

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, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Kheyfets**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 8, 2024

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Revis
Absent: Kheyfets
Abstain: Pellegrini
(4 ayes, 0 nays - 1 Absent - 1 Abstain - 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 06-2024

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-A

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public portion.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

82-2024: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE, APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – IEA Boosters Club Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle

83-2024: AUTHORIZE GRANT SUBMITTAL TO FY 2024 NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT

84-2024: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

85-2024: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF CANVASSER AND/OR SOLICITOR PERMIT. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS - Tina Cali and Steven Cali, SOLICITING ON BEHALF OF Century 21 Gemini, 87 Berdan Avenue, Wayne, NJ 07470

86-2024: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

87-2024: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 22, 2024 FOR 2023/2024 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$835,477.65

88-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A LEASE AGREEMENT TO PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SVC LLC, 27 WATERVIEW DRIVE MSC 27-3C, SHELTON, CT 06484 FOR ONE SENDPRO C SERIES - VERSION 4 POSTAGE MACHINE FOR A TERM OF 60 MONTHS

89-2024: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH DRAGER, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE ON AN AClOTEST 9510 TEST SYSTEM UNDER STATE TREASURY CONTRACT# T-3031 UTILIZING THE DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND (DDEF) GRANT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$22,822.50

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini

Absent: Kheyfets

(5 ayes - 0 nays - 1 Absent - motion carried)

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MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Carelli reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday and Frank Sorgi is the Grand Marshal and he has some family coming. Summer camp is moving along and Friday is the last day to sign up. There are approximately 55 kids and the price is going to go up because we don't have as many kids as the past years. We had the meet and greet the new Camp Director and only four people showed up. He will be finalizing the price this week and the Director is ready to start.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald thanked the Police Department for giving us extra men and cones for the softball tournament. It was a good crowd and they said they would keep coming back as long as we want them.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported he was emailing with the Firework vendor today because historically we have never paid a fee if we give them advance notice of 24 hours. We have agreed to pay \$200.00 for a truck if the fireworks are cancelled.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis sked Chief Regeling how he did at the Fund Raiser and the Chief responded very well and he thanked those that came and made a donation. Chief Quant thanked the Mayor and Council for passing the resolution.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Carelli reported that tonight we will introduce the budget and we will have our public hearing, presentation and adoption of the budget on June 26th. This budget was one of the most difficult and we are not alone speaking with our auditor and our CFO tax increase was from 4% to 7% and we are coming in at 2.9%. We had a rough go with COVID, there were a number of years where revenue was down and we are playing catch up. We had some issues with the water and sewer primarily water we used a lot of Passaic Valley water last year and whenever we have to purchase water we pay a lot for it. We were \$100,000 over budget in water. He received the paperwork from the school, everyone will be getting a tax bill and you will be seeing in the average house, an increase of \$340.00.

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, for the introduction of the 2024 municipal budget.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini

Nays: None

Abstain: Desai

Absent: Kheyfets

(4 ayes - 0 nays - 1 -Abstain - 1 - Absent motion carried)

COPY OF 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 37-A

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue, asked when Phase V starting and the mayor responded as soon as we receive the permits from the State, they will go out to bid.

Councilman Desai responded that we would receive a report from the Zoning Officer when Linda was here on a monthly basis and I haven't seen one. Mayor will speak to Stephanie and she can talk to Tom Boorady about it. There was a bike trail that came through for the Morris County Parks and we should get on these and come up with a structure and set up sub groups.

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: 7:59p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


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