

March 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: Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Desai

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 10, 2021

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

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

SUSTAINABLE RIVERDALE GREEN TEAM PRESENTATION:

Michael Carelli, Sustainable Riverdale Green Team Chairperson, gave a presentation on a proposed Community Garden Project which is worth 10 certification points. They are seeking authorization from the Council to submit a grant application through Sustainable Jersey's annual grant program to fund the garden. The Riverdale Board of Education has passed a resolution authorizing them to move forward. The proposed location is on the school property which has many benefits including education, additional funding opportunities and proximity to the food pantry. He answered questions and the Council agreed that it would also be a good Eagle Scout project.

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

- 56-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 19, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,004,503.52
- 57-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Karen Falzarano, 98 Loy Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.01, Lot 48
- 58-2021:** AUTHORIZING SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION
- 59-2021:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2021

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

- 60-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION
Hubert Bremer, 18 Cedar Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 27, Lot 11
- 61-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHOWMOBILE RENTALS FEES FOR 2021
- 62-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FIREFIGHTER – Zachary Senyk
- 63-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES) TO DMC ASSOCIATES, INC FOR A SURVEY OF COTTAGE PLACE, MUNN AVENUE, GREENWICH STREET, VAN DUYNE AVENUE AND A PORTION OF POST LANE FOR THE NJDOT 2020 GRANT
- 64-2021:** AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DARMOFALSKI ENGINEERING FOR PROVIDING DESIGN, BIDDING, GRANT COORDINATION AND CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR THE COTTAGE PLACE, MUNN AVENUE, GREENWICH STREET, VAN DUYNE AVENUE, AND A PORTION OF POST LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR A FEE OF \$55,000 FOR THE DESIGN PHASE AND \$75,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION PHASE FOR THE NJDOT 2020 GRANT

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis deferred to Police Chief Smith who reported on body worn cameras and the new security cameras. Fire Chief Regeling reported on a problem with one of the ladder trucks and thanked everyone for supporting the spaghetti dinner. He also reported on updated Covid-19 statistics and FEMA reimbursements.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that the second new hire for the DPW is working out well. We rented a backhoe and are working on the catch basin projects.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that we are applying for a trail grant and hope to put a walking path around the outside of the complex at Independence Park. The girls' softball will be starting next Thursday.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported on updating the borough website. He and Michael Carelli met with a new company and they were pleased with the service and the pricing.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli stated that we hope to resume in-person meetings in May and reported on the upgrades being done in the Council Chambers and Community Center. Our road and sewer expansion projects will be starting soon. He reported on the geese dropping problem at the park and recommended we get a proposal for geese removal services to address the problem. We are upgrading our financial software with Edmunds so that once our transition to the new bank is complete it will allow people to access their accounts and make tax payments online. Mayor Carelli proposed three resolutions that are recommended by our Borough Engineer for installation of gas and electric lines for the generators at the Community Center and Firehouse.

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

65-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO UNIFIED SOLUTIONS FOR COMFORT & ENERGY, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NATURAL GAS PIPING FOR A NEW GENERATOR AT THE RIVERDALE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #13-2017 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$4,747.00

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

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

66-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO UNIFIED SOLUTIONS FOR COMFORT & ENERGY, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NATURAL GAS PIPING FOR A NEW GENERATOR AT THE RIVERDALE FIREHOUSE FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$8,687.00

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

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

67-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PRISTINE ELECTRIC, LLC FOR THE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION FOR A NEW GENERATOR AT THE RIVERDALE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$9,400.00 AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #13-2017

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

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Councilman Oswald reported on reviewing our tree ordinance.

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Bob Flynn from JCP&L updated the Council on the significant updates that were done to the Riverdale substation and how they will benefit the residents.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk