

October 25, 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, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell
Abstain: Kheyfets
(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 10-2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ESTABLISHING NJDEP-MANDATED REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGE FACILITIES

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 62-A

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

- 141-2023:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 25, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$877,330.70
- 142-2023:** FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87 – CLEAN COMMUNITIES
- 143-2023:** FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87 – STORMWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT

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RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

144-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A 2023 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV UTILIZING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOP PRICING SYSTEM, SYSTEM IDENTIFIER 47-CPCPS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$38,200.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BANKCORP BANK FOR A TERM OF 60 MONTHS AND A QUARTERLY LEASE PAYMENT OF \$2,193.52

145-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATIONS TO THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT VOLUNTEERED AT THE RIVERDALE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CARNIVAL GAMES

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 63-A and E**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Carelli reported that he will be meeting with Frank Covelli and Lisa to discuss a dental plan for the Borough employees. We currently have it with the state and Frank did an analysis that will save some money and it will also provide better dental and added vision coverage and that would be Delta which is a very good provider of dental insurance. There will be more to report on that after we meet with Frank. He received an email and an invoice for \$7500 from the band promoter he wants his money in full, due to the fact that we haven't rescheduled. His thought is offering half of the payment and give a date for 2024. We were charged \$349 from the Armory because the Carnival was supposed to be gone on Monday and they didn't leave until Tuesday. He took off the \$349 from the Carnival payment since they were the ones that didn't clean up by Monday. Fright Night was a great night and Dave did a good job scaring all the little kids. Vinny and Paul were driving the trailers in and out of the park. Councilman Desai responded that we had some great volunteers and it worked out well. The mayor spoke to the sewer engineer, Bill Ryden, and he will be available next Thursday, November 2nd at 4PM to walk the four properties. The mayor will reach out to the four residents to let them know that we are looking for easements and he will be there to show what exactly they plan on doing. Last night over at the library there was a farewell party for Therese who has been our Library Director. She is retiring and her last day is on Monday. It was a nice turnout and she did a great job as the Director. In the interim we have Abby Sanner who will be back to help out until we find her replacement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the baseball season is officially over. The boy scouts are going to use the GlenBurn for their Thanksgiving cookout this year.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that the DPW did a great job with the hayride. At the sewer meeting they are very close to settling up and the attorney for the Authority just wants to change something in the writing.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that he attended the Fire Department movie night and it was a good movie but not many people attended and they are having problems with volunteers.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Community Center Discussion

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The mayor reported that we have discussed opening the Community Center. Right now, it's open to Civic Groups, fundraisers, Women's club, Riverdale seniors, Girl scouts, Boy scouts, robotics and little league. Our insurance company says if we open it up to the public, we need to have a person there during any events and we would have to pay someone. He is thinking opening up for early parties, bridal shower, baby shower that you are out by 6:00PM. He wants to keep it to Riverdale residents only.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Ann Marie Nadiroglu, 3 Oak Street, she asked about the summer recreation director and the mayor responded we are hiring a summer recreation director and will advertise for that position before the end of the year.

Kim Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue, thanked everyone for Fright Night they had a blast. She asked about the signs and the mayor responded that we introduced an ordinance for no parking on Post and Halsey.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk