

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, Purcell, Revis
Absent: Pellegrini**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
November 24, 2025

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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

ORDINANCE 11-2025

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 77 - A

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 Revis to approve the following resolutions:

196-2025: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Cooper Oil, 3 (Front) Paterson Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 18 Lot 4

197-2025: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2025 FOR 2024-2025 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$94,670.54

198-2025: AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE APARTMENT LOCATED AT 87 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE STARTING ON DECEMBER 10, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

199-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO FUND AN UNANTICIPATED APPROPRIATION IN THE CURRENT FUND

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 78 A - D

Mayor Carelli reported that he was invited to the Seniors Christmas luncheon at the Legacy Castle and the seniors know how to have a good time. We were able to get them a deal at the Legacy Castle so they were happy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: No report.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the Councilman Purcell was nice enough to put out on the Facebook page that West Point marathon team will be carrying the game ball from West Point, NY to Baltimore, Maryland for the Army Navy Game. The mayor responded that he is meeting with the playground person tomorrow at 1:00pm. He will also be meeting with Challenger Fence and he will be giving us a quote to fence in that playground. He also spoke to Tom Boorady and he is going to get in touch with the vendor that did the Guardrail up by the Pistol Range.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that the mayor and himself did a ribbon cutting for the Liquor store that just opened up in Riverdale Square. The store is nice its clean and bright and the owner seems very nice. His good friend Joe Puglisi from Gates Flag was nice enough to come here and speak about the Veteran Banners.

Gates Flag spoke about the Veteran banners to the Mayor and Council. The deadline to have these banners for Memorial Day is March 6th.

Councilman Purcell reported that we did the survey for the Devil's game and we had 110 people who responded. The questions that were asked is would you want to do this any day of the week and about 15% of the people said yes. If it was a Friday, Saturday or Sunday 65% of people said yes to that. 12 – 15% said they didn't care when it was done, they were not doing it. The woman from the Devil's called him yesterday and the way they would work it is they would set up a link for us and we would give her an estimate on how many tickets we would want and we would have a month to two months to fill those seats. The person would go right to the link and buy them. There are two games in February and three games in March for a Friday, Saturday or Sunday game.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report.

Mayor Carelli reported that the next Council meeting is on Monday, December 29th. We received a DOT Grant for Mead Avenue, Arlington and Haycock for \$202,000 so we will mill and pave those roads in the Spring. Matthews Avenue has already been awarded and that will be milled and paved once the weather breaks. We have North Corporate, Kenner Court, DeGraw and couple of streets which we received a grant for. For our friends on Halsey Ave our Sewer Engineer is finalizing the plans for the pump station. He will need to redo all the DEP permits for that. He said probably early to mid-January.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Tom Carton, Riverdale Quarry, there has been some inquiry in the last week or so about the operations at the Quarry and what we are doing as far as the reclamation from some of the residents in the immediate area. What we are planning on doing is inviting those folks this Saturday to the Community Center to let them to see the Quarry Reclamation plan and what we are doing with the blasting and how we are conducting the operation today.

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: 8:29PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk