

September 9, 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, Purcell, Revis**  
**Absent: Pellegrini**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

August 26, 2020

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**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**

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 Purcell, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 06-2020 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 65-A**

**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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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 136-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$98,759.47
- 137-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Donald Jegge, 100 Loy Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.01, Lot 49
- 138-2020:** RESOLUTION PERMITTING AN EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 31, 2020 FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SEATING FOR RESTAURANTS DURING THE PANDEMIC SHUTDOWN OF RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN NEW JERSEY
- 139-2020:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED, AT A MINIMUM, THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- 140-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2019 AUDIT REPORT
- 141-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CEDAR STREET, SONYA TERRACE, LOY AVENUE SOUTH, COTLUSS ROAD, RIVERDALE PARKWAY AND PARKWAY ENTRANCE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO VEKTOR CORPORATION, 8 DANTE ROAD, MONROE TWP., NJ 08831 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,069,554.50

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 66-A THROUGH F****COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai recommended we incorporate the Linden Street sewer project as an option in our bid specs for the next phase of our sewer expansion. Council was in agreement. He also reported on his review of the historical preservation easement and the Green Acres stipulations pertaining to the Glenburn property. Mayor Carelli stated that he is considering turning the property over to the County since the maintenance is becoming a burden to the Riverdale taxpayers. He will initiate a conversation with the Freeholders to see if there is interest. Councilman Desai reminded the Council that we will need to select two members to be appointed to the PRBRSA in October.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that Chief Smith will be out on medical leave for four or five weeks and Lieutenant Quant will assume his duties. He asked Councilman Kheyfets to give an update on communications and the phone system in the Police Department.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that he is looking into having outdoor drive-in movies at the Armory as a community event. He reminded the Council that we still need to have a welcome home parade for the National Guard. There is also a need for more soccer coaches.

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**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald asked about the status of the Shade Tree trust fund account.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

Chief Regeling reported on requests for reimbursements for tropical storm Isaias and Covid-19. The Fire Department will have a September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony that will be streamed on Facebook at 7 p.m.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that we had a note sale last week with a 1.5% interest rate. He will have a conference call meeting with Habitat for Humanity and Morris County and will report back. He is working with Councilman Kheyfets to update the Employee Handbook which we want to adopt for January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Borough Attorney has prepared a lease for rental of the apartment above Mario's to a borough employee who will also be the caretaker of the property. Council was in agreement to lease the apartment. Mayor Carelli stated that there are several organizations that have expressed interest in utilizing the Community Center. He has concerns about them following the CDC guidelines and our liability. Councilman Desai felt there is a difference between one-off events and organizations or clubs that want to use the building on an ongoing basis and keep their members safe. Council discussed the matter. Borough Attorney Oostdyk recommended we get guidance from the JIF. Mayor Carelli stated that we will be receiving proposals for management of the leaf compost facility next Friday. Our Construction Services agreement with Pompton Lakes expires on March 31, 2021 and we have to think about our options and what we want to do going forward.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Doug Tanguy, 17 Riverdale Parkway, asked if anyone knew the cost or the amount of water being used to water the ballfields. Mayor Carelli stated that we have our own wells so there was no cost and he was uncertain if it was metered but he will check with our Water Superintendent.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk