

February 28, 2018

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: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 01-2018

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF SEWER APPLICATION FEES FOR CERTAIN CONNECTIONS

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

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 01-2018 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 17-A

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

ORDINANCE 02-2018

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING THE FEE CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR THE GLENBURN WEDDING PACKAGE

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 02-2018 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 18-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.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 48-2018:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 23, 2018 FOR 2017/2018 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$731,117.03
- 49-2018:** AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINE, INC. ("GTBM") FOR THE PROVISION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF AN E-TICKET SYSTEM FOR THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 18-B AND C

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that a letter was sent to 23 residents with available stubs for sewer connection on their property advising the allocation and special provisions for financing connection charges is now available. A different letter needs to be sent to the commercial properties.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis stated that Chief Smith will be out of town from Friday through Sunday and Lt. McIntosh will be in charge. Chief Smith would like to address several topics when he returns such as the promotional ordinance and having an officer at the school. The PBA dinner will be on March 26th at 7 p.m. at the VFW in Pompton Lakes. We will be meeting to discuss various Fire Department needs to complete the budget.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported on the DPW. The Foreman's back surgery was denied by the insurance company and is on hold. Another DPW employee injured his shoulder and is on light duty. A pickup truck blew the motor and there are other equipment issues.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that our Riverdale 07457 Community Facebook page has about 13% new membership for the month. There is a lot of engagement and people helping one another. The next library board meeting is on the 12th and things are working well there. Recreation is making progress on the summer concert series. The email notices went out today for the Summer Camp program.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the DPW is going to get the fields ready. We have one tournament booked and we'll be booked up for every day during the week on both fields. We are going forward with having stone put on the front of the municipal building in the spring.

PERSONNEL: No report.

Mayor Carelli reported that Councilman Kheyfets is helping him work on a new logo.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that work on the 2018 budget has started. Our surplus has increased significantly. We're continuing with the roadwork on Newbury Place, Brown Court and Oak Street. Mayor Carelli met with the school Superintendent and Business Administrator to go over ways we can save money. We were approved for a \$320,000 DOT grant for Hartung Avenue, Cotluss Road and Wesley Street. They will be closing the railroad to do parts of Mathews Avenue. We ordered a new high definition 4K camera system to have all of our meetings on Facebook Live and posted to the website.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

The following residents spoke about property tax assessment concerns:

Bill Harris, 9 Rock Creek Terrace
Phil D'Anna, 7 Silver Leaf Court
Donna Morgello, 11 Silver Leaf Court
Jack Youngstein, 13 Rock Creek Terrace

Mayor Carelli, members of the Council and Borough Attorney Oostdyk answered questions.

The following residents had concerns with potential building on vacant lots near their property:

Mr. Harris, 9 Rock Creek Terrace
Georgette Moesch, 62 Rock Creek Terrace

Mayor Carelli responded.

The following residents spoke about the rat problem on Halsey Avenue.

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued):

Wendy Hanna, 21 Halsey Avenue
Joe Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue

Mayor Carelli and Councilman Desai responded.

Nancy Salazar, Newbury Place, complimented the sewer project workers who she said are very polite and considerate.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk