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The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:33 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:

January 26, 2022

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Lisa Ferrara, 115 Newbury Place, asked about the LOSAP Resolution and Mayor Carelli responded that LOSAP is a length of service awards. Chief Reglieng responded that it's an annuity based off of how much time you spend on the Fire Department. You get a figure based off of your percentage and the maximum is set every year.

Ms. Ferrara asked about the resolution between Riverdale and Butler court and said we don't have court here? Mayor Carelli responded that in 2020 he was approached by Butler asking about sharing service with their court. In 2021 we did a trial for a year and it worked out great. This resolution is to have another year with a 2% increase.

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 Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

- 50-2022:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBER
- 51-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND BOROUGH OF BUTLER FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THEIR MUNICIPAL COURTS
- 52-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$135,053.00

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

- 53-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO BATTAGLIA ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 54-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Daniel and Grace Sciarra, 1 Munn Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 24, Lot 1
- 55-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RETAINING WALL AT INDEPENDENCE PARK
- 56-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FIREFIGHTER – Thomas Smith
- 57-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER – Anderson Pena
- 58-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF LOSAP FUNDING FOR THE RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY LOSAP STATUTE AND LOCAL FINANCE NOTICES

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. 14-A THROUGH I**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that he finalized the issue we had with the flood buyout program on Harrison Road. He had asked PK Environmental to amend their report which they finally did and all the paperwork has been submitted to Green Acres, so hopefully we will get our reimbursement in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The mayor handed out information on the sewer for everyone to look over. What the reserve capacity was and how it changed over the years with the various amendments to the agreement. The only missing part of the puzzle is from 1987-2002. We have been asked to project for the next 10 years what our requirements may be as far as sewer capacity. So, he wanted to at least understand what our reserve capacity is which is different than what we actually use. The second part of that is a report from Bill Ryden in 2005 and at the time he had what our gallons per day was 154 thousand and then he did some projections on what he thought the future developments would be. Today, our reserve capacity is 494,300 gallons per day and he would like to find out how much we are actually using.

Councilman Desai reported that at their sewer meeting there were a couple of things that we want to do some housekeeping, major paving coming up both turnpikes are going to be paved and you don't want to open roads after they are paved. We looked at the next sewer phase for Mead Ave, Arlington & Haycock. What's critical is where is that sewer flowing to, Haycock has to flow into Hamburg Turnpike at least part of the road and that connection does not exist. We will need to make that connection first before they pave that over. Mayor Carelli responded that we did award MSP the contract for water and Bill Ryden is going to see if they can do this work as well. Bill Ryden gave us a proposal for some engineering work and we are hoping to get a proposal from MSP for the next meeting so we can award it. Councilman Desai responded that there are a couple of things that they want to get done Newark Pompton Turnpike as well that's the eminent affordable housing project, Verizon Building and we want to make sure there is a connection there. There is a potential of getting Halsey and Federal sewer at some point in time. That will require a

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different connection than just coming straight down because of the geology of land. We have asked the water and sewer engineer to come up with a proposal to do the engineering and also to go out to bid to get the work done.

Mayor Carelli responded that the folks from the Quarry have reached out to Bill Ryden, he heard, to try and put a number to the Quarry.

Councilman Kheyfets reached out to the mayor in regards to our water report just so everyone knows each year usually in February or March 1st Steve Schotanus is our water operator and he gets a report called a consumer confidence report and it is typically six-to-eight-page document that basically goes over all the water testing in town everything that has been done over the course of the last year. We are required by law to have this available to all our residents. A direct link to the actual report and in the past we could either have it on line or mail it. We are also required to put the link on your water bill. Currently, we are expecting to get the 2021 report within a couple of weeks. The most current report is the 2020 report. As you know we updated our website but there are some things that are missing from the conversion and this is one of them. We have a couple executive items tonight just quick updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported that those who haven't signed up for your weekly report on the website it's really positive and you get to see everything in one place. Michael Carelli and the team have been keeping everything updated.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the sewer meeting was very informative. We are hoping to put the retaining wall out to bid hopefully within the next month. He would like to put up on the website for signups at the park for baseball, soccer and all other sports. Councilman Kheyfets responded once you get the flyer done send it over to Michael Carelli, he will have a direct link to the file.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that this Saturday at 10AM they will be doing the library walk through and the purpose of that is to see what repairs need to be done around the area and inside the building. We need to start planning for Riverdale Day and concerts. Just a reminder we were getting the committee's formed for 100 years for Riverdale.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that our superintendent for the DPW has a sister and Mom that live in Florida and his sister was the caretaker of his mom and she died suddenly. He needed to go take care of some things and hopefully will be back next week. Mayor Carelli responded that unfortunately his mother cannot take care of herself and his sister was the caretaker so he is trying to find a place for his mom to live. He calls me every couple of days and I basically told him come back when you're done your mother needs you more than we do right now.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that he is checking on a request from Assistant Fire Chief Cleary for the increase of LOSAP. The last time there was an increase was in 2014. Chief Regeling responded that we appreciate it, what it does it gives extra credit to doing stuff at the firehouse and it's an annuity too which gives them something when they retire. Chief Smith reported that they meet privately in regards to manpower there will be a significant turnover next two or three weeks. One of the pushes from the Attorney General's office is Use of Force and we compiled our report and he thinks it is pretty positive, we had over 20,000 public contacts with 122 arrests and we only had three uses of force for the whole year.

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FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that they received proposals from Bill Rydan on the Engineering work he also had to go out to bid, do we need to approve those proposals now and after discussion the Resolution was on for approval.

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

59-2022: AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DESIGN-PERMITTING-BIDDING FOR THE PHASE 5 SEWER PROJECT ON HAYCOCK AVENUE, MEAD AVENUE & ARLINGTON PLACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,500.00

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. 16-I

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Lisa Ferrara, 115 Newbury Place, she has a water report from 2020 and she is concerned about the data. Mayor Carelli responded he will need to speak with the Superintendent and get back to her. He does know that they test the water every day.

Christine Rosenboom, 5 Halsey Avenue, she asked if there were any updates on the Glenburn and when or if it will be rented again. Mayor Carelli responded we are being sued right now and we are in the middle of an extensive lawsuit someone got hurt on the property. We have pushed it back because of COVID. The other issue with the Glenburn we were told by our insurance company that from now on if you rent any building in town whether it's the Community Center or the Glenburn, we need to have a person on staff to supervise the event. We have no plan at this time but we will probably take a look to see what we have in the future.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:28p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss a Grievance update.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk