

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:**

September 11, 2024

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

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

**PRESENTATION:**

- Police Accreditation Presentation

Chief Quant spoke about the neighboring Departments being accredited and how they did give it an attempt probably ten years ago and it was a difficult process and we were not able to succeed. He would like to readdress it with everyone. Frank Covelli from the JIF and John Swartz from J.A. Montgomery gave a presentation on accreditation in the Police Departments.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 121-2024:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED, AT A MINIMUM, THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- 122-2024:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2023 AUDIT REPORT
- 123-2024:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 FOR 2023/2024 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,207,670.25
- 124-2024:** RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR RM 42 HAMBURG TURNPIKE, LLC, 42 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 6, Lot 13

**125-2024:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PHASE 5 SEWER PROJECT ON MEAD AVENUE, ARLINGTON PLACE AND HAYCOCK AVENUE TO KULPESKA LAND IMPROVEMENT, 248 FRANKLIN AVENUE, ROCKAWAY, NJ 07886 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$654,321.00

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

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**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that the attendance and sales at the Carnival were lower this year about 15 – 16% compared to last year. On Saturday the first responder 5K race was in the morning and we had about 75 people that participated to raise money. He is waiting on the final take so we can make our donations to the Police, Fire Department and First Aid Squad. Later in the day food, concert and Fireworks. Thank you Councilman Purcell for arranging the fireworks and he thinks they were the best that Riverdale has ever had. Thank you to Tilcon for sponsoring the fireworks. The sewer project will be starting as soon as possible. He also has to supply the EDU report to the Authority for any connections that we have had over the last year. The separation agreement, retirement agreement with Patrolman Roemmele has been signed and approved and he will be retiring on March 1, 2025.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Kheyfets wanted to reiterate the amazing job that the police department, fire department and DPW did at Riverdale Day and the 5K. He agrees it was the best fireworks that they have had.

Mayor Carelli responded that having the 5K race in the morning it's a lot of logistics with the Police Department putting all the signs up getting everything organized. The recreation department they did a great job. Michael Carelli was there getting people signed up. The mayor drove by on Sunday and you would not know that there was an event the night before. Pete and James from the DPW did a great job!

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that there is still a couple of teams renting the fields.

Mayor Carelli responded that he received an email from Dr. Amoroso and there was a referendum in Pompton Lakes and part of it was for safety measures at all their fields. Because the girls play at the park, they will be putting in a lightning protection system and they will be paying for it. This will be a nice addition to the park.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that DPW did an amazing job with clean up, Police Department kept everyone off the fields and it was well done by everyone. You mentioned the fireworks being the best that we had and a lot of the feed back on social media said the same thing. The Fright Night is on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at freedom Park and I need some volunteers.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Council President Pellegrini reported that he has heard about the cleanup that the guys did and they did a great job. He is able to get an ATV for Fright Night. The Sewerage Authority is still working on a procedure for the relining of the sewers in Riverdale so probably next year.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis would also like to echo all the positive comments about the 5K Race and Riverdale Day it was a fantastic event. Living right near the park it was done with very little inconvenience to the local residents. Chief Regeling could not make the meeting tonight. Chief Quant thanked everyone for taking the time to hear about the accreditation and the process. There was a medical call yesterday and the guys did a great job. New officer Conner Reef graduated tonight from the academy and we will be swearing him in on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Revis reported that the Board of Health will be presenting some proposed ordinance changes covering several areas that they are responsible for so you should be expecting something for that.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** No report.

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:26PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk