He presented his plans to refurbish a shed located on the Glenburn Property and asked the Governing body for permission and to consider funding the cost of materials. He had met with Councilman Pellegrini at the Glenburn to discuss what materials would be needed and he distributed a cost estimate. His plan is to replace the door and windows and he said the completed project will look similar to the well that was done by his brother. The total estimate for the project is \$3,857.59 and the majority of cost is for siding and trim work. He would like to begin sometime in the fall. He answered questions from the Council regarding the project.

Mayor Carelli stated that it looks like a good project that will be a nice addition to the Glenburn. The Council will review the plans with him and try to assist with the funding.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 11-2016

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND REPEALING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE RESERVATION OF SEWERAGE CAPACITY

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for public comment.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Avenue, Pompton Lakes asked for clarification of the ordinance.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded. We had in our code a unique thing to Riverdale that allowed folks to reserve sewerage capacity for future use and pay the sewerage bill. We were challenged through court on this and the court said that because the statute did not provide for this idea of a reservation of capacity fee we did not have the authority from the state to put this ordinance into place. This ordinance repeals everything in our code that dealt with that reservation of capacity fee.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 11-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 62-A

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

- 83-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH May 20, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$779,710.11
- 84-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 85-2016:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2016/2017 LICENSE YEAR IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 86-2016:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR F & S Enterprises, LLC, 14 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 14, Lot 15.02

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

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COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 63-B, C, D AND E**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported on meeting with the Fire Department to discussed minor issues to spruce it up for the wet down.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported that the DPW has done a great job with the fields and we are getting a lot of compliments. We have three people looking into doing tournaments on weekends.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the next CERT meeting is Tuesday, June 28th, at the firehouse at 7:30 and we can always use new members. The Fire Chief sent photos with the progress on the pumper and everything is on schedule.

Fire Chief Sturm stated that they would do a final inspection the week of July 18th and there is a celebration planned for August 27th.

UTILITIES: Councilman Astarita reported there will be a Shade Tree Commission meeting on Monday, June 27th, and they will discuss taking down more trees.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Clinton reported that the borough will be teaming up with the library to get the best price to do re-carpeting of some areas that are worn.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported there were no proposals received in response to our second bid opening for parking at the Verizon building.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we can contact the people who might have been interested and see if we are able to negotiate a lease and make the decision whether we have to re-bid.

Mayor Carelli reported on the inquiry about a property on Dalton Drive. It is in our Open Space Inventory so we are not able to sell it and we will take care of the trees.

Mayor Carelli distributed the resolution for a bailiff that he neglected to put on the agenda. He stated that the Judge and Court Administrator had requested a bailiff and they recommended the Police Secretary to fill the position.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolution:

87-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THERESA PELLEGRINI TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT BAILIFF WITH AN ANNUAL STIPEND OF \$3,240 EFFECTIVE JUNE 21, 2016

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Pellegrini
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstention - motion carried)

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COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 64F

Mayor Carelli reported that as a result of a septic failure and the need for a sewer connection by Dr. Foss on Newark Pompton Turnpike, the policy for sewer connection was memorialized by doing a resolution tonight. The application is complete, application and connection fees are paid and Linda Roetman has been informed of the process. Dr. Foss can pick up his signed resolution tomorrow and go to Wanaque to apply for his permits.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Avenue, Pompton Lakes, spoke regarding his property at 4 Hamburg Turnpike. He met with the DEP and was told he has to put up 76 trees in a riparian zone to replace the 38 he removed. He will come to the Shade Tree Commission meeting next Monday to discuss places where the trees can be planted.

Mr. Salameno stated that he has ideas to propose to bid on parking at the Verizon building but he asked for additional time to inspect the building.

Mr. Salameno stated that he received a letter from the Morris County Prosecutor's Office in reference to his complaint regarding former Riverdale Mayor William Budesheim. He stated that he never had a complaint against Mayor Budesheim and found out that the Police Chief began an investigation due to the comments he made at the last meeting regarding Mayor Budesheim giving him authorization to make payments on his sewer connection fee. He felt that he should have been notified that an investigation was taking place with his name on it.

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue, asked if any variances were applied for and issued for the banners that are hanging all over town. Mayor Carelli replied that there were not. Mr. Venza stated that they are in violation of seven of our zoning ordinances regarding signs. He read the zoning violations aloud and suggested the banners be taken down because they are illegal.

Mayor Carelli stated that he did not agree. The banners are something that beautify the town and you're telling us that you want them down.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the banners do not meet the definition of a sign which is something to advertise or promote the interest of any person or property. He wasn't sure a public banner is really an advertisement though the sponsor's name is put on it. There's also an issue when the government puts up a sign as opposed to a private individual. He explained that governmental messages are generally excluded from coverage under local zoning ordinances. The purpose of the banners was not advertising it was beautification and secondarily they had their name on it.

Mr. Venza stated that he has a problem with the banners that are advertising businesses that are not adjunct to their property.

Meg Sturm, 10 Munn Avenue, stated that she thinks the signs are awesome, the road looks beautiful and the flowers are exquisite.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

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ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor Carelli announced that he signed the PBA contract which is already expired and we will start negotiating a new one. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we would have a resolution at the next meeting to formalize it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting - June 20, 2016

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Desai
(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain- motion carried)

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Carelli along with Police Chief Kevin Smith and the Council presented Sergeant Greg Bogert with the lifesaving medal for his heroic effort that saved the life of a man of April 25, 2016. Mayor Paul Carelli and Police Chief Kevin Smith commended Sergeant Bogert on his bravery and work ethic.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

- 88-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 8, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$203,608.25
- 89-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (PHASE 1 SEWER PROJECT)
- 90-2016** APPROVAL OF APPLICATION BY THE RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT
- 91-2016** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION- CHAPTER 159

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 66- A, B, C AND D

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai stated that blasting reports from the Tilcon quarry are posted on the municipal website along with other reports.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that a letter from the Grande was received regarding signage around the property for traffic control and was given to Police Chief Kevin Smith. The fire department pumper vehicle will be ready this month.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported a safety concern about Post Lane.

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolution:

94-2016: AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY ROAD WORK ON POST LANE TO REPAIR THE GUARD RAIL SECTION AT THE RIVER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500 CONTINGENT ON THE CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 67- E

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Oswald reported that a quote was received for a new electronic sign outside the municipal building through a co-op.

UTILITIES: Councilman Astarita reported the shade tree commission took down trees on Matthews Ave. and the home owner wants the Borough to pay to remove the tree stump.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Clinton reported that the employee evaluations were being submitted and meetings will be scheduled with each employee.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

92-2016: Mayor Carelli appointed Warren Sheps as a Class IV member of the Planning Board for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2017.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 67- F

Mayor Carelli distributed tax reports submitted by the Tax Collector as part of the best practices.

Mayor Carelli stated a copy of the 2015 audit was distributed to each member of the Council. A corrective action plan will be prepared for the next meeting along with another resolution for the audit.

Mayor Carelli stated the owner of Consolidated Maintenance Solutions, LLC asked if the Council would approve his payment at tonight's meeting for the Federal place road improvement project in the amount of \$163,738.04.

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolution:

93-2016: AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT REQUEST #3 TO CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS LLC FOR THE HALSEY AVENUE- FEDERAL PLACE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$163,738.04

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 68- A

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: Borough Attorney Bob Oostdyk stated there was an objection from fair share housing and there's a status hearing next week.

NEW BUSINESS

83 NPT- Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated this must be put out to bid again after receiving no bids the first two times.

Compost Facility - a bid specification will be put out shortly.

Community Center - Hours of Operation - Mayor Carelli stated the original intent of the use of the community center wasn't for use into late hours of the night with loud music. The Council will consider changing the hours of use or other alternatives.

Mayor Carelli stated the chicken ordinance is being reviewed by the Board of Health.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

An unidentified resident came forward to thank the Mayor and Council for removal of trees.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk