

November 21, 2022

The Council Workshop 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, Pellegrini
Absent: Revis

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Pellegrini
Absent: Revis
(5 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 Purcell to approve the following resolutions:

186-2022: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$933,699.91

187-2022: FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159 - CLEAN COMMUNITIES-2022

188-2022: AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF RAMON ESPINAL AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF \$37,500

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Pellegrini
Absent: Revis
(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 80 -A THROUGH C

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that Michael Carelli sent out a press release from the DCA where the Murphy administration announces 25 million for local recreation improvement grants. We should apply, it may not be enough for the lights but we talked about putting bathrooms in too maybe a snack bar. Tilcon paved Morris, Curtis and Linden but had an issue on Drace Place with a water main break so they were unable to pave. Steve spoke to Tilcon and they will pave it once they pave Hamburg. Linda was contacted by an entity that is interested in purchasing the property located at the top of Evans Road which was approved for ten homes for a number of years and nothing has been done. This entity wants to put hundreds of town homes and condominiums. It's time sensitive because they have a contract pending and they want to know how we feel about that. Linda has set up a meeting for the Economic Development Committee to meet with them after Thanksgiving. There is absolutely no

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infrastructure up there. The Mayor and Council have been invited to a Board of Ed meeting and they will be going as residents. The work has started for the gas line and they are moving their way up Newark Pompton. Steve had asked him if the Community Center could be available for the state, they do a water class for CEU's.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONELL: No Report

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that they are moving along with the wall and it looks great.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that the Santa mailbox is out front of Borough Hall until December 11th. Also, the Holiday Gathering is on December 7th at the Community Center. He will be traveling the week after Christmas so he won't be at the December 28th meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that he has an update on the Cannabis process inquiry that we had and he received a bunch of information from Mr. Jung and he has started going through it and verifying his numbers. I hope to have a final report or a preliminary report before the December 14th meeting.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Purcell reported that he received a text that there is a dilapidated camper parked outside 23 Highland Avenue. The Chief responded that it's on an empty lot. The mayor reported that they had hired a marketing person to develop a flyer for the 100th Anniversary Gala and that was posted on our website and people are commenting that we are having a 100th Anniversary Gala not in Riverdale there will be over 500 people in attendance.

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 Purcell to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:55PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk deceased