

The Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Carelli welcomed the following dignitaries:

Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen  
 Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo  
 Freeholder Doug Cabana  
 Freeholder Tom Mastrangelo  
 Former Freeholder and Wharton Mayor Bill Chegwiddden  
 Kinnelon Mayor Bob Collins  
 Former Councilman Joe Falkoski  
 Former Councilman Steve Loesner

**READING OF THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:**

Municipal Clerk Abubakar Jalloh read the Certification of the Determination of the November 3, 2015 General Election as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Paul M. Carelli	Mayor	4 Years
Dave Desai	Borough Council	3 Years
Matthew Oswald	Borough Council	3 Years

**OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS:**

The Oath of Office was administered to the Mayor and Borough Council Members by the Honorable U.S. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen.

**COUNCILMAN DAVE DESAI:**

Thank you all for coming. It's interesting to finally be here. It was funny that when I won the election I got a call from my uncle who lives in Ohio and he said "I saw the results! Congratulations and everything. It's terrific that someone in the family finally took an interest in politics." I said "You're crazy. I haven't taken an interest in politics. I've taken an interest in this community in which I live." That was the reason I ran for this office and I am so thankful to all of you for entrusting me to represent you here on the Council and for all the matters and challenge ahead that face us. Thank you.

**MAYOR PAUL M. CARELLI:**

Thank you for coming today. I'd like to start out by wishing everyone here today a very happy and healthy New Year and it's fantastic to see such a large turnout today as we start 2016. It goes without saying that I could not have made it here today without the support of my family. My wife, June, has been a rock from day one. My children Michael, Tommy and Samantha have been there to help and support their dad the whole way through. I am fortunate to have my mom here today, Gloria, and my brothers, John and Mark, to join in this special day and I know dad is looking down today with a big smile on his face.

Mom and Dad moved to Riverdale sixty years ago straight from Brooklyn, New York. For them, moving to Riverdale was like moving to a wilderness in the middle of nowhere. Little did they know that Riverdale would become the center of our family's history. Just as Mom and Dad chose to make Riverdale their home, June

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

and I did the very same thing. Looking around the room, I see that our story is just like many of yours. We all share a common bond – this small American town we call our home – the town called Riverdale.

Over the past 60 years we have seen many changes in Riverdale. Our small town has grown but our small town spirit has never changed. Riverdale has always been known to be a stable community and what's quite amazing is that today marks only the third new Mayor in Riverdale in the last 39 years. I know making a change is never easy. The secure thing to do is keep the status quo. But Riverdale has decided to make a change thus starting another chapter in our history. So now it becomes my responsibility to make sure that this change is for the better and this I have no doubt. I am proud to sit beside these fine public servants on the Governing Body. Each of them bring their own life experience, expertise and love of Riverdale to the table - all of them devoted to make Riverdale the best it can be. I am certain that together we will make all of you proud. As we begin 2016 let me highlight some of the challenges that lie ahead:

Keeping our first responders well-trained and equipped and, simply put, we have the best of the best.

Developing long-term strategies for road improvements.

Moving forward with the expansion of our sewer system.

Using technology to streamline all of our processes.

Increasing our means of communication through website upgrades, social media and televised meetings.

We must face all of these challenges head-on while keeping our taxes the lowest they can be. So today starts a new era in Riverdale. This new era in Riverdale starts with a commitment from all of us to bring teamwork, transparency, increased communication and solid objectives to move our community forward. This new era in Riverdale starts with all of us here together with the highest of expectations, the most ambitious of goals and this common bond – our love for Riverdale. This new era in Riverdale starts with all of these things. But more importantly, this new era in Riverdale starts with a Mayor who truly understands the honor and responsibility that has been given to me. This new era in Riverdale starts right now. Thank you.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM MR. SAM DEDIO:**

Mr. Dedio congratulated Mayor Carelli and presented him with of a new gavel set from his brother, Former Mayor Michael Dedio and read the following letter:

Paul,

Being a lifelong resident of Riverdale, there cannot be a greater satisfaction than being elected Mayor of your community. You have followed in the footsteps of your father and mother who have a long history of political service to their communities. Having served with you in office and following your career, it has given me great pleasure to read about your political victory. You have always impressed me with your clear vision and ability to get the job done. I wish you the best in your new term in office.

Former Mayor Michael Dedio

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Carelli called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Revis, Pellegrini, Desai, Oswald  
Absent: Clinton**

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

**01-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

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

Mayor Carelli stated that the last time we adopted By-Laws in the Borough of Riverdale was in 1955, sixty years ago. The By-Laws will dictate how we operate as a Mayor and Council and it is symbolic to be the first thing we did this year.

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**02-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016**

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

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

**03-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ENGINEER SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016-2018**

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

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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS (continued):**

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

**04-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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

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

**05-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH AUDITOR SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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

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

**06-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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

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

**07-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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

**08-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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

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**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Pellegrini requested resolution **09-2016** be voted on separately.

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

- 10-2016:** AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2016
- 11-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS FOR 2016
- 12-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPER FOR 2016
- 13-2016:** DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 14-2016:** AUTHORIZING INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS
- 15-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK PERIODS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 16-2016:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR 2016
- 17-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.
- 18-2016:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
- 19-2016:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2016
- 20-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 21-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 22-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 23-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS
- 24-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2016

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

**25-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

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

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

**09-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE MAYORS COMPENSATION FROM AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$57,275 TO AN ANNUAL STIPEND OF \$12,000

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

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

**26-2016:** ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2016

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

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

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Carelli stated that we changed the structure of our Committees this year and announced the appointments.

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

**27-2016:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2016

**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli stated that Resolutions 28-2016 through 33-2016 are Mayor's appointments and do not require a Council vote. He announced the appointments.

**28-2016:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

**29-2016:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS II CLASS IV AND ALTERNATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

**30-2016:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HUD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS (continued):**

**31-2016:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

**32-2016:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

**33-2016:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 3:31 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

Respectfully Submitted:

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

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mayor Carelli presiding

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Desai**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:**

Regular Meeting - December 23, 2015

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)**

**ORDINANCES:**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 01-2016**

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2013 OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, FINALLY ADOPTED OCTOBER 21, 2013 IN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION 3(g)**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)**

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**34-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$644,678.20

**35-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2016 FOR 2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00

**36-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)**



**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS ON PAGE NO. 9-B THROUGH D****COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance: No Report

Public Safety: Councilman Revis stated he received the police department's numbers for the year 2015 and was impressed. He distributed the police department's budget and is under review.

Public Works: Councilman Pellegrini stated changes on the planning board and the first meeting was held. Keys were changed on the Borough Hall and other municipal property. The new DPW trucks haven't arrived yet and should arrive soon.

Communications: Councilman Oswald stated he reached out to the various sports teams in order to better utilize the sports field with surrounding towns.

Utilities: Councilman Astarita stated he would familiarize himself with the sewer and water system.

Personnel: No report

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli stated he is getting situated in the office and getting a routine down with the borough employees. A new requisition policy was introduced. Mayor Carelli thanked all board members who volunteer their time for the borough.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Pellegrini stated that there were outstanding invoices left open from the fire department from last year. Mayor Carelli stated he thought they were paid but would look into them.

The emergency management ordinance will be on the agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting

The police department appropriate authority ordinance will be on the agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting

Malanga's towing application will be placed on the agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting

At this moment Councilman Desai arrived to the meeting

Mayor Carelli stated that the community center and Glenburn rentals will be put on a two week freeze until February 1, 2016. He also stated that he would like to see a new employee handle the rentals and showings and the fees for rentals will be discussed.

Mayor Carelli stated he would like to see the newsletter continue. He would like to add this to the budget and make the newsletter smaller.

Mayor Carelli stated there were discussions to possibly raise the sewer fee. An engineering study is currently being done to determine an appropriate rate.

Councilman Desai stated that a special citizen's advisor committee was created under the new bylaws. The creation of other committees are in discussion.

Borough Attorney Bob Oostdyk stated that the approval for the affordable housing plan and the regulation of deliveries will be on the next agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

Angel Cruz, 1 Macopin Ave, asked about the process of an ordinance. Borough Attorney Bob Oostdyk explained the process.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

January 27, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Reorganization Meeting - January 1, 2016

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

**ALL IN FAVOR: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**ABSTAIN: Clinton**

Workshop Meeting - January 13, 2016

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 02-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 93 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT"**

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

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

**ORDINANCE 03-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

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

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- 3) Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 04-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND SETTING LIMITATIONS ON THE HOURS FOR DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE WITHIN 50 FEET OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 01-2016**

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2013 OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, FINALLY ADOPTED OCTOBER 21, 2013 IN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION 3(g)**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

The following were heard: Tom Batelli, 712 Cannella Way

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 01-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 37-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$999,831.18
- 38-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE RIVERDALE PLANNING BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR APPROVAL
- 39-2016:** DEDICATION BY RIDER – K9 UNIT
- 40-2016:** APPROVING A TOW OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO MALANGA'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 154 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 41-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PAM SYLVESTRI TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR AND A TOTAL OF 10 HOURS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2016

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 13-B, C, D, E AND F**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that he and Councilman Astarita met with the Borough Engineer to outline the financial analysis for the proposed sewer plan. They will meet tomorrow with the Water/Sewer Engineer to further discuss options and a plan for the financial analysis. They will have more detail for discussion at the next workshop meeting. They received a budget request from the Police Department and expect to receive the Fire Department this week. They will follow up with the DPW Department.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that he has an application for membership in the Fire Department.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the application from Risto M. Saranovic for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department.

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

Councilman Revis reported that he and the Mayor met with the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and former Chief regarding unpaid invoices. We hope to have the matter resolved by the next meeting or sooner.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that one of the DPW trucks came in with a plow just in time for the snow storm. Many residents have said the department did a great job. There were no building problems or roof leaks. There has been talk about putting a solar powered sign on Mathews Avenue for safety.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported the he and the Mayor met with the head of the Soccer Association and the Lacrosse Association to work out scheduling. We are looking into updating the Borough Sign and will bring it to the next Workshop meeting for discussion.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita reported that he met with the Shade Tree Commission and they discussed several items. They will be getting a budget to the Finance Committee. There are trees that need to come down that may pose a risk in the near future and we've had a lot of complaints from residents about them. We discussed the Emerald Ash Borer and had a representative from Pompton Lakes Shade Tree who asked if we would be open to sharing ideas. We need another windshield survey and got a price of \$800 which is \$1,000 less than last time. Dan Salameno attended that meeting and asked if we would be open to him planting trees in the Borough. This was brought up in his meetings with the DEP as a remedy for his removing trees. The Shade Tree Commission is open to this and asked the Council for input.

Mayor Carelli stated that he would prefer if the Shade Tree Commission had a plan.

Councilman Astarita stated that Mr. Salameno will advise the DEP that we are open to it and they will come up with the number of trees and a plan. He will bring that to the Council before any action is taken.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Clinton reported he had emailed a draft of an employee performance review document today. We can discuss it further at the next workshop.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported on meeting with the Fire Department to try to get their past due invoiced in check. We're working through a few other areas where bills haven't been paid. Our new requisition system seems to be working well with the borough employees. One of the resolutions tonight is a Dedication by Rider for a K-9 Unit. This establishes a trust fund that the state will recognize that can take in donations to be used specifically to offset costs for caring for our K-9, Elsa.

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**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we were served with a lawsuit from Riverdale Quarry challenging the approval we gave to Tilcon for their license. We've forwarded it to Tilcon's attorney and they assured us they will be going into court to intervene and to essentially become the party defending the action of the Borough. We have to be involved in defending our decisions. We spent a number of meetings holding hearings, a tremendous amount of effort was put into the consideration of it and I think the lawsuit is completely without merit and basis and more reflects battles going on between an owner and a tenant than anything else. The clerk's office will forward a copy to the Council.

Mr. Oostdyk also stated that we approved the Fair Share Plan tonight. We have already filed an action with the court seeking approval of that plan. He explained that this action tonight takes the plan that was developed and says that is the plan we're going to submit for approval.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Anthony Rentas, 14 Matthews Avenue, spoke regarding the speeding issue on Matthews Avenue.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave., Pompton Lakes spoke regarding his property on Morris Avenue and brought a copy of the permit he secured to take down the trees. He also stated that he was in charge of getting the baseball fields ready last year and inquired about this year. Councilman Oswald responded that we are going through the process of scheduling and obtaining prices for field maintenance. We want the fields to be used and create a revenue to offset the cost if we can. Mr. Salameno shared some of his suggestions and concerns. Councilman Oswald assured him we will come up with a plan and the fields will be as good or better this year. Mayor Carelli stated that we appreciate everything Mr. Salameno does for the fields. We will plan a meeting to get an understanding of what was done last year and what we are going to do this year.

Tom Batelli stated that the Morris Daily Record where the borough is now advertising is not available for delivery in Riverdale. Mayor Carelli stated that everything will be on the Borough website.

Anthony Budesheim, 3 Curtis Street, questioned Councilman Desai regarding comments he said he had made pertaining to the Mayor's salary, pension, benefits, duties and responsibilities in the past. Councilman Desai responded. Mayor Carelli stated that he takes a stipend to be Mayor and the pension is mandatory.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

January 27, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk



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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting - January 27, 2016

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to close the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 43-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$93,837.50
- 44-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 17- A AND B**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that a meeting will be set up with the Mayor, CFO, and finance committee to begin the budget process.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the fire department submitted a budget and is under review.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that quotes were received to re-do the floor of the community center.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported prices were received for a digital sign outside of the Borough hall. Councilman Oswald and the Mayor met with little league teams to begin the booking of the baseball field.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita reported that the needs of the shade tree commission will be discussed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)**

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Clinton reported that the employee performance review document will be discussed.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that ordinance publications will be advertised in summary and posted in its entirety on the municipal website. The snow reimbursement costs were calculated and sent to the bookkeeper. Mayor Carelli passed out a budget analysis. Mayor Carelli reported a person was hired to handle rentals at the community center and Glenburn estate at the last meeting and stated her hours.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The recycling tax resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

An employee performance review document was sent out to the council members and Borough Attorney. The document will be formalized to be used this year as a review document. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

The shade tree commission wants to request to remove 11 trees and budget for their removal at \$10,175 from Down to Earth.

A study was done by Rutgers to study the Ash trees in the Borough which are at risk of being infected. There are 88 within the Borough and these trees will be monitored periodically.

A of couple estimates were received for the lawn care fertilization of fields stated Councilman Oswald. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting based on the recommendation of the DPW supervisor.

Councilman Oswald stated the scheduling, fees, and advertising needs to be adjusted along with the language. A fee ordinance may be introduced at the next meeting.

A resolution will be presented at the next meeting for the establishment of the 2016 communication advisory committee, quarry committee, and beautification committee.

Councilman Oswald stated pricing will be available at the next meeting for the digital sign which will be placed outside the Borough hall.

Mayor Carelli stated that the rental fee structure is very low and the properties are being used every weekend.

Mayor Carelli stated that the computer room is in need of upgrades.

Councilman Revis stated that the Police Chief put together an updated rules and regulations document for the Police Department.

Councilman Desai discussed how the Borough deals with code enforcement within the municipality. Councilman Desai wants to tighten the process with proactive enforcement.

Councilman Desai stated there was a meeting with Bill Ryden regarding the sewer plan. Desai gave an update with the costs for the Borough and home owners. Calculations will be given to the council.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave., Pompton Lakes spoke regarding the baseball fields and the scheduling fee.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

February 24, 2016

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: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Astarita, Revis**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Workshop Meeting - February 10, 2016

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 05-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 20-A**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 02-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 93 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT"**

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

February 24, 2016

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

There being no comments, Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 02-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 21-B**

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 03-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIRECTOR**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 03-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 21-C**

February 24, 2016

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

3) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 04-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND SETTING LIMITATIONS ON THE HOURS FOR DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE WITHIN 50 FEET OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

The following were heard:

Angel Cruz, 1 Macopin Avenue, inquired as to the effective date of the ordinance and thanked the Council for passing it.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 04-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 22-D**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

- 45-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 46-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 19, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,408,722.40
- 47-2016:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A SUBMISSION OF EXPENDITURE FOR RECYCLING TAX PURSUANT TO P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 311, IN 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,129.56
- 48-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA ROETMAN AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE FIVE TOWN REGIONAL DIAL-A-RIDE BOARD
- 49-2016:** TRANSFER OF 2015 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
- 50-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS POSTED WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 51-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN AND THE TRANSFER OF THE BALANCE TO THE TO THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 52-2016:** APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE REVISED PERFORMANCE PLANNING AND APPRAISAL FORM FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 53-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE MILLING AND PAVING OF MICHAEL DRIVE AND STONELEIGH TERRACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,990.22 AS AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION# 49-2015 AND APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #11-2004/2-2006 FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 54-2016:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT DATED MARCH 2016
- 55-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 23-E THROUGH O**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported on a broken pipe at the Glenburn repaired by the DPW. There were leaks in the library and the roofers were called. There are multiple people interested in purchasing the DPW truck so we need a resolution to deem it obsolete.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported they are receiving bids for the sign and getting prices for a used bunker rake for the fields.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Clinton announced that The Friends of the Riverdale Public Library book sale will be held at the Community Center on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 and Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3 p.m. They will be accepting donations of books, CD's and DVD's until March 5<sup>th</sup> and looking for volunteers to set up on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported on meeting with the Police Chief to discuss a new mandate for finger printing equipment that needs to be installed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The machine is in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and we are looking into some options presented by the Chief as far as financing. He also reported that we have an outstanding \$8,500 phone bill for the old phone system. Some of the numbers should have been cancelled and he is working to negotiate the amount and cancel the unneeded numbers. He and the Borough Attorney met with a Morris County representative to discuss the flood buyouts. We've purchased one property and there is a second authorized and 3 or 4 others we would like to pursue. We have approximately a half million dollars' worth of grant money outstanding some of which dates back 7 or 8 years. We are working on getting the documentation required to get our reimbursements. He reported on some minor renovations being done at the borough hall and plans to have the workshop meetings take place in the conference room. He and Councilman Desai will meet tomorrow with the engineering firm doing our sewer study and hope to get an update on the infiltration. We'll have a preliminary budget for discussion at the workshop meeting and hope to introduce the budget on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we were contacted by a property owner who no longer wishes to own a piece of property and has offered to donate it to the borough. He explained the process to accept the donation and the reasons to move forward with it.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Roxanne Lewis, 16 Morris Avenue, urged the council to move forward with her quest to have a crosswalk across Paterson Hamburg Turnpike at the end of Morris Avenue.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave., Pompton Lakes and Bob Lipinski spoke regarding maintenance and use of the baseball fields.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**



February 24, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

Regular Meeting - February 24, 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Astarita, Revis**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – 2 abstain motion carried)**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to close the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**56-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 4, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$143,598.03

**57-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TARA LAURETTA TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$13.00 PER EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2016

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 26- A AND B**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that a preliminary budget will be distributed to the council and should be adopted on-time. Also that a couple volunteers for the quarry committee were spoken to. Desai also thanked the Mayor for posting the blasting reports on the municipal website.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis thanked the council for approving the hire for the police department.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that the damage of the water leak at the Glenburn has been repaired by the DPW.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that prices are still being taken for the digital sign to be placed outside the municipal building. The gun range would like to have a gun safety course. Field rakes are being looked at for the baseball fields.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita reported that he will stop by RER after noticing an odor.

**PERSONNEL:** No report

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli received a letter requesting April be proclaimed autism awareness month.

The tax assessor worked out a deal with home depot to settle their tax appeal for 2011 and 2012.

Mayor Carelli stated he received a letter from the State Police for a grant for a generator that was never completed. Mayor Carelli stated the paperwork will be filed.

Mayor Carelli stated the grants for the Glenburn were resolved for 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Borough attorney Bob Oostdyk distributed a handout for the remaining tax appeals.

Mayor Carelli stated that our phone company is looking at T1 lines for the police department after a significant increase in the service price.

Mayor Carelli stated he took care of outstanding phone bills from when the borough switched carriers which were never canceled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Carelli stated we have shared services with Wanaque for our construction official. Wanaque increased their fees and Riverdale will look into increasing theirs as well. An ordinance will be prepared for the next meeting.

83 Newark Pompton Turnpike was visited by the Mayor and is leased out to three different entities. The Borough will go out to bid again for this location since their contracts are expired and will include to cover the costs of utilities.

Mayor Carelli stated he is looking into amending the contract for the cablevision franchise agreement.

Mayor Carelli stated quotes are being obtained to replace the carpet within the municipal building.

The beautification committee presented their streetlight banner program. Documents were handed out to the council.

Councilman Desai handed out a document regarding the sewer expansion. An estimate was obtained for phase one for nine streets. Mayor Carelli stated he would like the pricing for all the streets for the sewer expansion. More data will be collected before presenting all possible options.

A quote was received to check for a leak in a water system stated Mayor Carelli.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

Mayor Carelli stated he would like to hire a part-time assistant to the Mayor and has someone in mind.

Mayor Carelli distributed a preliminary draft of the 2016 municipal budget.

Mayor Carelli stated he spoke with all the departments as part of the capital improvement plan.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Riverdale Mayor and Council on March 23, 2016 has been rescheduled to March 30, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Allen Lewis, 16 Morris Ave, suggested to replace the missing poles on Newark Pompton Turnpike and to have them match the current ones. Lewis voiced his concern about sewer billing.

Angel Cruz, 1 Macopin Ave, voiced his concern about a zoning issue which Mayor Carelli stated he will mention to the zoning official.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR****ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

March 30, 2016

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: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Astarita**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Workshop Meeting - March 9, 2016

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 06-2016**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 29-A**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 05-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

March 30, 2016

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 05-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 30-B**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Clinton commented on resolution 66-2016. He stated that he is not convinced that we don't currently have an employee who is capable of filling that role. Mayor Carelli stated that is duly noted.

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

- 58-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 24, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$741,831.07
- 59-2016:** TRANSFER OF 2015 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
- 60-2016:** EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
- 61-2016:** DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE POLICE VEHICLE
- 62-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND ADVERTISE TO SOLICIT QUOTATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVERDALE LEAF COMPOST FACILITY
- 63-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR A LICENSE TO PARK MOTOR VEHICLES INSIDE THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY GARAGE LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE

March 30, 2016

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

**64-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE USE OF 3 PARKING SPACES FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF STORING EQUIPMENT WITH USE OF AN EXTERIOR POWER OUTLET AT THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE

**65-2016:** RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2016 AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

**66-2016:** (SEPARATE VOTE)

**67-2016:** DISPOSAL OF AN OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE

**68-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE WITH ABI FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT TO BE FUNDED BY THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$15,660.00

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

**66-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF CAROL TALERICO TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: Clinton**  
**(4 ayes – 1 nay - motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 31-C THROUGH M**

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

Councilman Pellegrini set for the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, for the introduction of the 2016 municipal budget.

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

Mayor Carelli announced the public hearing on the municipal budget will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

**COPY OF 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 31-N**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the Police Department is bringing in an intern and asked if council approval was required. It was determined that it is a non-paid position and up to the discretion of the Chief. He asked about the status of financing for the finger printing machine and budgeting for a police vehicle. He also reported that he met with the Fire Chief and asked about the procedure to handle invoices for equipment.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported there will be another CERT meeting at the Fire Department on April 19<sup>th</sup> run by Russ Hatzel. He reported that things are running smoothly with the ball fields. We took in over \$3,000 for games and practices for the spring session.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported on the equipment that was purchased for field maintenance.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the Armory will be doing a roofing project. The council agreed to waive the construction permit fees. The Mayor thanked the Fire Chief for inviting the Public Safety Committee to the Fire Department installation dinner and for the great job they do. He also reported that we received a 2016 Municipal Aid Grant for Oak Street improvements in the amount of \$90,000.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that he, the Mayor and the Planning Board Attorney met with representatives of Riverdale Square. They filed an action challenging an approval from the Board that has to do with parking. Blu Ale House had been doing valet parking and they and the owners desire to continue to do that temporarily until they do their actual improvements. Council agreed not to take action on the valet parking for a temporary time period to be specified as part of the settlement.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Mark Olynyk, 49 Harrison Road, spoke about his concerns with noise issues with RER. He was also concerned about the maintenance of Harrison Road.

Angel Cruz, 1 Macopin Avenue, asked for clarification of the hours permitted for delivery of merchandise as per the ordinance.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation.



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**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:27 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

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: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Absent: Desai**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting - March 30, 2016

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

1) Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 07-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Nays: None  
(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

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

2) Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 08-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168, "ZONING", "SCHEDULE D- BULK REQUIREMENTS", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Revis, Pellegrini  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Oswald  
(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain motion carried)**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to close the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 69-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 8, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$42,796.20
- 70-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GO ORGANIC LAWN CARE, PO BOX 680, OAKLAND, NJ 07436 FOR THE 2016 LAWN CARE SERVICES TO THE SOCCER AND BASEBALL FIELDS AT FREEDOM PARK FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,095.00
- 71-2016:** AUTHORIZING \$200 FOR THE TOWING OF THE SHOWMOBILE ROUND TRIP BY MALANGA'S AUTOMOTIVE

**ROLL CALL:**           **Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
                               **Nays: None**  
                               **(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36- A,B, AND C**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis stated the fire department is requesting the Council pass a resolution in support for volunteer emergency responders tax reduction act. A preliminary meeting was held with the PBA for discussion of the police contract.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that the jail cell was inspected.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that the field dragger will be delivered soon along with a field liner.

**UTILITIES:** No report

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Clinton stated that the library raised about \$4,100 from their book sale.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli stated that the construction for the Federal & Halsey project will begin on Monday.

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

- 72-2016:** RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR BOROUGH BEAUTIFICATION DONATIONS AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A5-29

**ROLL CALL:**           **Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
                               **Nays: None**  
                               **(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36- D**

**MAYOR REPORT: (continued)**

Mayor Carelli stated that paper work for a grant from Green Acres is being completed. DMC land associates will be hired to conduct the necessary survey.

Mayor Carelli stated the person contracted for the maintenance of the baseball fields was requesting the final payment for his services.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Carelli distributed a draft of the 2016 salary ordinance. Mayor Carelli stated a lot of the titles that were being eliminated because they were never going to be used.

Mayor Carelli stated that the beautification committee nearly sold all of the banner advertisements.

Mayor Carelli received quotes to replace the carpeting in the Borough Hall.

Mayor Carelli stated that the person living in the apartment owned by the Borough next door has moved out. The utilities were disconnected. The apartment may be put to bid for the next tenant after doing a cost analysis.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Dan Salameno, Pompton Lakes, inquired about the resolution which was passed in support of requesting a crosswalk be put in by the County. Salameno also asked about the status of the digital sign to be placed outside the municipal building.

Joe Salonia, 7 Dalton DR, asked about the company which is inspecting trees within the Borough.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 9:33 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

April 27, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Revis**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith,  
 Chief Financial Officer Sesholtz, Auditor Heidi Wohlleb**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting - March 30, 2016 Closed Session

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Astarita, Desai**  
**(3 ayes – 0 nays – 2 abstentions - motion carried)**

Workshop Meeting - April 13, 2016

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 09-2016**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY DONATION FROM  
 GERALDINE B. MINES (BLOCK 38.04, LOT 14)**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 40-A**

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

April 27, 2016

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

**ORDINANCE 10-2016**

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini  
Nays: None  
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 41-B**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 06-2016**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 06-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini  
Nays: None  
(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 41-C**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

April 27, 2016

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 73-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 22, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$744,241.71
- 74-2016:** AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND INTEGRA REALTY RESOURCES
- 75-2016:** AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET
- 76-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MARJORIE JONAS TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF ALTERNATE DEPUTY COURT CLERK
- 77-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PK ENVIRONMENTAL, PO BOX 1066, 205 MAIN STREET CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY 07928 TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT (PA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJDEP GREEN ACRES REQUIREMENTS FOR BLOCK 30 LOT 57 (3 HARRISON ROAD) AND BLOCK 30 LOT 48 (134 HARRISON ROAD)

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 42-D THROUGH H**

**2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mayor Carelli gave a Power Point presentation that provided an overview of the 2016 municipal budget, including property assessments, lost ratables, the tax levy and various services provided. The tax increase for the average house is \$68.52. He also explained how different projects are funded so residents would have a better understanding of how tax dollars are spent. He stated that our goal is always to keep the taxes as low as we possibly can.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

Councilman Desai set for the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to open the public hearing for the 2016 municipal budget.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Oswald set for the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, for the adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**



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**COPY OF 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 43-I**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on the sewer expansion. A bid spec will be prepared in the very near future.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported the fishing tournament will be held this weekend from 7 to 11 am.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita reported on the Shade Tree Commission meeting. Trees to be taken down have been identified. The windshield report advises us to take down and prune a lot trees and we'll try to find the money to do that.

Councilman Astarita stated that Patrolman Bogert did a very heroic thing and saved a life the other day and recommended we do something to commend him.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Oswald reported that the Fire Department spaghetti dinner will be held this Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** Assistant Clerk Homsy reminded the Council that the Financial Disclosure Filing deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the Quarry Committee has done a good job of identifying problems and issues and the Quarry has made a good effort to accommodate our concerns. They have a street sweeper coming down every morning and we'll continue to post the quarterly blasting reports on our website. I'm trying to create a partnership with Tilcon so that all of the residents benefit. Some evidence of goodwill was that Tilcon's representative, Josh Benson, heard of our beautification plans and presented us with a donation of \$10,000 toward a new sign outside the borough hall. Michael Carelli from our Beautification Advisory Committee has been working very hard. He designed banners and they are all sold out. We are purchasing flags and flower pots and the DPW will be painting lamp posts. Mayor Carelli commended Officer Bogert for his action and also the Police, First Aid and Fire Departments for making everyone in Riverdale proud. Bid specs are basically done for 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike and the compost site.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we received notice from the court that our Affordable Housing Plan has been scheduled for a hearing on July 20<sup>th</sup> in Morristown.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. APPEAL OF ACTION BY THE BOARD OF FIRE OFFICERS- DAKAKE

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that a hearing was held in closed session at the last meeting which was carried until tonight for a decision.

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**OLD BUSINESS (continued):**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to affirm the action taken by the Board of Fire Officers in the above matter.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Desai**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstention - motion carried)**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the action of the Fire Department is sustained in this matter.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Sean Farley from Terrie O'Connor Realtors stated he represents the interests of the Born family and Allenwood Corporation as well as the Petracca family on vacant land on Route 23 south. He proposed the town potentially purchase that land for dedication of public space. Borough Attorney Oostdyk advised that a specific type of appraisal would be required before the council is able to consider the proposal. Council will discuss the matter at the next meeting to determine if there is interest.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Avenue, Pompton Lakes advised the Council that the old Golden Sakura property has been leased and will be a steak and seafood restaurant called the Black, Blue and Sea.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Mayor Carelli announced that former Mayor Budesheim lost his mother on Monday and offered sympathies to him.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jimmy Homs  
 Assistant Municipal Clerk

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: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Absent: Clinton**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

Closed Session - April 13, 2016

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

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

Regular Meeting - April 27, 2016

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 07-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES CHARGED  
BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 07-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: (continued)**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 46-A**

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 08-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168, "ZONING", "SCHEDULE D- BULK REQUIREMENTS", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 08-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 46-B**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**78-2016: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 6, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$84,511.64**

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

**79-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (HOME DEPOT- BLOCK 40, LOT 4.01)

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 47-A AND B**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the fire truck is under repair. The finger print machine will soon be installed in the police department.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that they will consider replacing a wall at the baseball fields.

**UTILITIES:** No report

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli distributed a draft ordinance regarding sewer fees.

Mayor Carelli reported that he asked the DPW to paint some of the light posts. The bulbs of the light posts in front of the municipal building were replaced with LED bulbs.

Mayor Carelli reported that the Mayor and Council received a letter from the planning board requesting the removal of a board member. Borough attorney Bob Oostdyk recommended that the board member be given all the information they were given and the opportunity to be heard before the Mayor and Council. A Rice notice will have to be given. Borough attorney Oostdyk also asked the Governing Body not to discuss the request from the planning board.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Desai stated that the pending sewer expansion project is getting finalized and will be put out for bid.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave, Pompton Lakes, stated he received a bill for \$20,000 for connecting to the sewer lines. Salameno stated he was told he could pay the bill over 5 years by the former Mayor. Mayor Carelli and Borough attorney Oostdyk explained that is against the Borough ordinance and state law.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

May 25, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief Sturm**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Workshop Meeting - May 11, 2016

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 11-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND REPEALING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE RESERVATION OF SEWERAGE CAPACITY**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 49-A**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 09-2016**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY DONATION FROM GERALDINE B. MINES (BLOCK 38.04, LOT 14)**

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

May 25, 2016

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for public comment.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 09-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 50-B**

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 10-2016**

**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 for public comment.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 10-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 50-C**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**



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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 1) **80-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH May 20, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$539,875.31

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 51-D**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that everything is going well with maintenance and rental of the ball fields.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that at the Board of Health meeting it was decided the fees charged for various events and food vendors will be reviewed and a new schedule will be proposed. CERT has enough members at this time to be a viable organization and the next meeting will be June 28<sup>th</sup> at the firehouse. Regarding the Police Department - we will be declaring the old finger print machine and cabinet as junk. The phone system has been subject to many breakdowns and should be replaced. An estimate will be obtained. The Police Chief is working with the School Superintendent regarding coverage for Oak Street during drop off and pick up.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported there were no responses to our request for bids for parking at the Verizon building. We will advertise for bids again.

Mayor Carelli reported on spraying the Glenburn property for mosquitoes. A resident in this business offered to provide eight applications for the year at a cost of \$600. This service would typically cost \$1,200. Council had no objections to proceeding with the service.

Mayor Carelli suggested changing the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to June 20<sup>th</sup> so it does not conflict with the school graduation. Council was in agreement.

Mayor Carelli reported that the banners have started to go up along Newark Pompton Turnpike and it's a welcome addition to our main street. Tomorrow we will start with

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

the flower pots. He thanked the DPW for their help in making it happen in time for the Memorial Day parade.

Mayor Carelli reported on the status of the Federal and Haley Avenue paving project.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we will close on the second house on Harrison Road sometime the end of June. Thereafter, we will be obligated to demolish both houses so we should start to get estimates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Planning Board referral concerning removal of member Glenn Venza

Mayor Carelli read the letter received April 29<sup>th</sup> from the Riverdale Planning Board stating the at their April 28, 2016 meeting it was unanimously voted upon that one of the Board Members, Glenn Venza, has violated his office and position and the Planning Board Members are recommending that Mr. Venza be removed from the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk clarified the procedure. He stated that the Planning Board cannot remove its own member. A member can only be removed by the Borough Council and only for cause during the member's term of office. The member is entitled to have a hearing and the Borough Clerk received a letter from Mr. Venza, who is here tonight, indicating he wanted this matter discussed in public. Mr. Oostdyk stated that this is a very unusual procedure. The law is not clear about what the standards are and what good cause to remove him is. The court's guidance in this area indicates we are supposed to review the conduct and also how the conduct relates to the office and how that conduct can jeopardize the public interest. The Council was forwarded copies of the minutes from the Planning Board verbatim where this was discussed together with copies of some postings on Facebook that were handed out to Planning Board members which severed as the basis for the concern that came from the Planning Board.

Glenn Venza requested that he and any witnesses speaking on his behalf or against him be sworn in. Borough Attorney Oostdyk swore him in. Mr. Venza read the following prepared statement:

*I know you are all aware that this is a first amendment issue. However, the overriding question raised by Mr. Loesner is whether or not I can objectively rule on Planning Board applications. I've been on the Planning Board for 10 years appointed as a recommendation by Loesner to former Mayor Budenheim. The major difference in the last 10 years is not me but the drastic change in Loesner's loyalties. In the past decade I've voted on dozens of Planning Board applications judging each solely on the merits of the application by following the guidelines of Riverdale's zoning requirements and Master Plan. My online statements did not address an entire class of people. My statements were to individuals in response to comments made by those individuals. Such responses pertaining to an individual member on a closed Facebook page have zero bearing on my ability to make an unbiased determination on a Planning Board application. If any of those individuals were to go before the Planning Board with an application I would certainly recuse myself to continue to maintain the integrity of the*

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*board as I have always done. That being said, I'd like to know exactly how I violated my position.*

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that will be for the Council to determine if they remove you. The way this was presented by the Planning Board was that you jeopardized your objectivity by making comments which they felt were inappropriate in a Facebook post. All the Council has before it are copies of posts that were made on Facebook.

Mr. Venza said that the post was incomplete. I don't have a copy of it and thought that the whole experience was de minimus and had very little to do with anything. It went on for about an hour or so and was just banter. Maybe someone felt insulted but it was never meant on my behalf as insults.

Mr. Oostdyk stated that we haven't gone through what these comments all were but what we get from the Planning Board was a sense that these were anti-gay or anti-homosexual statements being made and if a person came before the Planning Board that was openly gay would you be able to objectively evaluate their application or are you prejudiced.

Mr. Venza stated that he has relatives and friends that are homosexual and he has no bias towards homosexuals at all. This was like locker room talk that ended up being on a semi-public forum.

Councilman Astarita read the following statement:

*Although I think the information we were given was not complete, because I'm not a Facebook aficionado, but there are times when it says "see more" and I guess there's more dialogue going but yet it wasn't on this Facebook page. I've read it several times as it was presented to us. It seems to be a one day occurrence although it seems to me to stem from earlier hostilities that have gone on probably prior to the past election. That being said, there were things said about our former Mayor that seemed to escalate back and forth between neighbors, public employees and other residents. I think there is enough bad behavior in this incident by all parties who seem to be trying to push each other's buttons and really get reactions and it succeeded in doing so. I think there's really bad behavior all around in this. Although it seemed to me like there were two or three major players from what I've read. I've read the insults and innuendos pitched from both sides of this incident on Facebook for all to see and I didn't realize it was a closed Facebook page until I tried to go on it to see what the "see more" was and then I realized you had to sort of apply to get on it, and I was approved by the way, so now I'm on. I don't know if that's a good or bad thing.*

Mr. Venza stated that at the time of this incident there were 761 members on the Facebook page.

Councilman Astarita stated that he didn't see disparaging remarks aimed at any particular group in the dialogue. I saw things aimed at specific people. That would lead me to believe it was a back and forth thing between Mr. Venza and several other people who all behaved badly. There's nothing in it that made me believe that there was a rant by Mr. Venza as indicated in the Planning Board minutes. I really think it would not inhibit Mr. Venza from judging an applicant to the Planning Board. Mr. Venza made 14 out of the 108 postings and they were mostly one-liners and not rants. For the most

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part the whole thing is disgraceful and puts Riverdale in a bad light but there were many people involved in this. I thought long and hard and I can't see any reason to remove Mr. Venza from the Planning Board.

Councilman Clinton stated that he would echo the statement made by Councilman Astarita. I sat on the Planning Board with Mr. Venza for at least 10 years and I have never once seen him show bias or non-objectivity towards an application. I didn't read anything in that posting that would lead me to believe he could no longer be objective.

Councilman Revis agreed there was not a group insult. I think members of public bodies should be held to a higher standard and that would include communication in social media. He suggested a compromise such as sensitivity training. I did not see anything in the posting that directly compromised the position to make a good logical decision on items before the Planning Board.

Councilman Desai agreed that all government officials should be held to a higher standard. I think Mr. Venza was the only government official involved in this instance. Like Mr. Clinton, a lot of members of the Planning Board served with Mr. Venza for a long period of time and they voted unanimously that he be removed. There is nothing I saw in the packet to compel me to go against the request of the entire Planning Board who, again, have served with Mr. Venza for a long period of time. If there is inference of a prejudice by the nature of the comments against a particular group that the borough could be at risk down the road if a member of one of those groups didn't get the turnout they wanted from the Planning Board. To that, I have to agree with the Planning Board that it does compromise the integrity of the board and puts the borough in a difficult position.

Councilman Pellegrini stated that the Planning Board read the entire document and voted 100% to remove him.

Councilman Astarita felt there are several parties who have an ulterior motive pushing this forward and he doesn't like it. These hostilities we've seen stated many months ago and it's distasteful to see it continuing through our borough. I think we can look past this one incident. He's been on the Planning Board for 10 years, he's served it well, he's a volunteer and I don't see any reason to take him off.

Councilman Clinton asked the Borough Attorney for his opinion if he felt there were comments made towards a group or a segment of the population and not towards an individual.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated this decision is not a legal decision. This is not crystal clear. I think the court has a fairly vigorous standard in looking at "for cause". When you have a volunteer employee or a paid employee the term "for cause" means the same thing. If we were talking about a police officer who did this, we'd be looking at it from the same standard. The standard is what we have to pay attention to. There is free speech and I understand how that plays into it. There clearly is a line that could be crossed and I can give you examples of what would be a pretty clear line that was crossed. You can't say anything you want on social media in any context and then just say it's free speech. Whether this rises to that level is the debate I'm hearing from both sides.

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**NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

Mayor Carelli stated that he thinks it is a disgrace that we received a letter from our Planning Board to address such a ridiculous topic. The hardest thing to do is show restraint and I've done it. I don't get involved in these Facebook things. When I became Mayor I began trying to raise the bar. I want people that are responsible, do their job and have respect of the residents and their colleagues. It's troubling to have to address this and it angers me. Probably 9 or 10 people voted and asked us to remove this gentleman.

Mr. Venza stated that some of the postings that day were about Councilman Desai and his wife and to his wife. Because of that, I would ask that he be recused.

Mayor Carelli stated there were also things said about him. Mr. Venza asked that Mayor Carelli also be recused. He also asked if it was unethical for Councilman Pellegrini to vote twice since he already voted on this on the Planning Board. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that he didn't think it was as they are two separate entities.

Councilman Desai stated that his wife was attacked by Mr. Venza on that post when she made a comment that everyone needed to grow up. The only one who jumped down her throat was Mr. Venza and her comment wasn't directed at him specifically. Mr. Venza then went on to make derogatory comments about her and her family which I guess I'm included in that. Mr. Venza has never met my wife so if you don't call that a rant I don't know what you want to call it. As far as recusing myself, I considered that, but I don't think anyone should be rewarded for bad behavior. He could have gone back and said bad things about other members of the council and asked for them to be recused. If he thinks he can be objective on the Planning Board, I certainly can be objective here. The issue is whether there were derogatory remarks, whether they can be interpreted as prejudicial, and also whether this council should go against the wishes of 11 Planning Board members who requested that he be removed. If we send him back it puts the other members in an uncomfortable situation.

Mr. Venza stated that the unanimous vote of the Planning Board was based on information given to them by the Planning Board Attorney. He made some statements and did not explain what those statements meant. He gave the wrong date for the New Jersey statute – it had been repealed in 1953. He stated this was a maleficence in office. I wasn't on this site as a Planning Board member and nothing I said was evil. That could have been mis-transcribed as malfeasance. That's official misconduct which I did not do. He also said "conduct unbecoming" which is typically conduct by a certified professional contrary to the interest of the public. I am a volunteer. This is what the attorney told them and they all sound bad. What happened was not as bad as he made it sound.

Councilman Oswald asked Mr. Venza if Councilman Clinton should also recuse himself since he is a personal friend of his.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that recusing is not so much when you can't be objective as when it would appear to the public that your objectivity would be in question.

Councilman Revis stated that based on the attorney's comments about a reasonable person inferring something has caused him to change his opinion. Having read the comments on Facebook, he agreed that a reasonable person might reach the conclusion that there is bias here.

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**NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to not remove Mr. Venza from the Planning Board.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton**  
**Nays: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**(2 ayes – 4 nays - motion failed)**

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to remove Mr. Venza from the Planning Board.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: Astarita, Clinton**  
**(4 ayes – 2 nays - motion carried)**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue, stated that he was threatened with a lawsuit by an individual's attorney because of OPRA requests made to the clerk's office. That individual had specific information regarding the requests. Mr. Venza asked if it was a matter of practice for the Clerk to advise others about OPRA requests.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that OPRA requests are public information.

Clerk Jalloh stated that aside from employees who work in the office and the Mayor and our in house counsel, he has never done that and it is not his practice or the practice of the Clerk's office.

Nancy Salazar, Newbury Place, asked for the status of the sewers. Councilman Desai responded with the current status and stated that we are working hard on the sewer expansion plans. There are a lot of approvals needed and we do not think it possible to be done this year. We hope to have a firm timeline in place by the next meeting.

Meg Sturm, Munn Avenue, asked the Council to once again consider an ordinance in favor of giving residents the right to own chickens in Riverdale. She read a letter specifying the reasons she felt the ordinance should be passed along with a sample ordinance she had prepared for consideration.

Tom Batelli, Cannella Way, stated that in 35 years of doing municipal governing that is the worst case of political retribution he has ever seen in his life.

Matt Pollison, 58 Post Lane, stated that he supports Meg Sturm with the new chicken ordinance.

Larry Feld, 10 Arlington Place, asked if there was information about blue lines indicating water lines recently painted on Arlington Place. Mayor Carelli stated he did not know and would find out.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**81-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 3, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$808,605.04

**82-2016:** A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF S2254/A3821 TO CLARIFY MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 58 A and B**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that there is an investigation into the sewer costs as they are moving along to put together a bid spec for the sewer expansion plan. Desai also reported that Tilcon finished repairing the wall and is now working on repairing the floor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the police department submitted its three year capital plan.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that the railings at the library need to be replaced.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that another treatment will be placed on the baseball field.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)**

**UTILITIES:** No report

**PERSONNEL:** No report

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** The Borough Clerk stated that a resolution will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for liquor license renewals.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli stated we have bids out for parking spaces at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike for the second time after not receiving any bids on the first advertising.

Mayor Carelli stated that the Borough Judge requested a bailiff to help the workload during court sessions. A resolution will be prepared to fill the position.

Mayor Carelli stated that the old police department finger print machine will be declared obsolete.

Mayor Carelli stated the old police contract is signed and the new one is going to be worked on soon.

Mayor Carelli stated the next Council meeting is moved to Monday, June 20, 2016.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough attorney Bob Oostdyk reported that the special planner regarding COAH had a meeting regarding the Boroughs obligations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Borough attorney Bob Oostdyk distributed a map regarding the potential acquisition of Block 11, Lot 8. Oostdyk stated an appraisal should be done on this property. The County would fund the acquisition at its appraised price but it's the Boroughs obligation to pay for the appraisal. It was the consensus of the Council to not move forward with the appraisal at this time.

Mayor Carelli stated that he received the Capital plan from the Police Department and is waiting on the other departments.

Mayor Carelli stated that he will be working on the salary resolution.

Mayor Carelli stated that a resident requested the Council revisit the hen ordinance. The Board of Health will be contacted to look over the ordinance.

Councilman Desai stated that the statue in front of the school is deteriorating. The Council will consider options on what they would like to do with the statue after the school boards discusses what they would like to do.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Robert, 3 Stratford Place, inquired about purchasing property within the Borough.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: (continued)**

7 Dalton Drive, inquired about a tree removal update.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave, asked about the sewer permits and shared services agreement with Wanaque.

Steve Loser, 61 Cottage Place, distributed a courts final decision on ethics charges filed against the previous Mayor.

William Budesheim, 3 Curtis Street, stated is has been the practice for the Borough to allow for a payment plan for sewer connections. Borough attorney Oostdyk stated the statute never allowed for a payment plan for sewer connections but it does for special assessments.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

June 20, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Desai**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief Sturm**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting - May 25, 2016  
 Workshop Meeting - June 8, 2016

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**PRESENTATION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:**

Mayor Carelli introduced Eagle Scout candidate, Joseph Soto, and invited him to present his Eagle Scout Project to the Governing Body.

Joseph Soto said that he is a member of Boy Scout Troop 380 of Pompton Lakes and Riverdale. He presented his plans to refurbish a shed located on the Glenburn Property and asked the Governing body for permission and to consider funding the cost of materials. He had met with Councilman Pellegrini at the Glenburn to discuss what materials would be needed and he distributed a cost estimate. His plan is to replace the door and windows and he said the completed project will look similar to the well that was done by his brother. The total estimate for the project is \$3,857.59 and the majority of cost is for siding and trim work. He would like to begin sometime in the fall. He answered questions from the Council regarding the project.

Mayor Carelli stated that it looks like a good project that will be a nice addition to the Glenburn. The Council will review the plans with him and try to assist with the funding.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 11-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND REPEALING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE RESERVATION OF SEWERAGE CAPACITY**

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for public comment.

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Avenue, Pompton Lakes asked for clarification of the ordinance.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded. We had in our code a unique thing to Riverdale that allowed folks to reserve sewerage capacity for future use and pay the sewerage bill. We were challenged through court on this and the court said that because the statute did not provide for this idea of a reservation of capacity fee we did not have the authority from the state to put this ordinance into place. This ordinance repeals everything in our code that dealt with that reservation of capacity fee.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 11-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 62-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 Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

- 83-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH May 20, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$779,710.11
- 84-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 85-2016:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2016/2017 LICENSE YEAR IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 86-2016:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR F & S Enterprises, LLC, 14 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 14, Lot 15.02

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays - motion carried)**

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**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 63-B, C, D AND E**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported on meeting with the Fire Department to discussed minor issues to spruce it up for the wet down.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that the DPW has done a great job with the fields and we are getting a lot of compliments. We have three people looking into doing tournaments on weekends.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the next CERT meeting is Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at the firehouse at 7:30 and we can always use new members. The Fire Chief sent photos with the progress on the pumper and everything is on schedule.

Fire Chief Sturm stated that they would do a final inspection the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> and there is a celebration planned for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita reported there will be a Shade Tree Commission meeting on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and they will discuss taking down more trees.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Clinton reported that the borough will be teaming up with the library to get the best price to do re-carpeting of some areas that are worn.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported there were no proposals received in response to our second bid opening for parking at the Verizon building.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we can contact the people who might have been interested and see if we are able to negotiate a lease and make the decision whether we have to re-bid.

Mayor Carelli reported on the inquiry about a property on Dalton Drive. It is in our Open Space Inventory so we are not able to sell it and we will take care of the trees.

Mayor Carelli distributed the resolution for a bailiff that he neglected to put on the agenda. He stated that the Judge and Court Administrator had requested a bailiff and they recommended the Police Secretary to fill the position.

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

**87-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THERESA PELLEGRINI TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT BAILIFF WITH AN ANNUAL STIPEND OF \$3,240 EFFECTIVE JUNE 21, 2016

**ROLL CALL:** **Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Pellegrini**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstention - motion carried)**

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Mayor Carelli reported that as a result of a septic failure and the need for a sewer connection by Dr. Foss on Newark Pompton Turnpike, the policy for sewer connection was memorialized by doing a resolution tonight. The application is complete, application and connection fees are paid and Linda Roetman has been informed of the process. Dr. Foss can pick up his signed resolution tomorrow and go to Wanaque to apply for his permits.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Avenue, Pompton Lakes, spoke regarding his property at 4 Hamburg Turnpike. He met with the DEP and was told he has to put up 76 trees in a riparian zone to replace the 38 he removed. He will come to the Shade Tree Commission meeting next Monday to discuss places where the trees can be planted.

Mr. Salameno stated that he has ideas to propose to bid on parking at the Verizon building but he asked for additional time to inspect the building.

Mr. Salameno stated that he received a letter from the Morris County Prosecutor's Office in reference to his complaint regarding former Riverdale Mayor William Budesheim. He stated that he never had a complaint against Mayor Budesheim and found out that the Police Chief began an investigation due to the comments he made at the last meeting regarding Mayor Budesheim giving him authorization to make payments on his sewer connection fee. He felt that he should have been notified that an investigation was taking place with his name on it.

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue, asked if any variances were applied for and issued for the banners that are hanging all over town. Mayor Carelli replied that there were not. Mr. Venza stated that they are in violation of seven of our zoning ordinances regarding signs. He read the zoning violations aloud and suggested the banners be taken down because they are illegal.

Mayor Carelli stated that he did not agree. The banners are something that beautify the town and you're telling us that you want them down.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the banners do not meet the definition of a sign which is something to advertise or promote the interest of any person or property. He wasn't sure a public banner is really an advertisement though the sponsor's name is put on it. There's also an issue when the government puts up a sign as opposed to a private individual. He explained that governmental messages are generally excluded from coverage under local zoning ordinances. The purpose of the banners was not advertising it was beautification and secondarily they had their name on it.

Mr. Venza stated that he has a problem with the banners that are advertising businesses that are not adjunct to their property.

Meg Sturm, 10 Munn Avenue, stated that she thinks the signs are awesome, the road looks beautiful and the flowers are exquisite.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

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**ALL IN FAVOR**

Mayor Carelli announced that he signed the PBA contract which is already expired and we will start negotiating a new one. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we would have a resolution at the next meeting to formalize it.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the following minutes:

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

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Carelli along with Police Chief Kevin Smith and the Council presented Sergeant Greg Bogert with the lifesaving medal for his heroic effort that saved the life of a man of April 25, 2016. Mayor Paul Carelli and Police Chief Kevin Smith commended Sergeant Bogert on his bravery and work ethic.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 88-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 8, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$203,608.25
- 89-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (PHASE 1 SEWER PROJECT)
- 90-2016** APPROVAL OF APPLICATION BY THE RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT
- 91-2016** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION- CHAPTER 159

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 66- A, B, C AND D**



**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai stated that blasting reports from the Tilcon quarry are posted on the municipal website along with other reports.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that a letter from the Grande was received regarding signage around the property for traffic control and was given to Police Chief Kevin Smith. The fire department pumper vehicle will be ready this month.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported a safety concern about Post Lane.

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

**94-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY ROAD WORK ON POST LANE TO REPAIR THE GUARD RAIL SECTION AT THE RIVER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500 CONTINGENT ON THE CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 67- E**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that a quote was received for a new electronic sign outside the municipal building through a co-op.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita reported the shade tree commission took down trees on Matthews Ave. and the home owner wants the Borough to pay to remove the tree stump.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Clinton reported that the employee evaluations were being submitted and meetings will be scheduled with each employee.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

**92-2016:** Mayor Carelli appointed Warren Sheps as a Class IV member of the Planning Board for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2017.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 67- F**

Mayor Carelli distributed tax reports submitted by the Tax Collector as part of the best practices.

Mayor Carelli stated a copy of the 2015 audit was distributed to each member of the Council. A corrective action plan will be prepared for the next meeting along with another resolution for the audit.

Mayor Carelli stated the owner of Consolidated Maintenance Solutions, LLC asked if the Council would approve his payment at tonight's meeting for the Federal place road improvement project in the amount of \$163,738.04.

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

**93-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT REQUEST #3 TO CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS LLC FOR THE HALSEY AVENUE- FEDERAL PLACE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$163,738.04

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 68- A**

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** Borough Attorney Bob Oostdyk stated there was an objection from fair share housing and there's a status hearing next week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

83 NPT- Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated this must be put out to bid again after receiving no bids the first two times.

Compost Facility - a bid specification will be put out shortly.

Community Center - Hours of Operation - Mayor Carelli stated the original intent of the use of the community center wasn't for use into late hours of the night with loud music. The Council will consider changing the hours of use or other alternatives.

Mayor Carelli stated the chicken ordinance is being reviewed by the Board of Health.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to open the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

An unidentified resident came forward to thank the Mayor and Council for removal of trees.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

July 27, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief Sturm**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting - July 13, 2016

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(6 ayes – 0 nays – 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 Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

- 95-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 22, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$800,698.97
- 96-2016:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED, AT A MINIMUM, THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE 2015 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- 97-2016:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2015 AUDIT REPORT
- 98-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
- 99-2016:** RESOLUTION RELEASING D.R. HORTON INC. (THE GRANDE AT RIVERDALE) FROM PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE
- 100-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS POSTED WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 101-2016:** RESOLUTION APPROVING MUNICIPAL TAX LIEN REDEMPTION
- 102-2016:** RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DATE THIRD QUARTER TAX BILLS ARE DUE

July 27, 2016

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

**103-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND JOHN GILLOOLLY

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 70-A THROUGH I**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the CERT team met last night and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, during which the orientation for CERT will be presented. The public is encouraged to attend. The Fire Chief and company are leaving tomorrow to inspect the new pumper.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that he was approached by someone with a sign shop in Pompton Lakes who wants to bid a price for the borough sign. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we would have to put it out to bid if we think we can save money over the state contract price. Councilman Oswald commended the DPW workers for the great job taking care of the fields.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the bid specifications for the Leaf Compost Facility are on the website and have been advertised in the newspaper. Bids will be opened on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We also re-advertised the property at 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike for the parking spaces and for the inside of the building.

Tomorrow is our second of three concerts at 7:30 at Freedom Park. The first one was well attended.

Mayor Carelli reported that he and Councilman Desai and Mrs. Talerico had a productive meeting with Mr. Kelly of the Sewer Authority today. We discussed our sewer expansion and discussed Riverdale's billing and some of the things that concerned us.

Mayor Carelli announced that there is a closed session item on the agenda. The need no longer exists so we will not be having that executive session tonight.

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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Valerie Devine, Lake Hiawatha, stated she was representing the League of Humane Voters to speak about the drastic expansion of the trophy bear hunting. She asked the Council to make Riverdale's borders off limits to bear hunting.

Doreen Frega, Saddle Brook, stated she was with the League of Humane Voters. She provided resolutions from other towns that have prohibited bear hunting.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

August 10, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief Sturm**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting - July 27, 2016

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the above listed minutes as read

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(6 ayes – 0 nays – 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 Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the following resolutions:

**104-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 5, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$58,635.99

**105-2016:** CHANGE OF TITLE OR TEXT OF APPROPRIATION

**106-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS (1-3) FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE PUMPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,358.69 – NEW TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$670,382.14

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 72-A, B AND C**

August 10, 2016

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the Police Chief has requested approval to obtain quotes to lease a patrol car. Mayor Carelli stated that a lease payment was budgeted and when he gets the quote we can put it on the agenda for approval. Councilman Revis reported that the CERT meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup> and the fire pumper should arrive on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that he spoke with the Superintendent and there are no problems. Everything on the Fire Department list is done except for the stucco and the carpet.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that we will have a 9/11 ceremony on 9/11 at 7:30 p.m. in front of the library. He also reported that the emergency work on Post Lane is complete.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** Borough Clerk Jalloh reported that the State granted approval for the governing body to approve an inactive liquor license held by Dan Salameno. We also received a request from Target to be open extended hours on Black Friday. Mayor Carelli stated that both resolutions should go on the next agenda.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that tomorrow is our last concert of the season. The Fire Department wet down will be on August 27<sup>th</sup> and we are having our annual street fair on Labor Day.

We went out to bid for 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike for the third time and got no responses once again. Councilman Astarita suggested a bill be sent out for the generators that are still parked on the property. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that because it is a lease and not a public contract, there is nothing in the law that allows you to negotiate. Mayor Carelli will send them a letter advising that since they did not bid for a lease they will have to remove the generators by the end of the month.

We had our bid opening for the management of the leaf transfer facility and we received two proposals. One was from RER who has been the operator for many years and the other is from Friendly Tree Service. The proposals are basically what they are willing to pay for a monthly lease. Friendly Tree Service was more advantageous by \$50 to \$75 so now we have 60 days to review them and determine the better qualified bidder.

We closed on the second flood buyout on Harrison Road today so we have two houses that need to be demolished at some point. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated this will be our last because the program will run out. We will go out to bid for the demolition. There is one bank owned Pequannock house and three Riverdale houses remaining on that street.

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

Mayor Carelli stated that he is very close to finalizing the Green Acres Grant for what we call the Dube property that the borough bought about seven years ago. None of the grant paperwork was ever done. The grant is for 50% of the allowable cost which is \$72,500 plus half of any expenses incurred to buy the property. We stand to get \$85,000 to \$90,000.

Mayor Carelli stated that our bookkeeper resigned last week with two days' notice. I did bill him for his educational expenses which were close to \$8,000.00. Our policy is if you leave with two years you have to pay the money back to the borough. I have a consultant for the payroll and at the next meeting I'll have a proposal to hire this consultant short term until we know what we want to do. I met with our office assistant and she expressed an interest in taking on more responsibility.

Mayor Carelli asked Pat Cleary to explain a proposal he is making regarding LOSAP and VSAP options.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Desai stated that a resident approached him about a right of way on their property that has not been used in over a decade. They would like to get the right of way removed. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the process depends on whether it is a public or private right of way so that needs to be determined.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Meg Sturm asked for the status of the chicken ordinance. Mayor Carelli stated the ordinance was given to the Health Officer and it was to be presented at their meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. They will discuss it and made a recommendation.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk



August 24, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Desai**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting - August 10, 2016

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the above listed minutes as read

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – 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 Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the following resolutions:

- 107-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 22, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,343,956.24
- 108-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 109-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAXES TO DOUGLAS FRITSCH PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32
- 110-2016:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DANIEL J. SALAMENO JR. FOR THE 2016/2017 LICENSE YEAR
- 111-2016:** RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE DAY EXTENSION OF STORE HOURS FOR TARGET CORPORATION ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2016.
- 112-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS POSTED WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE (BEAZER HOMES)
- 113-2016:** RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CONNIE ANDERSEN AS DEPUTY REGISTRAR FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2016

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 76-A THROUGH G****COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Oswald reported that the lease is up on the police department copier and although the rate went down they want to try to get a better rate by bundling the lease with other copiers. He reported that Chief Smith was able to secure a \$5,000 grant for DWI enforcement. The Police Department would like to hire a part-time dispatcher.

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

**114-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ROBERT BATIPEDE TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 76-H**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini asked if we could utilize the Verizon building as a recreation center since we received no bids for leasing. This would be a temporary use since the long term use is affordable housing. There are several clubs that are interested and would be willing to share any expenses. Mayor Carelli stated that we would need to first check with the Borough Engineer and Construction Official to be sure the building is safe for that purpose.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that we will have a 9/11 ceremony on 9/11 at 7:30 p.m. at the memorial in front of the library. There will be a candle lighting and our former Councilwoman Elaine Wetzel is spearheading the event.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita reported that we still have no clarity on trees so we're still working on that.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Clinton reported that he was at the fire department Monday for delivery of the fire truck and it is an impressive vehicle.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the wet down will be 3:00 p.m. on Saturday at the firehouse and we are having our street fair on Labor Day.

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

We received a renewal for our NJIF insurance which is the liability insurance for the borough. It's a three year renewal that is up at the end of the year and we've been with NJIF for the past nine years. Mayor Carelli distributed a chart showing the premium history and said he would like to get some other quotes.

Mayor Carelli stated that he is two cancelled check copies away from submitting our Green Acres grant for the Dube property. We purchased the property in 2008 and we were awarded a grant but there was never follow through to get the money. We're eligible for 50 percent of our total outlay which was \$171,000.

Mayor Carelli stated we have a grant for \$75,000 that could be used to put generators around town. The fire chief has been working on it.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Avenue, Pompton Lakes suggested the minimum bid for the lease for parking inside the Verizon building be lowered to \$1,000. Council discussed the matter.

Kelly Norris, 18 Cotliss Road, asked for a volunteer for the dunk tank at the street fair.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:33 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

September 14, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Desai (arrived 7:38)  
Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Police Chief Smith and Fire Chief Sturm**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting - August 24, 2016

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the above listed minutes as read

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Nays: None  
(5 ayes – 0 nays – 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 Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, to approve the following resolutions:

**115-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$394,896.00

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Nays: None  
(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 79-A**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the wet down that was held on August 27<sup>th</sup> was quite an event and thanked the Fire Department. The CERT meeting will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Riverdale Police Pistol Team office. The Fire Department is preparing a list of streets where we should consider restricting parking to one side to enable fire trucks to get through. The Board of Health will be meeting Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

September 14, 2016

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED):**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that he spoke to the Engineer regarding additional road repairs that need to be done.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that he will have a resolution to buy the borough sign from the Co-op hopefully by the next meeting. We will hire somebody to install and program it and have the DPW do the footings. We've been getting a great response about the condition of the fields and we have close to \$2,500 more in rentals for the fall.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai gave an update from the Quarry Committee. They are installing a dust monitor and it should be operational by Friday. They will generate reports that can be posted to the website. He also reported that the Sewer Authority should be approving our expansion plans at their meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and he will try to attend. We got approval from the Sewer Authority for the investigation to meter the main.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** Borough Clerk Jalloh reported that the State granted approval for the governing body to approve an inactive liquor license held by Dexters Inc. and the resolution will be on the next agenda.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that he and the Borough Engineer have been meeting with representatives of Rock Creek through their attorney on the outstanding issues. We talked about the water tower that was never dedicated to the borough and we are holding money in various escrow accounts because they never closed out certain elements of that project mostly having to do with water and sewer. We have used their escrow money to complete the work and the Engineers and Public Works are now satisfied that we've got good plans and are ready to close out that project. They have agreed to turn the water tower over to the borough. At the next meeting we will have several resolutions related to Rock Creek.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 83 Newark Pompton Turnpike – Next steps

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that former Mayor Budesheim had some meetings with the owner of the adjacent property at 79 Newark Pompton Turnpike and had a proposal for us to purchase that property as well with some of the affordable housing trust fund money. There was a discussion regarding whether this is something we still want to pursue. Council agreed that a decision could not be made until we get a ruling from the court and know what our COAH obligation is.

Mayor Carelli stated his position regarding the lease for the generators parked at the Verizon building. They didn't respond to the bid request three times so he is drafting a letter stating they have to be removed by a certain date and they also owe us \$11,000 in unpaid rent.

Council decided to hold off for another month before making a decision regarding the use of the property.

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**MAYOR REPORT / NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the Zoning Officer sent a certified letter to the owner of 62 Riverdale Road stating the Board of Health and Building Department have deemed it unsafe. We are awaiting a response. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that if it's in imminent danger of collapse the Construction Official has some jurisdiction to deal with it.

Mayor Carelli reported that he signed the vouchers from Green Acres and will be receiving \$77,312.00 for the Dube property we purchased six or more years ago. We'll be doing the flood buyouts next.

Mayor Carelli said that he would have a salary resolution at the next meeting for all of the borough employees. He would also like to have a resolution to hire a risk management consultant to review our current NJIF insurance plan that expires at the end of the year.

Mayor Carelli said that he would like to have a financial management consultant under contract to help out doing payroll and things like that. Connie Andersen has been doing a great job picking up the slack in a lot of areas and I want to address her as well.

Mayor Carelli reported on the leaf transfer facility on Riverdale Road. He and Councilman Desai reviewed the proposals and they will meet the borough attorney and come back with a recommendation.

Mayor Carelli asked if anyone else had anything for discussion.

Councilman Pellegrini asked what we need to do to end the summer hours for the front office that have been going all year. Mayor Carelli said he could end the summer hours. Borough Attorney Oostdyk advised that we look at what the personnel manual says and if the hours are not defined then we can define it.

Councilman Pellegrini asked about the copier for the Police Department. Mayor Carelli stated that the Chief should obtain the lease.

Councilman Pellegrini stated that there are cameras inside the two DPW garages. He suggested they either be removed or put onto a recorder so if there is an issue you can review the recordings. Mayor Carelli said he would determine who has access and will reassess the situation.

Mayor Carelli reported that the Police Committee had a meeting to go over the PBA contract and we will try to meet with them on Friday. He will discuss with them a possible way to save some money on our health insurance.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Salameno inquired about the cost to heat the Verizon building in the winter. He said people are looking to store cars for the winter at his self-storage and he would be interested in bidding on something like that.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

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**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of contract dispute.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

September 28, 2016

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: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis**  
**Absent: Astarita, Pellegrini**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Fire Chief Sturm**

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

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

- 116-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,001,411.97
- 117-2016:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DEXTERS INC. FOR THE 2016/2017 LICENSE YEAR
- 118-2016:** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CERTAIN WATER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE ROCK CREEK CROSSING DEVELOPMENT
- 119-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND MOUNTAIN VIEW II, LLC AND ACCEPTING A WATER TANK AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER TANK LOCATED ON BLOCK 11, LOT 8, IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 120-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS POSTED WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROCK CREEK CROSSING PROJECT
- 121-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE BETWEEN JIMMY HOMSI AND THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 122-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AGENCY ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016
- 123-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO BATTAGLIA ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 124-2016:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR 2016
- 125-2016:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Kurt Lombard, 5 Mead Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 16, Lot 6



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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):****126-2016:** DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE POLICE VEHICLE**127-2016:** RESOLUTION 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 \$2,442.84**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis  
Nays: None  
(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)****COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 85-A THROUGH L****COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that our sewer expansion plan was approved by the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewer Authority. It will be passed on to Two Bridges for approval and then to the DEP for final approval. He also reported on the Quarry and the dust monitoring equipment that is in place at the end of Van Duynes Avenue and at the Quarry itself so we can compare the readings. By this time next year we will have learned a lot and implemented a strategy with Tilcon. They will come to the second meeting in October to present to us and review with the residents their efforts to do better within our community. Mayor Carelli thanked Councilman Desai for spearheading this project and working with Tilcon and the residents to make life better for the residents that live around the Quarry.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that Fire Chief Sturm will be at the next meeting with a list of recommended streets for restricted parking. The PBA tournament will be held Thursday, October 6th, at the Meadows in Lincoln Park and the proceeds will be used to purchase level IV ballistic vests for the department. The Board of Health met last week and the chicken ordinance was discussed. There were some concerns with comparing it to Pequannock where the property sizes are so much larger. It was decided that more research would be done and a better recommendation could be made at the November meeting. The Pequannock Health Department will be providing flu shots for our first responders.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Clinton reported that he was glad to see the salary ordinance approved for the borough employees. He also thanked Chief Smith, Officer Famularo, Zoning Officer Linda Roetman and the DPW Superintendent for their assistance with correcting problems with the U-Turn at Home Depot/Target.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the DPW has painted a blue line in front of Borough Hall/Police Headquarters in support of our Police Department. We are also getting a quote for line striping the rest of Newark Pompton Turnpike. He thanked the Public Works employees for refurbishing the light posts.

DaVita has paid their rent in full that they owed for parking the generators at the Verizon Building and they will be removed by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

We are working on replacing the borough sign and getting quotes for new signs coming into town. Mayor Carelli attended the Sewer Authority meeting last week and assured them that he will be working with them in future.

One of the resolutions tonight authorized an agreement for a professional Risk Management Service. This is a firm that will obtain quotes for us for our NJIF insurance which is up at the end of this year and make sure we are getting the best possible price.

Mayor Carelli reported on the Leaf Recycling center proposals. We are doing our due diligence before we award the contract. He, the borough attorney and Councilman Desai met with one of the proposers and will meet with the next one shortly.

A letter was received once again requesting that the Council take a look at overnight parking in the winter time. The matter will be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

Mayor Carelli stated that it was requested by our Fire Inspector that Bill Revis be appointed as an intern to train as an alternate Fire Inspector.

**128-2016: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM REVIS AS FIRE INSPECTOR INTERN**

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 86-M**

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that among the resolutions adopted tonight we finally resolved the issue of the water tower and turning it over to the borough. We can finally close out the Rock Creek project which has been way too long in coming.

**INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY:**

"Certificate of Determination and Award" Issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$3,650,000.00 on September 16, 2016 with a maturity date of September 16, 2017, numbered 2016-1. Interest rate per annum is .89% payable at maturity, awarded and sold note to TD Bank, N.A. at a price of \$3,650,000.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There being no comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk proposed the Council go into closed session to discuss a litigation matter.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:12 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

October 12, 2016

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: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: None**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney James Bryce and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Closed Session - August 24, 2016

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

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

Workshop Meeting - September 14, 2016  
 Closed Session - September 14, 2016

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

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

Regular Meeting - September 28, 2016

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Astarita, Pellegrini**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – 2 abstain - 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.

October 12, 2016

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**129-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 7, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$122,827.24

**130-2016:** AMENDING RESOLUTION #124-2016 ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR 2016

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**

**Nays: None**

**(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 89-A & B**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini inquired about disposition of the pickup truck that was replaced. Mayor Carelli stated it can be declared obsolete at the next meeting. Councilman Pellegrini recommended that we purchase an aerator at a cost of \$1,400 from a landscaper who purchased but never used it. It sells for \$1,700 plus shipping and the cost to have the field aerated is over \$1,000 for one time. He also stated that he would like to have safety and ethics training. Mayor Carelli stated that this could be done through our NJIF insurance.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported on the ball fields. We need to work on the clay and replace both home plates.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita reported on Shade Tree. Linda Roetman has scheduled the yearly training and the instructor will do it at no cost.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the streetlight refurbishing is done and he thanked the Public Works employees for doing a great job.

Mayor Carelli distributed the Best Practices Worksheet to the Council. He explained that he and the Finance Officer went through the questions and answered yes to 24 out of 30 which is 80 percent. He asked the Council to review the worksheet and asked if there were any questions. He also distributed a copy of the Tax Appeal Notification Policy that was prepared by the CFO and Tax Assessor and will become another policy in the borough.

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

Mayor Carelli stated that Jersey Central is doing upgrades to their substation and they are willing to pay to store some things on the adjacent property that they believe is owned by the borough. We can consider the Verizon property for this use.

Mayor Carelli reported that at the next meeting we will recognize the Library teen volunteers and Tilcon will attend to discuss the status of the quarry.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** Borough Attorney Jim Bryce reported that a draft ordinance was prepared for introduction at the next meeting for minor modifications to the quarry ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 79 Newark Pompton Turnpike – latest correspondence

Mayor Carelli stated that we had already discussed that we weren't interested in purchasing that property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Desai suggested getting a credit service for the borough to be able to get a report on any company we may consider doing business with. He stated he is familiar with Credit Safe and discussed our needs with them. Their typical fee is \$1,500 per year and we could obtain a reduced rate of \$600 per year. Mayor Carelli suggested he reach out to Carol Talerico to look into the matter.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Salameno, 1020 Ringwood Ave., Pompton Lakes asked about the use of the Verizon property being considered for JCP&L and whether we will go out to bid again. Mayor Carelli stated that we are waiting to see what happens with COAH. Mr. Salameno also asked about the advertising for the baseball fields and if a decision was made on the leaf compost facility.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Carelli announced that the Council would go into closed session to discuss the status of the PBA Contract and Leaf Transfer Facility and an act of litigation.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:35 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

October 26, 2016

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: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis**  
**Absent: Astarita, Pellegrini**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Workshop Meeting - October 12, 2016

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

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

**PRESENTATION TO HONOR TEEN VOLUNTEERS TO THE RIVERDALE LIBRARY:**

Mayor Carelli stated that it is a special night as the Council recognizes our teen volunteers that work in the library during the summer. These volunteers do a great job and we are so proud to have them and want to show our appreciation. He introduced the Youth Services Librarian, Kate Mahoney. Councilman Clinton assisted the Mayor in presenting certificates of appreciation to the volunteers.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 12-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 132 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, "QUARRIES", AND AMENDING THE MINIMUM GRADE ELEVATION IN QUARRIED AREAS**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 92-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.



October 26, 2016

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**131-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$683,547.95

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 93-A**

**PRESENTATION - TILCON ANNUAL REVIEW:**

Mayor Carelli announced that representatives from Tilcon were invited to give a presentation and updates on what has been done over the course of the last year.

Josh Benson, Tilcon New York General Manager, discussed the issues that had been raised including dust, vibration and RAP (recycled asphalt product) including what has been done to alleviate some of those issues and what they will continue to do to be a better neighbor. We're down 51,000 cubic yards of unprocessed millings and 21,000 processed for a total of 73,000 cubic yards. We said we would get the piles of RAP down to 100,000 cubic yards and we are under that. We had seismic monitors at The Grande and Walmart and added two more at 25 Van Duyne and on Mathews Avenue and we put one at the Glenburn. Every quarter we give a report of all the blasts. We are now working on a set of monitors for dust. We have a new product that can be added to water and sprayed on the piles that will form a hard coating and prevent dust from blowing off on high wind days.

Councilman Desai stated that we have been doing regular inspection and the in process dust control systems are working. Once we have enough data we can start implementing additional controls on the storage piles. The ultimate goal is to minimize all dust to the best of our ability using the technology available to us today.

Mr. Benson stated they now have three sweepers that they use in Pompton and Riverdale. Blast results are posted and none have come close to the maximum allowed. We are trying as best we can to be unnoticed. He answered questions from the audience.

Mayor Carelli stated that the relationship between the borough and the quarry wasn't as good as it could be in the past. We made it part of our goal last year by forming a Quarry Committee and getting residents involved to have a better relationship with the quarry. We have been working together and we have seen good results and are getting good feedback. Tilcon has always been a good neighbor when organizations in town need some help. They made a very generous donation of \$10,000 that will be used for a new sign in front of borough hall in an effort to get more information to the residents.

Councilman Desai stated that the relationship wasn't good in the past because of complacency but that is in the past. Tilcon agreed last year to come in every year for a review. The idea of having that annual review is to prevent complacency.

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**PRESENTATION - TILCON ANNUAL REVIEW (continued):**

The Council agreed it has been a good year and thanked the Tilcon representatives for the review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that we are moving forward with the next phase of our investigation into our sewer system. We did an extensive investigation into the lines that were put in by Riverdale on various street and the numbers don't add up. We applied for permission to check the main line owned by the sewer authority and that was granted. We hired an engineering firm to start this week and they will be measuring and monitoring the levels in the main to see if there's any infiltration that could be the root of our discrepancies. We hope to share the results by our December meeting.

Mayor Carelli added that he and Councilman Desai had done a study and zeroed in on where they think the infiltration problem is and why we are getting overcharged for our sewer. That is the Sewer Authority's line. He attended the PRBRSA meeting and told them that Riverdale is willing to cooperate and have a good relationship and get to the bottom of some of these issues. They did approve us to do this study now. He thanked Councilman Desai for being persistent and working with the engineer.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported on an Eagle Scout project for the Fire Department memorial. The Chief will discuss the placement with the Borough Engineer. At the next meeting the Chief should have the list of streets where parking should be restricted to one side. The Chief also suggested we have a Knox Box security at each of the doors to each of the municipal buildings.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported on the proposals for management of our Leaf Transfer Facility on Riverdale Road. We received two proposals and after sitting down with each of the proposers we came to the conclusion that our bid specification was somewhat confusing. We are going to reject both of those proposals and draft new specifications to re-bid it.

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

**132-2016:** RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS FOR LEAVES AND LEAF COMPOST MANAGEMENT QUOTATION

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 95-A**

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**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that Mr. Clemack is working on our behalf with the Sewer Authority to figure out whether there is a procedure whereby Riverdale can have membership on the Authority. We should get resolution of that shortly.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Pat Cleary, 9 Morris Avenue, inquired about his request to relax parking restrictions during the winter months. He told the Council that Bloomingdale has a registration system in place. Council will discuss the matter at the next workshop meeting.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

November 9, 2016

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: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Clinton**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Closed Session - September 28, 2016

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

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

Closed Session - October 12, 2016

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

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

Regular Meeting - October 26, 2016

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Revis**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Astarita, Pellegrini**  
**(3 ayes – 0 nays – 2 abstain - 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.

November 9, 2016

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 133-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 4, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$94,228.14
- 134-2016:** APPROVING A ONE DAY EXTENSION OF STORE HOURS FOR WALMART ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2016
- 135-2016:** AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE CHANGE FUND OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT
- 136-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 98-A, B, C & D****COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai updated the Council on the sewer investigation. We should have an early reading of their findings by the end of the week.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the Police Chief has sent a request to purchase an interview and interrogation recorder.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that the DPW Superintendent feels that our street sweeper needs to be replaced and the cost to purchase a new one is \$240,000. He suggested we check into the cost to contract it out. Mayor Carelli stated that the quarry does some of the streets and we already have a contract with Bloomingdale. Discussion ensued and it was decided to determine which streets are being done by Bloomingdale. Councilman Pellegrini also reported that the Borough Engineer is getting prices for milling and paving South Corporate Drive.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the Planning Board has made a request to review and raise the fees. He distributed the current and proposed fees for consideration.

Mayor Carelli stated that the Division of Fish and Wildlife submitted an application for landowner signature to authorize a trout release into the Pequannock River. He stated that he would sign the release and no one was opposed.

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

Mayor Carelli reported on making some changes to rearrange the front office and make better use of the space. This would also be a good time to replace the carpet in that area which would cost approximately \$2,200.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Riverdale Recycling Center – New Request for Proposal

Mayor Carelli stated that at the last meeting we rejected the proposals.

Councilman Desai distributed handouts and explained the objectives, options and considerations for a new Request for Proposal and discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Code Enforcement – Dealing with Repeat Offenders

Councilman Desai raised the issue of resident complaints for property maintenance type code violations. There are repeat offenders and he felt there should be a limit to the number of times a resident should have to deal with getting the same problem resolved. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we get to decide enforcement administratively as to when we give warnings and when we issue a summons. Councilman Desai felt there should be a policy given to the enforcing officer and not allow it to be done on a case by case basis. There was discussion regarding the policy, follow up and record keeping of complaints. Mayor Carelli stated that he and Councilman Pellegrini will look into how it is being handled and how we want it to work going forward.

Councilman Desai asked for clarification of the requirements for a site plan for change of ownership of a commercial property. Councilman Pellegrini explained a change of use application.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Anne Gould, 22 Cotliss Road, stated that she has been complaining to the Zoning Officer for the last 12 years about Drew Flockhart. She stated his site plan use is not accurate and they do whatever they want 24 hours a day. She's called the police, filed reports and complained to the Zoning Officer and there's nothing in writing. She asked when something would be done. There was discussion regarding the approved use and enforcement. Mayor Carelli stated they would like into it.

Mike and Angel Cruz, 4 Macopin Avenue, asked for enforcement of the delivery time and location at the auto parts store.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

November 23, 2016

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: Clinton, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Astarita**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Workshop Meeting - November 9, 2016

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE 13-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95, "FEES", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 101-A**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 12-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 132 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, "QUARRIES", AND AMENDING THE MINIMUM GRADE ELEVATION IN QUARRIED AREAS**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments on the ordinance.



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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

Mark Morgan of Day Pitney, stated he is the attorney representing the owners of the Riverdale Quarry and they had submitted a letter to the Mayor and Council setting forth their objections to the ordinance. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that their letter was presented to the council. Mr. Morgan stated that the letter included a report prepared by MCB Engineering that they have asked the Council to consider. Gary Mahan, one of the principal owners of Riverdale Quarry, LLC and Pat McClellan, P.E. of MCB Engineering were present to testify.

Mr. Morgan reminded the Council that they are the owners of the property, unlike Tilcon who is a temporary occupant, and they are the ones ultimately accountable for this property. He said this property is the single largest parcel of land in this borough and according to Riverdale's Master Plan it is designated for future development.

Mr. Morgan asked questions of Mr. Gary Mahan and Mr. Patrick McClellan that he said would establish facts that they felt may be missing from the record. Mr. Mahan stated that Tilcon is not in compliance with their lease. He said they are in violation of the minimum 3% grade limit and over the last two years it appears to have mined to the 1% grade. He also stated they have stored lots of asphaltic waste materials on the property and there is an ongoing investigation relative to contamination. Mr. McClellan stated that he has reviewed the Tilcon reclamation plan and the introduced ordinance and his conclusions were submitted to the Council in his report. His view is that it is not technically sound to reduce the minimum grade from 3% to 1% and he explained his conclusions regarding future development of the property.

Mr. Morgan stated that this ordinance only benefits Tilcon and it does not benefit the public. He asked the Council to not adopt the ordinance.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the Council has had the opportunity to review our Borough Engineer's comments and he read the letter from Borough Engineer Darmofalski into the record.

**COPY OF LETTER IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 102-B**

Councilman Desai asked if the borough was aware of any objections to the 1% slope prior to just recently. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that when this first went into effect five or six years ago there were no objections. The ordinance was not changed and it should have been changed when the original reclamation plan was approved. This is a technical correction to the ordinance but it is appropriate to reconsider it today.

Mr. Morgan added that the plans that were presented to his client were different from the plans that ultimately came before the borough six years ago. If the plans that had been the same as those presented to the borough you would have heard from us then. The 1% just started within the past year which is an important fact to take into consideration.

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

Councilman Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 12-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 103-C****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:

**137-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$739,975.39

**138-2016:** RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 76-2015 GRANTING A QUARRY LICENSE TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC. FOR THE YEARS 2015- 2020

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 103-D AND E****COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported on the sewer flow investigation. The readings have been taken and are with the meter department at Flow Assessment in the que to be analyzed and delivered to us.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported on several Police Department issues. Chief Smith has recommended the approval of a part-time per diem dispatcher.

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

**139-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ADAM RYNIK TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 23, 2016

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

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**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 104-F**

Councilman Revis reported that Chief Smith obtained good pricing for the interview room recorder and repair and maintenance of the security camera system.

Councilman Revis reported that the Fire Chief currently has a recommendation that we work on approving one-side parking on Post Lane as the first street. The department also received FEMA approval for a hazardous mitigation grant program for funding of three critical facility generators in the amount of \$75,000. We would like to get approval for joining a county wide mutual aid agreement by year end.

Councilman Revis reported that the recommendation of the Board of Health regarding the chicken ordinance is that we keep the zoning ordinance as it was passed. Among the reasons was that in order to raise chickens you need a minimum of ten so they can keep each other warm in cold weather because heaters in the coops present a fire hazard.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported on the ballfields. He attended the Pompton Lakes soccer dinner dance and the committee that runs it was extremely happy with how our DPW workers have been taking care of the fields. The season ended and the DPW is already reseeding and putting down hay for next season.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that Rutgers is giving a two day course on athletic field maintenance and construction next year and he would like to have three people attend. He also reported on the Building Department reports. For September we issued 19 permits and for October 23 permits.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli stated he has two items for executive session.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. (indiscernible), 58 Post Lane, spoke regarding the parking on the street and the chicken ordinance.

There being no further comments, Councilman Clinton set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the Council go into closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation and contract negotiation.

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**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

December 14, 2016

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: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Clinton**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 23, 2016 - Closed Session  
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Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Astarita**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain - 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 Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

- 140-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$115,954.57
- 141-2016:** EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION – WATER/SEWER UTILITY
- 142-2016:** APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FROM DANIEL J. SALAMENO JR. TO BLACK BULL & SEA, LLC
- 143-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTICIPATING MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES & FIRE DISTRICTS
- 144-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (NINETY ROUTE TWENTY-THREE ASSOCIATES v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 40, LOT 4.06)
- 145-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (FOSS ENTERPRISES, LLC v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 14.02, LOT 52)

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 108-A, B, C, D, E & F**

December 14, 2016

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that they will be starting the budget process. He also reported that he has a sample of quarry debris provided by a resident from a gutter and will have it analyzed.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that the Police Chief has requested that \$862 be transferred to equipment repair.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini commented on the above request and stated that we shouldn't have to wait to do a vehicle repair. Mayor Carelli stated we will take a look at how we do vehicle maintenance for next year.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Astarita commended the Beautification Committee on the holiday decorations.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:**

Borough Clerk Jalloh reported that we have a towing application renewal that will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for approval.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reminded everyone about the holiday luncheon next Wednesday.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that we received a letter from Tilcon requesting that we amend the resolution approving the reclamation plan again based on the new ordinance. He also stated that we are still waiting for a decision from the Supreme Court regarding COAH.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2017 DOT Grant Application

Mayor Carelli stated that the grant application is due in January or February and we're looking at paving Newbury Place and Brown Court or Parkway. The Borough Engineer will prepare the application.

2. 2017 Council Reorganization Meeting

Mayor Carelli suggested the 2017 Reorganization Meeting be held on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. Council was in agreement.

3. Community Center Hours of Operation

Mayor Carelli stated that he is getting a lot of complaints from residents primarily about parties on Friday or Saturday nights. He suggested that for next year we consider requiring that weekend private parties must be over by 7:00.

4. Police Outside Duty Ordinance

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**NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

Mayor Carelli stated that he would like to update the ordinance in January and explained the changes he would like made.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Council resolved to go into closed session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss matters of contract negotiation.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:33 p.m.

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

**146-2016:** AUTHORIZING ONE PERCENT RETRO PAY FOR TOP STEP PATROLMEN, SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 109-G**

Councilman Desai stated that re-doing the bid for the leaf recycling is still unfinished business and he would be happy to work on it. He also stated that we have to look at the rental fees for the Glenburn for 2018. Discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk

December 28, 2016

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: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Absent: Clinton**

**Also Present: Borough Attorney James Bryce and Fire Chief Sturm**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Workshop Meeting - December 14, 2016

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 13-2016**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95, "FEES", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

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

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments on the ordinance.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 13-2016 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 110-A**



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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 147-2016:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 2016 FOR 2015/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$94,571.09
- 148-2016:** APPROVING A TOW OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO MALANGA'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 154 OF CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 149-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016
- 150-2016:** CANCELLATION OF PRIOR YEAR OUTSTANDING CHECKS
- 151-2016:** CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS BALANCES
- 152-2016:** RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 138-2016 WHICH AMENDED RESOLUTION 76-2015 GRANTING A QUARRY LICENSE TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC. FOR THE YEARS 2015– 2020
- 153-2016:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND THE NORTH JERSEY POLICE RADIO ASSOCIATION FOR 2017
- 154-2016:** AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AND THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019
- 155-2016:** RESOLUTION TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP WITH THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**

**Nays: None**

**(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 111-B THROUGH I**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai reported that he and Mayor Carelli met with the engineering group on the results of the continuing sewer investigation. Nothing new has been resolved although we did collect additional data and are getting closer to a resolution. The next step will be forensic analysis on the data we have. We found some irregularities in some of the water meter readings so we'll be bringing to the council the possible audit of our water meters.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that the Boy Scout project is getting started for redoing the store at the Glenburn.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Oswald reported that we'll be opening up after the first of the year the rental of the baseball fields.

**UTILITIES:** No Report. Councilman Astarita made the following statement:

*Today is my last meeting as a Riverdale Councilman and it is the culmination of 40 years of public service to the residents of the town I love. I was privileged to work with many selfless people over these 40 years, people who are willing to give of themselves and their time for little or no reward other than the satisfaction of doing something for others – Volunteers on the First Aid Squad, Planning Board and finally the Council. These people I worked beside had a big impact on my life. I wish to thank those people for their support, help and comradery. There are too many to mention, but they are all dedicated to public service. Riverdale is a great borough and it is due to all the people that come together to make it work so well, many behind the scenes – the many volunteers on our Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Recreation, CERT, Library Programs, Planning Board, Shade Tree Commission, Health Department and our dedicated Police, DPW and Office Staff. These people work tirelessly to make Riverdale what it is today. Over my 21 years on the Council I have worked with three Mayors and numerous Councilpersons and found them all to be dedicated people willing to help and wanting the best for our town. I thank them for their guidance. I see in this Governing Body excitement in getting things done for the future of Riverdale and have the utmost confidence that they will succeed, for they all have Riverdale's best interests at heart. I want to thank the residents of Riverdale for their confidence and support by electing me to 7 terms. During that time I have always had their best interest in my heart and voted independently to that end. Finally, I'd like to thank my wife for her support and understanding in allowing me to dedicate the time to these activities. It took a lot of time away from home but she always supported me, so thank you.*

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli stated that the reorganization meeting will be on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We will be swearing in Councilman Revis and Councilman-Elect Paul Purcell.

Mayor Carelli reported that we did agree in principal to approve an agreement with the PBA and should have an agreement for the Council to ratify in early January. He also reported that he sent a notice to the Borough of Wanaque terminating our agreement with them for the Construction Department. Effective on April 1<sup>st</sup> we will be doing a shared service with the Borough of Pompton Lakes for that service which he stated would be more compatible for the residents.

Mayor Carelli presented Councilman Astarita with a plaque and gift from the Council to commemorate his service to Riverdale. He made the following statement:

*You've spent 21 years on the Borough Council and tonight it's your last meeting. It's with a little sadness that we say goodbye but we wish you well going*

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**MAYOR REPORT (continued):**

*forward. You've been a great contributor to the community and I know I'm going to miss you. I've worked alongside with you for 17 years now. Time goes very quick and you sit up here and the time just goes by. Your dedication is very honorable and we wish you well.*

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Sciarra, 1 Munn Avenue, told Mayor Carelli that he is doing a great job and the town looks beautiful. He asked if something could be done about the unsightly container and outdoor trailer that Jersey Central has placed on their property on Post Lane. He also asked if something could be done about the dead trees on the railroad property behind his house.

There being no further comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR****ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk