

September 8, 2021

The workshop 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, Kheyfets, Purcell, Revis**  
**Absent: Oswald, Pellegrini**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

August 11, 2021

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Purcell, Revis**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Desai**  
**(3 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 Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the following resolutions:

**128-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH August 27, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$483,171.38

**129-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Salvatore J. Montevago, 4 Munn Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 23, Lot 26.01

**130-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Christina Jensen & Walter Easterbrook, 87 Loy Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 28, Lot 1.02

**131-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Dean & Sara Ratajczak, 12 Munn Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 23, Lot 28

**132-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Cynthia Lotterman, 13 Munn Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 24, Lot 7

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

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reminded the Council that the 5K run and Riverdale Day will be on September 25<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the DPW for doing a great job at the Street Fair.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported on the Street Fair and felt it was one of the best we ever had. He also reported on the recent storm and heavy rains. He would like to reach out to Pompton Lakes to coordinate another river de-snagging. We received a generous donation from Tilcon to pay for the fireworks on Riverdale Day. Mayor Carelli will be appointing a committee to plan for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. He will meet with the Borough Engineer to discuss road projects and the retaining wall at Independence Park. He handed out proposals for the capital ordinance for Council review prior to introduction which he would like to be at the next meeting.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Lisa Ferrara, 115 Newbury Place, expressed opposition to the New Jersey mask mandate for school children and asked the Council to pass a resolution in support of parental choice. Mayor Carelli explained that it was mandated by the Governor and whether or not we agree we generally do not get involved in school decisions. Councilmen Kheyfets and Revis said that they had served on the school board and what the mayor stated is correct. They agreed to try to come up with another means of showing support.

Jennifer Shenton, 47 Fernwood Crescent, asked for suggestions of who they should write or what they can do to oppose the mandate. Mayor Carelli said that our state representatives are very helpful.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:08 p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation: Borough of Riverdale vs. Gould.

Councilman Desai recused himself from the closed session portion of the meeting.

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**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:26 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk