

November 13 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, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 23, 2019

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 07-2019

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 32, LOT 1 FROM SUKRIYE BASARAN

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 Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 07-2019 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 77-A

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.

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

173-2019: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2019 FOR 2018/2019 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$267,429.47

174-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

175-2019: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Jean McMichael, 21 Oak Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 27, Lot 4

176-2019: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Richard and Melissa Siljanovski, 11 Cedar Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 28, Lot 3.07

177-2019: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Hunter and Joyce Rhinesmith, 84 Loy Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.01, Lot 42

178-2019: TRANSFER OF 2019 APPROPRIATIONS

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. 78-A, B, C, D, E AND F**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported on the residential sewer meeting that he and the Mayor held for the next project. The presentation was well received and a lot of resident's questions were answered. Mayor Carelli stated the preconstruction for Morris Avenue and Curtis Street will be held tomorrow.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported on the fundraiser in support of the gentleman who passed away on Route 23. The Police Chief has requested the appointment of a part time dispatcher.

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

179-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NASIR MORA TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 13, 2019

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini

Nays: None

(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 78-G

Councilman Revis stated that Chief Regeling asked him to pass on his appreciation to the Council for having Wayne Johnson do the repairs to the

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

firehouse. He will be distributing a copy of the recruitment letter that the Chief is proposing for the businesses in town.

Pat Cleary reported on Fire Department recruitment and percentages. He also reported on State mandated training for officers.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on the generators and gear at the fire department and community center.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported that they started looking into updating the employee handbook.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that our file server was hacked last week. We have backups and our IT guy is able to restore the files. Our file server is 5 or 6 years old and we ordered a new one. Mayor Carelli also said he would like to make some office renovations and have a meeting to discuss open positions, retirements and shared service contracts. He is getting a proposal for new letters on the front of the municipal building. He advertised a RFP on the website for parking in back at the Verizon building. The current occupant at the Compost Facility has informed us that he will stay for the remainder of that term. Mayor Carelli also discussed the proposed Habitat for Humanity project at the Verizon building.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Tax Assessor position

The resume for the applicant recommended by our current tax assessor was distributed to the Council for review.

2. CFO position

Our current CFO is retiring at the end of November. The company who currently handles our payroll services is preparing a proposal for the CFO position. We will also get a proposal from our auditor for some of the items done by our current CFO.

3. MMA gym request

Mayor Carelli discussed the request from UFC Gym for a waiver to extend business hours to 24 hours Monday through Friday. After discussion it was decided to grant a six month trial.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets, to authorize the Mayor to approve applications for extension of store hours.

ALL IN FAVOR.

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OTHER BUSINESS (continued):

4. Tree Removals – Parkway and Independence Park

Council discussed the tree removal proposals.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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ALL IN FAVOR

Council discussed the possibility of changing the date of the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk