

April 24, 2019

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**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 10, 2019

Councilman Kheyfets 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)**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 04-2019**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND PROVIDING FOR A  
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM AND OTHER RECRUITMENT AND  
RETENTION INCENTIVES FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 32-A**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 02-2019**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 02-2019 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 33-A**

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 03-2019**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 4-2018 ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 03-2019 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 33-B**

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

**89-2019: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 18, 2019 FOR 2018/2019 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$837,319.93**

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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):**

- 90-2019:** AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET
- 91-2019:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER (1) FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PHASE 2 SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,810.15- NEW TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$104,810.15

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Affordable Housing Resolutions and Ordinances / Spending Plan – Nick Nassif

Mayor Carelli stated that our Fair Share Housing Plan was approved and we need to adopt ordinances to reflect what was approved in the plan. He introduced our Affordable Housing Consultant, Nick Nassif.

Nick Nassif explained the Affordable Housing resolutions and ordinances and answered questions from the Council. They discussed the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Affirmative Marketing Plan, Affordable Housing Overlay and the Affordable Trust Fund Spending Plan.

**2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mayor Carelli gave a Power Point presentation that provided an overview of the 2019 municipal budget. He thanked the Governing Body, municipal officials, professionals, employees and volunteers for their work throughout the year. He gave a recap of the 2018 tax bill and reviewed notable accomplishments of last year. He explained why the assessed value is important in calculating the tax rate. He stated that our proposed budget is \$7.5 million which is down about \$200,000 over last year. Our 2018 municipal tax rate of .615 will remain the same for 2019. This is the fourth year out of the last five that the Borough of Riverdale did not have a municipal tax increase.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for the public hearing for the 2019 municipal budget.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

The Municipal Auditor, Heide Wohlleb, read the resolution for adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Pellegrini set for the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, for the adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (continued):**

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

**COPY OF 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-A**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that we expect to make progress over the next few weeks on the PBA contract. The fire department building project is progressing. The town security system for the buildings is being coordinated by Councilman Pellegrini.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that a lot of projects are in a holding pattern right now.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported on the Arbor Day plans for this Saturday. We're in the final stages of the wall design for the fields. He reported that Blackfin Media will be using a section of the park around May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for filming. The girls' softball team has used the field and is very happy.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the Fire Auxiliary is having a spaghetti dinner and the police having their PBA fishing tournament this Saturday. We did not get the DOT grant for the railroad bikeway project this year and will try again next year. At our May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting we are going to have our Sewer Assessment Public Hearing. The Tax Assessor will present to the council and we will vote on the actual assessment we are going to make for the projects that are done. He also reported that the Riverdale Quarry wants to meet to discuss the Tilcon exit date.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Randy Bush, 27 Halsey Avenue, spoke about the standing railroad cars parked along the rear of the properties on Halsey Avenue which he was led to believe would be removed within 2 weeks. Mayor Carelli said he will call our senator or assembly people and see if they can assist.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk