

February 12, 2020

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: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Desai, Purcell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 22, 2019

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

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

Robert Quinn, our new liaison from JCP&L introduced himself to the Council. He spoke about some community programs and answered questions from the Council.

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.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 47-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$132,734.62
- 48-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Michael Lynch, 32 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 9, Lot 8.01
- 49-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Denise Van Der Veen, 1 Sonya Terrace, Riverdale, NJ Block 28, Lot 3.08
- 50-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Christopher & Kaitlyn Scilingo, 24 Cedar Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 27, Lot 5
- 51-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DANIEL SALAMENO FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SANITARY SEWER STUB SERVING BLOCK 9 LOT 9 AS PART OF THE MORRIS AVENUE SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT
- 52-2020:** RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE GREEN TEAM
- 53-2020:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

54-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF INTENT TO HIRE DOMINIC A. GENTILE AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

55-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A 2020 DODGE DURANGO SUV UTILIZING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOP PRICING SYSTEM, SYSTEM IDENTIFIER 47-CPCPS ITEM# 8 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$47,920.85 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BANKCORP BANK FOR A TERM OF 48 MONTHS AND A QUARTERLY LEASE PAYMENT OF \$3,296.00

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Pellegrini (49-2020 and 50-2020 only)
(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported on the upcoming lieutenant and sergeant exams.

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

56-2020: AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A NEW FIREFIGHTER – Tyler Japling

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on an estimate for clearing trees at the ballfield. He reported on purchasing a television for the Council chambers. He also reported on getting a portable PA system at the softball field.

PERSONNEL: No report.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Charlie Sheridan, Morris Avenue, spoke about the sewer construction project.

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

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported on design and placement of new “Welcome to Riverdale” signs. He also reported on the Police Vehicle Plan. He read the following list of projects that have been discussed and he would like to see completed:

- Completion of the scoreboard installation and lighting
- Concrete walking path between baseball fields
- Final design and construction of retaining wall
- Install drainage for retaining wall
- Widen bridge over brook at the park
- Replace missing street lights on Newark Pompton Turnpike
- Paint brick on the municipal building
- Install lettering on stone wall
- Design, purchase and install new Borough of Riverdale signs
- Install new borough-wide camera system
- Purchase the JCP&L building on Post Lane
- Mill and pave Morris and Curtis when sewer project is complete
- Start 2019 New Jersey road improvement project (Parkway, Cedar, Loy and Cotliss)
- Phase 4 of our Sewer Expansion Project
- Meet with Habitat for Humanity on the Verizon property
- Renovate front office and replace furniture
- Update Capital Plan
- Update Employee Manual
- Complete generator projects at Community Center and Firehouse
- Refurbish Community Center
- Purchase large screen television for Council chambers
- Rewire and organize computer closet
- Automate Edmunds requisition software
- Strategy for Glenburn Estate
- Final steps for membership in the PRBRSA
- Construction Department
- Restructuring of the front office
- Complete GPS tracking of the water system
- Paint or power wash water tanks

Mayor Carelli stated that we need to prioritize the projects and work on getting them done.

Mayor Carelli reported on duties and responsibilities of the front office employees. We need another full time person and he recommended the job duties for that position which include backup for other positions. He stated that he has a person in mind who is very experienced and would be a perfect fit for this office. He would like to make them an offer and do a resolution at the next meeting. Council had no objection. He also discussed his plan to restructure the front office area.

Mayor Carelli reported on the library’s proposal for alterations. They will be applying for a grant where the borough would be required to match 50 percent. The Library Board is asking if the Mayor and Council are interested in helping them do this project. Council discussed the project.

Mayor Carelli reported on preparing the bids for garbage and recycling. We received a proposal from Morris County for picking up our recycling.

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MAYOR REPORT (continued):

Mayor Carelli reported on the special assessment billing for Phase 2 of the sewer project that was incorrect.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:02 p.m. went into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 9:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Adjourned: 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk