

September 14, 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:

August 10, 2022

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

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

ASSESSMENT CONFIRMATION HEARING - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

- Phase 3-4 Sewer Expansion
 Morris Avenue, Curtis Street, Cottage Place, Munn Avenue, Drace Place, Linden Street, Post Lane (portions), Halsey Avenue (portions), Newark Pompton Turnpike (portions) Sanitary Sewer Improvement Program

Mayor Carelli reported that on August 10th we had sent letters to the 94 households that were in the phase 3 & 4 area. We had a public meeting and at that time our Special Tax Assessor Shawn Hopkins was available to answer any questions. On phase 1 & 2 the assessment was \$6800.00 per home. As a Governing Body we have decided to keep that assessment for phase 3 & 4 at \$6800.00. We are not going to force anyone to hook up to the system. The only way you would have to do that is if your septic failed, if your home changes ownership we require you apply and pay the connection fee. There are two components of the sewer system one is the assessment of \$6800.00 and that can be paid over 20 years at 1 ½% interest. If you do decide to connect it's a \$4000.00 connection fee paid over 10 years no interest.

Phil Sylvestri, 5 Drace Place

Mr. Sylvestri is not happy with having the sewers on his street and why is he being forced to connect if we sell the house. Everyone on his street have new septic's. Their road is a mess.

Mayor responded that the road is going to be repaved hopefully by the fall.

Martha Orrok, 4 Drace Place

Ms. Orrok is also not happy with having the sewers on her street. Her septic is new and she asked why would they have to pay the same as everyone else while their street is a mess and they don't have sidewalks.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the above the following resolution:

158-2022: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SEWER ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2021 SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT, PHASE THREE AND FOUR

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

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 07-2022

CAPITAL 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 PLAN GRANT

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

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

ORDINANCE 08-2022

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 147, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND LIMITING THE ISSUANCE OF ROAD OPENING PERMITS ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS WHICH HAVE BEEN PAVED OR IMPROVED WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

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:

ORDINANCE 06-2022

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

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 Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets,

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 06-2022 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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

- 159-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$582,945.42
- 160-2022:** RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 161-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST #2 FOR THE GREENWICH STREET AND VAN DUYN AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO VEKTOR CORPORATION, 348 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY 08831 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,257.56
- 162-2022:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO KEYTECH FOR NJDOT HMA CORE SAMPLING AND TESTING, PER NJ STATE AID - 2019 ON MUNN AVENUE, POST LANE AND COTTAGE PLACE FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$1,820.00
- 163-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEGACY CASTLE, 141 NJ-23, POMPTON PLAINS, NJ 07444 FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA TO BE HELD ON APRIL 1, 2023
- 164-2022:** RESOLUTION REVOKING THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION AND AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF \$1,200.00 PAID TOWARDS THE CONNECTION FEE Suzanne Martini, 1 William Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 30, Lot 18
- 165-2022:** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT
- 166-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SALARY INCREASE OF \$5,000.00 TO PETE DAKEN FOR OBTAINING A T1 WATER TREATMENT AND W2 WATER DISTRIBUTION LICENSE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 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 the 5K First Responders Day is next Saturday. This is the 4th year and later that day is Riverdale Day at the park. The roadwork on Van Dyne and Greenwich has been completed and he has been told that Hamburg Turnpike is going to be another eight weeks. He is waiting to hear back from PSE&G because they are going to replace a gas line from Hamburg to Cedar Street.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONELL: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that there will be a ribbon cutting for the Community Garden next month. We had a lot of help from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who obtained their awards. As far as the retaining wall we are trying to get that going within the next few weeks. We have worked out the logistics with the lighting project and we are hoping that will happen in the spring.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that there are new sidewalks by Post Lane and they are ADA compliant mats and when PSE&G ran the gas line they cut right through the sidewalk. Mayor responded that they will have to replace it and the county will be paving the road once they are done. He will need to reach out to the Fire Marshal and the Fire works Company because there is nothing scheduled for inspections.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling found a Tahoe that was in budget so if it fits in the budget, he doesn't see any reason why it can't be purchased. Mayor asked if it was state contract and Chief responded yes and Mayor asked for the paperwork to be sent to him.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that the street fair was well attended. He thanked JC Promotions for the event. They allowed the Steel Magnolias Robotics, the team that I coach, which is also sponsored by the Girl Scouts. We set up an outreach event, not a fundraiser, to spread the word of the league that we participate in and what we do and try to get more awareness. In the three years, four girls graduated and moved on from my team and are going to engineering schools. Specifically, first robotics scholarships they had that were sponsored by the league for a total of \$ 64,000 between four girls. This year we have two girls from Pompton Lakes. Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill stopped by and the girls had their picture taken with her.

The state of New Jersey collected more than 4.6 million dollars in tax revenue in the first ten weeks of legal cannabis sales in the state of New Jersey. That came from a total of almost 80 million dollars in recreational marijuana from April 21st through June 30th. What that comes to be in Municipal revenue it's about 1.6 million dollars was given out to towns where these dispensaries or other businesses around it. The last he heard there were eighteen total dispensaries open each one of them did 4.5 million dollars in sales in ten weeks. This is an opportunity that we should seriously consider. We said we would revisit once the laws were clear and the laws are clear now and everyone is opening their doors for business. The mayor responded that he would be interested to know how much Butler and Pequannock received because most of these places are in Jersey City, Montclair, Paterson which are big cities that do tremendous business.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Desai asked if there is any movement on the Community Center and the mayor responded that he is waiting for the two Councilman, Councilman Purcell and Councilman Desai, to come up with some guidelines. After discussion the Council decided to look into renting to Community functions and Civic groups. There will also be a fee to have someone from the Borough staying for the event.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:29p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk