

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
April 23, 2025

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

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

PRESENTATION:

- Probationary Patrolman Michael S. Ferro

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

105-2025: AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF MICHAEL S. FERRO AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 2025 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF \$40,171

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 04-2025

CALENDAR YEAR 2025 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis,

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 04-2025 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 102-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MADISON HANNA TO THE POSITION OF THE 2025 RIVERDALE RECREATION SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 103-2025: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025
- 104-2025: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Patricia Prezioso, 14 Arlington Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 15 Lot 15
- 106-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF Michael Guerriero TO THE POSITION OF DPW UTILITYPERSON – GRADE C IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 2025
- 107-2025: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 14, 2025 FOR 2024-2025 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,104,141.95
- 108-2025: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST #2 FOR THE WINDBEAM SECTION ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO NEW PRINCE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC., 215 EILEEN TERRACE, HACKENSACK, NJ 07601-3116 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,061.41
- 109-2025: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Frank & Alice Magyar, 47 Mead Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 23 Lot 22
- 110-2025: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Steve & Ann Frast, 21 Arlington Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 21 Lot 6

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 34 -A THROUGH H

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Carell reported that it has been confirmed our date for Riverdale Day and our Carnival. The Carnival will be September 17th through the 21st and Riverdale Day will be October 4th. The street fair is on Labor Day like every year. Our project in the Windbeam section is moving along. Yesterday and today they milled and tomorrow they will start the paving. We have talked about our Phase 5 and Phase 6 sewer projects and the mayor gave a review on the sewer assessment process and how it works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that we had the Passaic County Softball Tournament and there were probably more than 100 people in attendance. Passaic County Association appreciates the use of the fields and they want to come back. We looked into the playground and we spoke to a company that will be getting back to us.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported on Riverdale Day and the vendor called he wants us to send that contract back. Riverdale clean-up day is on the 17th at Loy from 9am – 11am.

The mayor responded that in the past Ticon has always been generous by sponsoring our fireworks every year and they are no longer around. The good news is he has procured another sponsor for the fireworks and he will announce that at another time.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that the DPW has hired a Michael and the Police have hired a Michael and everything is going well.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling is at a county meeting on fire department recruiting. Chief Quant had no report.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report

BUDGET AND FINANCE PRESENTATION:

- 2025 Annual Budget and Finance Presentation

Mayor Carelli gave a Power Point Presentation that provided an overview of the 2025 municipal budget. He thanked the Governing Body, Municipal officials, Professionals, employees and volunteers for their work throughout the year. He gave a recap of the 2024 tax bill and reviewed the 2024 assessments. The tax for an average residential homeowner last year was \$7278.00 broken up with the municipal tax 32%, county tax 14%, a small library tax and Open Space tax. The big part of the pie is the district School tax which is 48% in 2024. The tax for an average residential homeowner in 2025 is \$7,541.89. The presentation is on the Borough's website.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUDGET:

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to approve the following resolution:

111-2025: Resolution to adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget (Sheet 41)

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini

Nays: None

Absent: Kheyfets

(5 ayes - 0 nay - 1 Absent - motion carried)

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW 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.

Joe Majerscak, 20 Halsey Avenue, asked about the patches on the road and when will that be taken care of. The mayor responded that the sewer portion been completed and we will wait for it to settle and then the roads will be milled and paved.

Randy Bush, 27 Halsey Avenue, the presentation was great. He would also like to be kept updated on what they can tell him about Phase 6 once they are out of executive session.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:47PM Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss Phase 6 Sewer Expansion-potential litigation.

Mayor announced that Councilman Desai will not participate in the closed session due to a conflict.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:59PM

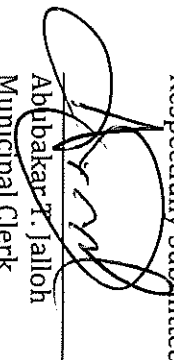
ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:59PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk