

The Council 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, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell**

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 14, 2024

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell
(5 ayes, 0 nays – 1 Absent - motion carried)**

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 Desai to approve the following resolutions:

- 53-2024:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2024 FOR 2023/2024 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$792,989.05
- 54-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR A LICENSE TO PARK MOTOR VEHICLES OUTSIDE IN THE REAR PARKING LOT OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY GARAGE LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE
- 55-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR PLANNING SERVICES
- 56-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION
- 57-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE MORRIS HABITAT PROJECT
- 58-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Purcell
(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 Absent - motion carried)**

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MAYOR REPORT

- Tree Ordinance (draft Ordinance attached) – sent to Shade Tree Commission for review
On agenda for March 13, 2024 for introduction

Mayor Carelli reported that Bob had looked at the tree ordinance combining what we had and what the state has recommended we do. He has scheduled it for introduction on March 14th and he had Stephanie send it over to the Shade Tree Commission and if they have any questions or comments, we will consider it or anyone else. There was discussion on the fines and who would be the enforcing officer.

Mayor reported on Ryerson Avenue that was discussed a while back about the water line that was going from the curb stop to her house but there is another water line that goes under her driveway and cuts through to the property behind her where the neighbor is connected. This is something that the Borough should not be involved with because it is through her property. The mayor asked Rob (DPW) to let him know that she has a curb stop in front of her house that turns off her water and then he wants Rob to verify that in front of the neighbor's house and make sure there is a curb stop there that he can connect to. Then he needs to know the other line that cuts through her property and goes to the back where is that curb stop. He called him and said that we don't know where the other one originated from she definitely has a curb stop and the neighbor has a curb stop. The neighbor was outside and told Rob he would do whatever was needed for him to do. Rob turned off her water and it also turned off the neighbor's water. Discussion Ensued.

- Phase 5 Sewer Expansion Update – TWA Applications

The mayor has informed Mr. Ryden to go out to bid for Phase 5. We need the TWA Applications which Dave responded where they are waiting for us to sign the settlement.

- Recreation Schedule

The mayor and Stephanie are 90% done with the recreation schedule and program for this year. A packet will be put out next week where you can pickup and register for summer camp. There will be three payments, one in March, one in April and the final payment in May. It will be \$250 in March, \$250 in April and the final payment in May whatever the cost is. The cost will be going up because we are going to hire a new Director.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONELL: Councilman Kheyfets asked about the Community Center and the issue with Parking. Mayor responded that either the employees or guests at 69 Newark Pompton Turnpike where the butterfly garden is, they are parking on Cedar and Sonya Terrace and residents are getting upset about that because there are cars parked in front of the houses all day.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that Pompton Lakes/Riverdale Little League will be using our fields at least for the Spring. Steve put up the nets. The mayor responded that he had a request from the Pompton Lakes Administrator asking whether or not we would be interested in helping them pay for the clay.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that we hired someone for the DPW fourteen months ago with the stipulation that a CDL would be required in a year. He made no attempts so he was let go last week. The new hirer is working out well and he has three months to start the process of getting his CDL. We have a position opened for public works.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked Chief Quant if he had anything and he said that they had a great time at the fire department dinner and he has had two retired employees that have had some interest in applying for a special position. The mayor responded that he knows that both departments want to have a meeting but he is waiting for the Annual Financial Statement to be done. The mayor responded that we had a neighbor concerned about when you go down Post Lane around the bend that yard gets flooded and there is a lot

of runoffs coming off the Fire Department and the DPW yard into that area. He had Tom Boorady and I went and looked at it and there are definitely things that we could do to mitigate that problem. We did get an estimate from Mike Fitzpatrick in the neighborhood of \$30,000 it would require some curbing and some drainage pits so at least we keep the water from our property from going on to their property and or drain down to Post Lane the street where we have catch basins.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai asked about the trail and the other stuff that was discussed on the environmental Green Acres property he would like to see those things make progress. Mayor Carelli responded that you saw my email yesterday to PK Environment to do what they have to do at 56 Post Lane so we can get that property once and for all. They need to get into that building and there needs to be some soil testing.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Chris Polhemus, 16 Halsey Avenue, asked about his mom's address on Hancock and the mayor responded all the plans and design is done for Phase V & VI we had a little issue that we had to go to our insurance and the sewer authority is waiting to get a check from us for a connection that was done incorrectly. Typically, what we do on everyone of these projects we do a town hall meeting so we will set up a meeting with the residents of Mead Ave, Hancock and Arlington at the Community Center. There will be a presentation that explains how everything works, when it is going to start, what your obligation is going to be and how you can pay overtime. There being no further comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session.

Kim Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue, asked who is responsible for sidewalks that are lifting and the mayor responded the homeowner. She asked what about all the businesses on Corporate Drive and the mayor responded the businesses. Council President Pellegrini will contact our property maintenance.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:36p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk