

September 28, 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, Purcell, Revis**

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 14, 2022

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Purcell, Revis**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Oswald & Pellegrini**  
**(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 Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell to approve the following resolutions:

- 167-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Estate of Beverly Jensen, 12 Riverdale Parkway, Riverdale, NJ, Block 20, Lot 12
- 168-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,173,936.55
- 169-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST #4 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 \$104,654.75
- 170-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TERMINATION OF EASEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND DUBE DEVELOPMENT, INC.
- 171-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A 2023 TAHOE 9C1 PURSUIT SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE# 8-2021 FOR THE RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILIZING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) CONTRACT# 20/21-09 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$44,287.85

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 66 -A THROUGH E**

**MAYOR REPORT:**

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Mayor Carelli reported that there was a bid opening for the work on Newark Pompton Turnpike and Cotluss Road we were hoping to award that tonight but I received a call from the attorney there were some issues with the low bidder that he is working through them. The Public Safety Committee met and had our first meeting with the PBA to start contracting negotiations. The contract expires at the end of this year. We are in agreement to have this settled and voted on in December and that would take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. One of the things that was discussed was to revamp the whole contract, there are a lot of things that are outdated. Finally, after 25 years I received a signed contract from New Jersey Central Power & Light agreeing to sell the building on Post Lane. Our Liaison, Bob Flin, has gotten back to the mayor in regards to the decorative lights on Hamburg Turnpike and they have assigned an engineer to work on that project.

**7:39pm – Councilman Oswald arrived.**

Mayor Carelli continued with his report. Linda Roetman has set up a meeting with myself, Bob Oostdyk and the owners of the Pompton Plumbing property at his request to talk about the future plans of that property. It has been vacant for too many years and it's like a PSE&G depot right now.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONELL:** Councilman Kheyfets reported that it was a great job for everyone involved in the Riverdale Day events and it was an amazing turnout. A lot of positive reviews from the residents.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that he did hear from the Borough Engineer and it looks like tentatively that the wall will be starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October and will take about 4 to 5 weeks to do that part of it. The 5K race went off without a hitch we had about 120 runners. Thank you to the police for blocking off the streets and keeping cars coming in to a minimum for the residents.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that Riverdale Day was by far the best one. A great turnout and the band was great! Everything worked out in harmony with Fireworks, Police Department, DPW and Fire Department. Thank you everyone who helped make that day happen and Krista too for getting the band in place. Fright Night is Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that he would like to echo how great Riverdale Day was. Chief Smith and Chief Regeling had no comments.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** Councilman Desai reported that he attended the sewer meeting and they have completed the CCTV of the flat section of the mains in Riverdale and it seems great. The concerns were when they did it years ago there was loose concrete that had fallen into the pipe and not knowing where it came from. The recommendation is to continue to clean it over the years. Riverdale's application has been tabled until the next meeting. Mayor asked if we should invite Mr. Nemith to one of our meetings in closed session to discuss his findings and Councilman Desai responded that it can't hurt to understand what their strategy is. Mayor responded that this is an illegal connection that happened about eight years ago and the Pequannock River Basin Authority caught wind of this illegal connection which was in Riverdale and claimed that the illegal connection did damage to their pipe and had to be fixed for over \$200,000 which they are asking us to pay. Eric Nemith is the attorney for our old JIF and they hired an engineering firm to look at the work that was done and make an assessment on that work. They have a report which he is going to use I guess at some point to go back to the Authority. Riverdale Day was great and he brought the Robotics team to it after their meeting.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

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**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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:03p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk