

January 27, 2021

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:**

January 7, 2021 Reorganization

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, 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)**

January 7, 2021 Workshop

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, 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)**

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS:**

Mayor Carelli announced that we have several promotions and the hiring of a new officer in our Police Department. He wished we could do this in person but we have to move forward.

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

**43-2021:** AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF BRANDON PIERRO AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15, 2021 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF \$30,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT PBA CONTRACT

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

Officer Pierro was sworn in by Mayor Carelli.

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

**44-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF KYLE PARRILL TO THE POSITION OF POLICE SERGEANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$130,014 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

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**SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS (continued):**

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

Sergeant Parrill was sworn in by Mayor Carelli.

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

**45-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF PATRICK HARDEN TO THE POSITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$137,815 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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

Lieutenant Harden was sworn in by Mayor Carelli.

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 12-A, B AND C**

**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 Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

**39-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,094,593.72

**40-2021:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**41-2021:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PHASE 4 SEWER PROJECT ON COTTAGE PLACE, MUNN AVENUE, POST LANE AND LINDEN STREET TO MSP CONSTRUCTION, 19-B MINNEAKONING ROAD, FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700,488.00

**42-2021:** AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION FOR THE PHASE 4 SEWER PROJECT ON COTTAGE PLACE, MUNN AVENUE, DRACE PLACE & POST LANE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 12-D, E, F AND G**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on the PRBRSA meeting that he and Councilman Pellegrini attended. He will notify the Water Sewer Engineer that the Phase 4 Project has been awarded and arrange for a preconstruction meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported on recent Police Department awards for CPR saves. Body cameras are mandated by the State as of June 30<sup>th</sup> and the cost will be reimbursed. Fire Chief Regeling reported on the number of alarms and Covid-19 numbers. Twenty-two firefighters have received the first dose of vaccine and they are thinking about having in person drills with social distancing. Police Chief Smith thanked the Council for approving the promotions. We are well on our way to fulfilling our new table of organization.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that one of the DPW employees is leaving and his last day will be February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will look into replacing some people.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported on the CCTV installation. The generators will tentatively be delivered the end of March. We have a lot of interest in use of the fields.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported on the recent office closures due to Covid-19. He also reported on the Atlantic Health meeting call he participated in today where the President and CEO of Chilton Hospital gave an update on Covid-19. The numbers are decreasing and the severity is less. You can sign up with Atlantic Health for the vaccine and will be notified when appointments are available. He also reported that we are currently looking to hire two new DWP employees.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Curb Cut / Driveway Request – 15 Cotluss Road

Mayor Carelli stated that based on the information in the letter the request would require 3 curb cuts which is in violation of our ordinance. The amount of pavement would be more than 35% of driveway coverage. It was decided more information is needed in order to make a decision.

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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Keith Struble, 16 Munn Avenue, asked how he could obtain sewer drawings.

Joe Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue, asked if there were any plans or a timeframe to install sewers on Halsey Avenue. Councilman Desai and Mayor Carelli explained that installing sewers on Halsey is more complicated due to the geography and slope. They will look into it but it probably won't be done for at least three or four years.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk