

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:
October 7, 2025

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

- 1) Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 10-2025

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING THE CONDITIONS AND FEES FOR THE RENTAL OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

177-2025: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 2025 FOR 2024-2025 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,260,939.26

178-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER - Rozain Khangura

179-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A 2024 CHEVY TAHOE POLICE SSV UTILIZING PA COSTARS CONTRACT #012-E22-242/#025-E22-476 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$65,181.33

180-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM VARIOUS MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL VENDORS FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT MATHEWS AVENUE AND HEMLOCK STREET PROJECT, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$607,105.99

181-2025: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR NRM Realty, LLC, 8 Haycock Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 16 Lot 8

182-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER – Jason Tyrpak

183-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

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

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Mayor Carelli reported that he received a proposal from Bill Ryden for what we will call Phase 7 Sewer project and that would be the lower part of Riverdale. It involves 6600 linear feet of gravity sewer lines for 102 homes on Riverview Terrace, Linden, Dalton, Post Lane, Stratford Place and Wedgewood Road. It will be about \$115,000 because it is a big project. He received a letter from the County where they did some investigations on Gypsy moths and they did Riverdale and we do not have any infestation. There will be a meeting tomorrow night at the Community Center and Frank Covelli will meet with the PBA and employees to discuss options that the employees may have to save money on their health insurance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported that Jill will stay until the end of the year and she will close out the last couple of events. Jill had recommended that the person who would take it over have a child in the program. We will need to put together a job posting. Councilman Desai agrees with having someone who has a child in the program so they focus on the children events but we use to have events that were more adult thing that we did. We might need two people.

UTILITIES: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that Fright Night went off super well and he went in there a little nervous because we didn't have a lot of fright. He believes that there were more little kids than he has ever seen before. The pumpkin patch was a good idea. DPW did an incredible job cleaning up as always. The Jets worked with Riverdale Public School who donated funds for a new playground. It was a \$150,000 playground that was donated. The school will be having their trunk n treat on Friday from 6-8pm.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that Marc from the DPW is back to work. We are sill going back and forth with the company for a street sweeper. They will be sending a Demo and if we get the paperwork we can purchase the Demo in January.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked Chief Regeling if he had anything and he responded just the two new members. Chief Quant had no report.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **FOR DISCUSSION: 2026 HEALTH BENEFIT INCENTIVE**

Mayor Carelli reported that the open enrollment for the 2026 State Health Benefit Plan is the month of October. He put together a spread sheet that he handed out. Most of the employees take Horizon Direct 15 and we received the new rates for 2026 and they are up about 35% so, our premiums go up 35% and employee contributions will also be going up. If everyone stays in the same plan, Direct 15, with the 35% increase our net Borough goes up to 964,000 it's a 32.6%.

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

184-2025: RESOLUTION OFFERING SPECIFIC FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES SELECTING THE HORIZON OMNIA #057

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

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Councilman Purcell reported that it was brought to his attention that several towns have been doing an ordinance with respect to the carrying a concealed permit application fee. Right now, we would charge \$200.00 for the application and \$50.00 goes to the state and \$150.00 is for the town. Twenty-three of the towns have refunded \$150.00 back to the applicant after the application is approved. The thought process there is the 2nd amendment shouldn't just be for those that can afford it and it's supposed to be more of an affordable process. Councilman Purcell will get a copy of the Butler ordinance for the Council.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:41PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk