

October 23, 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, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Kheyfets**

**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.

Mayor Carelli announced that on October 11<sup>th</sup> our former Borough Clerk, Talerico, passed away. She worked here for 27 years and retired in 2014. When I became Mayor in 2016 I hired her back part time to be my Assistant and she was very helpful over the last three or four years. Mayor Carelli asked for a moment of silence in memory of Carol.

Mayor Carelli announced that yesterday there was a fatal accident at the bottom of the hill on Route 23. It was a traumatic event for all those involved and he thanked the Police and Fire Chief present and gave them and their departments a lot of credit for what they do in handling these situations.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, 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 Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

**170-2019:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2019 FOR 2018/2019 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$818,546.16

**171-2019:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2019 SALARY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE - CHIEF OF POLICE

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

**172-2019:** AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND BIDDING FOR THE PHASE 4 SEWER PROJECT ON COTTAGE PLACE, MUNN AVENUE, DRACE PLACE & POST LANE

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Pellegrini (Resolution 171-2019 only)**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 75-A, B, AND C**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on meeting with the Sewer Authority last Wednesday. Everyone seems to be on board with the new billing methodology. It appears it will be retroactive at least for fiscal year 2019 which will result in a significant adjustment for Riverdale. Everything is moving forward with our financial analysis that is a prerequisite of us joining the Authority. We will be working with the Tax Assessor to come up with the assessment for the second part of our sewer project. We will be sending letters so everyone is notified that they can now connect to the sewer. He also reported that he is looking into the waste management contract which expires on January 27, 2020.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis thanked the first responders for their great service in responding to the accident on Route 23. He reported that the materials are in to start the work at the Fire Department. Fire Chief Regeling gave a report for the Fire Department and OEM. Police Chief Smith gave a report for the Police Department. There was a discussion regarding the accident that occurred yesterday on Route 23 and the dangerous intersection at the bottom of the hill.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that a water leak on Loy Avenue was repaired. There was a discussion on camera vendors.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that Fright Night was cancelled due to weather and will take place tomorrow.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that Trunk or Treat will take place on Friday rain or shine.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported the status of the property we are planning to purchase after adoption of the ordinance at the next meeting. There is another car dealer interested in parking vehicles at the Verizon property so he will advertise on the website for bids. The next phase of the sewer project should be starting shortly on Morris Avenue. Quotes were received for tree removal on Parkway and clearing out at the park. Mayor Carelli reported that our CFO is retiring at the end of November and he met with him, Chris Battaglia and Connie Andersen to go over responsibilities. Our Tax Assessor is retiring at the end of the year and that was a

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

shared service with Butler. He will meet with the Personnel Committee to discuss what we will do going forward.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Best Practices Inventory – copies distributed to the Governing Body

Mayor Carelli discussed the Best Practices Inventory with the Council.

**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 Purcell, to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk