

June 28, 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, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent on Roll Call: Oswald**

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

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

PRESENTATION:

- **Steel Magnolia's Robotics Team**

Steel Magnolia's gave a presentation to the Mayor and Council. They spoke about what the team does and the awards that they have received.

Councilman Oswald arrived at 7:47PM

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:

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to approve the following resolutions:

- 102-2023:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2023/2024 LICENSE YEAR IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 103-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 104-2023:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE OLD POWDER HORN MILL, LLC FOR THE 2023/2024 LICENSE YEAR
- 105-2023:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 28, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,139,060.67
- 106-2023:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR ESTATE OF ROBERT BURTON, 12 SONYA TERRACE, Riverdale, NJ Block 28, Lot 3.03
- 107-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT CONTINUED

- 108-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND THE NORTH JERSEY POLICE RADIO ASSOCIATION FOR 2023
- 109-2023:** AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES 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
- 110-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TOLLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND THE PEQUANNOCK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
- 111-2023:** AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS (1) AND (2) 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 \$68,087.20 – NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT \$1,042,834.03
- 115-2023:** AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS (2) AND (3) AND REVISED FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST #6 FOR THE INDEPENDENCE PARK RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO MIKE FITZPATRICK CONTRACTORS, INC., 18 COZY LAKE RD, PO BOX 430, OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,795.36

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 39 - A THROUGH K**RESOLUTIONS – For Discussion**

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

- 112-2023:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHARLES R. QUANT JR. AS THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

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

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

- 113-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH RER SUPPLY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVERDALE RECYCLING CENTER

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

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Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Council President Pellegrini to approve the following resolutions:

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114-2023: AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO DRAFT AND MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE 06-2021, LICENSING AGREEMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTIONS OF A LOCAL CANNABIS TRANSFER TAX FOR CLASS 2 - CANNABIS MANUFACTURING IN DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL ZONES WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai
Nays: Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
(1 ayes -5 nays - motion not carried)

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MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that at the last Planning Board meeting they were presented with a Master Plan Draft, that draft is available on the website and there will be three public hearings scheduled. Residents are able to come in and ask questions about the master plan. We are on hold with Altice right now because the state had a problem with the proposal. The mayor spoke to Tom Carton who inquired about the Quarry license we are overdue for that. He will meet with Tom Boorady and at least start the inspection they thought that it was in their best interest, this is the Mahan Group, to make sure the Quarry license was in effect. We are scheduled to have our 100th Anniversary Carnival September 13th - September 17th. We need to supply volunteers to run the games of chance and we reached out to the non-profits in town and we have two so far. We have a couple of things for executive session, a litigation update and that would be Rommele vs. Borough of Riverdale and Dave and I had a meeting tonight with our Sewer Engineer and we will talk about that in Executive Session. There has been a discussion about having a summer schedule for the Council meetings. The next meeting is on July 12th which we will be swearing in our new Chief of Police, Sergeant and Lieutenant. We will have the public hearing and adoption of the budget. We are considering eliminating the July 26th and in August we are proposing to eliminating the August 9th and August 23rd meeting and having a meeting on the August 16th.

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

116-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS CANCELLING JULY 26TH, AUGUST 9TH AND AUGUST 23RD AND REPLACE WITH A MEETING ON AUGUST 16TH.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the Boy Scouts are also interested in doing the Carnival.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell asked if the Marine Corp received a non-profit letter for the Carnival and the mayor responded he doesn't think so. Councilman Purcell will have Michael send them a letter.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked Chief Regeling if he had anything and he responded just previous emails about the budget. Mayor responded we will set a meeting up after the holiday.

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FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that he had a sewer meeting last week and the I&I study is going along well. The company that is doing it was able to post all the temporary meters that were put in. It is all live data into the same system where we get the rest of the readings and from that we can download Raw data.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Holiday Garbage Collection – Wednesday, July 5, 2023

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Caroline Polhemus, 16 Halsey Avenue, in regards to the Cannabis you have Camfli right on Riverdale Road and they are the number one manufacture of air filters within the world and they are working with everybody across the US with locations of Cannabis with indoor air qualities. If you have questions, you could probably go to them and see what they can do.

Bill Gardiner, 25 Halsey Avenue, asked if there were any updates on the sewer at Halsey Avenue. Mayor responded that we will be going into Executive Session after this meeting. Dave and I met with the Sewer Engineer and he has the plans for Halsey and Federal so they are done. It is going to require some legal work. Mr. Ryden has completed Phase V and we want to go out to bid in the fall.

Kristen Rosenboom, 5 Halsey Avenue, asked about the closing of the park every weekend and the mayor responded it's a police matter and I can get you the answer but I don't know for sure. She asked if the GlenBurn will be rented again for social events and the mayor said no. We are open to renting the Pavilion and possibly the Barn.

Susan Nicoll, 7 Macopin Avenue, she is there on behalf of the Women's Club and we spoke to the mayor about Clothing Bins at the GlenBurn. The company emailed her and said they were moved from the one area to the back and out of site. She asked if the bins can be moved to the front. After discussion the bins will be moved back.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:55 p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss Sewer Litigation Update/Roemmele vs. Borough of Riverdale.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 9:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk