

April 8, 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: Kheyfets, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: Desai, Oswald**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Borough Council

March 25, 2026

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Borough Council

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

ORDINANCE 02-2026

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

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- 2) Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 03-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELECTRONIC SMOKE DEVICES, VAPE SHOPS, EDIBLES AND PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND DRUGS

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

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public portion.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

Borough Council

Council President Pellegrini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kheyfets to approve the following resolutions:

- 80-2026:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 8, 2026 FOR 2025-2026 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$314,736.49
- 81-2026:** SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION
- 82-2026:** AUTHORIZING AN ONLINE AUCTION WITH GOVDEALS FOR DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE
- 83-2026:** DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Purcell, Oswald, 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 at the last meeting he was not present for the first time in eleven years and I heard Vinnie did a great job. He reached out to Bill Ryden to see the status of our Phase 6 sewer project and he is waiting the final approval from the DEP for our permits. Once we receive that we will be going out to bid. He also spoke to Tom Boorady our Engineer today and they discussed moving forward on the Mathews Ave project and also Mead Ave and Arlington for paving and we received a grant for that so it's a mill and pave project. The mayor was down at the park today with Steve and the fence contractor and we issued a Purchase Order to put the fence around the toddler playground and he would like to get that completed so there can be a ribbon cutting. We also received a quote for the guardrail. We had a great Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center our new Recreation Director did a great job. The applications for Summer Camp Counselors have been posted and we have started to get applications. Applications were also put out this week for the Camp itself and we will start accepting sign-ups for that.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Borough Council

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported that we are reviewing our promotional ordinance across the ranks and identifying some changes that the committee will bring to the rest of the council in order to open a position of Captain in the Borough as needed. It would be creating a superior officer group were the Lieutenant and Captain would be in the superior officer group together. They would both be reporting to the Chief. Regardless of their rank they would manage a division within the department. There is some specific language in there if we don't have enough qualified candidates for an open position, it will reduce the requirements to meet a minimum threshold of candidates.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the Passaic County Softball tournament is coming up and the Diamond Classic it's a drug prevention tournament that they are going to have the weekend after the Passaic County tournament. We are looking at pricing for an AED at the park just in case someone who has a heart attack from a ball hitting them in the chest. It can save someone's life since the Coaches are trained.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell asked if the mayor received a contract from the Fireworks company and the mayor said not yet. There was discussion on the banners for the veterans.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that the DPW are working on cleaning up for Spring.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that he has nothing from chief Regeling and he thanked the Mayor and Councilman Kheyfets for doing a good job presenting the last meeting with Chief Quant regarding the organizational structure in the department. It was a very positive meeting and we have a good relationship with the department and the members of the department. Chief Quant complimented the DPW, they just recently finished improvements on the police side bathroom and the guys really appreciate it. It came out really nice. We will be picking up two new vehicles and we are moving along to get that fleet to where we kind of decided to get and we appreciate that. He can elaborate on the AED if you Councilman Oswald would like to have a discussion. The mayor responded if you are not aware one of the bathrooms they had in the locker room was hardly flushing it was a mess. They had a shower at some point and that was removed. We had to fix the plumbing issue. Our guys and North Jersey plumbing did a really nice job they redid the bathroom. The DPW guys did most of the work and they put in a new shower. The mayor would like to address hooking the Borough up to the sewer system and he believes there are four septic systems around this building.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that the Finance Committee met last week to review the Budget which I believe is due next month by statute.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET	<i>Borough Council</i>
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- Introduction of the 2026 Municipal Budget
- Public Hearing and Adoption of Budget: 5/13/2026
- Finance Presentation: 5/13/2026

The mayor reported that our tax levy is going up 149,000 which is 2.39% and that's pretty good. He did receive the School's A4F which is their budget and I will go over that in a little more detail but they took a 281,000 exception on the health insurance above the 2% cap so that went straight into their levy. Their debt service is 1.2 million. The school has gone up significantly over the last two years. At the end of the day, we are about \$72 increase on the average house. His projections on the school they will go up about \$252. The average house total with county, school and municipal its about \$375 which is a 5% increase.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell for the introduction of the 2026 municipal budget.

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

John Wilson, Windbeam Road, asked when the town would be doing the hydrant flushing and the mayor responded that it is usually April or May. The Riverdale date is not in the Calendar and the mayor responded we have the date selected we are just waiting for confirmation from the Armory that we can use their parking lot for the Carnival. Depending on when we do the Carnival that affects all the other dates.

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

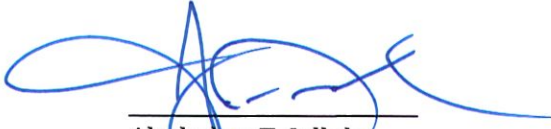
ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:22PM

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk