

The Council 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**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

July 24, 2024

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

- 1) No motion Ordinance 05-2024 failed to adopt due to lack of a motion..

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell to approve the following resolutions:

- 108-2024:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR DEBORAH COCILOVO, 25 Morris Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 10, Lot 14.
- 109-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER – Edward L. O’Donnell, Jr.
- 110-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND TRAVIS ROEMMELE
- 111-2024:** RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER TAXES
- 112-2024:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 28, 2024 FOR 2023/2024 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,150,672.12
- 113-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES TO DMC ASSOCIATES, INC FOR A SURVEY OF THE WINDBEAM ROAD SECTION OF RIVERDALE FOR THE NJDOT 2023 GRANT
- 114-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PHASE 5 SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT ON MEAD AVENUE, ARLINGTON PLACE AND HAYCOCK AVENUE
- 115-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE POMPTON LAKES RIVERDALE YOUTH ORGANIZATION FOR 2024 CARNIVAL

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

**116-2024:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE, APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE - Pompton Lakes Youth Organization, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 49 -A THROUGH I****MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that he sent out a news letter last week with some information regarding the upcoming events in September as well as a little bit of an outline of the taxes this year. The cover was Riverdale resident Jackie Dubrovich and her team won the gold medal in fencing. The Street Fair will be on Monday from 10AM – 5PM on Newark Pompton Turnpike. The Carnival is on Wednesday, September 11th through Sunday, September 15th at the Armory. You can purchase tickets in advance. On September 11th at 7PM we will have an Rembereance Ceremony at the Library. On September 21st we have the First Responders 5K walk/race which starts at the Park at 9AM. That night is Riverdale Day where there will be food vendors, a Bon Jovi tribute Band and the night will end with Fireworks. One of the resolutions tonight is for Phase 5 sewer expansion and it has been approved by the NJDEP the project will be advertised in Friday's paper and the bid opening is on September 24th at 10AM. On Phase 6 it has been approved by the Authority and it is now in Lincoln Park then the DEP will have to approve it. We will be having training for our new Handbook on September 4th and September 11th for the employees.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** No Report

**UTILITIES:** No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that Councilman Revis and himself had the privilege of going through the new building for Valley Medical Group and it was really nice. They have their own laboratory, extra machines and about twenty-five offices. Their services are primary care and walk in patients. Certain businesses in the Borough despite his best effort continue to put up signs promoting called schedule 1 narcotics and he asks them to take it down and they do for a day or two and it goes back up again. There was a discussion to draft up an ordinance at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Council President Pellegrini reported that the DPW has a lot of equipment issues that we need to get together to discuss.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that he would like to echo Councilman Purcell's comments about the Valley Medical center they really did a fantastic job. They have two separate areas for sick and well. Chief Quant responded that we had to postpone the accreditation until September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. All the officers are in place for the carnival and the 5K race. Chief Regeling reported that on September 11<sup>th</sup> is it possible to start the ceremony at 6:30PM. After discussion the ceremony will be at 6:30PM.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** Councilman Desai reported that on the sewer side we have adopted the budget and it was what we had discussed prior and it was a very minimal increase. We did receive preliminary bids for the relining of the Riverdale intersection which has been recommended after the TV was done. Astronomical is probably the best way to describe the estimates that were received. There are a couple of us going down to WEFTEC which is the water and sewer conference in New Orleans. Our engineer is writing up a packet with specs so we can scout around for the latest technology.

Councilman Desai reported that the team Robotics team that he coaches Steel Magnolia's we will have a booth again at the street Fair. The bigger news we have been asked to host an

official meet in our league and we have procured Riverdale's School as the event site on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The team is very excited about that.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

**Kim Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue,** asked if there was an ordinance in regards to having dogs a leash.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:18p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:18PM

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk  
Respectfully Submitted: