

May 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened via Video Conference on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis
Desai arrived at 7:41 p.m.
Absent: Pellegrini

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis
Nays: None
(4 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 Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

- 97-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH May 22, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$824,168.21
- 98-2020:** AUTHORIZE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND ISSUE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR 3RD QUARTER 2020 TAXES
- 99-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION John and Kathleen O'Connor, 8 Cedar Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 27, Lot 15.01
- 100-2020:** RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE SUPPORTING DIRECT STABILIZATION FUNDING TO THE COUNTY OF MORRIS
- 101-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENCE PARK SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #12-2013 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$11,160.00

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

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

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

102-2020: TRANSFER OF 2019 APPROPRIATION RESERVES

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 39-A, B, C, D, E AND F

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that he reached out to the Board of Education to review what he learned regarding State Aid packages and planning the budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the Chiefs are continually looking at needs for decontamination and emergency equipment. Tomorrow we will meet for the lieutenant's interview.

Police Chief Smith reported on the status of the lieutenant and the sergeant exams. The department will go back to normal scheduling as of June 1st. The Police Academy will also reopen on June 1st and the graduation date is July 16th.

Chief Regeling reported on restrictions that are being changed daily

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that the school reached out to discuss options for their graduation ceremony. He also reported that he participated in a public service announcement for Cupsaw Cares Covid-19 which is an organization that made a generous donation to the Fire Department.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on the status of work at the parks.

PERSONNEL: No report.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported on plans to have the office staff return to work the week of June 8th. He is finalizing a "return to work policy" to outline what is required by the employees and on our part to create a safe environment. We will remain closed to the public. The carpet is installed in the front offices and most of that work is done. We will also extend the carpet into the hallway at the side entrance, the Mayor's office and the lunchroom. Our Engineer asked what streets we want to include in our 2021 DOT grant. He recommended Newark Pompton Turnpike. Our positive cases of COVID-19 in Riverdale have held pretty much at 38 for the past week.

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

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Hopefully people will do what is needed to keep this pandemic at bay. The farmers market is going to open at the Glenburn. We're still waiting for guidance from the state on summer camps. Pompton Lakes cancelled their summer camp and I'm inclined to do the same. We're still working on the Community Center. Our Borough Attorney did some research regarding allowing restaurants to expand outside dining. We can grant a temporary permit by resolution. Serving alcohol is governed by the A.B.C. but the state is considering temporary waivers. The Memorial Day parade was cancelled but we did the best we could with decorating to keep the spirit alive.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk