

April 10, 2019

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, 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:

March 27, 2019

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

- 82-2019:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 5, 2019 FOR 2018/2019 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$89,175.73
- 83-2019:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A SUBMISSION OF EXPENDITURE FOR RECYCLING TAX PURSUANT TO P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 311, IN 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,301.61
- 84-2019:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Blanche Hollick, 5 Riverdale Parkway, Riverdale, NJ Block 20, Lot 8.01
- 85-2019:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Marina Mora, 26 Riverdale Parkway, Riverdale, NJ Block 21, Lot 14
- 86-2019:** EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
- 87-2019:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Diane Esemplare & Mark Gajda, 29 Riverdale Parkway, Riverdale, NJ Block 22, Lot 12
- 88-2019:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Robert Douglas Tanguy, 17 Riverdale Parkway, Riverdale, NJ Block 22, Lot 6

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai questioned why we haven't heard anything about our bond rating. He also reported on methodologies for sewer billing. He volunteered to compile an open project status report to be circulated to council for discussion.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported on the Fire Department building and the problem with the birds. He stated that we also need to discuss the recruitment and retention ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that we split up the DPW from the garage last week. He stated that according to the Police Department it is working out. The new DPW employee started on Monday. We started on the cameras and he will get an estimate covering all of our cameras. He has quotes for the upgrade on our water valves.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported on his site visit with the splash park vendor and distributed a rendering of what it will look like installed.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on a preliminary drawing and plans for the retaining wall at the park. He also reported that they are in the final planning stages of the generator for the Fire Department and Community Center. The snack stand is in the planning stage and we can put it in the budget next year. He also reported on the score board installation.

PERSONNEL: No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that we have separated the Vehicle Maintenance Department from Public Works and its being headed by Alan Kelley.

Mayor Carelli reported that the DEP advised us that RER is overtaking the boundaries on the property he leases from us and we will meet with him to make him aware of that.

The PBA is having their fishing tournament on April 27th and the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 20th at the Community Center at 11:00 a.m. The Memorial Day Parade is on Memorial Day. This year we selected our former Councilman Garret Astarita to be the Grand Marshall.

Council discussed with the Borough Attorney the method of requiring property owners to connect to the sewer line at the time of closing for a property that is being sold. It was decided that it will be required that an application to connect must be made and the connection fee paid in order to obtain the CCO. They also discussed the Special Improvement Assessment Process.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Randy Bush, 27 Halsey Avenue, spoke about materials being offloaded from the railroad cars behind their house. He asked if we could reach out to the railroad and

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued):

ask if they could move the cars toward Riverdale Road. He also said he is in favor of a bike path.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Council discussed the Fire Department retention/recruitment ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:46 p.m. Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of contract negotiation.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk