

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 12, 2025

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

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

Abstain: Kheyfets, Purcell

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3 ayes, 0 nay – 0 Absent - 2 Abstain - motion carried)

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

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

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 Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets.

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 10-2025 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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

190-2025: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 2025 FOR 2024-2025 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,056,007.03

191-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF Giovanni Spaccavento TO THE POSITION OF DPW UTILITYPERSON - GRADE C IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 16, 2025

192-2025: RESOLUTION RENEWING THE GROUP DENTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR COVERED DEPENDENTS THROUGH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

193-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 401:4-58

194-2025: RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NIS 40A:4-87 - CHAPTER 159 - "2025 Morris County Historical Preservation Grant"

195-2025: RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NIS 40A:4-87 - CHAPTER 159 - "2022 Morris County Historical Preservation Grant"

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Desai, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

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Mayor Carelli reported that we have our Annual Holiday Gathering for the kids. It starts out with a lighting in front of the school with all the holiday decorations and then after that it goes over to the Community Center where there are hot chocolate and snacks. He had to rally up some old recreation people because Jill is not doing this last event. We will put an ad in for Recreation. We talked about breaking it down and try to resurrect some of the old programs. He sent out to the Finance committee today and he mentioned it in a couple of meetings, that we have to develop a strategy for our debt next year and doing a bond ordinance for water and sewer department. Councilman Desai and Councilman Purcell will be available for next Wednesday along with our CFO and Heidi our Auditor. He did send out a chart that has our current notes and when they mature. The current notes we borrowed 7.6 million in the current fund, sewer and general capital and those mature on March 4th. We will talk about a bonding rating. Mayor Carelli reported that we received a 2026 NJDOT Grant for \$202, 000 and that is to mill and pave Mead Avenue, Arlington and Haycock. We will do that in the Spring. He needs to talk to Tom Boorady about when they are going to start Mathews Avenue. After that we have a grant to do North Corporate and Kenner Court off of Riverdale Road. As soon as he receives the bid specs for Halsey, we are going out to bid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported he would like to look into updating our employment application.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported on the playground and we would like to have a couple more things done, like putting a fence up. We will be doing the guardrail next year. The mayor responded that hopefully we will have our walking trail which will be going around the perimeter of the park and we should be ready to go out to bid in the spring for that. We also discussed putting more lighting in the park area where the playgrounds are. Councilman Oswald reported that the Boy Scouts had their annual Thanksgiving Day cookout at the GlenBurn they spent the weekend there and had a good turnout. DPW did a great job getting it ready for them.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that he passed out a resolution to the Council from the Borough of Butler they are one of thirteen towns that have passed this resolution. The carrying permit in 2002 was \$50.00 then the state changed it a year later and raised it to \$200.00 that's on top of the training and the test which is also \$200.00 and that's good for two years. What this resolution does is authorizes the township's portion of that \$200 which is \$150 to go back to the applicant once they show that they have completed all of their required things. Councilman Purcell reported that he made contact with NJ Devils and he sent the mayor rough numbers what it would look like for tickets and it doesn't include a bus.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported we have hired a new DPW worker who will be starting next week. We looked at street sweepers last week and we will be having a demo. If we get a new street sweeper Pompton would be interested in doing a share service. Councilman Kheyfets responded the thing he liked about that sweeper it did not require a CDL.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling is attending the Fire Department usual Monday night meetings. Councilman Revis wanted to thank Chief Quant and his men for their service and have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Kheyfets asked Chief Quant if the Attorney General has reached out to him in regards of being interested in pursuing illegal marijuana. Chief Quant responded that he hasn't seen anything come across his desk but they have interacted with them and they didn't seem to be more interested than previous times that they have spoken on the subject. Councilman Desai responded that the place Everygreen up in Butler that went through two years and probably a hundred thousand dollars of application fees and lawyer bills to do it the right way and they should be mad at the state that is turning blind eye with all the places that are not doing it right. There was a discussion on changing the sign ordinance.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Kim Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue, this past year no one used the Community Garden and the application states there are a certain number of plots left over for the food bank. She also feels like \$50 is a lot of money. The Women's Club is willing to do this as long as the town is good with it.

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

ALL IN FAVOR


ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:27PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jaloh
Municipal Clerk