

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 22, 2024

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  
Absent: Purcell  
Abstain: Kheyfets  
(4 ayes, 0 nays - 1 Absent - 1 Abstain - motion carried)**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- 1) Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to carry Ordinance 05-2024 to the next scheduled meeting on June 26, 2024

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

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**90-2024:** AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PHASE 5 SEWER PROJECT)

**91-2024:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 12, 2024 FOR 2023/2024 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$152,474.23

**92-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE UPFITTING FROM GENERAL SALES ADMINISTRATION (dba MAJOR POLICE SUPPLY) FOR THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,424.16 UNDER STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00760

**93-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACT 17-FLEET-00837 TO PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT - \$36,036.00

**94-2024:** AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PHASE 6 SEWER PROJECT)

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini  
Absent: Purcell  
(5 ayes - 0 nays - 1 Absent - motion carried)

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**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Carelli reported that the Street Fair will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Carnival's contract has been signed and it will start on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Riverdale Day is on September 21<sup>st</sup> with a 5K race and activities at the park. He reached out to our new liaison Sarah Belia to have a tour at the Pompton Quarry. He knew Josh Benson was retired and he wanted to let her know that Josh always helped us with the sponsorship of the fireworks. After a letter was sent to her, she has agreed to support the whole contract for the fireworks. The fireworks will be sponsored by Tilton again this year. Last week at the Planning Board meeting we had the consulting Engineer and the Architect a representative from the firm that is handling the school referendum. They had a presentation on what work will be done at the school. The summer camp is ready to go we have 55 campers and it will start on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The mayor is very excited about our new Camp Director. On Memorial Day the mayor met with Sargeant Kerr from the National Guard and he said that he had a lot of things for the kids like inflatables. On the last day Krista would always have an inflatable day which cost \$3,800.00. Liz met with him and he has a bunch of inflatables that he is willing to let us use which will cut the inflatables that we were ordering in half.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** No report

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that we are putting in the next phase of the construction part of the trail grant which means that the design is there and we feel it's what they want. We have made multiple changes and we are hoping this part will be accepted and we can get the money to do the construction next year.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Council President reported that one of the DPW workers was supposed to leave in May but asked if he could stay until October.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis sked Chief Quant if he had anything and the Chief spoke about the Unity Tour and how one of the officers has been riding for eight (8) years for a fallen officer from the 30's. The family of this fallen officer wanted Detective McDermott to come out for a ceremony so Detective McDermott flew out to Kansas and gave a 15-minute speech to the entire town representing us on behalf of the fallen officer. They will be submitting his speech to the museum that they are doing and he is very proud of him. He also met with the new camp director, Liz, and she seems really nice and I gave her my contact information. There will be a movie night this Friday that the PBA is hosting. Councilman Oswald thanked both Chiefs for last Saturday, at moment's notice they both put it together to get Fire and Police Department trucks to bring the baseball team back into the town it meant a lot to the kids, coaches and the town. Chief Regeling reported that OSHA making a lot of changes which include a lot of administrative work and they never adopted your gear is bad after ten (10) years well now they are adopting it and even though some of the guy's gear is in perfect condition it needs to be thrown out. Also, after a firefighter has attended fifteen (15) smokey fires they must undergo a physical exam.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Street Parking Ordinance Discussion

Mayor reported about the issue of street parking that has been popping up in town. Drace Place has no parking on the East side the entire length. They discussed making a part of Drace 140 feet on the West side no parking. On Mead Avenue someone always parks on the corner the law right now is you can't park within 50' of a stop sign. Residents have been complaining about Van Duyne and the cars that park on the street. One of things that was proposed is No Parking 9AM – 3PM Monday – Friday.

The mayor reached out to the Environmental Company again he needs to get this Post Lane property evaluated the phase II Environmental so we can finally, once and for all, purchase the Jersey Central property.

The state is changing the guidelines for water systems, there is a contaminate called PFOS and it's something that we test for once or twice a year in our wells. We are in compliance however starting in 2026 the Federal Government has reduced the allowable parts per million that you can have in your water. This will affect all ground water wells. If you are above the new guide line you will need to spend six million to put in a filtration system.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:38p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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