

April 28, 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:**

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Revis**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - motion carried)**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 04-2020**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 34-A**

**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:**

Mayor Carelli clarified resolution No. 80-2021 and the need for additional cameras.

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

**73-2021: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 23, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$994,622.47**

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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):**

- 74-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 75-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Joseph Ricciardi, 16 Brown Court, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.04, Lot 80
- 76-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION James Talerico, 104 Newbury Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.02, Lot 69
- 77-2021:** RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS
- 78-2021:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DEXTERS INC. FOR THE 2020/2021 LICENSE YEAR
- 79-2021:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE OLD POWDER HORN MILL, LLC FOR THE 2020/2021 LICENSE YEAR
- 80-2021:** RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION# 183-2020 FOR AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SECURITY CAMERAS TO MIND'S EYE TECHNOLOGIES UNDER CONTRACT NJEDGE, DCA #269EMCP - COOPERATIVE FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$120,486.69 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HP FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF 60 MONTHS AND AN ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENT OF \$25,485.34

**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. 35-A THROUGH H**

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

Mayor Carelli explained the revenue averaging approved by resolution NO. 77-2021. He also reviewed the Summary Levy Cap Calculation and Tax Rate History. The tax levy is increasing 1.8% and the average increase per home is \$65.

Mayor Carelli announced the public hearing on the municipal budget will be held on May 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. and the goal is to hold it in person in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, for the introduction of the 2021 municipal budget.

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

**COPY OF 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-I**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** No report. Councilman Kheyfets discussed complaints regarding the road project on Parkway. Council discussed the matter and issues with contactors.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported on the Community Garden. An Eagle and Girl Scout project will be presented at the next meeting. He reported on use of the fields. We hope to get the grant for the trail around the complex.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that we arranged fireworks for Riverdale Day with the vendor. He asked about an update on the JCP&L building on Post Lane. Mayor Carelli is pursuing the possible purchase of the property.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis deferred to Police Chief Smith to discuss the purchase of the new security cameras. The state deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. He deferred to Chief Regeling who reported that the fire department has a new junior member. He also reported on the COVID infection rate which is going down.

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

**81-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FIREFIGHTER – Brett Daddis

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36-A**

**FINANCE/SEWER:** Councilman Desai suggested we open the Community Center to civic groups on May 10<sup>th</sup> since the indoor capacity will increase to 50% on that day. He will forward the cleaning service proposal for consideration.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli went over a capital plan for 2021-2023 that he sent to the Council for review. He would like to it finalized so we can introduce the ordinance at the next meeting. Work is almost done in the Council chambers to get ready for meetings in May. He and Councilman Desai held a town hall meeting on Monday with about 36 residents from the Phase 4 Sewer Project. They also discussed the changes to the annual sewer charges. Mayor Carelli announced that we will be having a Memorial Day parade.

**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**

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**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:36 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 8:42 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk