

December 13, 2023

The Regular 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:

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

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

PRESENTATION:

- Riverdale Police Department – Commendations

Chief Quant recognized officers with an accommodation bar which they wear above their badges.

Sargeant Duffy on May 16, 2022 responded to a Motor Vehicle Accident on Route 23S. The vehicle was a rollover on its side and on fire. Sgt. Duffy climbed above onto the vehicle and broke the driver's side window and rescued the driver from the vehicle. Sgt. Duffy is awarded a life saver commendation bar for his actions.

Patrolman Norlander and Sgt. Duffy on August of 2023 at 3AM responded to a serious Motor Vehicle Accident on 287 with multiple injuries. The vehicle could not initially be located because it had jumped the guardrail and was on an unstable embankment supported by trees. Still inside the vehicle was an injured juvenile whose leg was pinned by the damaged vehicle. Officers provided first aid while waiting for the Riverdale Fire Department to stabilize the vehicle, and provide assistance on freeing the leg of the injured passenger. Sgt. Duffy and Patrolman Norlander are receiving a life saver award for their actions.

Patrolman Pollack in December of 2022 at 4AM did a random inquiry of an out of state license plate which confirmed a suspended registration. While approaching the vehicle Patrolman Pollack observed a handgun tucked in the center console of the vehicle. He subsequently ordered the driver out of the vehicle and arrested him without incident. Patrolman Pollack is awarded the exceptional duty service bar for his pro activity.

Patrolman Pollack in March of 2023 was dispatched to a residence in Riverdale for a choking child. He responded and was handed an unresponsive child, he performed life saving measures and was able to free the child's airway. Patrolman Pollack is awarded a life saver commendation bar for his actions.

Mayor Carelli thanked the Police officers and the Riverdale Police Department and as we have said we have the best department in the area. These are really highly regarded professionals; they handle themselves well and they represent our town. Keep up the great work and stay safe out there. Thank you too Chief for your leadership.

- Carnival Donations

Mayor responded that this year we celebrated our 100th year celebration and we had some exciting events. We did a Carnival and it was our 1st time trying to do this and there was a lot of planning that went into it. We made a little bit of money and in the end, it didn't cost us anything. We needed to find nonprofit organizations to run the games of chance. We had the Pompton Lake Riverdale PLRYO Association, The Riverdale School PTA, The Riverdale Fire Department and then we had the Riverdale Woman's Club split duty with the Boy Scout Troop. In sales of the games, we did a little over \$12,000 that we brought in for all the

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games. We received an itemized bill of all the prizes that were given for \$9,500. We actually made about \$2500 on the games so we have decided to give each organization a check for \$1,000. Tonight, we have invited the organizations here to present them with a check. Thank you for helping you help in making this carnival a success.

- Banners

Mayor responded that we talked about putting banners on the street lights for veterans and Councilman Purcell has done some research and has found a company that is willing to do that.

Mr. Joe Pugliese from Gates Flag & Banner spoke about the Hometown Heroes Program.

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

- 150-2023:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 13, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$90,203.65
- 151-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE HEALTH CARE WAIVER STIPEND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024
- 152-2023:** RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT FY2024
- 153-2023:** RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87 – CHAPTER 159 – American Rescue Plan Firefighter 2022 Grant
- 154-2023:** RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2024

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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MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Carelli reported that we had a great response the ladies in the office Lisa, Connie & Stephanie decorated the tree in the lobby with an ornament that had gifts for the less fortunate in town. All the ornaments were gone and all the presents were purchased and brought to the office. They will be distributed to the families. Great job by the office staff. We are having our next meeting on December 27th and our Re-org meeting on January 3rd. There will be a Borough Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 15th here in Council Chambers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets wanted to reiterate to the police department. He also had a particular incident where he needed police help and they were very professional and very quick to arrive.

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UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Report

PUBLIC WORKS: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Chief Quant did a great job with the presentation for the officers. Chief Quant reported that next Friday the 22nd there is a parade at the school and then Santa with a Christmas party. Chief Regeling responded that on the 23rd is the Christmas party at the Fire house and he will send out an email.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that the mayor and himself did a little excursion. We want to make the extension of the rail trail and it's moving along. Our neighboring towns have the trail and we will see if we can get that to extend all the way out to Post Lane. At the league conference he met with the DEP and he got some contacts there as far as funding is concerned. The mayor responded that he had a zoom call with Millenium Strategies they are basically grant writers. He was impressed with their presentation they basically go out find federal grants, state grants and county grants and they have a portal that costs \$4800 per year and you can go on this portal and he has every grant. If your interested in a certain grant like a trail you can tell them and they will give you a proposal which is a \$150.00 an hour to do the grant proposal. Typically, they can do them between six and eight hours and they apply for the grants. Also, we finally got our money for the flood buyouts. He was told it was wired today and it's about \$100,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Chief Quant reported that Ron Thomas has retired. He was a Class II Special.

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

Mayor Carelli wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk