

March 10, 2021

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, Pellegrini  
Revis (arrived 7:33 p.m.)  
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 24, 2021

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, Pellegrini  
Nays: None  
(5 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 Desai asked for clarification of resolution #53-2021.

Mayor Carelli and Councilman Desai provided additional information regarding resolution #55-2021.

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

- 52-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 5, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$106,375.66
- 53-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021
- 54-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Allen Lewis, 16 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 9, Lot 1
- 55-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LAKELAND BANK FOR BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE BANKING SERVICES

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

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**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 25-A, B, C AND D**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on his conversation with our Health Officer regarding possible disbursement of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine at the community level. They are continuing to explore the options. They also discussed reopening the Community Center. Councilman Desai suggested reopening in April and recommended limited reservations, a simple agreement and using a professional cleaning service. Mayor Carelli was in agreement and said the seniors have asked about it. He suggested opening May 1<sup>st</sup> so we have time to finish painting and having the floors resurfaced.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis deferred to Chief Smith who had no report and to Chief Regeling who reported that they submitted their capital budget. Councilman Revis said that we need to have further discussion on the marijuana law as we have 180 days to decide if we want to opt out.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that one new DPW worker started and the other will start next week.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that the dates for the concert series have been selected. Riverdale Day and the 5K Race will be held September 25<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 26<sup>th</sup>. We will follow the Covid-19 guidance at the time of the event. There was a discussion on funding the account. Mayor Carelli will form a committee for Riverdale's 100 year anniversary in February of 2023.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that he was in contact with the high school and they will be starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>. An outside club is renting the soccer field for three months and hopefully the club teams will come back and our revenue will increase.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Kheyfets reported that we are resurrecting the website review company we started working with before COVID hit.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that we will have our Phase 4 Sewer preconstruction meeting on Monday. We talked about opening the Community Center and May would be a good time to start having our meetings back in the municipal building. He reported on the status of the generators. He also reported on the meeting with Pompton Lakes to discuss our Construction Shared Service Agreement that expires the end of the month. Overall we feel they do a good job and we went over some of our concerns and complaints we've heard over the last few years. They were very accommodating and we will have a resolution to renew that contract. Mayor Carelli also reported on a request we received to vacate Cotliss Road. There was a discussion regarding the request. Borough Attorney Oostdyk advised that research is needed to determine ownership of the property and he will let them know we expect them to pay the cost if they want that done.

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Councilman Oswald advised that Rock Creek is having a meeting tonight and will finalize their proposal for repaying the water usage.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:24 p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter and possible litigation.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:38 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk