

December 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, 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 23, 2020

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets, 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.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 168-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 4, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$107,053.02
- 169-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Sergio & Barb Piccininni, 27 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 10, Lot 15.02
- 170-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY FUND (CRF) GRANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 171-2020:** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – CHAPTER 159 (Local Government Emergency Fund LGEF)
- 172-2020:** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – CHAPTER 159 (Clean Communities 2020)
- 173-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 401:4-58
- 174-2020:** RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE 160-19 PROHIBITING NIGHT TIME PARKING BETWEEN DECEMBER AND MARCH

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

175-2020: AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND DESIGNATING AN ON-LINE AUCTION SERVICE THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT A-70967/T-2581 (GOVDEALS)

176-2020: DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that he and Councilman Pellegrini attended their first meeting as Commissioners to the PRBRSA.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that the Police Department is ready to move forward with their next Sergeant promotion and is in the final stages of hiring a new Patrolman. Chief Regeling is closing the firehouse except for minimal activity and fire calls to prevent any COVID outbreaks. The Fire Department had two foggers donated to help with disinfecting. The OEM report indicates 50 new COVID cases in the last 17 days.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that the DPW has been working on the catch basins along Newark Pompton Turnpike. He also reported on the status of the roadwork project on Parkway.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell gave a report on the camera proposal we had been discussing including the equipment, installation and costs. Council discussed the project and will get additional information so a decision can be made. Councilman Purcell also reported that the Library Board agreed to temporarily reduce the library hours as several staff members are out.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on the Green Team meeting. They are getting quotes and trying to get grants for raised beds. They are trying to get a higher rating in order to get more grant money. He also reported on the generators and the ball fields.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported that they are working on final touches to the employee handbook.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported the outdoor dining at local restaurants which he said worked out well. The canopies have come down for the winter. We need to select a date for the reorganization meeting. Mayor Carelli reported on a Zoom meeting with Atlantic Health Care. They have about 35 patients hospitalized with Covid-19 and their health care workers will start getting the vaccine next week.

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CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:22 p.m. Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that Council go into closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk