

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Carelli welcomed the following dignitaries:

Senator Kristin Corrado
 Assemblyman Kevin Rooney
 Assemblyman Chris DePhillips
 Freeholder Elect Heather Darling
 Freeholder Debora Smith

READING OF THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:

Municipal Clerk Abubakar Jalloh read the Certification of the Determination of the November 6, 2018 General Election as follows:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Dave Desai	Borough Council	3 Years
Matthew Oswald	Borough Council	3 Years

OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS:

The Oath of Office was administered to the Borough Council Members by Mayor Carelli.

COUNCILMAN DAVE DESAI:

Thanks to the people of Riverdale for trusting me in the office again for another three years. I can't believe three years have gone by. We've accomplished quite a bit I think in the first three years. I'm looking forward to continuing the progress and all the good work that we've been doing up here.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEW OSWALD:

I'd like to thank everybody in town and we hope that moving forward that we can get to some more of the projects that we're looking forward to getting done – the sewer project, some of the stuff down at the ballfields and just looking forward to digging in and getting some of that stuff done this year.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Carelli called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
 Absent: None**

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

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL BY-LAWS (continued):

01-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2019

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO 2-A

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS:

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

02-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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

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

03-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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

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

04-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

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

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

05-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH AUDITOR SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS (continued):

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

06-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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

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

07-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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

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

08-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 3-A THROUGH 3-G**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

09-2019: AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JAMES E. LASALA, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2019

10-2019: AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2019

11-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS FOR 2019

12-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPER FOR 2019

13-2019: DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2019

14-2019: AUTHORIZING INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS

15-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK PERIODS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

16-2019: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2019

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

- 17-2019:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.
- 18-2019:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
- 19-2019:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2019
- 20-2019:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING LINDA ROETMAN TO FIVE TOWN REGIONAL DIAL-A-RIDE BOARD FOR 2019
- 21-2019:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2019
- 22-2019:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2019
- 23-2019:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS
- 24-2019:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RIVERDALE RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2019
- 25-2019:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
- 26-2019:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR

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

*Councilman Revis abstained from the line item for the salary for Fire Inspector in resolution 17-2019.

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 4-A THROUGH 4-R**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

- 27-2019:** ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2019

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

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 4-S**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Carelli announced the Council Committees for 2019.

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

- 28-2019:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2019

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (continued):

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 5-A**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli stated that Resolutions 28-2019 through 35-2019 are Mayor's appointments and do not require a Council vote. He announced the appointments.

29-2019: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

30-2019: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS II CLASS IV AND ALTERNATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets, to approve the Mayor's recommendation of Vincent Pellegrini as Alternate HUD Committee member in resolution **31-2019**.

31-2019: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HUD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

32-2019: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

33-2019: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

34-2019: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

35-2019: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 5-A THROUGH 5-G**MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2019:**

I would like to start out by wishing everyone here today a very happy and healthy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. January is always an exciting time for local governments around the State. Every year we have the opportunity to set new goals and objectives to build on the successes of the past year. I believe we have a great Council team to lead us forward. Before we look ahead to 2019 I would like to take a little time to recap a few of the accomplishments over the last year.

For the second year in a row there was no increase in our municipal taxes. Strategic planning, increased revenue, streamlined budgeting and our annual reassessment program made this possible once again in 2018. Our goal will be the same in 2019.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2019 (continued):

We finally put shovels in the ground and really pushed forward with our sewer expansion program. This phase will bring the opportunity of sewer connections to 167 residential homes. At this point we are approximately half way there. Our road improvement project has been rapidly moving along as well. In addition to new curbing, sidewalks, driveway aprons and paving on the 9 streets upgraded for sewers, we extended the program to additional streets where sewers were not being done. In the last three years we have resurfaced Halsey Avenue, Federal Place, Cotluss Road, Ryerson Avenue, Mickens Avenue, Drace Place, Riverview Terrace, Fernwood Crescent and Stratford Place. Work recently started on upper Cutlass Road, Hartung Avenue and Wesley Street for a total of 21 streets in town. Long overdue, on schedule and with DOT grants of approximately \$850,000 we were able to accomplish these with no tax increase. I thank the governing body for a job well done.

We held our first ever Riverdale Day in September with a 5K First Responders walk/run. We had band concerts that day, food from local vendors and a fantastic fireworks finale. More importantly, we were able to give out \$1,000 checks to the Police Department, Fire Department and First Aid Squad. We hope to build on this event for 2019.

None of this is possible without the hard working borough employees who make it all happen. Our Borough Clerk AJ Jalloh, Linda Forbes our Deputy Clerk, Connie Andersen our Finance and Tax Assistant, Linda Roetman our Borough Secretary, Zoning Official, Property Maintenance Officer and Secretary to the numerous boards including the Board of Health, Shade Tree Commission, Planning and Zoning Boards. Carol Talerico is my Assistant to the Mayor. Our Public Works Superintendent Steve Schotanus – those guys do a great job every single day. I thank Chief Kevin Smith and the Riverdale Police Department. I thank Fire Chief Jimmy Regeling – thank you guys for all your hard work that you do for this Borough keeping us safe. Our Recreation Director who plans so many great programs for the kids, Krista Osborne. The guy that is out there communicating and letting everyone know what's happening in town, Michael Carelli is our Social Media Director. All our employees in Public Works, the Municipal Court, Library and not to mention all our countless volunteers on all our boards. We couldn't do it without them and I can't thank all these fine people enough. Once again we have ambitious goals for 2019 but I know we have the right people to get the job done. Thank you all. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to Riverdale. I wish you a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

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

January 2, 2019

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 8:58 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 26, 2018

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, 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)

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

36-2019: APPROVING A TOW OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO MALANGA'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 154 OF CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the Fire Department responded to 214 alarms for the year. That's a great records and we thank them for their dedication to the safety of the citizens of Riverdale. The Fire Chief has presented applications for two new members who have passed the physical and he would like to have approved this evening.

January 2, 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

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

37-2019: AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FIREFIGHTER – Dominic Angelella

38-2019: AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FIREFIGHTER – Youseff Mechmech

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

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PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald acknowledged Michael Carelli, Dorinda Norris and the volunteers who run the Riverdale Food Pantry for how much good they do in the community.

PERSONNEL: No report.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no 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: 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk