

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

**READING OF THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:**

Municipal Clerk Jalloh read the Certification of the Determination of the November 5, 2020 General Election as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Paul M. Carelli	Mayor	4 Years
Stephen W. Revis	Borough Council	3 Years
Paul A. Purcell	Borough Council	3 Years

**OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS:**

The Oath of Office was administered to Mayor Carelli and the Borough Council Members by Senator Kristin Corrado.

Mayor Carelli welcomed the following dignitaries:

- Senator Kristin Corrado
- Assemblyman Kevin Rooney
- Assemblyman Chris DePhillips
- Sheriff Jim Gannon
- Morris County Clerk Ann Grossi
- State Committeeman Larry Casha

**COUNCILMAN PAUL PURCELL:**

Thank you everybody for coming. It's been a really busy last three years and it's amazing that it's gone buy as quickly as it has. I think anybody who's done this before would tell you the first couple months or quarters or maybe the year it takes to get used to everything and understand where you fit and where you can make a difference. Thankfully I had the Mayor and the prior Councilmen here to help guide me along and show me the ropes. I think that we did a lot of good for the town and I'm looking forward to the next three years. This one is a little tough for me because last time I did this three years ago my father, the former Councilman of Wayne, was here to witness that and unfortunately he's no longer with us but is in spirit. Today I have my mother, my brother, my son and my wife and I'd like to thank them for coming and especially my wife and son who put up with me coming in late when I'm at these meetings and doing different functions. Thank you for all the support. It means a lot and I love you guys.

**COUNCILMAN STEVE REVIS:**

I'd like to thank everyone for coming and our dignitaries as well for supporting us. Also, my wife and family for their undying support as I try to serve the interests of the people of the Borough of Riverdale. Through 29 years on the Board of Education and now having finished six on the Council it's really been an amazing experience. One of the things that always strikes me as I travel about the state and the county is when other people who come down Route 287 and don't know Riverdale, they see Tilcon and Walmart and say "Wow, Riverdale's that town with the quarry and the stores" but they really don't get what a great town Riverdale is. From my experience one of the most exciting and interesting things is to see how many of our policemen and firemen I remember giving their 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation

**OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS (continued):**

certificates in the school and now they continue to serve the town, their families are still in town and it just points out what an amazing place Riverdale is. People love the town, I love the town and I'd like to continue to serve it as long as people will let me. I think this Council and the Mayor are a great body to do what is necessary to keep this town the great town that it is. Thank you for your support.

**MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2020:**

I'd like to start out today by wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. It's fantastic to see all of you here today as we start the New Year. It's hard to believe I'm starting my second term. It seems like yesterday that I was sworn in as Mayor. I'm eager to start a new term and honored to be surrounded by such a great team of Councilmen. Riverdale has always had stability on the governing body and I'm happy to begin year four with the same team. I would like to take a little time to recap the accomplishments of the Mayor and Council over the last four years.

Our Finance Committee is led by Councilman Dave Desai. We implemented and continue our annual reassessment program. The main objective is to stabilize taxes by keeping property assessments at near or close to 100% ratio as possible. This initiative minimizes the risks of spikes in the borough taxes. The borough's tax levy has risen 2.9% over the last four years with the last three budgets keeping the municipal taxes flat. We went out to bid on two borough properties in 2017. This was an effort to increase revenue to ensure we were getting the best possible deals. Our property on 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike, we increased our monthly lease from \$1,750 to \$5,500 a month. Our leaf compost facility, we were able to re-bid it and get a monthly lease from \$3,375 to \$11,550 per month. These two things alone brought in \$204,000 in additional revenue to offset taxes. As always, we plan to adopt another tax friendly budget in 2020.

Our Public Safety Committee is led by Councilman Steve Revis. I'm happy to say we negotiated and ultimately agreed to a new four year contract with the P.B.A. for years 2019 to 2022. Under the leadership of Chief Smith, the department continued to be one of the best trained, equipped and professional departments around. We thank them for their commitment to Riverdale. Our Fire Department has continued to keep us safe and we congratulate the new officers for 2020. They will be sworn in at our January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and I look forward to working again with Chief Regeling who is here tonight. The Public Safety Committee has been working with the Fire Chief on a recruitment and retention policy. The Council approved a retention ordinance last year that helps provide monetary incentives for members of the department who greatly volunteer their time to keep us safe. The next phase is to reach out to the community to recruit new members.

Our Public Works Committee is led by Council President Vinnie Pellegrini. Through attrition we were able to upgrade positions in the Department of Public Works. We made a conscious decision to hire more seasoned employees and add more expertise in our Public Works Department. We hired Pete Daken and John Banaski to join our team who bring a variety of expertise to the department. Our road improvement program has now completed resurfacing on 15 streets in the last four years with another 10 scheduled for 2020 and 2021. This represents 35% of the 66 municipal streets in town. We will continue this each year with our plan to follow the sewer expansion projects.

With the help of our Beautification Committee led by Michael Carelli, we continue our efforts to expand pride in the community with the continued planting of flowers, trees and decorative landscaping to enhance our properties. A special thanks to our DPW Superintendent Steve Schotanus and his entire team for their efforts throughout the year. Especially during these cold months we know they are

**MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2020 (continued):**

ready to hit the streets when the snow starts falling. They are really the best around.

Our Public Utilities Committee is led by Councilman Matt Oswald. He revamped our entire field maintenance program for Independence Park. Matt spearheaded a new rental program which has generated over \$20,000 in field rentals in the last four years. We removed our deteriorated basketball court and expanded the soccer fields. We purchased a field groomer and took over the maintenance of the fields by our DPW crew. We opened up one of our fields to the Pompton Lakes High School Lady Cardinals Softball Team. The Pompton Lakes Board of Ed was grateful and the girls just love the field. This year we upgraded the facility with two brand new scoreboards that will be operational by opening day. Matt also spearheaded our annual First Responders 5K Walk and Run that's held on Riverdale Day.

Our Communications Committee is led by Councilman Paul Purcell. We greatly grew our social media presence with regard to Facebook, Twitter and our borough website. Special thanks once again to our Social Media Director Michael Carelli who manages these sites daily. Information is always timely and relevant. We continue to maintain a website full of information. Minutes are published for the last 16 years. Council Booklets, started when I became Mayor, are provided before each Council meeting with all the information available before the Council votes. Our new digital sign has been a great asset to get information out to the residents on a timely basis. It can be changed at a moment's notice from anywhere. We have continued our borough newsletter increasing our communication by allowing borough organizations and departments to advertise and provide information to every resident once a month in the mail. With Krista Osborne, our Recreation Director, and Michael Carelli accompanied by Councilman Paul Purcell we helped organize Riverdale Day, a huge success with food, bands and fireworks and the residents just love it.

Our Personnel Committee is led by Councilman Michael Kheyfets. 2019 was the beginning of a transition year for us in Riverdale. Our long time retired Borough Clerk and my assistant over the last four years, Carol Talerico, passed away in October. Our Chief Financial Officer for over 20 years, Ken Sesholtz, retired at the end of November and our Tax Assessor, Shawn Hopkins, retired at the end of December. Mike and I are currently developing a staffing plan for 2020 that will include adding an employee to the front office. We are currently reviewing all borough policies and procedures. Our borough handbook, last updated in 2015, is currently under review and will be presented later this month. 2020 will be a year of change.

One of our greatest accomplishments over the past four years has been our aggressive sewer expansion project. The first three phases included 164 new connections to the system. Phase 4 has been designed and is awaiting approval from the New Jersey DEP where another 63 homes will be added. The Council adopted revised ordinances to ease the burden of cost by allowing residents to pay for the improvement over time especially without a mandate to connect immediately. After 30 years Riverdale will become a full voting member of the Pequannock River Basis Regional Sewer Authority in 2020. With the assistance of Councilman Desai and Council President Pellegrini we were finally able to convince the authority to change its method of billing to number of connections versus flow. This will result in a savings to Riverdale of over \$100,000.

In summary, we once again have ambitious goals for 2020 but I know we have the right people to get the job done. I want to thank the hard working borough employees who make it happen: Connie Andersen our Finance and Tax Assistant, Linda Forbes our Deputy Clerk, Linda Roetman our Borough Secretary, Zoning Official and Property Maintenance Official, Steve Schotanus our Public Works

**MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2020 (continued):**

Superintendent, AJ Jalloh our Borough Clerk, Krista Osborne our Recreation Director, Michael Carelli our Social Media Director and all our members of the Police Department, Public Works Department, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Library and especially all the countless volunteers on the Boards in Riverdale. I thank you all. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to Riverdale and I wish you all a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Carelli called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ADOPTION OF COUNCIL BY-LAWS:**

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

**01-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2020

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO 4-A****PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolution:

**02-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 – Robert Oostdyk, Esq.

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

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis to approve the following resolution:

**03-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 – Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc.

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS (continued):**

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

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis to approve the following resolution:

**04-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH AUDITOR SERVICES FOR 2020 – Nisivoccia LLP

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

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolution:

**05-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR 2020 - McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC

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

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

**06-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 – John Grey, Esq.

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

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

**07-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 – Greg Mascera, Esq.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 5-A THROUGH 5-F**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 08-2020:** AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. PAPAARAZZO, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THREE YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED
- 09-2020:** AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JAMES E. LASALA, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2020
- 10-2020:** AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2020
- 11-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS FOR 2020
- 12-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPER FOR 2020
- 13-2020:** DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2020
- 14-2020:** AUTHORIZING INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS
- 15-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK PERIODS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 16-2020:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2020
- 17-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.
- 18-2020:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
- 19-2020:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2020
- 20-2020:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING LINDA ROETMAN TO FIVE TOWN REGIONAL DIAL-A-RIDE BOARD FOR 2020
- 21-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2020
- 22-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2020
- 23-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS
- 24-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RIVERDALE RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2020
- 25-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
- 26-2020:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 6-A THROUGH 6-S**

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:****27-2020:** ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2020

Councilman Oswald offered the name of Vincent Pellegrini as Council President; motion seconded by Councilman Kheyfets.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 7-A****APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Carelli announced the Council Committees for 2020.

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolution:

**28-2020:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2020**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (continued):**

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 7-B****MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli stated that Resolutions 29-2020 through 35-2020 are Mayor's appointments and do not require a Council vote. He announced the appointments.

**29-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**30-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS II CLASS IV AND ALTERNATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**31-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HUD COMMITTEE MEMBERS**32-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS**33-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS**34-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR**35-2020:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2020**COPY OF APPOINTMENTS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 7-C THROUGH 7-I**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

Respectfully Submitted:

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



January 8, 2020

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 8:14 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:**

December 30, 2019

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**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Purcell**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - motion carried)**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 01-2020**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Revis (Line item for Fire Marshall/Inspector only)**  
**(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 9-A**

**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 Kheyfets, to approve the above the following resolutions:

- 36-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$62,567.28
- 37-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):**

**38-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Harry Byrnes/81 Paterson Hamburg Turnpike LLC, 81 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 13.01, Lot 18

**39-2020:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM REVIS AS THE FIRE OFFICIAL IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Revis (39-2020 only)**  
**(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 10-A, B, C AND D**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that Lieutenant MacIntosh will be retiring this year. In an effort to fill his position there will be an exam on March 10<sup>th</sup> and this will be formalized at our next meeting. We will get together with the Fire Department to formalize the recruitment and retention letters.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that the National Guard returned in different waves and they requested we do a “welcome home” parade on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Susan Fernicola, Morris Avenue, spoke about concerns with how the sewer project will affect flooding and home sale issues. Mayor Carelli and Councilman Desai addressed her concerns. Council agreed the ordinance needs clarification.

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.

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**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

January 22, 2020

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

January 8, 2020 – Reorganization

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

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

January 8, 2020 – Workshop

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

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

**PRESENTATION – RIVERDALE PBA LOCAL 35:**

Mayor Carelli introduced Eric Hollenstein, President of the Local Riverdale PBA. Officer Hollenstein spoke about the fundraiser that was held by the PBA to benefit the two daughters of the accident victim who died in a crash on Route 23 in October. He presented them with two checks for \$15,000 each.

**SWEARING IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:**

Mayor Carelli administered the Oath of Office to the following Fire Department Officers:

- Jim Regeling Jr: Chief
- Pat Cleary: Assistant Chief
- Ryan Cleary: Captain

The following officers were not present and will be sworn in:

- Mike Norton: Captain
- Jesse Burgos: Captain

January 22, 2020

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 01-2020**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS**

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 01-2020 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Revis (Line item for Fire Marshall/Inspector only)**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 13-A**

**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.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 40-2020:** RESOLUTION HONORING EAGLE SCOUT RYAN J. SOTO
- 41-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,826,340.20
- 42-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Mary Zuk-Michalski 23 Cotluss Road, Riverdale, NJ Block 29, Lot 8.01
- 43-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Cynthia Zirpolo, 10 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 8, Lot 2.02
- 44-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR WEBSITE HOSTING AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT OF \$2,094.75
- 45-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT WITH BLUE DIAMOND DISPOSAL, INC.

January 22, 2020

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):**

**46-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CLOUD HOSTING AGREEMENT WITH EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES INC. FOR \$4,800.00

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 14-A, B, C, D, E, F, AND G**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that the borough received a rating of Aa2 by Moody's. This is the third highest rating. We needed to get this for the Sewer Authority.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis yielded to Fire Chief Regeling who gave the Fire Department and OEM report. Councilman Revis yielded to Police Chief Smith who gave the Police Report. Two officers will be retiring in 2020 and two officers are out on extended sick leave.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported on disposing of obsolete junk vehicles.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Kheyfets reported on the website.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

- 2019 Food Pantry Report – submitted by Darinda Norris and Michael Carelli

Mayor Carelli read the 2019 food pantry report. At the end of the year there were 10 families receiving pantry assistance. The food pantry would like to thank the Pequannock Valley Rotary Club for a \$1,500.00 donation. Mayor Carelli thanked Michael Carelli and Darinda Norris who run the food pantry and the families and businesses in town who are always willing to donate.

Mayor Carelli reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow with a vendor who will demonstrate cellular cameras. We're extending our garbage contract and that will give us time to go out to bid. Morris County will meet with us to present a proposal for recycling.

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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

February 12, 2020

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

January 22, 2019

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Oswald**  
**(3 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - motion carried)**

Robert Quinn, our new liaison from JCP&L introduced himself to the Council. He spoke about some community programs and answered questions from the Council.

**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 Oswald, to approve the above the following resolutions:

- 47-2020:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 2020 FOR 2019/2020 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$132,734.62
- 48-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Michael Lynch, 32 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 9, Lot 8.01
- 49-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Denise Van Der Veen, 1 Sonya Terrace, Riverdale, NJ Block 28, Lot 3.08
- 50-2020:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Christopher & Kaitlyn Scilingo, 24 Cedar Street, Riverdale, NJ Block 27, Lot 5
- 51-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DANIEL SALAMENO FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SANITARY SEWER STUB SERVING BLOCK 9 LOT 9 AS PART OF THE MORRIS AVENUE SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT
- 52-2020:** RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE GREEN TEAM
- 53-2020:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):**

**54-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF INTENT TO HIRE DOMINIC A. GENTILE AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

**55-2020:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A 2020 DODGE DURANGO SUV UTILIZING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOP PRICING SYSTEM, SYSTEM IDENTIFIER 47-CPCPS ITEM# 8 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$47,920.85 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BANKCORP BANK FOR A TERM OF 48 MONTHS AND A QUARTERLY LEASE PAYMENT OF \$3,296.00

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Khefets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Pellegrini (49-2020 and 50-2020 only)**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 17-A THROUGH I**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported on the upcoming lieutenant and sergeant exams.

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to approve the above the following resolution:

**56-2020:** AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A NEW FIREFIGHTER – Tyler Japling

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Khefets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 17-J**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported on an estimate for clearing trees at the ballfield. He reported on purchasing a television for the Council chambers. He also reported on getting a portable PA system at the softball field.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Charlie Sheridan, Morris Avenue, spoke about the sewer construction project.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported on design and placement of new “Welcome to Riverdale” signs. He also reported on the Police Vehicle Plan. He read the following list of projects that have been discussed and he would like to see completed:

- Completion of the scoreboard installation and lighting
- Concrete walking path between baseball fields
- Final design and construction of retaining wall
- Install drainage for retaining wall
- Widen bridge over brook at the park
- Replace missing street lights on Newark Pompton Turnpike
- Paint brick on the municipal building
- Install lettering on stone wall
- Design, purchase and install new Borough of Riverdale signs
- Install new borough-wide camera system
- Purchase the JCP&L building on Post Lane
- Mill and pave Morris and Curtis when sewer project is complete
- Start 2019 New Jersey road improvement project (Parkway, Cedar, Loy and Cotliss)
- Phase 4 of our Sewer Expansion Project
- Meet with Habitat for Humanity on the Verizon property
- Renovate front office and replace furniture
- Update Capital Plan
- Update Employee Manual
- Complete generator projects at Community Center and Firehouse
- Refurbish Community Center
- Purchase large screen television for Council chambers
- Rewire and organize computer closet
- Automate Edmunds requisition software
- Strategy for Glenburn Estate
- Final steps for membership in the PRBRSA
- Construction Department
- Restructuring of the front office
- Complete GPS tracking of the water system
- Paint or power wash water tanks

Mayor Carelli stated that we need to prioritize the projects and work on getting them done.

Mayor Carelli reported on duties and responsibilities of the front office employees. We need another full time person and he recommended the job duties for that position which include backup for other positions. He stated that he has a person in mind who is very experienced and would be a perfect fit for this office. He would like to make them an offer and do a resolution at the next meeting. Council had no objection. He also discussed his plan to restructure the front office area.

Mayor Carelli reported on the library’s proposal for alterations. They will be applying for a grant where the borough would be required to match 50 percent. The Library Board is asking if the Mayor and Council are interested in helping them do this project. Council discussed the project.

Mayor Carelli reported on preparing the bids for garbage and recycling. We received a proposal from Morris County for picking up our recycling.

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

Mayor Carelli reported on the special assessment billing for Phase 2 of the sewer project that was incorrect.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 9:02 p.m. went into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 9:11 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk