

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, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 28, 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: None
Abstain: Purcell
(5 ayes, 0 nays - 0 Absent - 1 Abstain - 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 01-2024

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157, "TREE REMOVAL", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND REGULATING THE REMOVAL, PROTECTION, AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES

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

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 02-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146A OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND REVISING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

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

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

- 59-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 60-2024:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Michael Carelli, 35 Mead Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 23, Lot 23
- 61-2024:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 13, 2024 FOR 2023/2024 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$107,664.14
- 62-2024:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PK ENVIRONMENTAL, PO BOX 1066, 205 MAIN STREET CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY 07928 TO REVIEW THE ASTM PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT (ESA) REPORT AND PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT (PA) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE (BLOCK 26 - LOT 21.03)
- 63-2024:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

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

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MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Carelli reported that he just received a report from CP Engineers on the inflow and infiltration project that they did for us. Along with Stephanie and himself they did put the application out last week for Summer Camp. They have already started coming in. You need to make your 1st payment by April 1st and 2nd payment May 1st. The final payment, which is to be determined, that's due by June 1st. In the application there are the rules and regulations and a draft calendar of events so they can see basically very similar to last year. Last year the program cost \$615 and it is going to go up. Our goal is to have an ad for the Summer Director and camp counselors. He received the sign agreements for the sewer authority for the settlement agreement. The JIF will be paying \$150,000 for the illegal connection back in 2014 and the Borough pays \$30,000. There was discussion about having a town meeting for Phase V for the sewers. Mayor spoke about the school taxes in August and when the tax bills come out this year the referendum that passed and everyone will see an increase. We hired a planner to work on the Quarry redevelopment and they submitted the redevelopment draft today she was working with the Mahan Group and their planner. The next step is it will be put on a meeting for here. Mr. Oostdyk responded that we will be approving a redevelopment plan instead of it going into a Zoning Ordinance it gets done through a redevelopment plan. This is not approving a project it's essentially approving a plan for development. They have talked about some type of warehouse space. An ordinance will be at the next meeting. Then it will go to the Planning Board and they will send a letter back that it is consistent to the Master Plan along with any suggestions. We will then adopt the ordinance sometime in April. We have the right to amend it along the road. The mayor responded that he has heard numbers, which remains to be seen, for a Pilot Program, the payment could be anywhere from 2 million to 3 million dollars a year which the town would get 95%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONELL: Councilman Kheyfets congratulated the Chief and PBA for a great event.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that we are trying to accommodate all the sports on the Riverdale fields until the other fields are repaired. He was able to get someone who lives in town to donate their time and to lay out the soccer fields. The fields look great. The girls' softball will be in Florida next week for their field training.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report

PUBLIC WORKS: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked Chief Quant if he had anything and he responded that touch a truck has the field reserved for the helicopter. Chief Regeling responded that he was able to get a grant for the fire department for turnout gear for \$30,000 for the American Rescue Plan Firefighters Grant.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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