

July 8, 2020

The workshop 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: 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:**

June 24, 2020

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, 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.

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**116-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 2, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$148,819.35

**117-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Eccellenzia Delerso, 22 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 9, Lot 4.01

**119-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF DOMINIC A. GENTILE, 63 ANTHONY BLVD, LINCOLN PARK, NJ 07035 AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2020 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF \$30,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT PBA CONTRACT

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 48-A, B AND C**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai inquired about going out to bid for the roadwork on Cotluss, Loy and Cedar. Mayor Carelli said the Borough Engineer told him he should have it ready the end of this week. Councilman Desai reported that he received the sewer documents from the Linden Street resident and will forward them to the

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

Sewer Engineer for review. We also have to talk about appointing two members to the PRBRSA board. Councilman Desai asked when we would have access and guidelines for the Community Center. Mayor Carelli said he is looking into pricing for COVID-19 certified cleaning and felt the borough buildings would not be open until at least August.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis deferred to Police Chief Smith to discuss a presentation for swearing in of new officers. Council decided to have a special meeting for the swearing in on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. outside of Borough Hall. Councilman Revis reported on no parking signs that were installed and that the flag lowering at the Fire Department will be handled by the DPW. Mayor Carelli stated that he wants to honor long time Fire Department member Dan Sturm Sr. in a proper manner when we can safely gather in public.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that people have been golfing on the fields. Council discussed putting up signs stating that golfing is prohibited on the fields. He would also like to finalize the railings on the bridge.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported on usage at the fields and state guidelines.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

**Draft Resolution for Discussion**

Mayor Carelli reported on the pricing explanation that was provided by Blue Diamond for the recycling contract. Council discussed the Blue Diamond proposal and the Morris County proposal.

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

**118-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A 5 YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO BLUE DIAMOND DISPOSAL INC, 5 HOWARD BOULEVARD, MOUNT ARLINGTON, NJ 07856 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$522,000.00

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 49-A**

Mayor Carelli reported that we are not ready to open the Borough Hall to the public yet. The employees are back working in the office with social distancing and it is working out well. We ordered the furniture for the front office. We should get the floors refinished and expand the stage in the Community Center while the building is empty. The 2021 DOT Grant Application for Newark Pompton Turnpike has been submitted by the Borough Engineer. Estimated tax bills have been mailed.

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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: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

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The special meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Desai**

Mayor Carelli announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS:**

Police Chief Smith introduced the officers with the following comments:

- Lieutenant Charles R. Quant

Chuck grew up in Riverdale and was hired as a patrolman in 2003 after graduating from the Morris County Police Academy. He holds both a Master's and a Bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. During his career he attained numerous awards and has run the PBA's youth fishing tournament since 2012. He is a Drug Recognition Expert, CPR instructor and a trained Internal Affairs Investigator. He is a graduate of the NJ Chiefs of Police Association's Command and Leadership School. He is ready and motivated to move the Department forward.

- Sergeant Eric Hollenstein

Eric joined the Police Department in 2005 as a part time dispatcher. He was promoted to Patrolman in 2007 and graduated from the Morris County Police Academy. He helped to start the department's Junior Police Academy, served as the department's PBA President and is one of the department's firearms instructors. He is a former member of the Morris County Emergency Response Team commonly known as the County SWAT team. He lives in Riverdale with his wife Gina and son Jackson. Eric will take over a patrol squad and will guide them well in these serious times.

- Probationary Patrolman Dominic Gentile

Dom interned with us for six months as a High School Senior. We saw his potential and motivation and had him work for us as a part time dispatcher while he was in college. He will be a 2020 graduate of Montclair University and will graduate from the Morris County Police Academy tomorrow. We are excited to have him join the department as an officer and he will have an excellent, rewarding career in Riverdale.

The Police Officers were sworn in by Mayor Carelli.

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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: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk