

May 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Kheyfets

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 12, 2021

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

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)

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 04-2021 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 41-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.

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 85-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH May 21, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,242,656.44
- 86-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Joanne Roman & Cindy Gancher, 98 Newbury Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.02, Lot 68
- 87-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 88-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT
- 89-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Kevin Kavanagh, 5 Linden Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 12, Lot 10
- 90-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Ross Koenig, 16 Cottage Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 29.01, Lot 7

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 42-A THROUGH E

2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Carelli gave a Power Point presentation that provided an overview of the 2021 municipal budget. He thanked the Governing Body, municipal officials, professionals, employees and volunteers for their work throughout the year. He gave a recap of the 2020 tax bill and reviewed the 2021 assessments. Better revenues are projected this year because things have been opening up. He gave a summary of municipal services and reviewed notable accomplishments over the last year. He also went over various projects we plan to do this year. The municipal tax increase for the average house is \$64 for the year.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for the public hearing for the 2021 municipal budget.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution for adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, for the adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (continued):

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

COPY OF 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 43-A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on the fields which he said are being used more than ever.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported on the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that everything is going smooth.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis deferred to Police Chief Smith to discuss the purchase of the new security cameras. Chief Regeling reported on the COVID infection rate which is down. He discussed the cameras and alarm systems throughout the borough buildings.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported on the PRBRSA meeting held last week. They hired a new consulting engineering firm to replace Dan Kelly who retired. He discussed reopening the Community Center and hiring a cleaning service.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported on the Memorial Day parade and ceremony will take place on Monday.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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ALL IN FAVOR

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk