

June 14, 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, Oswald, Revis, Purcell, Pellegrini
Absent: Kheyfets

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 24, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Pellegrini
Absent: Kheyfets
Abstain: Revis
(4 ayes - 0 nays - 1 Abstain - 1 Absent - motion carried)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 02-2023

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Absent: Kheyfets
(6 ayes - 0 nays - 1 Absent - motion carried)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-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 Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to approve the following resolutions:

- 93-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NUMBER 09-00007, BLOCK 12 LOT 17
- 94-2023:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 14, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$619,509.98

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95-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND 57 HAMBURG REALTY, LLC AND ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ESCROW DEPOSIT

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED:

96-2023: AUTHORIZE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND ISSUE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR 3RD QUARTER 2023 TAXES

97-2023: SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

98-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES

99-2023: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER (1) AND PAYMENT REQUEST #2 FOR THE PHASE 3 SEWER PROJECT ON MORRIS AVENUE AND CURTIS STREET TO HUTTON CONSTRUCTION, 41 VILLAGE PARK ROAD, CEDAR GROVE, NJ 07009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,092.15

100-2023: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST #2 AND #3 FOR THE NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE AND COTLUSS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO AMERICAN ASPHALT & TRUCKING, LLC, 818 SUMMER AVE FLOOR 1, NEWARK, NJ 07104 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,645.46 FOR PAYMENT REQUEST #2 AND \$380,983.42 FOR PAYMENT REQUEST #3

101-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND RIVERDALE PBA LOCAL 335

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Absent: Kheyfets
(5 ayes – 0 nay – 1 Absent motion carried)

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that next Thursday, June 22th the Planning Board will have Donna Holmqvist our planner to make the presentation of the draft Master Plan Redevelopment Examination, so if anyone from the Council would like to attend that meeting. The mayor had presented a list to Bob Oostdyk properties that had Municipal liens and have been sitting on our books for years and decided it might be a good opportunity to clean that up and just foreclose on those properties and take them back. The list has gotten smaller because some have actual paid. Bob responded that two of the bigger ones have actually paid their taxes and the mayor and Tom Boorady looked at the properties and Tom's recommendation was don't foreclose on anything that has to do with overlook. On Sunday the mayor went over to the Albanian American Cultural Center where they did a dedication of a statue that they had constructed on the side of the building and he had a tour of the facility. The mayors from Pequannock and Pompton attended and it was very nice very family-oriented ceremony. The new President is trying to reach out and partner with the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that he spoke to the cable company and Paul, who is one of the maintenance crews, and he will be coming out next Wednesday and he is going to see if it's feasible to get fiber down there at the park.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that he had the honor of doing a ribbon cutting of a new business in town called Parent Train, it's mental health and awareness primarily children. He had another resident say something to him about the water pressure on Riverview it's not the pressure it's the volume something is definitely going on.

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PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that he stopped at the garage this morning and everyone was doing okay.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked the Chief Regeling if he had anything and he responded that they can talk about the budget another time. Lieutenant Quant responded that everything is good and they are busy.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that the key codes at the Community Center have been problematic. Last couple of organizations received key codes and were unable to get in. The mayor responded that we are replacing that system with a cloud base system but it is backordered. He asked about the wi-fi and when was the last time it was looked at the problem is the network inside. He would like to look into upgrading. Councilman Desai asked if there was a reason why we waited until June for the Budget and the mayor responded no other than to fine tuning stuff. This was probably the most difficult years to do the budget. Discussion continued on Cannabis Manufacturing. Councilman Desai will have a resolution for the next meeting so everyone can vote.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Carelli explained the Summary Levy Cap Calculation and Tax Rate History. The average increase per home is \$87. The total increase for the average home is \$265.00 and \$87.00 is the Borough. He thanked the council for a great job for the past six to seven years keeping taxes at a flat minimal increase.

Mayor Carelli announced the public hearing on the municipal budget will be held on July 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, for the introduction of the 2023 municipal budget.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kheyfets

(5 ayes - 0 nays - 1 - Absent motion carried)

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BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Chief Regeling thanked the Police Department and Bloomingdale, Pequannock and Pompton Lakes Fire Department for their assistance to the fire on Saturday.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:31PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk