

August 10, 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, Khefets, 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:

July 27, 2022

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 06-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 100, "FIRE PREVENTION", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Khefets, 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:

ORDINANCE 05-2022

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

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 Khefets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell,

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 05-2022 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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Nays: 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.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

- 152-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 153-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 10, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,446,080.62
- 154-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL STIPEND OF \$2,080.00 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CDL LICENSE TO MASON SARGENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2022
- 155-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF KINNELON TO A VACUUM TRUCK AND OPERATOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLEANING BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE STORM SEWERS AS NEEDED
- 156-2022:** RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT FY2022
- 157-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF BARRY MARCIANO AS A PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$19.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2022

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 tomorrow night is the 2nd concert of the year at Independence Park at 7PM. The construction work has been finished on Van Dyne curbing and whatever aprons there are and they are working there way to Greenwich Street so hopefully by the end of this month those streets will be paved. The county is going to be paving Riverdale Road, they have milled it and he is not sure when they will start the paving. PSE&G is continuing to do work on Hamburg Turnpike. The mayor had a meeting with Mr. Nemith and he is the attorney for the NJJIF he is handling the unauthorized connection issue. He is waiting for an engineering report on his end, as far as their opinion of the work that was done and the cost involved. The mayor has received a letter from the Authority with basically invoices totaling over \$200,000. He put it into an excel spreadsheet because he was curious what the fees were. They had in there \$26,000 in interest so he contacted Jamie and she got back to him and said they have no intention in charging the interest to us. The actual contract was \$100,000 and the rest was engineering and he would like to know why there are so many engineering fees to just dig a hole and fix a tap. There were three different engineers. I did offer to have Mr. Nemith come to a Council meeting and he has accepted to answer any questions we have during closed session. A reminder that our next meeting is September 14, 2022.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONELL: No report.

UTILITIES: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that he received a call from the Fireworks Company saying that they haven't received the contract or the deposit for the fireworks show on September 24th. He did call her back and said I assume your referring to the contract that we just got yesterday. We will be sending it and she said technically the show is not booked until we do so.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that one of the workers in the DPW got his CDL last week and we will be compensating him for that. The new Backhoe has rolled into town last week.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling is on vacation and I know Chief Smith had sent an item about a concealed carrier. The mayor responded that the Chief contacted him and we should look into having a policy adopted that we will not allow Borough employees to have concealed weapons on them during work hours in Borough Buildings.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

- Draft Ordinance for Discussion: Ordinance #07-2022:
CAPTIAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL AS SUPPORTING PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURES IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$432,804.46 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLANT GRANT

Mayro reported that we will have to designate where the funds will be used. We need to introduce and adopt an ordinance. We received \$432,804.46 and there are six things on the list that it can be used for he has five things that we may or may not be able to use the funding for these particular items. Primarily its water and sewer infrastructure, IT infrastructure, public health expenditures and the rest is infrastructure. Councilman Desai responded that we have until December 31, 2024 to declare the very last thing that we are going to spend the money on so if we have \$10,000 left coming into December, 2024 we will need to figure out where to spend that money before the 31st. All the projects need to be completed by December 31, 2026.

- 5-year moratorium on road openings within newly paved streets – sample ordinance for review

Mayor reported that speaking with Tom Boorady and dealing with Newark Pompton Turnpike and PSE&G with gas lines down the street we have determined that we do not have a moratorium ordinance in town which is basically saying once we pave the road you can't open it up. He would also like to introduce this ordinance at the next meeting.

- Military Differential Pay

Mayor reported that he received an email from Chief Smith in regards to the Military Differential Pay. There was a request made to us from someone who is deployed right now that there is a law saying that the Borough is responsible in paying what the difference his salary is here and what the military pays. Chief Smith responded that up until this email the person in the military gets 90 days full pay and after their 90th work day all the town's

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obligation is to maintain their benefits. The law was signed a year or two ago that the difference between his real pay and military pay has to be made up.

- Tilcon Coop – paving estimate 2022

Mayor reported that he received the estimate from Tilcon for the mill and pave jobs on Drace, Morris, Curtis, Linden and then there was a question about Aqueduct Road.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Dawn O'Donnell, 6 Drace Place, asked about Fire Hydrants and the mayor responded that we have replaced a bunch of fire hydrants and water mains on streets when the water engineer tells us that we need to do that. She asked to have the spot lights in the two buildings turned off.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:28p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk