

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Abstain: Oswald
Absent: Desai, Kheyfets
(3 ayes, 0 nays - 2 Absent - 1 Abstain - motion carried)**

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 Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Council Revis to approve the following resolutions:

- 53-2025:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE TO APPLY TO AND ACQUIRE FUNDING FROM NJDCA LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT
- 54-2025:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF CANVASSER AND/OR SOLICITOR PERMIT. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS - Karmil Dazulme/ Paula Cabrejos, SOLICITING ON BEHALF OF Trinity Solar, LLC., 2211 Allenwood Road, Wall, NJ 07719
- 55-2025:** AMENDING RESOLUTION 119-2024 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TREE INVENTORY SERVICES TO EVAN DILLUVIO ED ARBORISTS AND FORESTERS, 976 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD, BLAIRSTOWN, NJ 07825 AT A RATE OF \$10.00 PER TREE, TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,065.25
- 56-2025:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 12, 2025 FOR 2024-2025 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,121,0174.54
- 57-2025:** DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE POLICE VEHICLE
- 58-2025:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST #3 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 \$111,395.91

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED:

- 59-2025:** AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHASE 5 SEWER PROJECT ON HAYCOCK AVENUE, MEAD AVENUE & ARLINGTON PLACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00
- 60-2025:** RESOLUTION RELEASING 57 HAMBURG REALTY LLC FROM PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
 Absent: Desai, Kheyfets
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – 2 Absent - motion carried)

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MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Carell reported the sewer project is progressing on Mead Avenue. The contractor now put in all the laterals from Post Lane up to Arlington. Bill Ryden has authorized that those people will be able to connect. They are making their way down Arlington and towards Haycock. The guys have been busy keeping our streets plowed and they are doing a good job. The mayor has been working on the budget for 2025 and he has mentioned to Councilman Revis that we are going to set up a meeting with our Public Safety professionals primarily the fire department and police department. He is hoping to introduce an ordinance in March for the Capital. He has been looking for a new provider for the phones and the internet because we have had a lot of issues with both. He was looking at the bills for the phone system and he didn't realize the different companies that we pay. He went through the bills and there are phone numbers that we don't have anymore. We are going to have a new phone company come in and a new internet provider and revamp everything. Hopefully we will save some money and get better service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that there was a Shade Tree Committee meeting and last year we came to the council about getting a budget for trees and some education but the budget had been done already. Mayor Carelli responded that the request has been put in and he is aware of that. We are getting ready for soccer and softball and we already have one person that wants to rent for a couple of tournaments and obviously the high school will be using it for the county tournament and their regular season.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that he spent some time with Chris at the pistol range and he had a question about the insurance. Knowing that we use the property, parking lot, for events and we have insurance and they have insurance. If someone were to slip and get hurt who would be on the hook. Bob Oostdyk responded that when people make a claim they will probably do it to both parties and the insurance companies will handle it. If it is a Borough event it will probably be the Borough's insurance company. We have a couple of events we have locked in the Street Fair for September 1st a 10AM. POR First Responders Wanaque First Aid Squad Beefsteak on April 26th at 6PM \$60.00 per person. Riverdale Public School Beefsteak on March 22nd at \$65.00 per person.at the Bloomingdale Fire House and it is not a BYOB. Lastly, the Library has received an estimate for a roof repairs of \$3,000.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that the guys did a great job with the snow. There are a couple of injuries but they are managing.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling and Chief Quant had another commitment this evening. The letter the mayor sent to the Chief in regards to the income generating by the Police Department this year was particularly impressive. The mayor responded that they did a good job. On a revenue side Chief Quant and the Lieutenants are doing a great job and it's about enforcement and keeping everyone safe. He wanted to thank them for the job they did in 2024 they wrote 4800 tickets in the year. They

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generated 22% higher than what we anticipated. The Chief is at a PBA meeting tonight to share the letter that was written.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Aileen Rivera, Grande, the mayor spoke about the playground and would they consider putting in a special need's playground. The mayor suggested reaching out to her and she can help. She has concerns with the Quarry blasting and asked if they were willing to hold money in escrow.

Rebecca Thomas, 5107 Sanctuary Blvd., they had a meeting yesterday and the structural engineers came out to do a visual and we are concerned about the long-term damage.

Richelle DeFrank, Library Director, she just wanted to come and see how the Council meeting runs and to thank you for taking the library into consideration for the capital plan.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:35PM Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss Legal matter with GRC Complaint No. 2022-100 and the Pistol Range Property.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:51PM

After closed session Councilman Purcell reported that on Riverview trees have fallen into the water and some look like they are ready to fall how do we go about cleaning that up. The mayor said he will get a proposal.


ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:55PM

Respectfully Submitted:


Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk