

March 23, 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, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

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

Mayor Carelli reported that Riverdale has been redistricted from the 40th District to the 26th District. Our former State Senator Kristin Corrado and our Assemblyperson Kevin Rooney and Assemblyperson Christopher DePhillips will no longer be our representatives. We will be represented in the 26th District which is Senator Joe Pennacchio, Assemblyman Jay Webber and our special guest tonight is Assemblyman Michael Bergen. Assemblyman Bergen introduced himself and he is now in the 26th District and technically speaking that starts in 2023 after the election. Assemblyman Bergen is a West Point graduate, a combat Vet and a small business owner. He was an Apache Helicopter Pilot for the US Army which is the attack helicopter for quite some time. He has been a legislator for two years and he loves it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Abstained: Purcell
(5 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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the above listed Ordinance as read.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RETAINING WALL AT INDEPENDENCE PARK IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,900 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

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- 2) Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the above listed Ordinance as read.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,571,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,300,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

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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:

- 76-2022:** RESOLUTION CHANGE IN MONETARY AMOUNT – Food Pantry
- 77-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Kathleen Vermeulen, 58 Post Lane, Riverdale, NJ Block 24, Lot 9
- 78-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Nathan Langford, 17 William Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 30, Lot 27.01
- 79-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Laura Cristofano, 71 Loy Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 27, Lot 2
- 80-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 23, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$998,710.6
- 81-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES FOR PROPERTIES DETERMINED NOT TO EXIST OR OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 82-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FY22 PSE&G GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FOR THE RIVERDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

**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 discussed with Council the two different logos for the 100th Anniversary. After discussion the consensus was the bottom logo. Mayor

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Carelli reported that he will be sending an invite to start with the committee to figure out some of the things we want to do. Michael Carelli was telling him that some towns went out and used their logo and made shirts & sweatshirts and you can buy them at the Borough Hall. He would like to get shirts for the Council to wear to events. Councilman Purcell responded that he would like to visit the whole monopoly thing it would be a perfect opportunity and have the logo on the play board. Mayor Carelli reported that there was a preconstruction meeting for the roadwork on Cottage Place, Munn Avenue & Post Lane and they are getting ready to start and will be starting on Cottage Place. The water work on Morris Avenue is finished. Mayor Carelli received a proposal to TV those lines which he thought was a lot of money. To clean out Newark Pompton Turnpike, Greenwich, Van Dyne & Cotliss for \$30,000.00 before we pave. He received a nice thank you card from Krista Osborne to the Mayor and Council and Borough Employees thanking us for the beautiful plant for her brother's funeral.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the DPW is doing an amazing job getting the fields ready for the season.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that he passed out Chief Regeling's report. Chief Smith reported that there is still one officer out and he will be seeing the doctor on April 15th. He received an email from a resident that wants to have a Block Party and the police do not have a problem with it or the Fire Department.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that they had their monthly sewer meeting last week and we did submit our connections that they had requested.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Carelli reported that the weather is getting nice and he is starting to get requests about the Community Center and the GlenBurn. He called Mr. Covelli from the JIF today to ask him about renting. It's been working well and we have allowed Civic organizations to come back and they are under the umbrella of the Borough and when you start renting the place for personal events, Frank Covelli said you have liability issues with that. We have talked about; do you raise the fee; do you make them have a certificate of insurance for any event. He thought about opening it for just residents on Saturday and Sunday but during the day and you would have to be out by 4pm. Frank was going to get back to him. Mayor Carelli reported that the shredding event was very successful. There was a lot of electronics, Styrofoam and plastic bags. We did have complaints about the shredding. Mayor Carelli met with the school superintendent and their architect and they put a survey out asking questions about what you might want to see in the school. He thinks this is leading up to doing a referendum at some point.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:17p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk