

June 8, 2022

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: Khefets, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent at Roll call: Desai
Absent: Oswald

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 25, 2022

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Khefets, Purcell, Revis
Abstain: None
Absent: Oswald
Nays: None
(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS:

- Probationary Patrolman Christopher Pollack

Chris Pollack was born outside Chicago and moved to NJ in 2001. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's Regional High School and is an eagle scout. Chris earned a degree in Communications and advertisement from Marist College. Chris worked in advertising and media in NYC before joining the North Wildwood, NJ Police Department as a Class II Special Officer.

- Probationary Patrolman Joseph R. Savittieri

Joseph Savittieri is a 24-year-old and lives in Little Falls with his mother and father. He attended Montclair State University where he played football and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a concentration in Justice Systems. Prior to being hired with the Riverdale Police Department he was a dispatcher with the Montclair Police Department.

- Probationary Patrolman James Felano

James Felano is a lifetime resident of Morris County, the youngest of three brothers, and son to Steven and Carol Felano. In 2020 he graduated from Rutgers University with honors, receiving his Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. For the last three years he has served the Riverdale community as a part-time dispatcher, and is now a proud appointee of Riverdale's Police Department.

Chief Smith responded that we have hit a home run with these three guys. We are losing some people and I would like to thank Chris Biro for all his years of service.

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.

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolutions:

- 117-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL UTILITY ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ROUTE 23 ALEXANDER ROAD TO MAPLE LAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
- 118-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 8, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$161,238.65
- 119-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN ARBITRATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE WITH PBA LOCAL 335
- 120-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 121-2022:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE GREENWICH STREET AND VAN DUYNE AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO VEKTOR CORPORATION, 348 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY 08831 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$472,539.08
- 122-2022:** RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 113-2022, AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A REDEVELOPMENT STUDY ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 13, LOT 27, 125 HAMBURG TURNPIKE, TO INCLUDE BLOCK 12, LOT 3 AND BLOCK 13, LOTS 25,26,27, AND 28

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 46-A THROUGH F

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that the roadwork will start again on Cottage Place, Munn & Post Lane the contractor got delayed because of a death in the family. The drainage work is completed and they will be working on the curbs and sidewalks. We awarded tonight a contract for the next phase Greenwich Street and Van Duyne to Vektor Corporation. The contractor will be starting before July 4th. Tom Boorady will have the bid specs for Newark Pompton Turnpike which will be next. Our Borough Engineer reached out to the mayor asking about the grants for 2023 NJDOT projects are due in July and he asked what we might want to do as far as the next step for roads. One thought is doing the streets across the Highway none of them have sidewalks it's all curbing, milling and paving. Our phase 5 for sewers is Arlington Place, Mead Avenue and Haycock and Phase 6 would be Halsey and Federal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that they started the sidewalk project across the field and it could be done by the end of next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked Chief Smith if he had anything and he replied that the new officers will be helping us with overtime. Chief Regeling reported that the

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money is on its way for the generators of \$75,000. The remnants from the storms we should have the money which is a total of \$42,000. The Fire Department will be having their spaghetti dinner on Saturday.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Purcell reported that he sent an email to the Fireworks Company and they should be getting back to me by the end of the day on Friday otherwise he will start calling other towns to see who they use. Mayor Carelli reported that he met with the liaison from Tilcon last week and they presented him with a check for \$7,500.00 for Fireworks this year. There was another 100th Anniversary meeting last week and things are progressing. He will be meeting with Mrs. Revis who is in charge of organizing a 100th Anniversary Gala and we will be going to look at a Venue that she is interested in. Councilman Purcell and the mayor will be putting the finish touches on the Monopoly game. We will be having a Gala sometime in April of next year, in June we would have a Carnival from Wednesday to Saturday and we are hoping to do that at the Armory. The mayor and Councilman Kheyfets met with Assemblyman Rooney to see if he could help us secure that lot with the National Guard. The street fair will be on September 4th on Labor Day and our Riverdale Day on September 23rd. The grant that Michael Carelli applied for to put lighting down at Independence Park for \$600,000 and Senator Menendez and Senator Booker have chosen the Riverdale project to go forward. It is looking like we will be getting that grant. Congresswoman Sherrill did not select our project but Michael was looking for a letter of support from her to at least support Senator Menendez's recommendation.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk