

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 *Borough Council*

January 28, 2026

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

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

PRESENTATION/SWEARING IN *Borough Council*

- Riverdale Fire Department

Mayor Carelli sworn in James Regeling, Jr. as the Fire Chief, Michael Davis as the Assistant Fire Chief, Michael Norton as Captain and David Regeling as Captain.

The mayor invited Gene Minell from the New Jersey State Fire Fireman’s Association to give a presentation to James Regeling, Sr. Mr. Minelli presented and read a 50-year resolution to James Regeling, Sr.

Mayor Carelli announced tonight is a wonderful night to see something like this. This Fire Department is filled with people that have dedicated most of their lives to the Community and this Council really, really appreciates all of you. There are two other distinguished members from the Community in the audience we have Bill Bowersox that if his math is correct at the 100th Anniversary we were celebrating 58 years of service and that would be up to 61 years of service and Jack Norton who has 65 years of service. It’s customary on nights like tonight we have a plaque for you but it has been delayed. I know Jack and Bill each have one and we honor citizens on our street lights so that is forth coming to Mr. Regeling and we will do a dedication once the weather gets a little nicer. Thank you all for your service.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION:

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 *Borough Council*

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

- 55-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE TO APPLY TO AND ACQUIRE FUNDING FROM 2026 NJDCA LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT

- 56-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON LALIKER AS TAX ASSESSOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.40A:9-148 WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$28,155.00 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 12, 2026
- 57-2026: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2026 FOR 2025-2026 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$914,180.25
- 58-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE DIAL-A-RIDE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, BUTLER, LINCOLN PARK AND KINNELON
- 59-2026: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$5,360,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
- 60-2026: RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$6,174,000 WATER/SEWER UTILITY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026, CONSISTING OF \$5,360,000 WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS AND \$814,000 WATER/SEWER UTILITY ASSESSMENT BONDS OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE
- 61-2026: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION
- 62-2026: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Malanga Realty LLC, 39 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 16 Lot 39
- 63-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LAURA JENNINGS PITT TO THE POSITION OF THE PART TIME RECREATION DIRECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 Absent: Kheyfets, Purcell
 (4 ayes, 0 nays – 2 Absent – 0 Abstain – motion carried)

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MAYOR REPORT	<i>Mayor Paul M. Carelli</i>
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Mayor Carelli reported that we will be going into closed session for two items. He sent out an email last week about the Borough’s bond rating from Moody’s which was an AA2 which is pretty much the highest we would get for such a small community. You may have heard of AAA ratings those are not given to small communities.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS	<i>Borough Council</i>
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Council Committees reports and updates since the last meeting

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that there was a Shade Tree meeting last week and we were talking about trying to receive grants to replace trees that maybe were taking down during a sewer project and sidewalk projects. We are looking to see if we could get something in the budget besides applying for these grants. The boy scouts are looking to get a couple of nights out of the Community Center.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that the Firework vendor has reached out to him and he knows it is kind of early but he asked if we had any idea on a date for Riverdale Day. The mayor responded historically we normally like to do the 3rd Saturday of September. He said to budget for another 10% on the number. We need to get together for the banners too.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President reported that there were a couple water main breaks because of this weather but everything is back and running.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that it was a great night for the Fire Department and their service. He also thanked the Police Department for their service too.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION *Borough Council*

At 8:06p.m. Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into executive session to discuss two items one is Tax Appeals and the other is Attorney Client Privilege.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:33p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR

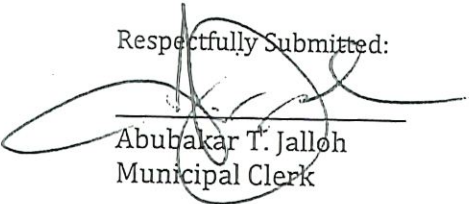
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Council President Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:33PM

Respectfully Submitted:


Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk