

February 24, 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:

February 10, 2021

Councilman Desai requested the above minutes be amended to include the direction he was given to call police dispatch at the non-emergency number when a resident wishes to report a violation of snow being plowed into the street.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the above listed minutes with the amendment noted by Councilman Desai.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 01-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 01-2021 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstain: Revis (Fire Marshall/Inspector only)
(6 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - motion carried)

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 02-2021

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146A ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Purcell asked that it be noted for the record this ordinance is required by the state to keep us compliant with current standards.

Councilman Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 02-2021 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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3) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 03-2021

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AMENDING CHAPTER 104; ADOPTING FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; AND DESIGNATING A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Purcell noted that this ordinance is also required by the state to keep us compliant with current standards.

Councilman Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 03-2021 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):

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

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

- 49-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 19, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$824,503.19
- 50-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MASON SARGENT TO THE POSITION OF DPW UTILITYPERSON – GRADE C IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2021
- 51-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ANTHONY SCILINGO TO THE POSITION OF DPW UTILITYPERSON – GRADE C IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2021

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. 21-B, C AND D

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Desai mentioned that the state recently legalized recreational marijuana and the bill was signed by the Governor on Monday. He pointed out that we would be entitled to up to 2% local tax for all sales at a dispensary within the borough. He did some investigating and found that a dispensary could do up to \$10,000,000 annually in a populated area and \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 in a rural area. He felt that it would be no different than a liquor store where people come in and make a purchase and leave and that it could be significant revenue. He stated that it is food for thought for when it comes before us. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that within the next six months we should schedule a discussion and make a decision on a local policy. It would be considered retail sales and permitted where our zoning ordinance allows retail sales unless we decide otherwise. The state will control how they operate but we can control the location.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis deferred to Police Chief Smith. He made the Council aware of why he felt the new marijuana law is a complete disaster that will create more problems than it's going to solve. He stated that it allows very little enforcement with regard to juveniles and gives them free reign which is going to be

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

a bad situation. Councilman Desai asked if a dispensary in town would make the situation any better or worse. After a brief discussion, Council decided to table the conversation. Chief Regeling reported that Covid is on a downward trend and the Fire Department is back to drilling every Monday night. Councilman Revis stated that the Women's club would like to pay to have the Smokey the Bear sign at Appelt Park repaired.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that the DPW has been busy with all of the snow. We need a new backhoe and are getting prices. The two new employees will start in a week or so.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell will reach out to the Recreation Director to discuss summer concerts. He will also set up a meeting to discuss planning for Riverdale Day.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that Rock Creek is having a meeting and should get back to us by next month to work out a payment plan for the water billing. He reached out to Optimum about getting cameras in the pump house and Wi-Fi for the park.

PERSONNEL: No report.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that our CFO had some problems with our current bank and we decided to explore other banks. He is working on a master spread sheet for all of the sewer connections ever done in Riverdale. He and Councilman Pellegrini will work with the DPW Superintendent to update the Council chambers and do some work at the Community Center before we open up again. A good portion of the cameras have been installed and there will be training next Thursday or Friday in the Council chambers at 12:30. He asked the Council to send him a list of anything we need for the Capital Ordinance. We will begin working on the budget in a week or so.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:15 p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:33 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk