

May 12, 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, Revis
Absent: Pellegrini

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 28, 2021

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis
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 Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the following resolutions:

- 82-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH May 7, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$104,502.67
- 83-2021:** AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
- 84-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FIREFIGHTER - Francesco A. Piserchia

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 38-A, B AND C

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report. Councilman Kheyfets commented on the progress of the roadwork project on Parkway.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on the field bookings and we are still working to get the trail grant. We will be launching the webpage for the 5K race. He will send information for consideration of a tree grant that requires 25% matching funds. The community garden project is moving forward and the scouts will be making presentations for their Eagle Scout and Gold Award projects.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported on plans for the Memorial Day parade.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police Chief Smith requested we give advance notice of the road closure for the Memorial Day parade. They are working out details to bring back the Junior Police Academy and will call it a Leadership Academy. Councilman Revis reported that the LOSAP program has not had a cost of living increase since 2012.

FINANCE: Councilman Desai reported that the sewer project is moving along at a good pace. Linden Street is done and the residents have expressed their appreciation to the Council for working with them. Mayor Carelli discussed several ideas for capital projects and asked the Council for input and also to think about ideas to commemorate the 100 year anniversary in 2023.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that we will have the budget presentation at our next meeting and it will be the first meeting to be held in the Council chambers. He gave an update on the sewer project. The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. and it will end with an observance at the Municipal Building. Covid-19 cases are down and hopefully the numbers will remain low. We're looking forward to bringing back Summer Rec, the concerts, Riverdale Day, and the street fair. There is a parcel of land that a resident wants to donate to the town. Council discussed some possible uses. Mayor Carelli reported that a letter has been drafted to JCP&L regarding possible acquisition of the property at 56 Post Lane. He updated the Council on the status of the unauthorized sewer connection. The Police Committee met with the Labor Attorney and he is handling the two police issues. We will be opening the Community Center to civic organizations only and will not be renting it to the public this year. We are not planning to rent the Glenburn at all this year.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Keith Brady, 7 Halsey Avenue, stated he is a new resident and asked for information about the sewer expansion project. Mayor Carelli and Councilman Desai responded.

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk