

April 27, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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Councilman Revis 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
(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

PRESENTATION: Frank Covelli, PIA Insurance Associates

Mayor Carelli reported that he had a brief discussion with Mr. Covelli and as we all know during COVID we closed down our rental properties primarily the Community Center and Glenburn Estate. Now that the pandemic is residing the mayor has been asked several times what are the plans going forward and a lot stems around our Insurance and our Liabilities. Currently we are being sued for the Glenburn Estate for a fall and it has been going back and forth in litigation.

Mr. Covelli discussed with the Council about the pros and cons of renting the buildings. The Borough is covered by the JIF as long as all policy and procedures are in place. Are we getting information that everyone at the Farmer's Market has insurance especially the trucks that are on the property? We want to have Policy & Procedures in place. After discussion the Council discussed opening the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday noon until 5:00pm. There was discussion about renting the grounds and the Barn at the Glenburn.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 03-2022

CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)

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

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE 01-2022

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

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public portion.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini,

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 01-2022 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 02-2022

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

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public portion.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets,

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 02-2022 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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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:

- 95-2022:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING TO U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN MIKIE SHERRILL FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE INDEPENDENCE PARK FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT
- 96-2022:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING TO U.S. SENATOR CORY BOOKER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE INDEPENDENCE PARK FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT
- 97-2022:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING TO U.S. SENATOR BOB MENENDEZ FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE INDEPENDENCE PARK FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT
- 98-2022:** AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF JAMES FELANO AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 5, 2022 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF \$30,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT PBA CONTRACT
- 99-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 27, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$980,452.10
- 100-2022:** RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR A RIVERDALE 100TH ANNIVERSARY TRUST FUND AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29
- 101-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Juan Izagiarre, 1A Munn Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 23, Lot 4.01
- 102-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Andrew Kuiken and Serena Pederali, 8 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 8, Lot 4
- 103-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Thomas Miserendino, 27 Cottage Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 29, Lot 55
- 104-2022:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE PARK RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO MIKE FITZPATRICK CONTRACTORS, INC., 18 COZY LAKE RD, PO BOX 430, OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$390,226.00
- 105-2022:** SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION
- 106-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):

107-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JOSEPH RAIMO TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$19.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2022

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

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INTRODUCTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Carelli explained the Summary Levy Cap Calculation and Tax Rate History. The tax levy is increasing 2% and the average increase per home is \$67. The tax rate this year is going down 1.3% our municipal rate is going from .624 to .616 but every year we do a reassessment and ¼ of the residential assessments are actually inspected and reevaluated and the other ¾ he makes an adjustment without looking at it.

Mayor Carelli announced the public hearing on the municipal budget will be held on May 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, for the introduction of the 2022 municipal budget.

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 the PBA will be having their fishing tournament on Saturday. Tom Boorady informed him that the roadwork for Cottage, Munn and Post Lane is supposed to start on Monday. The mayor reached out to Chris Vitz, County Engineer, and asked him to please re-stripe the area in front of Mathews Avenue and he has promised it will get done early next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported he received an email from Michael Carelli we did receive our Sustainable New Jersey Grant for the Garden project and it will fund \$10,000 which gives us more points for other projects in the future. On Friday Pompton Lakes will be playing A teams for the Passaic County softball tournament in the 2nd round and we will also be hosting the finals this year whether our teams are in it or not.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that our concert dates are locked in for July 14th, August 11th and Riverdale Day on September 24th. He will be reaching out to the Firework vendor and get them locked in again this year for Riverdale Day. We should also touch base with the Health Department to see what we need to do for food trucks and restaurant onsite. Mayor responded that Tilcon would like the letter sent for their donation.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that Rob's recovering very well from his surgery.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked if Chief Smith had anything and the Chief responded that the two new hires will be graduating and their swearing in is on June 8th. Councilman Revis reported that since the beginning of April we have been going back and forth in regards to the alarm system at the fire house. We did receive a quote from Security Systems Solutions to convert the system to cellular communications. The other alarm company AC Daughtry was in yesterday and we are waiting for their proposal. Chief

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Regeling responded that he was asked at the department meeting about the camera in front of the firehouse and is there any update on that and the mayor responded that he will double check tomorrow. Also, we did get notification of the checks totaling \$42,000 we will be getting reimbursements on it so just let me know when they are received. He checked on the reimbursement of the Generator and the guy Alex who doesn't work in the office all the time said he would get me some sort of an answer. We haven't upgraded the fire house in a while and we did receive money from Home Depot and they were supposed to do the floors and then COVID happened and they are not sending any volunteers so they did give us a \$1,000 and he spoke to the mayor about possibly having the DPW help us out and do the work. We got on the subject of getting it done through the Buildings and Grounds or the Capital Budget.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that they had their sewer meeting last week and at the previous meeting he had said that we would be getting our first two full months with the new meters and the new metering company. Apparently, the meters are not the problem the meter reading for last month was spot on for EDU readings for Riverdale.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Oswald reported that the Pompton Lakes school bought a batting cage and the DPW guys will be installing it and they are letting the town residents use it besides the High School.

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 comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session.

Ann Gould, 22 Cotluss Road, the Girl Scouts wanted to know if there is going to be a Memorial Day Parade and the Mayor responded yes, he will be sending out letters this week.

Richard Rosenboom, 5 Halsey Avenue, behind his house there are all Pine trees that were put there 30 years ago some of them are leaning over onto his shed and fence. He asked who can he speak to about this and the mayor responded him. The mayor will get in contact with the Railroad.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:42p.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 8:45p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:45p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk