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The Regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis
Absent: None
Abstain: Pellegrini, Desai
(4 ayes - 0 nays - 2 Abstain - 0 Absent - motion carried)**

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance Entitled:

ORDINANCE #10-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ESTABLISHING NJDEP-MANDATED REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGE FACILITIES

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

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor closed the public portion.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell,

RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 10-2023 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally pass

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 70-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 Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to approve the following resolutions:

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149-2023: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 20, 2023 FOR 2022/2023 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$858,806.80

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 71-A

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Carelli reported that all of us went down to the League of Municipality Convention this past week. One of our colleagues in Pompton Lakes, Councilman Bill Baig passed away last week and we send our condolences to the Borough of Pompton Lakes. Chief asked if we could do Police awards on December 13th and I would like to give the checks out that night also to the organizations. For the last eight years we have had a real good relationship with Tilcon and the government liaison is Mr. Josh Bensen he has been a good friend to this community. Mr. Bensen will be retiring after 40 years and I would like to acknowledge his service when it comes to the town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report

UTILITIES: No report

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported on the banners and he met a vendor at the Convention who is in Clifton and they offer two different sizes the one size is \$70 and the larger is \$90. What some towns do is they gear up for Memorial Day in May. They will be coming to a meeting on December 13th so they can explain everything.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that we just had a meeting with the Police Department. We also had a meeting with the fire department and the mayor is working on some budget issues.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Desai reported that the mayor has been working with the County Commissioners about extending the rail trail pasted the determination point at River Road all the way up to Post Lane and he has received some support. The financing was done by private individuals and corporate sponsors that actually paid for most of the project and whatever grants they received. We would like to do the similar thing and try to figure out how to get the funding together so he attended a NJDEP which they call it scorp this is the primary place were we would get the money combined with the Land Conservancy. The 2024 round of funding applications are due by February 7th to get grants so we would have to move on this. He was asked to contact them and they would put us in touch with a liaison to start getting our project submitted. I told them what we would need to the funding for and it is actually .9 miles.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Brian Hicks, 2 Arlington Place, he saw on the minutes that you confirmed Rec is happening and he appreciates that. He was wondering what is the process. The mayor responded that we have a new rec director and we will hire a summer rec director. The girls in the office will be doing the scheduling and we will be hiring a summer camp director

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right after the New Year. He asked about the light posts and the mayor responded we will be replacing the 14 poles with Capital money. The poles use to be \$2400 and now they are up to \$5000.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mayor Carelli wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk