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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**  
**Absent: Revis**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

March 24, 2021

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Desai**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - 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 Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolutions:

- 68-2021:** RESOLUTION PERMITTING AN EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 31, 2021 FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SEATING FOR RESTAURANTS DURING THE PANDEMIC SHUTDOWN OF RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN NEW JERSEY
- 69-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 9, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$200,562.04
- 70-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES FOR CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICES
- 71-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LYNN TEDESCHI TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2021
- 72-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Robert and Martha Jurewicz, 17 Cedar Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 28, Lot 3.04

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 32-A, B, C, D AND E**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Kheyfets reported on upgrading the Borough website. He explained the services that are included in the price quotation and discussed others that can be added.

Council had a discussion regarding use of the Glenburn property. Borough Attorney Oostdyk clarified that the Glenburn is not dedicated as a park.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that the high school softball teams have started using the fields and scoreboards and there will be a state tournament at the end of the season. We have two soccer teams and a baseball club renting the fields so we are getting revenue that we didn't have last year. He also reported on the status of the generator pad installation.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported on fireworks for Riverdale Day. He also commented that the Verizon building and property on Post Lane has become an eyesore. Mayor Carelli stated that he would pursue the possibility of purchasing it.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that construction has started on Cedar Street.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Police Chief Smith reported that they are ready to go with their body worn camera initiatives. Councilman Purcell reminded everyone the PBA is having their fishing derby on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Chief Regeling reported that the COVID-19 infection rate is going back down. Councilman Desai reported that the Health Department has secured the Moderna vaccine and the Friday clinic is back on.

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that they have an informational presentation ready for the residents who will be part of the Phase 4 Sewer Project. Mayor Carelli will send out a letter with instructions for attending the Zoom presentation. Councilman Desai stated we have to meet with the CFO regarding the budget. Council discussed reopening the Community Center in May.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli updated the Council on the road construction project and the sewer project that will begin the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. The work done on the Community Center and the Council Chambers looks great and we are hoping to start meeting in person in May. He reported that there was another incident on Route 23 involving a truck that came down the hill and couldn't stop. The driver drove through a fence and ended across a driveway on Evans Road which was very concerning to the residents. Mayor Carelli contacted Senator Kristen Corrado and met with her along

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

with Lt. Bogert who presented the history of incidents on that hill. He asked her to use her resources to get the Department of Transportation to look at this situation and at least fix the guardrail. She committed to get the ball rolling and did a press release and sent a letter to the DOT. Mayor Carelli will follow up with her and try to get the Commissioner to look at the situation and see if we can get something done.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Menucha from Alexandria, VA stated that it is dangerous for children to play in the street and asked about playgrounds. Councilman Purcell responded.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk