

July 13, 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, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Kheyfets**

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 Purcell, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Abstain: Desai**  
**Absent: Kheyfets**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 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.

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 132-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL UTILITY ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ROUTE 287, ROUTE 202 TO RAMAPO RIVER
- 133-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Ann Marie Nadiroglu, 3 Oak Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 27, Lot 17.02
- 134-2022:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE 2022/2023 LICENSE YEAR IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 135-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC
- 136-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 13, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$990,259.71
- 137-2022:** FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159 - SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT
- 138-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST #1 FOR THE GREENWICH STREET AND VAN DUYNE AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO VEKTOR CORPORATION, 348 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY 08831 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,756.77
- 139-2022:** RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THAT RESOLUTIONS NO. 113-2022 AND 122-2022 AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A REDEVELOPMENT STUDY ARE FOR A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA

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**140-2022:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JOHNSON SOILS COMPANY, 66 GLEN AVENUE, GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452 TO PROVIDE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO EVALUATE THE SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS AT INDEPENDENCE PARK FOR THE PROPOSED LIGHTING PROJECT AND PREPARE A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS AND GEOTECHNICAL RELATED DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

**141-2022:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT ADVANCED PLUMBING AND DRAIN CLEANING TO UTILIZE JET VAC UNIT TO JET, VACUUM CLEAN AND VIDEO 5000 FEET OF STORM SEWERS ON GREENWICH, VAN DUYNE, COTLUSS AND NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,520.00

**142-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$19.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2022

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

**Absent: Kheyfets**

**Nays: None**

**(5 ayes - 0 nays -motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 52-A THROUGH K**

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the first summer concert is tomorrow night at Independence Park at 7PM. This is one of three concerts that we will be having this year. There are mandates from the State. They are requiring towns to inventory on all the water pipes. They want to know what the makeup of the watermains down the street are and the service lines that are basically from the watermain to the curb stop where the valves are and then to those valves into every home. The intent is if it is lead or galvanized pipe the town has to replace it. They have this program that starts with an inventory so Steve has started work with Bill Ryden to address those issues. There is another law that we need to establish a program to monitor lead base paint in residential rental properties this will be in effect as of July 22, 2022. So, we will have to hire a contractor to inspect these rental properties to determine whether they have lead base paint. The other issue is the flood buyouts and if we don't resolve this, we will lose money. There are two homes the one home that was taken down we had all the documentation. It was submitted and they said it was okay. The other property Green Acres is saying there was a well and it didn't have a well because they were using city water. He submitted everything and they came back and said they could have had a well before this. So, they are holding back in reimbursing the money until we can prove that there was no well. We finished up our road project yesterday for Munn Avenue, Post Lane and Cottage Place. Reggio Construction did a great job. The next project is Vektor Corporation who is doing Greenwich and Van Duyne and the goal is to have that done by the end of August. We will follow up right after with Newark Pompton Turnpike and then we will be done for a year. We just put an application to go across the highway to do Windbeam. We are also going to do Morris Avenue, Curtis Street, Drace Place and Linden through the Co-op. The sewer Phase V which is Arlington, Mead Avenue and Haycock and the design is completed all the applications have been sent to the DEP. Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is April 17<sup>th</sup> and the committee has met a couple of times and we are due to meet next week. Today, Michael, mayor and Steve met with a Carnival company and we are planning to do a Carnival in June and we are hoping to do this at the Armory. Councilman Purcell is working on a monopoly game with a Riverdale theme to it and we are working on the details for that. Jean Revis is on the committee for the Gala and we are looking to have that in April around the Anniversary date. Also, he signed the contract to purchase the Jersey Central Building and hopefully we will hear back from them so we can set up a closing date.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that the tree inventory has started and any tree that is in the right of way they will be stopping by. If there is a fence and they can't get into the property they will leave their business card if no one is home and come back at a later date. Once they are completed, we will have a full inventory with pictures and you will be

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able to bring it up on the website. This is a grant that Michael Carelli was able to obtain. The ADA ramp for the Community Garden is going in on Friday. We have started the preliminary stuff for the ball field lighting and hopefully we will be starting the retaining wall.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that there was a young girl that was hit on Post and Hamburg by a car and this is the second one that was hit. It's a county road but he wants to know if it can be stripped since it's the main road to get to the park. They will contact the County to see if they can do a crosswalk.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Council President Pellegrini reported that before Morri is paved there are repairs that need to be done.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling had nothing to report for the fire department. The Police Department has hired dispatchers.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** Councilman Desai reported that there is nothing to report on the Finance side and as far as the sewer we have a meeting next week.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

**NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:**

August 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting has been cancelled.

Mayor Carelli reported that he had spoken to Shawn Hopkins in regards to the next phase for sewer and what we are going to do is on August 10<sup>th</sup> we will have the public hearing. At the meeting we will have a resolution confirming the \$6,800.00 special assessment.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Bill Gardiner, 25 Halsey Avenue, asked about the opening of the Community Center and the GlenBurn. He also asked when Halsey would be considered for sewers. Mayor Carelli responded that the intent is to rent the Community Center during the day for Riverdale residents only. There will be a cost for hiring someone to supervise the event along with a security deposit. As far as the sewers, the sewer engineer is working on Phase VI which is Halsey and Federal.

Kim Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue, asked if something can be done with the bush on the corner of Post and Halsey. You can't see and have to go into Post Lane to make a right-hand turn someone is going to get hit. There was discussion about parking on Post Lane.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:09p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk