

March 11, 2026

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*

February 25, 2026

Councilman Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald 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 - 0 Abstain - motion carried)**

**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 Council President Pellegrini to approve the following resolutions:

- 72-2026: APPOINTING MARK LIME AS TEMPORARY FIRE OFFICIAL IN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026
- 73-2026: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 11, 2026 FOR 2025-2026 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$146,815.45
- 74-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A 2026 FORD F550 REGULAR CAB/CHASSIS 4X4 DRW TRUCK AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #8-2021 FOR THE RIVERDALE DPW UTILIZING THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL - CONTRACT #15-C, ITEM #18 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$163,396.75
- 75-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FIREFIGHTER - Angel Papraniku

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

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**MAYOR REPORT** *Mayor Paul M. Carelli*

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Mayor Carelli reported that he had asked Tom Boorady, Engineer to take a look at the site plans for the Riverdale School project. They are proposing potentially a driveway in the front of the school which at some point will require action by the Borough Council to issue curb cuts for that driveway. The mayor asked the police department to provide some feedback and a report which they have provided and Tom Boorady was doing the same thing. The mayor just received Tom Boorady's report and he will forward to all of the council and when they have a chance to review it. Ultimately, we are going to draft a letter to the Board of Ed with these two letters and reports and they can use that information any which way they want. The second thing is, last month we had a ceremony honoring James Regeling Sr. for his fifty years of service to the Fire Department. He was able to get a proposal from Hero's Trophy Shop and the mayor took one to them that was on a pole and they are able to make new ones and refurbish the old ones. There is a plaque out there for Kristin Gregory who was the Borough clerk for 28 years up until 1987. After that it was Carol Talerico who was our Borough clerk from 1988 or 1989 to 2014 and she had 28 years of service so he would like to have a plaque made for her. There is a plaque out there for Mayor Dedio who was mayor for like 25 years and he thinks it is only fitting that we do a plaque for Mayor Budesheim. He was a mayor for 12 years but he was a Councilman for like 30 years.

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Borough Council*

**UTILITIES:** Councilman Oswald reported that the DPW were able to clean up the fields in a day for the school. They were able to put up the batting cages and dragged both fields and aerated. They look amazing. The mayor responded that we have the guy coming in tomorrow to give us an estimate on a new guardrail.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell asked if we are ready to go live with the Veteran Banners. He knows we can't make Memorial Day but maybe will can make Independence Day.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Council President reported that they are starting to do a cleanup at the DPW and they want to get rid of the Street Sweeper since it is not operable. The mayor said we can scrap it just get the vin number and we will do a resolution to make it obsolete.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported the Board of Health is working with Bob Oostdyk on an ordinance on managing the smoke shops we should be seeing that soon. James Regeling reported that the foam that has the forever chemical in it, we had some and the state has taken back all of our five-gallon pails now the tender we have for the Federal Government you asked Steve, that actually has 4500 gallons in it and that's supposed to go down next week. We won't have to worry about that it's the one that causes cancer. Chief Quant reported that we are still working on the phone system.

**FINANCE/SEWER:** No report.

Mayor Carelli reported that they will be getting together next week to go over the budget and he would like to try and introduce the first meeting in April. Also, the first meeting in April we will be having our Annual JIF training for Elected Officials.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

**John Wilson,** we are still having issues on Macopin with water and it doesn't drain away has that contractor been paid. The mayor responded yes he has and we will have to have Tom Boorady take a look at it and he is aware of it. Mr. Wilson asked when will they start working on the water tank. The mayor responded we don't have a timetable yet we just adopted the ordinance and we had our bond sale last week. The money is available so he did tell Steve to call them in. We are going to do the smaller tank first so he would imagine hopefully before the summer. Mr. Wilson asked when Riverdale Day is and Councilman Purcell responded on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with a rain date September 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilson asked how much electricity can we get from the Pistol Range are we getting just 120 amp and the mayor responded no that box is a 150-amp service.

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Councilman Desai reported that he attended the Recreation meeting for anyone who would be interested in volunteering. He anticipated five people attending the meeting and counting himself and Laura there were 21 people.

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

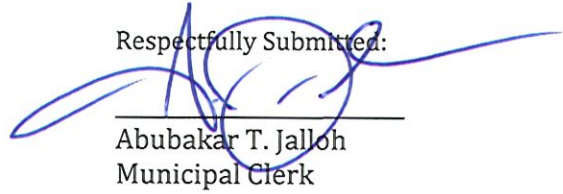
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 7:58PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk