

August 12, 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, Purcell, 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 22, 2020

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 06-2020

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND PROHIBITING PLAYING GOLF OR HITTING GOLF BALLS IN ANY BOROUGH PARK OR RECREATION FACILITY

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

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- 2) Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 07-2020

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$900,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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

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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 Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

- 125-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 7, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$133,189.86
- 126-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Brenda Vaccaro, 83 Loy Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 28, Lot 9
- 127-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Joseph Ciuzio, 54 Loy Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.01, Lot 52.01
- 128-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Jose Puignau, 54 Newbury Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.02, Lot 60
- 129-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Thomas C. MacGregor, 26 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 9, Lot 5
- 130-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBER – Denise Johnson
- 131-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Purcell (resolution 126-2020 only)
(6 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - motion carried)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai brought up several issues related to the recent storm and power outage. Council discussed the status of the generators, charging and cooling stations, resident notification, organizing a CERT team, garbage pickup and the JCP&L substation. Councilman Desai also inquired about the frequency of bank deposits.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis stated that Chief Regeling asked that any suggestions for improvements in preparation for the next situation be sent to him. He would also like to have a meeting to discuss the suggestions.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini stated that the DPW, Police and Fire Department provided outstanding service during the storm. He will meet with the Police Chief to discuss the police vehicles and maintenance requirements. He's been talking with the Mayor about some minor renovations to the borough hall in anticipation of opening back up to the public. We have some bids for sidewalks at the borough hall and library.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell commended everyone on the joint effort during the storm. He reported that a lot of people are getting their information through our web pages. The crowdsource page is up to around 605 people and growing fast. He suggested creating neighborhood pods so residents can help each other. There are different apps we can use to socialize and for leadership from the police and fire department.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on the dangers faced by the people working around downed power lines. He also reported on the Shade Tree Committee meeting and what they are doing to make the town greener.

PERSONNEL: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported on the JCP&L response during the power outage. He also reported that Vektor Corporation was the low bidder for the roadwork bid but we need to adopt the bond ordinance before it can be awarded. The plans for the next phase of the sewer project are done. Our Engineer is getting a proposal for cleaning up the trees that fell in the river by Appelt Park. We'll get a price from Tilcon for milling and paving Morris Avenue.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk