

November 23, 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:**

November 11, 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, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(6 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 Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the following resolutions:

- 163-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH November 17, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$718,770.60
- 164-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Kevin J. Bulger, 19 Cedar Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 28, Lot 4
- 165-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND BOROUGH OF BUTLER FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THEIR MUNICIPAL COURTS
- 166-2020:** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF RIVERDALE APPOINTING VINCENT PELLEGRINI TO THE PEQUANNOCK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
- 167-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A 2021 DODGE CHARGER AWD UTILIZING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOP PRICING SYSTEM, SYSTEM IDENTIFIER 47-CPCPS ITEM# 8 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$40,930.00 AND FOR A 2021 FORD F-150 4x4 RC AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BANKCORP BANK FOR A TERM OF 48 MONTHS AND A QUARTERLY LEASE PAYMENT OF \$5,581.00

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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: Desai (resolution 165-2020 only)**  
**(6 ayes – 0 nays – 162, 164, 166, 167-2020 - motion carried)**  
**(5 ayes – 1 nay – resolution 165-2020 only - motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 82-A THROUGH E****COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on the recommendation from the Water Sewer Engineer on the bids for the Phase 4 Sewer Project with the Linden Street option. He will reach out to the Linden Street group so we know how they want to proceed. He spoke with people at the Health Department regarding opening the Community Center and they were encouraging us to do so as long as all of the guidelines are followed. They provided the application that they use for their senior center with their recommendations and will assist us with ours. At this time indoor gatherings are limited to 10 people. Councilman Revis stated that he checked with Krista Osborne and there are only four community groups who have been using the center so usage will be low.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that Chief Smith is finalizing interviews for the open Patrolman position. Chief Smith reported that Covid has been increasing. We had one officer test positive last week and another officer is quarantining. Chief Regeling reported that Covid cases are up 30 people in less than 12 days. Morris County finally received some money from the state and they are using it for residents to get at home testing starting the end of the month. Council discussed Chief Regeling's request regarding Fire Department stipends during the pandemic.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that the railings on the bridge at the park are done.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that the Shade Tree Committee meeting has been moved to next Monday. We are working on a grant for trees and the Green Initiative.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

- Morris County Covid-19 Funding
- Borough-wide Camera Proposal
- 2021 NJDOT Grant Award – Newark Pompton Turnpike

Mayor Carelli reported that Freeholder Director Deborah Smith informed him Riverdale will receive funding from the County for Covid-19 in the amount of \$52,114. We've been tracking our expenditures. The NJDOT has awarded Riverdale

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

\$351,700 for the paving of Newark Pompton Turnpike. He reported on a proposal we received from the company that gave us a demo for cameras for the Borough. Council discussed the proposal, our needs and the option to purchase or lease. Mayor Carelli will obtain additional information.

Mayor Carelli reported that Covid cases have been increasing and we are up to 83 positive cases since inception in March. Chilton Hospital has been having more patients but the severity of the cases has been less. There have been long lines for testing which is probably due to Thanksgiving travel.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk