

July 22, 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: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

July 8, 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**  
**Abstain: Purcell**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - motion carried)**

July 15, 2020 Special Meeting

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Desai, Kheyfets**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – 2 abstain - motion carried)**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 05-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE PETITIONING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PEQUANNOCK RIVER  
 BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 53-A**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

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**ORDINANCE 03-2020**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2020 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

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 Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 03-2020 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 54-A**

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 04-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF 2020 AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICE CONTRACT WITH PEQUANNOCK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

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 Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 04-2020 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 54-B**

**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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**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 120-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 17, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$801,566.16
- 121-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Gary Stanton, 2 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 8, Lot 6
- 122-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Gary Stanton, 4 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 8, Lot 7.02
- 123-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Robert Mathews, 14 Parkway, Riverdale, NJ Block 20, Lot 15
- 124-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT VENDORS

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 55-A, B, C, D AND E**

**2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mayor Carelli gave a Power Point presentation that provided an overview of the 2020 municipal budget. He thanked the Governing Body, municipal officials, professionals, employees and volunteers for their work throughout the year. He gave a recap of the 2019 tax bill and reviewed the 2020 Assessment Summary. He gave a summary of municipal services and reviewed notable accomplishments over the last year. The average annual municipal tax increase is \$43 this year.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for the public hearing for the 2020 municipal budget.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution for adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, for the adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

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

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**COPY OF 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 56-A**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that he met with the Water/Sewer Engineer to discuss the private sewer connection on Linden Street and whether there would be any cost savings if we included it in our next bid spec.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis suggested that the blue line on Newark Pompton Turnpike be refreshed in support of the Police Department and that a red line be put in front of the firehouse in support of the Fire Department.

Chief Regeling updated the Council on the Fire Department and OEM.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that the DPW is back to regular shifts and has the supplies to paint the blue and red lines in support of the Police and Fire Departments.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that the Green Team is looking into possibly installing car charging stations. The ballfields are being used and the DPW is doing a great job.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that we have been automating our requisitions and our Edmunds System is now in the cloud and can be accessed from anywhere. He advised Chief Regeling the fire department will be set up to start using the new system. Mayor Carelli stated that the Health Officer's report indicates that the positive Covid-19 rate in New Jersey is at .9% and anything under 1% is excellent. He reported that we have some quotes to replace the telephone pole guardrails at the park and the railing across the brook. He spoke to the Engineer about moving forward with the retaining wall. He advised the Council that he told the rental coordinator we are not going to rent the Community Center for the rest of the year. The school has asked if we would consider letting them use the main room in order to have more space for the students during the pandemic. All the buildings at the Glenburn still remain closed and he does not want to rent the main house because of cleaning and liability. Our insurance company recommended we should not rent any facilities without a borough employee being present. He suggested that we consider not renting the facilities and only using them for civic matters. Council discussed the matter. The 5K race, Riverdale Day, Street Fair and concerts are all cancelled due to Covid-19. Mayor Carelli is considering moving the glass doors further into the lobby at the borough hall in consideration of reopening to the public.

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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Marilyn, 67 Rock Creek Terrace, asked about the final tax bills.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk