

March 8, 2023

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, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

February 22, 2022

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47, "POLICE DEPARTMENT", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE.**

**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. 17-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:

**55-2023:** APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF THE PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE IDENTIFIED AS CONVENIENCE 23, INC. TO RIVERDALE WINE & SPIRITS, LLC

**56-2023:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 8, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$229,579.85

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

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**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 17 -B THROUGH C**

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported we have closed the tickets for the Gala and we are at 525 guests. We have received some nice sponsorships. Tom Boorady has scheduled a pre-construction meeting for the Newark Pompton Turnpike. Councilman Oswald asked if that would be the other work that needs to be done on Cotliss and the mayor responded that is all part of the project. There will be closed session to bring council up to date on negotiations with the PBA. Lisa, Connie and I interviewed three candidates this week to replace Linda Roetman. That position will be a part-time position from 9-2PM. We did narrow it down to one candidate which we will be offering the job to tomorrow. Tom Boorady has agreed to be the Zoning Officer and Property Maintenance will be someone who is a fire inspector and works for the town. Linda would like to stay on the Board of Health as a resident.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONELL:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that the fence at the park is up the upper and lower fence. The only thing we are waiting on is the pavement of the walkway and the wooden rails. We have over \$10,000 for rent this season so far.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis asked Chief Smith if he had anything and he responded that they need to get together to talk about the new regime.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** Councilman Desai reported that he said from the last meeting he would wrap up the report for Class II licenses Cannabis manufacturing in Riverdale. He circulated that before this meeting.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

**NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:**

Update – Cannabis Manufacturing

Councilman Desai gave a presentation on Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturing.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no further comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session. Mayor and Council decided to invite Ron Mondelli to do a presentation.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:43p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss PBA negotiations.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 9:05p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:05PM

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk