

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:

Abubakar T. Jalloh, Municipal Clerk read the Certification of the Determination of the November 5, 2024 General Election as follows:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Councilman Dave Desai	Borough Council	3 Years
Councilman Matt Oswald	Borough Council	3 Years

OATHS OF OFFICE/COMMENTS:

The Oath of Office for Councilman Desai was administered by Senator Jospheh Pennacchio. The Oath of Office for Councilman Oswald was administered by Sheriff James Gannon.

COUNCILMAN DAVE DESAI

It has been a pleasure to serve Riverdale for the last nine years and I would like to thank the people of Riverdale for allowing me to serve three more years. I will continue to do the best I can for the Community.

COUNCILMAN MATT OSWALD

It has been a pleasure for the last nine years and he looks forward to the next three years. Thank you to my family for being here tonight and for supporting me. I look forward to the next three years.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS 2025:

I would like to start out by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and successful 2025. Congratulations to Councilman Dave Desai and Matt Oswald on your reelection to the Council.

It has been incredible honor to serve the residents of Riverdale for the past 9 years. We started this journey back in 2016 and have been able to establish a great team on the Borough Council. Each individual on the dais brings a level of expertise and professionalism that has served the community well. Our success over the years is a result of their continued efforts to make Riverdale the best place to live and raise a family.

I would like to take some time to reflect on the team accomplishments of 2024 and what is in store for 2025.

SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

- We have successfully provided access to the borough's sewer system to 256 residential properties since 2016. To date, 181 residents have connected to the system. (71% connection rate)
- Phase 5 of our expansion started in November with an additional 51 residential properties. Phase 6 is scheduled to start in early Spring 2025 with an additional 31 homes bringing our grand total to 337 homes.

INDEPENDENCE PARK

- With the efforts of Councilman Matt Oswald, our park has never looked better. It continues to be the home field for the Pompton Lakes High School Girls softball team and has hosted several County tournaments.
- For safety, with the help of the Pompton Lakes Board of Education, lightning detectors have been installed to give advance warning of impending storms.

- In 2025, we plan to begin the long-awaited walking path around the entire perimeter of the park.
- We will expand the playground area with a Toddler Playground in the spring.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- The Mayor and Council continue to make aggressive strides in the improvement of our Borough Streets. In the last 9 years, we have been able to upgrade, complete, and schedule 43 of the 57 borough owned streets. (75.4%)

YEAR	AMOUNT	PROJECT	NO STREETS
2016	\$90,000.00	Oak Street	1
2017	\$245,000.00	Newbury Place/Brown Court	2
2017	Capital Fund	Ryerson Avenue/Mickens/Mullens	3
2018	\$320,000.00	Hartung Avenue/Wesley Street/Cotluss Road	3
2018	Capital Fund	Riverview Terrace/Fernwood Terrace/Stratford Place/Firehouse Lot	4
2019	\$499,000.00	Cedar Street/Parkway/Sonya Terrace/Loy Avenue	4
2020	\$230,000.00	Post Lane/Munn Avenue/Cottage Place	3
2021	\$351,000.00	Newark Pompton Turnpike/Cotluss Road	2
2022	\$271,200.00	Greenwich Street/Van Duyne Avenue	2
2022	Capital Fund	Morris Avenue/Curtis Street/Drace Place/Linden Street	4
2023	\$274,745.00	Windbeam Section	6
2024	\$260,630.00	Mathews Avenue	1
2025	\$261,720.00	North Corporate/Kenner Court/Perry Court	3
2025	Capital Fund	Mead Avenue/Arlington Place/Haycock Avenue	3
2026	TBD	Halsey Avenue/Federal Place	2
TOTALS	\$2,803,295.00		
		TOTAL STREETS COMPLETED/SCHEDULED:	43
		TOTAL BOROUGH STREETS IN RIVERDALE	57
		PERCENTAGE:	75.4%

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- In 2024, we held our second annual Riverdale Carnival at the Armory.
- The Labor Day Street Fair continued to be a great event enjoyed by all.
- Riverdale Day was back in 2024 with our best Fireworks Display to date.
- Once again, a special thanks to Councilman Paul Purcell and Tilcon for once again sponsoring the fireworks.

PERSONNEL

- In 2024, we added some new employees to our team.
- Richelle DeFrank – our new Library Director
- Dennis Jarensky – Department of Public Works
- Benjamin Qira – Department of Public Works
- Connor Reap – Riverdale Police Department
- Honorary Police Officer Frank Sorgi – Badge #67 upon his 90th Birthday

WHAT'S NEXT

- The Riverdale Quarry is nearing completion.

- The Quarry Redevelopment Committee has been working with the owners of the property (Mahan Group) to finalize the next chapter.
- We expect a site plan application in the 1st quarter of 2025.
- On Hamburg Turnpike, some new buildings going up, primarily the old Wes' site at 57 Hamburg Turnpike and the new "Diamonds by Dawn" location. Both are a great addition to our downtown area.
- We also expect construction to begin on the corner of Hamburg Turnpike and Haycock Avenue with a new modern building as well.
- We have not given up on expanding the rail trail from the Pequannock border up to Independence Park at Post Lane.
- The project includes the purchase of the old JCP&L property on Post Lane with the plans to create a parking lot to service the trail. We are just finishing up on environmental testing.

IN SUMMARY

I want to thank the hard-working borough employees who make it all happen.

- Connie Anderson – our Finance and Tax Assistant
- Lisa O'Neill – our Deputy Clerk / Office Manager
- Stephanie Colella – our Borough Secretary / Planning Board Secretary
- Steve Schotanus – our Public Works Superintendent and his team.
- A.J. Jalloh – our Borough Clerk
- Jill Morano – our Recreation Director
- Terri Pellegrini – Police Secretary

I would also like to thank the members of the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department under the leadership of Chief Jim Regeling who is here tonight. They do a great job keeping us safe in the community. We also thank the Pompton Lakes Riverdale Fist Aid Squad for their service as well.

And the countless volunteers on all of our Boards.

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

***HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MY GOD CONTINUE
TO BLESS THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE.***

*Mayor Paul M. Carelli
January 8, 2025*

Recess 7:53PM

8:01PM CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carelli called the meeting to order at 8:01PM

**ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Kheifets, Oswald, Purcell, Pellegrini
Absent: Revis**

Abubakar T. Jalloh, Municipal 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 Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolution:

01-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2024

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

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS:

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

02-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 – Robert Oostdyk, Esq.

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

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

03-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 – Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc.

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

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

04-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH AUDITOR SERVICES FOR 2024 – Nisivoccia LLP

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

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

05-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR 2024 - McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC

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

06-2025: WITHDRAWN

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

07-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM – Darmofalski Engineering

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

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

08-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT/HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT FOR 2025 – Professional Insurance Associates

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

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

09-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR 2025 – DMC Associates, Inc. Land Surveyors

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

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

10-2025: AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JAMES E. LASALA, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR 2025

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

11-2025: *Reserved*

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

12-2025: AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR MEETING FOR 2025

13-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS FOR 2025

- 14-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPER FOR 2025
- 15-2025: DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2025
- 16-2025: AUTHORIZING INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS
- 17-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK PERIODS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 18-2025: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR 2025
- 19-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.
- 20-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
- 21-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2025
- 22-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBER TO FIVE TOWN REGIONAL DIAL-A-RIDE BOARD FOR 2025
- 23-2025: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2025
- 24-2025: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2025
- 25-2025: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS
- 26-2025: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RIVERDALE RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2025
- 27-2025: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
- 28-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PENSIONS AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER & CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR
- 29-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EMPLOYEES FOR 2025
- 30-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF RIVERDALE APPOINTING VINCENT PELLEGRINI TO THE PEQUANNOCK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
- 31-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDRS)

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

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ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

- 32-2025: ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2025

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

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

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Carelli announced the Council Committees for 2025.

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

33-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2025

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

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MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Carelli stated that Resolutions 34-2025 through 43-2025 are Mayor's appointments and do not require a Council vote. He announced the appointments.

34-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

35-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS II SECRETARY AND ALTERNATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

36-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS IV PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

37-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER (CDRS)

38-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

39-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

40-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

41-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024

42-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF QUARRY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024

43-2025: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2025

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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.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:14p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss Litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:20p.m.

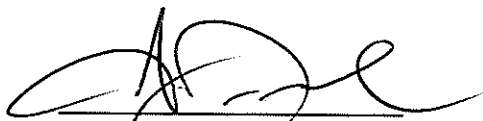
ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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