

October 11, 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, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Kheyfets**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 27, 2023

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

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

ORDINANCE 06-2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 160 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON POST LANE (SOUTH)

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

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 07-2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND PLACING BLOCK 9, LOT 9 (4 PATERSON-HAMBURG TURNPIKE) IN THE R-7.5 ZONE IN ITS ENTIRETY

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

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

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ORDINANCE 08-2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 119 “NOISE CONTROL” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND CLARIFYING THE LIMITATION ON ACCEPTABLE HOURS FOR THE USE OF COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL POWER TOOLS AND LANDSCAPING AND YARD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

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

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 09-2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF A “MINOR SUBDIVISION”

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

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 04-2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND REVISING THE FEES FOR WATER METERS

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

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Lisa Ferrara, 115 Newbury Place asked about the title of the advertised ordinance and it says water and sewer. The mayor responded that it is just for water and it has to do with purchasing of a water meter it will be advertised with the correct heading.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

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

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 04-2023 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally pass

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 59 – A

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 05-2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

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

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

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

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 05-2023 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)

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 59 – B

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

139-2023: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 11, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$368,258.89

140-2023: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH 10-75 EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO PURCHASE ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE CHIEF COMMAND VEHICLE THROUGH STATE CONTRACT NO. 17-FLEET-00743 / T0106 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$18,999.99

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

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COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 60-A and B

MAYOR REPORT

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that we are winding down the year with the park rentals. We gave the soccer fields a rest which was needed. We are pushing forward with the walking path and hopefully we will get that approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that the fireworks show that started right after the PBA movie night was a success. They exceeded the expectations compared to prior years. Thank you again to the PBA for letting us piggyback with them. Fright Night is on the 17th from 6-8PM at Freedom Park. We have one ATV Trailer which he will be driving but they need another one if they can find one.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that there are issues with water and he would like the DPW to go door to door to make a chart of what volume each house is getting and have the engineer look at it and see what can be done. The mayor responded for those of you that don't know there is problem with a volume of water down by our Councilman's house and neighbors on either side of him. They did a little investigating and found out that from the valve into their house doesn't appear to be the problem. They believe it's from the valve to the main which we would have to be replaced. Steve did get pricing to replace that section but the cost to do that is \$5,000 each house.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that as the police department goes, we started the dialog with Lt. Famularo about the car purchase and it's still ongoing. I know Chief Quant has spoken to the Mayor about the IT stuff. The mayor responded that they are buying a new server and it's on the bills list tonight. The Lieutenant did send the mayor the list of current vehicles and where we are in payments.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update on the Morris County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Activity 510 of the Community Rating System (CRS) Rating Program NFIP CID #340359 (attached)

The mayor distributed an update that was given to him by our Borough Engineer in regards to our Community Rating System. We need to acknowledge at a meeting.

The mayor reported that as we all know Riverdale Day was cancelled which was our 5K race, concert in the park and food trucks. We were able to do the fireworks which we were committed to do within six months. The other issue that he has been dealing with was we gave adequate notice to the band and I had Jill contact them. The fee for the band was \$7,500. He wants to send an invoice since we can't give him a date. He will send the contract to Bob to look at.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Susan Fernicola, 21 Morris Avenue, she has a tree that is right at the sidewalk and she had approached the town last November and asked the town to take a look at it, its very old and it's the same tree that is up and down the street. In August she came back because branches were falling. I filled out the tree permit and Arborist came out and Stephanie said that the engineer would come out and look at the tree to see if it is in a right-a-way. The Arborist came out again not the engineer with a piece of paper that states the right-a-way begins twenty feet right off her front porch. She is not happy at the way the engineer talked to her. After discussion the mayor will meet with Ms. Fernicola and engineer tomorrow.

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Lisa Ferrara, 115 Newbury Place, asked about the new business on the agenda and is this a questionnaire that needs everyone to answer. The mayor responded that every year the Borough Engineer has to submit a report to the state and that's in order for us to get a certification for flood insurance and residents in the flood zone will get a discount from their insurance. Ms. Ferrara asked what the interest rate is on the special assessment the mayor responded it's 1.5% it's in the resolution when we authorized it. Ms. Ferrara asked if the Community Center and the Glenburn will be rented out and the mayor responded no to the Glenburn and the Community Center, we need to figure somethings out and finalize it. It is currently open to all Civic Groups. She asked if they are advertising or thinking of advertising for the Summer Recreation Director and the mayor said we will be we are not cancelling Summer Recreation. Ms. Ferrara said meet the Candidates for Board of Education is on October 18th at 6PM at the school. She also commented on the Fireworks and said they were amazing.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk