

July 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**

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 Oswald, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Council President Pellegrini, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 05-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 54-A**

**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 Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the following resolutions:

- 143-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 27, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$312,239.57
- 144-2022:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED, AT A MINIMUM, THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE 2021 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- 145-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2021 AUDIT REPORT
- 146-2022:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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- 147-2022:** RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DATE THIRD QUARTER TAX BILLS ARE DUE
- 148-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST #1 FOR THE COTTAGE PLACE, MUNN AVENUE, POST LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO REGGIO CONSTRUCTION, INC., 416 E. CENTRAL BLVD, PALISADES PARK, NJ 07650 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460,287.68
- 149-2022:** AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DESIGN-PERMITTING-BIDDING FOR THE PHASE 6 SEWER PROJECT ON HALSEY AVENUE AND FEDERAL PLACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,500.00
- 150-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST #1 FOR THE INDEPENDENCE PARK RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT MIKE FITZPATRICK CONTRACTORS, INC., 18 COZY LAKE RD, PO BOX 430, OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,981.32
- 151-2022:** DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC WORKS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini  
 Nays: None  
 Abstained: Revis resolution 146-2022  
 (6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 55 -A THROUGH I**

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that 94 letters were sent out for the phase 3 and 4 sewer customers letting them know we will be having a special assessment hearing on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. Shawn Hopkins our special assessor will be available to answer any questions that the residents have on the Enhancement Benefit Report. In September we will have a public hearing and we will vote to make this assessment of \$6800.00. The mayor went to visit the castle today for the 100-year Anniversary Gala and tentatively booked for April 1, 2023. The person in charge is Jean Revis and she will be going over the menu and things that we are going to do. One of his ideas is to honor people who have volunteered a lot in Riverdale. We met with the owner of Amusements of American at the National Guard site for the possibility having a Carnival and the committee is looking at June before school lets out. He needs to speak to our Assemblyman to see if we can even use that property. The current contractor Vektor is working on Greenwich and Van Dyne the concrete work is progressing. All the paperwork has been submitted to the state for phase 5 sewer expansion which is Arlington, Mead and Haycock. At the last meeting there were residents that were concerned about their water on Halsey Ave. Steve flushed the hydrant and has taken some samples and sent it to a lab. Once he receives the results, he will share with everyone.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONELL:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported on the shade tree committee meeting the auditing is continuing with the trees that are in the right away so 10 feet from the curb onto your property they are taking pictures and seeing what kind of species and whether they are sick or not. We will then get a report on what should be done with all the trees. We are in the process of rewriting the tree ordinance and what they would like if someone wanted to take a tree down there will be more of a process then just taking it down. There was a discussion about getting a proposal from the arborist for next year's budget. There has been a problem at the field with a men's soccer league on Sundays and there were some complaints and they had no licenses and were selling food and beer. He has talked to the people that have filled out the paperwork and we are looking into it. They will start drilling in the next 2 weeks and they will see if the soil is stable enough for the lighting.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that Chief Smith is on vacation so he has no report for the Police. Chief Regiling had a report on the turnout gear.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** Councilman Desai reported that there was a sewer meeting last week and they will be working on the Main through Riverdale and it starts just past the GlenBurn and goes onto Newark Pompton just up to Parkway. There is a preconstruction meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> and we are invited. The preliminary budget for 2023 was introduced and he didn't see any issues it's very similar to last year's budget.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

**NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:12p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss a pending litigation.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 9:22 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:22p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk