

August 16, 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**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

July 12, 2023

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF BOROUGH OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC. (BLOCK 13.01, LOT 8; 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE)**

**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. 46-A**

Mayor introduced Josh Bensen from Tilcon and he is here to discuss the Quarry Licensing along with the Borough Engineer, Tom Boorady. Tom Boorady reported that the Riverdale Quarry is operated by Tilcon and is required to have a license with the Borough of Riverdale. The representatives of Tilcon prepared their license renewal application and Tom reviewed it and he issued a report to the Mayor and Council. The only things that are outstanding at this point is proof of Insurance for the current year, proof of having a reclamation bond in place and also proof of the annual fees that they are supposed to pay to the Borough. It's his understanding that their terms with the property owner they will be done by the end of 2024. When you look at the reclamation plan you will be left with 76.6 acres of developable plan. Tom's recommendation is to continue to extend the license.

**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 Oswald to approve the following resolutions:

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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED:**

- 119-2023:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR ANTHONY MARINO, 111 LOY AVENUE, Riverdale, NJ Block 29, Lot 8.08
- 120-2023:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED, AT A MINIMUM, THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE 2022 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- 121-2023:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2022 AUDIT REPORT
- 122-2023:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 16, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,046,417.13
- 123-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT SUBMITTAL TO FY 2023 STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY CHEMICAL CONTROL TREATMENT PROGRAM
- 124-2023:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DEXTER'S INC. FOR THE 2023/2024 LICENSE YEAR
- 125-2023:** RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JAMES FELANO TO A PERMANENT POSITION IN THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVING COMPLETED HIS ONE-YEAR PROBATION AS OF JULY 1, 2023
- 126-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF RIVERDALE FOR THE 2023 BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE CARNIVAL

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

- 127-2023:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 47-A THROUGH I****MAYOR REPORT:** RER Contract Extension Agreement

Mayor reported that we actually already approved the contract extension resolution at the last meeting and Bob did the agreement basically everything in the resolution is in this agreement. It doesn't need approval but he wanted everyone to see it. In regards to the retaining wall the Engineer went out because there was some shifting of the soil from all this rain. It's been fixed and re-seeded.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that people were commenting about the park that we closed it and kicked out the soccer association. We have gone on to the website and made it perfectly clear that we did not kick them out and we have been very good partners and we treat them very well. The field is in a period of rest we are trying to get the grass growing again it was getting over used. Next spring, we should be back on the fields.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that there are a few events coming up the Carnival is September 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> behind the Armory, Riverdale Day & the 5K race on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of September 24<sup>th</sup>. As well as Labor Day Street Fair.

The mayor responded that Michael has called for a Carnival meeting because we need an actual layout of the Armory Parking lot. We had a great discussion tonight with Chief Quant on Parking what we might do. There will be no parking in the Armory parking lot. There are discussions on parking on Riverdale Road and North and South Corporate.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that we had a meeting with Chief Quant to discuss some safety measures that might be taken to ensure the safety of the children walking from the Alexian to school along Riverdale Road. Sidewalks along Riverdale Road would help all the residents of the Alexian and all residents and maybe access the walking trail. Chief Regeling submitted some proposals for equipment and he is concerned about getting those signed off before the prices increase.

Chief Quant thanked the Junior Police Academy and the use of the facility it was a successfully week with the kids and thank you to the DPW for your assistance on the PD side with remodeling offices.

Mayor Carelli reported for about seven years he has been back and forth with the County about the walking trail. Now it's to the point that the trail has been constructed pretty much from Wayne to the point of Riverdale. He was shocked that it ended at Riverdale Road in Pequannock and didn't extend up to Post Lane and this decision was made prior to him. He has been back and forth talking to the county officials and finally is looking to set up a meeting in September to figure out how we are going to get this done. Councilman Revis jogged my memory tonight, we were talking about the safety issues on Riverdale Road and putting sidewalks. We have asked the engineer to get us estimates for putting sidewalks on both sides of Riverdale Road. At least from the Alexian up to the Railroad Tracks were hopefully someday that would be the walking trail which then would go across Riverdale Road. We will be setting up this meeting and I would like Councilman Desai to be a part of that.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** Councilman Desai reported that Council President Pellegrini and himself just came back from a sewer meeting and it looks like there is a 1% increase on the budget and there is nothing on the horizon that should affect us either on the TWSA side or our side.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

**William Gardiner, 25 Halsey Avenue**, if there is any update and the mayor responded that we have the design and we will be going out to bid in the Fall for both phases five and six. The properties that we would require easements from have been identified and the attorney is aware that we have to send letters out and we are just waiting for someway to describe where we will need to have the easement. There are four properties involved and we are hoping they are all cooperative.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:45 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk