

May 23, 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**

**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:**

May 2, 2018

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

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

**PRESENTATION TO HONOR TEEN VOLUNTEERS TO THE RIVERDALE LIBRARY:**

Mayor Carelli announced that it is a special night as the Council recognizes our teen volunteers that work in the library during the summer. These volunteers do a great job and we are so proud to have them and want to show our appreciation. Youth Services Librarian, Kate Mahoney, thanked the teens for the time they spent at the library. They are reliable in all of their commitments during the school year and never cease to impress with the amount they chose to spend outside the classroom in the community. Councilman Purcell assisted the Mayor in presenting certificates of appreciation to the volunteers.

**PRESENTATION TO HONOR 2018 POISON CONTROL POSTER CONTEST WINNERS:**

Mayor Carelli stated that Part 2 of our celebration tonight is the 2018 Poison Control Poster Contest. Board of Health nurses Susan DeGraw and Jean Vrablik provided information about the Poison Prevention Poster Contest which is a national contest administered locally by the Health Department and the New Jersey Poison Control Center. Councilman Revis and Mayor Carelli assisted in presenting certificates to the winners.

Mayor Carelli announced a short break for refreshments at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

**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**

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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 75-2018:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 18, 2018 FOR 2017/2018 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$922,039.57
- 76-2018:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DOMINIC GENTILE TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE MAY 23, 2018
- 77-2018:** AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DARMOFALSKI ENGINEERING FOR PROVIDING DESIGN, BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR THE COTLUSS ROAD, HARTUNG AVENUE, AND WESLEY STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR A FEE OF \$26,225 FOR THE DESIGN PHASE AND \$25,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION PHASE

**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. 36-A, B, AND C**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on the sewer billing investigation. He is also working with Councilman Pellegrini on the water meter investigation.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the new dispatch center is about 99 percent complete. The Fire Department would like us to discuss their proposal for membership retention. Councilman Pellegrini continues to work on the repairs needed at the Fire Department. The Junior Police Academy is coming up and application forms are available.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that the dispatch center came out great and he'd like to continue with the rest of the building. He requested the DPW work overtime to do some minor maintenance. We have a co-op price for a new dump truck.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that the Memorial Day Parade is Monday at 10:00 a.m. He thanked June Carelli for spearheading the event. The town wide garage sale will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 15<sup>th</sup>. Concert series planning is ongoing. The Yankee trip is July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported on the Shade Tree meeting. Linda Roetman is planning a seminar and the money raised can be put towards Shade Tree. They received a grant from Home Depot for 21 trees and will coordinate placement with the Borough Engineer. Councilman Oswald will get pricing on a large TV for the Community Center. He got pricing for two scoreboards for the ballfields.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Kheyfets reported on the continued annoyance of solicitors and stated that we need to move forward with an ordinance. Borough Attorney Oostdyk suggested an ordinance with a "Do Not Solicit" list. Councilman Kheyfets also reported on the new borough logo.

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**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Borough Clerk Jalloh advised that a letter was received from the Engineer to notify the Mayor and Council of an upcoming deadline for the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit. Mayor Carelli said that he would send a link to the Council so the training can be completed. Clerk Jalloh also reminded the Council that resolutions to renew liquor licenses will be on the agenda in June.

Council had a discussion regarding our existing ordinance regulating commercial and recreational vehicles parked on residential property.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported on our Affordable Housing litigation. Bob Michaels is making progress and will come in for a workshop discussion during the summer.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that he, Bob Oostdyk and Carol Talerico met with the Affordable Housing Consultant. He is taking inventory of our current units and will make sure they are properly handled. We have not received many applications for the opening in the Public Works Department. There was a discussion about having DPW employees join the Fire Department. We will schedule a preconstruction meeting for Oak Street improvements the week of June 11<sup>th</sup>. We had a meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the drop off on Oak Street. Mayor Carelli will meet with reps from the Morris County Parks Commission next Friday to discuss what we can do to extend the bike trail into Riverdale.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Warren Sheps, 67 Newark Pompton Turnpike, spoke about a Morris County project for affordable housing for veterans.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Executive Session was postponed until the next meeting.

Mayor Carelli gave an update regarding issues with the tenant at the Riverdale Recycling facility. As of May 1<sup>st</sup> he owed up to \$60,000 with late fees, interest and monthly rent. He made two payments and was still \$37,000 in arrears. He was sent a letter regarding the smell, the height of the mulch pile, mulch on the road, and complaints about hours of operation. It was decided to set up a meeting with the tenant.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk