

December 30, 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**

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

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

**ASSESSMENT CONFIRMATION HEARING - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:**

Mayor Carelli announced the opening of the public hearing for the special assessment on 86 properties on Riverdale Parkway, Cedar Street, Sonya Terrace and portions of Loy Avenue and Cotliss Road. He gave a brief overview explaining the process of determining the added assessment. The Tax Assessor determined the average enhancement of value to each property in Phase 2 for putting in the sewers was \$12,200 which is the most we can assess the homes for. The final actual cost of the project was \$793,091.80 which is \$9,222 per home. Tonight we will vote on the actual assessment amount of \$6,800 per home which is billed quarterly with interest over 20 years. In the spring we will be doing the roadwork on those streets.

The following residents asked questions regarding the assessment costs and the sewer project:

Pat Salvati, 35 Parkway  
 Sherry Fritsch, 28 Parkway  
 Marianne Gagliardi, 27 Parkway

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Police Officer Recognitions:**

Police Chief Kevin Smith presented Honorable Service Medals to Patrolman Salvati and Patrolman Norlander for their actions that resulted in catching the suspects in a series of commercial burglaries.

Chief Smith presented Life Saving Medals to Patrolman Reilly and Patrolman Norlander for their actions that resulted in saving the life of a 6 year old child.

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At 7:58 p.m. Mayor Carelli announced a five minute recess.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

**2020-2022 JIF Insurance Proposals:**

Insurance Consultant Frank Covelli gave a presentation and provided handouts on the 2020-2022 Insurance Proposals. He provided a comparison of the Morris County Municipal JIF and the NJ Intergovernmental JIF coverage, training and costs. He stated that overall the Morris County program offers a superior program to the Intergovernmental JIF program at a lower cost. Mr. Covelli answered questions from the Council. Mayor Carelli recommended we make the change and stated there are three resolutions for consideration that would put this into effect.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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

**200-2019:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT TO SERVE THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

**201-2019:** MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND RESOLUTION TO JOIN SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT

**202-2019:** RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 ASSESSMENT FROM MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

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

**Nays: None**

**(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)**

**RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 88-A, B AND C**

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

**192-2019:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 27, 2019 FOR 2018/2019 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$142,329.03

**193-2019:** RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DATE THIRD QUARTER TAX BILLS ARE DUE

**194-2019:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

**195-2019:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE UTILITY OFFICE

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

- 196-2019:** APPROVING A TOW OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO MALANGA'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 154 OF CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 197-2019:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SEWER ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2019 SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT, PHASE TWO
- 198-2019:** TRANSFER OF 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
- 199-2019:** AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PHASE 4 SEWER PROJECT)

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 89-A, B, C, D, E, F, G AND H**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on the revised annual charge for the Sewer Authority for 2019 and the new charge for 2020. It reflects the new billing system.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that everyone received a copy of the Fire Chief's report. One thing we have to focus on is the budget and recruitment letter. They would like us to work with them with regard to certification training. The Police Chief will give his annual report at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli commended the Police Officers who were recognized this evening. He announced the reorganization meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Randy Bush, 27 Halsey Avenue, stated that the railroad cars are back on the tracks behind the properties on Halsey Avenue. Mayor Carelli said he would call his contact to see what can be done.

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

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Mayor Carelli reported on the status of the contract to purchase the property on Newark Pompton Turnpike and Riverdale Road.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk