

September 25, 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, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Purcell**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Regeling, Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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Councilman Revis noted a correction to the minutes.

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

**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:**

Mayor Carelli gave justification for resolution 165-209.

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

- 162-2019:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 FOR 2018/2019 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,133,710.89
- 163-2019:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR A LICENSE TO PARK MOTOR VEHICLES OUTSIDE IN THE REAR PARKING LOT OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY GARAGE LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE
- 164-2019:** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 6, 2019 AS NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS DAY IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 165-2019:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING NW FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

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

**166-2019:** RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO. INC, FOR WATER UTILITY VALVE EXERCISING OF FIRE HYDRANTS AND VALVES IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

**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. 69-A, B, C, D AND E**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on meeting with the Sewer Authority last Wednesday regarding the billing practices. They have conceded that we need to go to a different methodology. They hired a consulting firm to do a study and everyone agreed it was a fair methodology. They voted to proceed to have the members of the Authority take it to the individual towns.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis stated that the Fire and Police Departments will be providing direct reports. Fire Chief Regeling gave a report for the Fire Department and OEM for the quarter. Police Chief Smith gave a report for the Police Department for the month of August

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mayor Carelli reported that the Touch a Truck event was very successful. Our next event is Riverdale Day on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported on the ball fields and obtaining quotes for the generator. They've been advertising the 5K Race. He also reported that Tilcon donated 25 tons of product for an Eagle Scout project that our kids in Riverdale and Pompton Lakes will be using.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Kheyfets reported that we are going to be looking at the employee handbook and updating it for January 2020.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported on the State requirements for Public Works contracts. He suggested painting the brick on the front of the municipal building a darker color and asked for input from the council. The sewer contractor is starting work on Newark Pompton Turnpike. We will award the Morris Avenue sewer bid at the next meeting. Mayor Carelli encouraged everyone to attend the Freeholders meeting being held here in Riverdale on Monday, October 7th.

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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Ted L'Estrange, 43 Prospect Hill Road, Cuddebackville, NY, spoke on the topic of forced organ harvesting in China and asked for support for the motion calling for the end of this practice.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets, to go into closed session to discuss matters of contractual agreements.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk