

October 28, 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**  
**Absent: Pellegrini**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

October 14, 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, Purcell, Revis**  
**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.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 154-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH October 23, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$814,834.73
- 155-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Christopher and Dana Vitz, 13 Riverdale Parkway, Riverdale, NJ Block 22, Lot 4
- 156-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE HEALTH CARE WAIVER STIPEND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021
- 157-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE RIVERDALE GREEN TEAM MEMBERS - Todd Urban, Darinda Norris and Annie Angiello
- 158-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF RYAN VATH TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2020
- 159-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES

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

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**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 76-A THROUGH F**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that the bids for the Phase 4 Sewer Project will be received on November 20<sup>th</sup> and there are 8 bid holders so far. He attended the PRBRSA meeting. The new service contract was received along with the bylaws. We need to appoint two members by resolution prior to the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported on a meeting held with Chief Smith and Lt. Quant to discuss the structure of the Department going forward. Two new police vehicles are needed and Chief Smith is getting the cost. Chief Regeling has forwarded the Fire Department and OEM report. Councilman Revis stated that communications have improved in the last several weeks. He reported on the committee meeting regarding how we could reopen the Community Center for use by community groups during the COVID emergency. The committee will get estimates for cleaning the building between uses. Council briefly discussed the matter.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that they are no longer considering a drive-in movie night due to the high cost. He is still looking into a Riverdale-opoly board game.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Kheyfets reported that Joe Chromcik will be looking at the computer connections in the Police Department. Our JIF representative will be sending us an updated copy of the employee handbook they created with the updated laws and regulations that they would like us to use.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported on the road improvement project that has started on Riverdale Parkway. He explained that resolution 159-2020 authorizes an agreement for a new Affordable Housing consultant who will replace Nick Nassiff and handle our affordable housing issues and inquiries. He gave an update on the renovations in the municipal building. We received the signed agreement and payment from RER for the leaf composting facility. He spoke with a representative from Morris County with regard to the Glenburn Estate and hope to set up a meeting to discuss possibilities for that property. He was on a conference call with Atlantic Health and they are seeing an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. He also reported that he and Borough Attorney Oostdyk had a Zoom meeting with the Mahan Group to discuss the Tilcon Quarry property. Mayor Carelli will appoint a committee to start discussing what can be done with the property when they are done.

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**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At approximately 8:20 p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss the following matters:

- PRBRSA Sewer Connection Issue
- Municipal Court
- Rock Creek / Grande Water Billing
- Police Restructuring

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 9:10 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk