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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, 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 Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, 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.

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 Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

- 60-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 23, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$809,830.01
- 61-2022:** RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BRANDON PIERRO TO A PERMANENT POSITION IN THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVING COMPLETED HIS ONE-YEAR PROBATION AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022
- 62-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 63-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT
- 64-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (ALA v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 11, LOT 1.01)
- 65-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (RIVERDALE CROSSING LLC v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 13, LOT 29)
- 66-2022:** AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DARMOFALSKI ENGINEERING FOR PROVIDING DESIGN, BIDDING, AND GRANT COORDINATION FOR THE GREENWICH STREET AND VAN DUYNE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR A FEE OF \$36,000 FOR THE NJDOT 2022 GRANT

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

67-2022: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DARMOFALSKI ENGINEERING FOR PROVIDING DESIGN, BIDDING, AND GRANT COORDINATION FOR THE NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE AND COTLUSS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR A FEE OF \$30,000 FOR THE NJDOT 2021 GRANT

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

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that he had a meeting with Bob Flinn from Jersey Central on two topics one of which is Post Lane property and he still hasn't heard back from management it goes to Ohio for their decision. Bob and I went and walked the Hamburg Turnpike because he wants to get a proposal from Jersey Central to add decorative street lights from Sunoco station to the Pompton Lakes border. They do provide decorative black light fixtures which they would attach to the telephone poles. They would put them up and charge us a flat amount. They would have to pay for the actual street lighting and take down the cobra heads that are currently there. It would be a nice feature for our 100-year Anniversary. The mayor met with two representatives of the Riverdale Land Conservancy and he will talk more about that in new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported that the mayor had requested some updates to the website and he was checking the website today and the minutes and booklets are now on the website for this year. In regards to the 100th Anniversary logo we have a couple rough drafts and we are looking to distribute to the group to decide.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that they still haven't heard back from Cable Vision and the Mayor responded that he spoke to her and they are running it through management. The bids are being picked up for the retaining wall. We have been receiving a lot of rentals for the ball field.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that they did a walk through at the Library and there were a couple of items that were found, mostly general maintenance like sill rot, shingles missing from the roof that need to be replaced. For the Fire Chief none of the smoke detectors have an install date on them so they don't know when they were installed. One of the sinks has no cutoffs. Also, he had a resident that reached out that would like to help out on the Committee for the 100th Anniversary.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that he stopped at the DPW and everything is running smoothly.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked Chief Smith if he had anything to report and the Chief responded that probably back in December, he had mentioned about the arm robbery at the Albanian center and Detective Gary Keil did a great job he had very little leads and not so cooperative witness and he was able to charge both,

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the guy with the weapon and the driver. Councilman Revis reported that everyone should have received Chief Regeling's report.

Mayor Carelli responded that the Chief always puts his OEM report out and, in that report, he lets us know what is going on with COVID. He had a meeting last night with Chilton and the president of the hospital said in the last two weeks they only had two patients. The mayor thanked Chief Regeling and Assistant Chief Cleary and maybe four or five members of the Fire Department for stopping at my house on Monday morning with the ladder truck, chief vehicle the assistant chief vehicle to help me remove the smoke out of my house from cleaning the oven.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that he stopped by the sewer authority today and Jamie reminded him that we owe her what's left on the connections and what connections are remaining. Mayor asked is it safe to say based on their budget we are using 493 gallons per day how do we determinate how much we are actually using. Councilman Desai responded that given basically how many connections we have and how many connections are left in our plans for EDU stand put. What they don't know is how many are connected today and how many are yet to be connected. Mayor Carelli responded that we put in 231 and he gave her that list in October on who was actually connected. We can say with the latest expansion there is 231 have capability. We can add up phase 5 and 6 too.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution for Discussion/Consideration:

Mayor Carelli reported that he met with the two ladies from the Riverdale Land Conservancy Ruth Pasquariello and Carolyn Masone. In the past we have requested Morris County Historic rehab grants and over the years we have gotten those and the Borough had to match 20% we have not done that since 2016. They say there is another cycle coming up and the grants are due March 24th and they would need a resolution saying that we intend to apply for that grant so after discussions the house, even though I was frank with them, we are looking at options to see if the County is interested in but we are really no where there yet. He explained about the insurance company where they say that we shouldn't be renting the house out it's not up to current code standards. The roof needs repaired; the siding needs to be repainted the Barn needs to be painted. For this year let's apply for this grant to pay for the architect to come up with plans and tell us what we need to do. We are going to ask for a \$40,000 grant which the Borough would have to contribute \$8,000 for that. The mayor handed out sheets on the history of the property at the Glenburn Estate.

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolutions:

68-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2022 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONTINUED REHABILITATION OF GLENBURN ESTATE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini

Nays: None

(6 ayes - 0 nays -motion carried)

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Mayor Carelli handed out list of the road projects and he would like to do another bond ordinance for road improvement we have the funding to complete the last two projects on this list.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:09p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk