

The Annual Re-Organization 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 welcomed the following dignitaries:

Morris County Commissioner Deborah Smith
 Morris County Sheriff Jim Gannon
 Morris County Commissioner Thomas Mastrangelo

The Commissioners and Sheriff Gannon updated the Council on the Covid-19 vaccination and testing programs in Morris County.

READING OF THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:

Municipal Clerk Jalloh read the Certification of the Determination of the November 3, 2020 General Election as follows:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Michael Kheyfets	Borough Council	3 Years
Vincent Pellegrini	Borough Council	3 Years

OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS:

The Oath of Office was administered to the Borough Council Members by Municipal Clerk Jalloh.

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL KHEYFETS:

I'm so grateful to everyone who played a part in this election. I'll start by thanking my wife, Lucy, and my son, Michael. None of this would be possible without your support and wouldn't be worth doing without you by my side. I love you both. I want to thank my running mate, Council President Vinny Pellegrini, and Mayor Paul Carelli for taking a freshman Councilman under your wing and teaching me the ropes these last three years. I also want to thank all of the members of the Council for putting up with me as well as sharing your wisdom and experience. Last, but not least, I want to thank the residents of Riverdale for your trust and support. It is my honor to be once again elected to represent you. Thanks again to all and I look forward to working for our community.

COUNCILMAN VINCENT PELLEGRINI:

I'd like to thank the residents of Riverdale for voting for me and trusting me for another three years. I will do my best to keep everything going smoothly the way they are. I thank the Council for supporting me in everything we do and I look forward to three good years.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2021:

I'd like to start out today by wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. It's really been an unbelievable year as we meet once again via video conference. It is my sincere hope that in 2021 we can start holding our meetings in public once again. I'd like to take a few minutes to highlight some accomplishments despite the restrictions and obstacles put before us this year. As always, the Council stepped up and we were able to accomplish many projects.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2021 (continued):

Our Finance Committee is led by Councilman Dave Desai. The borough's tax levy has risen by only 4.9% or \$112 for the average home over the last five years. Three of those five years we kept the municipal taxes flat. In 2020 we managed to finish the year strong even though the pandemic caused a significant decrease in revenue. As always, we plan to adopt another tax friendly budget in 2021. With the help of Councilman Desai, Riverdale finally became a full voting member of the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewer Authority in 2020. The Council recently appointed Councilman Desai and Council President Pellegrini to represent the borough on the Sewer Authority. Our persistent requests to revise the billing methodology was finally approved by the authority and we will begin to see savings of over \$100,000 per year with the new billing method. I just want to thank Councilman Desai for all your hard work over the last couple years. You did a great job on that authority and kept them honest. It was good to see that your persistence and our persistence ended up paying off for the residents of Riverdale.

Our Public Safety Committee is led by Councilman Steve Revis. Under the leadership of Chief Smith, the Department continues to be one of the best trained, equipped and professional departments around. We thank all of them for their commitment to Riverdale. In 2020 we saw the retirement so Lt. James MacIntosh and Lt. Greg Bogert. We thank them for their many years of service to Riverdale and wish them well in their retirement. As a result of the retirements we saw the promotions of Sgt. Charles Quant Jr. to the position of Lieutenant and Patrolman Eric Hollenstein to the position of Sergeant. In 2021 we hope to continue with a couple more promotions and new hires early this year with more to come on that subject. I want to thank Fire Chief Jim Regeling, Assistant Chief Pat Cleary and the rest of the Riverdale Fire Department for keeping us safe every day and guiding us through the pandemic.

Our Public Works and Public Utilities Committees are led by Council President Vinnie Pellegrini and Councilman Matt Oswald and many times a lot of those projects overlap. Our Road Improvement Program has now completed resurfacing on 15 streets with another 10 in process. This represents 35% of the 66 municipal Streets in town. We will continue this each year with our plan to follow sewer expansion projects. A special thanks to DPW Superintendent Steve Schotanus and his entire team for their efforts throughout the year. Especially during these upcoming cold months, we know they are ready to hit the streets when the snow starts falling. They really are the best around. We continue with our sewer expansion project. We have now completed and made operational the first three phases that included 164 new connections to the system. Phase 4 has been bid and will be awarded later this month. This will add sewer capacity to another 63 homes. The response from our residents has been overwhelming. We completed Independence Park early in the year with lighting and a new walking path. Unfortunately, the field use was limited due to the pandemic but let's hope for opening up in 2021. We also finally ordered our generators for the Community Center and firehouse and these should be installed by early spring.

Our Communications Committee is led by Councilman Paul Purcell. Our social media presence with regards to Facebook, Twitter and our borough website continues to grow. It was extremely important this year with getting information to the residents regarding the COVID pandemic. Special thanks once again to our Social Media Director, Michael Carelli, who manages these sites daily. Information is always timely and relevant. We continue to maintain a website full of information. Minutes are published for the last 17 years and Council Booklets are always provided before each Council meeting with all of the information available before the Council votes. I know Councilman Purcell looks forward to 2021 with the hopes that the borough can get back to organizing our great town events such as the Memorial Day Parade, the Street Fair and Riverdale Day.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2021 (continued):

Our Personnel Committee is led by Councilman Michael Kheyfets. In 2020 Mike and I decided to review, clarify and update all borough policies and procedures. In March we hired Lisa O'Neill in the front office as our Office Manager and we are finally putting the final touches to our borough handbook last updated in 2015. It is a joint effort with our insurance provider, the Morris County JIF, who provides up to date information regarding new policies and laws with regards to federal and state initiatives.

In summary, we once again have ambitious goals for 2021 but I know we have the right people to get the job done. I also want to thank the hard working borough employees who make it all happen: A.J. Jalloh our Borough Clerk, Lisa O'Neil our Office Manager, Linda Forbes our Deputy Clerk, Linda Roetman our Borough Secretary, Zoning Official and Property Maintenance Enforcement Official, Connie Anderson our Finance and Tax Assistant, Steve Schotanus our Public Works Superintendent, Krista Osborne our Recreation Director, Michael Carelli our Social Media Director. I also want to thank our Police Department, our Fire Department, our First Aid Squad, all of Public Works, our Court, Library, and the countless volunteers on all our boards. I want to thank all of you and we appreciate your hard work and dedication to Riverdale. I wish you all a happy, healthy, safe and successful New Year.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Carelli called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL BY-LAWS:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the following resolution:

01-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2021

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO 3-A**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets, to approve the following resolution:

02-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 – Robert Oostdyk, Esq.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS (continued):

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

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis to approve the following resolution:

03-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 – Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc.

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

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

04-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH AUDITOR SERVICES FOR 2021 – Nisivoccia LLP

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

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolution:

05-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR 2021 - McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC

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

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolution:

06-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 – John Grey, Esq.

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

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the following resolution:

07-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 – Greg Mascera, Esq.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS (continued):

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 5-A THROUGH 5-F**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Purcell asked for clarification of Resolution 08-2021.

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

- 08-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EMPLOYEES FOR 2021
- 09-2021:** AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JAMES E. LASALA, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2021
- 10-2021:** AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2021
- 11-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS FOR 2021
- 12-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPER FOR 2021
- 13-2021:** DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2021
- 14-2021:** AUTHORIZING INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS
- 15-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK PERIODS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 16-2021:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2021
- 17-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.
- 18-2021:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
- 19-2021:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2021
- 20-2021:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING LINDA ROETMAN TO FIVE TOWN REGIONAL DIAL-A-RIDE BOARD FOR 2021
- 21-2021:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2021
- 22-2021:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2021
- 23-2021:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS
- 24-2021:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RIVERDALE RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2021
- 25-2021:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
- 26-2021:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

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

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 6-A THROUGH 6-S**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

27-2021: ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2021

Councilman Oswald offered the name of Vincent Pellegrini as Council President; motion seconded by Councilman Kheyfets.

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 6-T**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Carelli announced the Council Committees for 2021.

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

28-2021: RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2021

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

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 6-U**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli stated that Resolutions 29-2021 through 37-2021 are Mayor's appointments and do not require a Council vote. He announced the appointments.

29-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

30-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS II CLASS IV AND ALTERNATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

31-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HUD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

32-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

33-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

34-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

35-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2021

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS (continued):

36-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF QUARRY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2021

37-2021: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2021

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Keith Struble, 16 Munn Avenue, asked about plans to install sewers on Munn Avenue as he is planning to demolish and rebuild the house. Mayor Carelli informed him that it is included in the Phase 4 project which has already been bid and we plan to award at the next meeting.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

January 7, 2021

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 8:10 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:

December 23, 2020

Councilman Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, 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 Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the above the following resolutions:

38-2021: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 4, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$43,378.96

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 9-A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report. Councilman Desai commented on the tragedy that unfolded in our Nation's Capital yesterday. He encouraged the citizens of Riverdale to bring any grievances to the Council as we are a direct link to higher branches of government and will make your voice heard.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis deferred to Chief Smith who reported that retired Officer Randy Hackett passed away last night.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported on an accident involving our salt truck.

January 7, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that we are starting to take bookings for the soccer and baseball fields.

PERSONNEL: No report. Councilman Kheyfets stated that the crew doing the roadwork on Parkway is doing a great job.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli updated the Council on the office closure this week due to Covid-19. Office staff is working from home and we intend to open on Monday. We have taken a lot of steps in the borough hall to keep people separated. We have policies in place for masks, we have air cleaners in every office area, HEPA filters, UV lights in the ductwork sanitizing stations, temperature scanners and daily screening. Our next meeting will be the fourth Wednesday of the month on January 27th.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk