

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 *Borough Council*
February 11, 2026

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE *Borough Council*

Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 01-2026

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND PROVIDING FOR LICENSING AND REGULATION OF MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS

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 Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell.

RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 01-2026 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 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 Oswald to approve the following resolutions:

- 64-2026: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF CANVASSER AND/OR SOLICITOR PERMIT. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS – James Ferrigno, SOLICITING ON BEHALF OF Green Star Exteriors, 629 Montrose Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080
- 65-2026: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2026 FOR 2025-2026 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$947,521.01
- 66-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO HMR ARCHITECTS, P.A. FOR PREPARATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2026 MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00
- 67-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
- 68-2026: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS IN THE RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR 2026
- 69-2026: DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE POLICE VEHICLES
- 70-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BROADVOICE (EXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC) FOR VOIP TELEPHONE, VOICEMAIL, FAX AND RECORDING SERVICES FOR THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 71-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (MILL RACE PROPERTY LLC v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 6, LOT 5)

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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MAYOR REPORT *Mayor Paul M. Carelli*

Mayor Carelli reported that we had our Bond sale last week and we did very well with that. We ended up with a \$216,000 premium and there are schedules and he will send that out to everyone. We also did our note sale and he believes the winning note was 3.219. We have a resident that will not let our public works people on her property to change the water meter. The mayor spoke to the attorney and asked what is our recourse because the meter doesn't work. Bob is going to do some research to see what we actually can do. We do have the right to turn the water off. There are two other options Bob said in other towns they revise the ordinance where you can charge a pretty good fee for not allowing us to read the meter. It would be a fee structure each quarter. Steve was going to talk to one of our contractors to see if they can put a pit in the front of the house and put the meter in the pit and it would have to be pretty deep so it doesn't freeze. Councilman Desai asked if we need to make an ordinance for charging a flat rate fee for non-meter property and the mayor responded yes and Bob said he has done this before and he is going to look through his records. We will need to start moving on the banners and he would like to do a press release. Councilman Purcell asked about Riverdale Day because the fireworks company has contacted him. After discussion

September 19th is the date for Riverdale Day with a rain date of September 20th. The responders 5K race will also be on the 19th. As everyone knows our Fire Official resigned at the end of last year. We had our property maintenance guy Mark Lime who is certified to be a Fire Official and he was filling in until we hired someone. A candidate to replace Bill was recommended he just needed a little time he had back surgery. He came in yesterday and he told me he wants to stay retired so he is not taking the job. The mayor spoke to Mark and he will fill in for the time being and he is a member of an association that Fire officials are in and he is going to see if anyone is interested. Another thing our CFO let him know that he is spreading a little thin working for a lot of different towns and he was looking to phase out a town or two and one was Riverdale. We pay him the least and he did give a proposal which is in the neighborhood of \$70,000 and the mayor feels that it is well worth it.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS *Borough Council*

PERSONNEL: No report

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that once we melt out, we will finish the park the railings and put the flag pole up. The mayor responded that he applied for a grant of \$120,000 to finish the park but before that we will put fencing around the toddler part.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President reported that the DPW did a fantastic job this past storm. They received a lot of compliments from the residents.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that we have received the sign shared service agreement from Pequannock for the Board of Health. Chief Regeling could not make the meeting tonight and he asked Chief Quant if he had anything and he responded no report.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai was contacted by our new Recreation Director and she is putting together a meeting for next Thursday on the 5th. Councilman Desai was on vacation last week and he missed the Robotics league tournament for the first time ever in seven years and the girls killed it advancing to states to say the least but they were in the playoff and there are six pairs of teams that go into the playoff and they went undefeated and finished in 1st place after event with their partner. Next up on March 15th is the state tournament.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Kim Soto, 23 Halsey Avenue, she is here for the Woman’s Club and they had a meeting last week and asked if we could have the newsletter sent out again. It would be nice to know what is going on in town when meetings are and information about the schools. Mayor responded that he has spoken to Michael in regards to the Community Garden and they will be revisiting that.

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

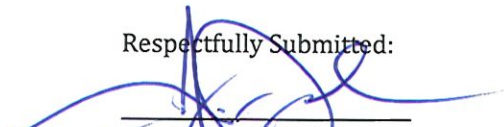
ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:13PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk