

October 10, 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, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell

Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 26, 2018

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays – 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.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

126-2018: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2018 FOR 2017/2018 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$122,385.03

127-2018: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Denise Johnson, 11 Oak Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 27, Lot 13.03

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 68-A AND B

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Desai gave the Communications Report in Councilman Purcell's absence. We had 21 donors for the Blood Drive and 18 units collected against the goal of 26 for the day. Fright Night is scheduled for October 23rd and everything is similar to last year. The town wide garage sale is scheduled for October 13th.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the Police Department received an in-kind grant from Home Depot for a new floor and paint for headquarters. Work is to begin October 27th and should take approximately two days to complete. He reported on the meeting with the Fire Department to discuss membership recruitment and retention.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that they need to review the DPW applications.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that he would like to move forward on the scoreboards. He also reported that the Board of Education will use our fields for softball practice and some games.

PERSONNEL: No report.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Jalloh reminded the Mayor that the November 14th meeting is scheduled during the League of Municipalities Convention. Mayor Carelli suggested the November 14th meeting be cancelled since many of the Council members attend the convention. Council was in agreement.

Clerk Jalloh advised the Council that the Court Administrator brought to our attention that the Public Defender is close to exceeding his \$17,500 contract due to the number of sessions this year. Mayor Carelli stated that another resolution will be put on the next agenda.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported on the status of the various road projects. He invited the First Aid Squad to our next meeting for a presentation of the donation we made for their sign. After the final accounting of expenses for Riverdale Day we raised about \$3,000 which he would like to present to the Fire Department, PBA and First Aid Squad at that same meeting. Morris County sent us a letter of support for the bikeway grant application. The Tax Assessor will have the documentation done for the special assessments. Borough Attorney Oostdyk explained the special assessment process and Council discussed the matter. Council also discussed with the borough attorney the issue of marijuana legalization in New Jersey and resolutions regarding local control. Mayor Carelli distributed a detailed listing of the current Police Vehicles and reported on the vehicle rotation. The Chief has requested another vehicle and Council discussed the matter.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Draft Ordinance – Police Promotion Policy

Councilman Revis stated that the Committee had a meeting with the Police Chief and representative from the PBA. The idea was to develop an ordinance that was inclusive of the requirements for promotions and was also a fair and manageable process. Council discussed the testing and eligibility requirements.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk