

April 11, 2018

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: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell, Kheyfets

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief Regeling

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

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

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

- 64-2018:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 65-2018:** PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 66-2018:** EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
- 67-2018:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 6, 2018 FOR 2017/2018 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$70,566.56
- 68-2018:** DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 22-A, B, C, D AND E

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that at the next meeting we will have the public hearing and adoption of the budget and there will be a brief budget presentation.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the Fire Chief sent in a request for the purchase of a new Chief's vehicle. The purchase is covered by State contract and the dollar amount is within the capital budget for the department.

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

69-2018: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DAY CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,491.42 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 4WD SUV COMMAND VEHICLE FOR THE RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

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PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on scoreboards for the fields. He also reported on plans for the 5K race and Riverdale Day being held in September.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

Councilman Desai announced the town trips planned this year for the audience members.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that the First Aid Squad was very appreciative of the \$5,500 donation we are making towards their digital sign. He announced the PBA fishing tournament is being held on April 28th and reminded everyone that the Fire Department needs new members. The Mayor, Borough Attorney and Council President met with Habitat for Humanity who is interested in the property at the former Verizon building that the borough purchased with affordable housing money. They made a presentation and it might be a very worthwhile project. We are also looking for someone to manage our Affordable Housing projects and we met with a consultant who is going to make a proposal for his services. The sewer project is moving along and we are almost ready to go out to bid for the next part.

Councilman Desai reported on the NJEIT funding.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Christine De Risi, 6220 Brook Haven Court and President of The Grande Riverdale Board, followed up on several topics she had previously discussed with the Mayor

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued):

and Councilman Desai. She stated that she submitted for Title 39 at The Grande and asked about the next steps. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded. She also followed up on Blue Diamond garbage collection, the school bus stop at The Grande, the back gate, snow removal reimbursement, landscaping maintenance between the

Grande and Route 23, the DEP designated wetlands and the cross access road from Walmart to Target.

Madelain Verter, 8320 Sanctuary Boulevard, asked why it is so difficult to get the gate at The Grande lifted during horrific snow storms. Mayor Carelli stated that he spoke with the Fire Chief and thought the gate was open. The Fire Chief responded that they raise the gate but do not handle traffic so he gave the Police Department the responsibility to make the decision when it can be open.

John Morley, 4309 Ramapo Court, asked if they could get one or two TAPCO safety signs for speed control.

Dana Nestinger, 4307 Ramapo Court, spoke about her concerns with the traffic light at the U-Turn on Route 23 in front of Target and Home Depot. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded that it is controlled by the State.

Barbara Schmidt, 8319 Sanctuary Boulevard, stated that the residents at The Grande need to have a bigger voice. She wants to know whether it is the Police or Fire Department who can open the gate. The Fire Chief stated he would address it again with the Police Chief. Ms. Schmidt stated the gate should be automatically opened if a state of emergency is declared. The Fire Chief told her it is an emergency access gate for the Fire Department and not an emergency gate to let traffic in and out. The Fire Official asked for the Fire Department to have the gate put in. It was only to be used for fire trucks to have a secondary access to get there to fight a fire. We have opened it in high snow conditions but 1 to 3 inch snows that should be kept up with by snow removal is where the problem seems to be. Mayor Carelli stated that he is certain we can work it out.

There being no further comments, Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to close the public portion.

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk