

March 9, 2022

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, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 23, 2022

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

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

Mayor Carelli reported that he was asked by Councilman Desai if we could make a little time in welcoming the members of the Steel Magnolias Robotics Team.

Heather, Riley, Abigail from the Steel Magnolias introduced themselves. The girls spoke about all their accomplishments that they have made in their three years. They thanked the Mayor and Council for all their support.

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 Kheyfets, to approve the following resolutions:

- 69-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 9, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$147,787.15
- 70-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR A BOROUGH TREE INVENTORY FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM
- 71-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION William Bashaw, 6A Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 9, Lot 10
- 72-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION William Bashaw, 6B Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 9, Lot 10
- 73-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (BJS WHOLESALE CLUB v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 40, LOT 5.01)

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

74-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (HD DEVELOPMENT OF MARYLAND INC. v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 40, LOT 4.01)

75-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (TARGET CORPORATION #2247 v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 40, LOT 4.03)

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

Nays: None

(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that both of our committee's had meetings this week. The quarry committee presented us with some ideas from the Mahan Group. In the presentation there were some possibilities of what the future of the Riverdale Quarry might look like. When he has a little more detail on that he will be willing to share with everyone. We also had two meetings with our re-development committee one about the property on Newark Pompton Turnpike, where the old gas station that use to be next to the Verizon building. There is some interest in a potential idea of putting up some units of which are condos. Dr. Foss is looking at doing something with the property he owns between Van Duyne and Greenwich Street, possibly multifamily.

The mayor would like to introduce the Budget in April and we will get together with the finance committee and CFO to go over some of the numbers. Our surplus this year has gone up about \$125,000 we are over \$2 million dollars in surplus. There will be a pre-construction meeting on Wednesday at 4pm for the road work on Cottage Place, Munn Avenue and Post Lane. Road work has been done at the end of Morris Avenue replaced water main once that is completed, we will have Tilcon come in and we will do a Mill and Pave on those streets as well. We received six proposals on Tuesday for rebuilding the retaining wall at the park. The low bidder was Mike Fitzpatrick for \$390,000. He is still waiting to hear from Jersey Central. On a sad note, our Recreation Director, Krista Osborne lost her brother this week he was 55 years old and he lived in Kansas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Krista and her family. Also, Michael Carelli wanted me to mention that on Saturday, March 19th there will be a shredding at the Community Center from 9:00am – 12:00pm drive through only. There is a flyer that is posted on the website and also on our Facebook page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported that there 250 subscribers to our website for the weekly newsletter.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that we will be receiving our full payment from Rock Creek for the outstanding water bill. We were able to resolve it and we did give them an option to pay over time but they decided to pay it in full. We have received a lot of interest in renting the field and we are close to \$10,000 rental fees just from spring and close to summer.

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PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Pellegrini reported that last Friday he received a call from the company that does the maintenance on our equipment and our Vac truck is 37 years old and it's basically done. He wanted \$25,000 to fix it with no guarantee on Hydraulics. He has a truck coming off of service in Jersey City and we went and looked at it and it's a bigger truck, fifteen years old, it's a Volvo in good condition and he said we can have it for \$25,000. The mayor responded the question is do you fix a 37-year-old truck for \$25,000 or buy a 2007 for \$25,000. To replace this one, it's about \$485,000.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling informed him that he was unable to make it tonight and he had nothing specific to report. No report from Chief Smith.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that he has a sewer meeting next week and he will need to get those numbers done. There was discussion on the tax appeals and budget.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Kristin Rosenboom, 5 Halsey Avenue asked when the old archive council meeting minutes will be added back to the website. Mayor Carelli responded that they are on the website and it's under the home page for each meeting. He is trying to get it back so that there all in one spot.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk