

September 27, 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 absent at Roll Call

**ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None**

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 03-2023

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)

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Council President Pellegrini opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Council President Pellegrini closed the public portion.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai,

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 03-2023 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Council President Pellegrini opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Josephine Iurato, 7 Oak Street, thanked the mayor for his help with resolution 137-2023.

There being no comments, Council President Pellegrini closed the public session.

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 134-2023: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$901,245.74
- 135-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 136-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND RIVERDALE PBA LOCAL 335
- 137-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

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

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PERSONNEL: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the shade tree committee met on Monday and we discussed the grant we received for the spotted lanternfly's and there are a couple of ways to treat them. We are working on prices from local contractors to treat it now and they would kill the tree and then come back and remove it. The tree of Heaven is the tree they feed on and that's the tree we are looking for. These are trees only on town right aways and parks. We are looking to send out something letting the residents know in the town how they can treat it and we will offer that any tree of heaven that they have in their yard can be removed for free but they will still need to have a permit. The town arborist will still need to go out and mark the tree and then they can remove it. We are hoping it will mitigate the spotted lanternfly for next year.

7:43pm Mayor Carelli arrived.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that Riverdale Day and the 5K have been cancelled and we are rescheduling the fireworks on Friday and Movie Night with the PBA. He reached out to the firework company to see if they can do Saturday since Friday is not going to be a good day. Therese McClachrie will be retiring and he would like to thank her for her many years of service to the Borough. She never missed any Library Board meetings; she is a good listener and a great person. She will be sorely missed. There will be a get together on Friday, October 24th at 5:30pm at the library.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked Lieutenant Famularo if he had anything and he responded that he spoke to the mayor briefly about the gas cards with the Shell station. We can definitely use vehicles its hard to get them and he found a place in Pennsylvania that are under a state contract and they are probably around \$150,000 fully outfitted which is a good price. They are looking for another Special. Travis Roemmele will probably not be coming back next year. Chief Regeling spoke about his list that he sent in an email some old and new items.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported on sewer the I&I study was completed. We received a preliminary report from our engineering firm that works for the authority now.

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Our service contract with TWSA has a minimum flow requirement. Any time we were under we had to pay. They need to make a change to our service contract and they can't do it without us so we just have been tabling it and tabling from meeting to meeting. No one in the TWSA has minimum flow requirements so we want to be like everyone else we should not have a minimum flow.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Kim Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue, she said that the council was going to put no parking on Post and it is still not there. The mayor responded we will have to go from Halsey to Dalton Drive no parking. She asked about the easements and the mayor responded that he has had conversations with two of the four residents. We want to get the sewer engineer out there to stake it. The mayor wants to schedule a meeting with each homeowner and at our last council meeting in closed session we discussed how we are going to make people whole and he can't say much more of that right now of what we may do for the inconvenience. Ms. Soto asked what is the money for the carnival going towards and the mayor responded that he is trying to do the final reconciliation of what was made and it is not as large as they thought it would be. There were a lot of hidden expenses that crept up on us. He is working at the final detail of the four non-profits. The money will probably go into the recreation trust account. The ticket sales on Wednesday & Thursday were around \$8,000.00 on Friday it was \$25,000, Saturday night it was \$26,000 and Sunday was \$23,000.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell that the Council go into closed session to discuss Sewer Expansion Easements and Cannabis Enforcement Update.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:26 p.m.

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

138-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND THE PEQUANNOCK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY ("PRBRSA")

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

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Adjourned: 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk