

October 7, 2025

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, Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
ABSENT: Purcell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 24, 2025

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

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

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

- 174-2025:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE BALANCE OF ESCROW DEPOSITS WITH THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
- 175-2025:** AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DESIGN-PERMITTING-BIDDING FOR THE PHASE 6 SEWER PUMP STATION PROJECT FOR HALSEY AVENUE AND FEDERAL PLACE
- 176-2025:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 7, 2025 FOR 2024-2025 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$59,603.73

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 65 - A - C

Mayor Carelli reported that we received the new health benefit rates for 2025. There are 30 employees on health benefits and the rates are going up 35%. By comparison last year are total premiums for health insurance was \$984,000 before employee contributions this year it went up to \$1,332,000. The premiums are going up \$348,000. The employee contributions last year were \$256,000 and it's going up to \$347,000. The plan most people take is Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield direct 15 and to give you an idea last year the direct 15 family plan was \$48,000. This year that plan that was \$48,000 is now \$65,000. The mayor received a heads up about a month ago that they were removing the playground at the Riverdale school. The School Superintendent explained what was going on and the playground is totally funded and the new one will

be in on October 20th and a ribbon cutting on October 21st and we are all invited. This was in partnership primarily sponsored by the New York Jets, Dunkin Donuts, NJ BPU and the United Way of Northern New Jersey. Over the weekend we had our 5K race and Riverdale Day. The weather was great the fire works were good and we have been talking about perhaps moving the date next year to try and get more people to come out. The attendance could have been a lot better. Fright Night is next week on Tuesday at 6:00pm at the park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report

UTILITIES: No report

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that one of the guys left the DPW and we are looking to hire more people.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that he had seen on the television there was a study that was in New York and the fatal traffic accidents for being intoxicated by marijuana are at 50%. He believes the stance on marijuana is a good one and we should continue not to allow the selling of marijuana in our town. Chief Quant reported that trunk or treat is on October 24th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Chief Regeling reported about the Fire marshal and the mayor said we will be discussing that. Morris county adopted their Hazardous Mitigation Plan and we need to have a resolution for this on the next meeting.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that he attended Webtec last week and it was interesting and it was a big event. It's the largest convention for water, sewer and stormwater management.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Center Rental Ordinance Revision

The mayor passed out the current ordinance fees for the Community Center and the GlenBurn and based on some of the work Mike and Paul did. Basically, we would need to introduce an amended ordinance at the next meeting. It's limited to the Borough residents only, the applicant must be present during the entire duration of the event, private rentals will be Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am – 6:00pm, \$25.00 per hour for Chaperone fee and a minimum of four (4) hours, a security deposit of \$500.00 and we are raising the rental fee to \$500.00. Civic Organizations are Monday – Friday which we are doing now. A Certificate of Insurance is mandatory and proof of residency. The chaperone's are for Borough employees and there is training that goes along with it.

Shared Service: Pompton Lakes Construction / Fire Prevention

The mayor reported that our shared service agreement with Pompton Lakes is over at the end of the year for Construction. They did offer a new agreement raising the fee from \$40,000 to \$45,000. Depending on the fees that they collect if they go over \$50,000 we give them a portion of that. He had a conversation with Sal and he told them they do a good job but the complaint he gets a lot is when people call for inspections they are sick or on vacation and they are waiting. We need back ups for them, people should not wait two weeks. Our Fire Official has tendered his resignation and he will be leaving at the end of the year. Pompton has five Fire Officials and they would like to add this. The Chief feels like we shouldn't do this. Councilman Desai said if we have people interested in Riverdale it would be better for the moral and better for the residents. The mayor was given a name but the person doesn't live in Riverdale but he knows he is qualified.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Ann Gould, 22 Cotluss Road, you need more advertising on the website. When you click something on the website there should be a link that is followed with a flyer about the event. This will help with the advertising.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

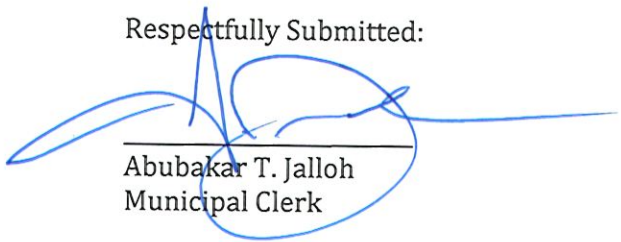
ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:16PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk