

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, Pellegrini
Absent: Revis

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Borough Council

April 8, 2026

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kheyfets, Purcell, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Absent: Revis
Abstain: Desai, Oswald
(3 ayes, 0 nay – 1 Absent - 2 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 Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald to approve the following resolutions:

84-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE, APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERKS OFFICE – IEA Boosters Club, Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle

85-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE, APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERKS OFFICE – IEA Boosters Club, Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle

86-2026: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Warren Sheps, 67 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 26 Lot 19.01

87-2026: RESOLUTION REVOKING THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION AND AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF \$1,200.00 PAID TOWARDS THE CONNECTION FEE Roberta and Darren Spezio, 33 Cottage Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 29, Lot 56

88-2026: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 22, 2026 FOR 2025-2026 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,098,189.01

89-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR A LICENSE TO PARK MOTOR VEHICLES OUTSIDE IN THE REAR PARKING LOT OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY GARAGE LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE

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

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MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Paul M. Carelli

Mayor Carelli reported that he received a quote for upgrading the sidewalk in front of Borough Hall. During our Memorial Day ceremony, we try to put chairs on the pavers that are all uneven and collapsing. He received a quote to remove all the pavers and keep the curb and just do a concrete sidewalk all the way to the building. The DPW will be ripping out the pavers and bushes and then the contractor will come in and do the sidewalk. There was a little issue at the library about a month ago and the director at the time called Steve because they were hearing noises above the ceiling tiles. The guys found a point of entry so they sealed it up and they did such a good job that whatever was in there was unable to get out! The mayor had Steve call this guy that he had seen on TV who cleans duct work and he came right over gave us a price and he is going to come on Saturday. They will clean all the duct work, sanitizes everything, takes all the registers down and cleans them. He said he will find the animal. Part 2 of the library we had a contractor come to look at the roof and he gave us a price to replace the roof. They are going to change how the gutters work. He should have a price soon and he will put a Resolution on the next meeting to award that. It's in the neighborhood of \$50,000. He also looked at other roofs, part of Borough Hall, the firehouse and the pump station on Riverdale Road. The owner of the roofing Company is a former Super Bowl Champion with the New York Giants Bart Oats. He is a public works contractor and certified in New Jersey. On our road projects he spoke to Tom Boorady today we have already rewarded our bid for Mathews Avenue to Tilcon through the Co-op. He wants to have a pre-construction meeting. The mayor reached out to Bill Ryden in regards to the sewer project and we are still waiting on the DEP. The mayor attended the Pompton Lakes & Riverdale Little League parade this past weekend. We have received a bunch of applications for summer camp counselors that we will have to start going through. Also, we have a pretty good turnout for summer camp. Just a reminder the May 13th meeting we will be adopting the budget and he will have a presentation. Just a FYI tomorrow at the planning board meeting the school will be doing a courtesy review and part of what they will be speaking about is a proposed driveway that they want to put in front of the school. Next Thursday he is hoping that it will be the final presentation for the Riverdale Quarry. They have finally submitted a plan that he believes everyone will be happy with.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Borough Council

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kheyfets reported that he attended the Police Venison dinner last night it was excellent and the food was delicious as always. Councilman Kheyfets asked Chief Regeling and Lieutenant Famularo if they had anything and they said no.

UTILITIES: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell reported that they received the contract for the fireworks and the price is the same as last year and that's great news. Last week Councilman Purcell and his wife filled in for the mayor at the Fireman's semi-annual dinner and it was very nice and he was impressed to see how many guys have over 25 years of service. The Spaghetti dinner is on Saturday at 4:30pm.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that a truck driver ran over one of our street poles and one of the DPW guys chased him and called the cops on him.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that he would like to introduce a new topic one long term thing that we would love to put together is the extension to the Morris County rail trail to get it all the way through at least to Post Lane. Those things take a lot of time and there is a couple of short-term solutions. There is a little trail down by Williams Street that cuts down and goes over to Harrison it is heavily used by bikes but not officially a trail and it is not maintained. One idea is to find out what properties maintain and make it an official trail get a right-a-way for the Borough, put up some signage, get some volunteers to maintain it and it would be a bike and foot path. Idea number two from Riverdale Road to River Road there was a dirt road next to the railroad tracks for the DOT its all grown over and people still walk it and it goes all the way down to River Road next to the tracks. After discussion everyone was in agreement to explore other ways.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Melissa Harsley, 52 Wilson Avenue, she spoke about the neighborhood and currently there are six (6) street signs and they are old non-reflective and peeling paint. They are requesting new signs. Half of the neighborhood has Belgium block curbing but the original area remains uncurbed. They would like curbing throughout the neighborhood. The entrance is an eye sore currently there is construction equipment, debris, a presence of a Port-A-Jon and it creates and unsightly first impression for anyone entering Stoneleigh. She implores the Council to consider how to remedy these concerns.

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

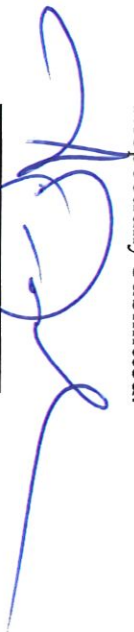
ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:25PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk