

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

**READING OF THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:**

Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Clerk read the Certification of the Determination of the November 8, 2022 General Election as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Stephen W. Revis	Borough Council	3 Years
Paul Purcell	Borough Council	3 Years

Mayor Carelli would like to recognize some distinguished guests in the audience. We have here Assemblyman Bergen, Assemblyman Webber, Commissioner Director Krickus and Commissioner Mastrangelo. Our Borough Engineer, Tom Boorady, our Auditor, Heidi Wohlleb and our Fire Chief Jim Regeling.

**OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS:**

The Oath of Office was administered to the Borough Council Members by Assemblyman Webber and Assemblyman Bergen.

**COUNCILMAN STEPHEN REVIS:**

I would like to thank my wife and my family for their support throughout the years and I would like to thank our dignitaries for attending this evening. I also would like to thank the Mayor and my fellow councilman for their support and their efforts in helping me with the people of Riverdale to obtain their goals. I would also like to say what I say all the time the people who travel from the outside and come through Riverdale on 287 and 23 and say "you know Riverdale is that town with the big Quarry and all those stores" they are really missing what Riverdale is all about and it's really all about the people. The people are what make Riverdale the great town that it is. I am honored that this is the fourth time that I have been elected as Councilman and I have received the support of the people of Riverdale and I pledge that I will never let them down. Thank you.

**COUNCILMAN PAUL PURCELL:**

A memory showed up today on Facebook from six years ago today and it was my first term being sworn in and my wife and my son were here with me. My son was much smaller and my Father was here, he was a Councilman in Wayne for many years God Bless his soul. Here I am again for the third term and it's very exciting because I know what this group is capable of, we have done so much over the years. I am really proud and excited to be a part of the next three years and what they will look like. Thank you to all the voters and my wife and son for always forcing dinner quickly twice a month and thank you to the leadership team for being here and lastly thank you to God.

**MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2023:**

I would like to start out by wishing everyone here today a very happy and healthy new year. For the sake of time, I will keep my address short this year, but I would like to highlight some of the accomplishments despite the obstacles put before us.

As always, the Council and Borough Employees once again stepped up and we were able to accomplish many projects.

**FINANCE:**

- The budget for 2022 had a municipal tax levy increase of 2.0% that equated to an increase of \$67.00 for the Average Residential homeowner. This was accomplished despite losing another \$50,000 in revenue due the lasting effects of the pandemic and a bad economy. As always, we plan to adopt another tax friendly budget in 2023.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- Under the leadership of Chief Smith, the department continues to be one of the best trained, equipped, and professional departments around. We thank them for their commitment to Riverdale during these challenging times.
- In 2022, we saw the promotions of Patrolman Dan Salvati to the position of Sergeant and the hiring of James Felano and Ramon Espinal as our newest Patrolman.
- We also wished Sergeant Chris Biro and Patrolman Gary Keil happy and well-deserved retirements. We thank them for their professional and dedicated service to the Borough of Riverdale.
- 2023 will be a big transition year in the Police Department with the retirement of Chief Kevin Smith on July 1<sup>st</sup>. More promotions are expected as we enter the new year.
- I also want to thank Chief Jim Regeling, Assistant Chief Pat Cleary and the rest of the Riverdale Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management for keeping us safe every day and guiding us through the pandemic. Their commitment to the Borough has always been impressive and we are grateful to them.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Our aggressive road improvement program completed another 10 streets with drainage, curbing, sidewalks and paving. We expect to complete the paving of Newark Pompton Turnpike early in the spring and are expecting Morris County to complete Hamburg Turnpike as well. We thank the County for paving Riverdale Road in 2022.
- A special thanks to DPW Superintendent Steve Schotanus and his entire team for their efforts throughout the year. Especially during these cold months, we know they are ready to hit the streets when the snow starts falling. They really are the best around.
- We also welcomed Riverdale resident Sal Negrini to the DPW team in 2022.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

- Phase 1 through 4 of our Sewer Expansion project provided the ability to connect to over 250 homes. We will pause the expansion project in 2023 in order to celebrate Riverdale's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

- Phase 5 which includes Mead Avenue, Arlington Place, and Haycock Avenue has been designed and is ready for startup in 2024 and Phase 6 which includes Halsey Avenue and Federal Place is currently under a feasibility study.
- Riverdale has received a Morris County Trail Construction Grant of \$43,950 for the design of a walking path around Independence Park. The project is expected to start in 2024 after the completion of our new stone retaining wall at the park. If you haven't seen the progress, I urge you to take a look as it is very impressive.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- In early 2022, the Borough of Riverdale launched a new website. The new look is much easier to navigate and residents can sign up to receive a weekly newsletter delivered to their email.
- Our social media presence with regards to Facebook, Twitter, and our Borough website continues to grow. Special thanks once again to our social media Director, Michael Carelli who manages these sites daily and keeps the information up to date and relevant.
- Looking ahead, plans are underway for Riverdale's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023.
- The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala has been booked for April 1, 2023 at the Legacy Castle. Registration forms are available online or at the Borough Hall. I urge everyone to book a table of 10 for this memorable event. We are hoping to see current, past, and friends of Riverdale at the event.
- The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been working hard to create some fun events. We are planning a Carnival in May, the sale of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary apparel, historic events, a Riverdaleopoly game, various memorabilia items, and new banners celebrating the year along Newark Pompton Turnpike. We are also hoping to decorate Hamburg Turnpike as well.

### **PERSONNEL:**

- In December, the Planning Board celebrated the 40 years of service to the community by the Board Attorney, John Barbarula.
- The Riverdale Municipal Court continued the shared service for the Butler Municipal Court.
- 2023 will continue to be a challenging year with the expected retirements.

Most of all, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Governing Body. Because of their commitment and expertise, our accomplishments continue to mount. Thank you for all you do for the borough.

In summary, we once again have ambitious goals for 2023 – but I know we have the right people to get the job done. I want to thank the entire hard-working borough employees who make it all happen.

A.J. Jalloh – our Borough Clerk

Lisa O'Neill – our Deputy Clerk

Linda Roetman – our Borough Secretary, Zoning Official, Property Maintenance Enforcement

Connie Anderson – our Finance and Tax Assistant, Qualified Purchasing Agent, and Registrar.

Steve Schotanus – our Public Works Superintendent and his DPW Department

Krista Osborne – our Recreation Director

Michael Carelli – our Social Media Director

Chief Kevin Smith and the Riverdale Police Department

Chief Jim Regeling and the Riverdale Fire Department

Eliana Kiesling – our Court Administrator and the Riverdale Municipal Court

Therese McClachrie and the Riverdale Public Library

And all our great volunteers on our various commissions and boards

Thank you all – we appreciate your hard work and dedication to Riverdale.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and successful New Year.



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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Carelli called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**

Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Clerk 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 Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolution:

**01-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2022

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

**Nays: None**

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

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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**02-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 – Robert Oostdyk, Esq.

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

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Council President Pellegrini to approve the following resolution:

**03-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 – Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc.

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

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

**04-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH AUDITOR SERVICES FOR 2023 – Nisivoccia LLP

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

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

**05-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR 2023 - McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC

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

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

**06-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 – John Grey, Esq.

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

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

**07-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 – Greg Mascera, Esq.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 5-A THROUGH 5-F****RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 08-2023:** AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. PAPAZZO, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THREE YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025
- 09-2023:** AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JAMES E. LASALA, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2023
- 10-2023:** AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2023
- 11-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS FOR 2023
- 12-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPER FOR 2023
- 13-2023:** DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2023
- 14-2023:** AUTHORIZING INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS
- 15-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK PERIODS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 16-2023:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2023
- 17-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.
- 18-2023:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
- 19-2023:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2023
- 20-2023:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING LINDA ROETMAN TO FIVE TOWN REGIONAL DIAL-A-RIDE BOARD FOR 2023
- 21-2023:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2023
- 22-2023:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2023
- 23-2023:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS
- 24-2032:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RIVERDALE RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2023
- 25-2023:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
- 26-2023:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR
- 27-2023:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EMPLOYEES FOR 2023

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 6-A THROUGH 6-T****ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

**28-2023:** ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2021

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

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

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

Mayor Carelli announced the Council Committees for 2023.

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

**29-2023:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2023

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

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

Mayor Carelli stated that Resolutions 30-2023 through 38-2023 are Mayor's appointments and do not require a Council vote. He announced the appointments.

**30-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

**31-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS II CLASS IV AND ALTERNATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

**32-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HUD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**33-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

**34-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

**35-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

**36-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022

**37-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF QUARRY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022

**38-2023:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022

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**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 7:58p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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