

May 27, 2026

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, Purcell, Pellegrini
Absent: Kheyfets, Oswald, 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*

May 13, 2026

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

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Purcell, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Absent: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis
(3 ayes, 0 nay – 3 Absent - 0 Abstain - motion carried)**

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE *Borough Council*

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

ORDINANCE 06-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 160 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOOUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ADDING WILLIAM STREET TO THE SCHEDULE OF STREETS WITH RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Purcell, Pellegrini
Nays: None
Absent: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis
(3 ayes – 0 nays – 3 Absent - motion carried)**

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 35-A

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*

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

- 101-2026** SERVICES FROM VARIOUS MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL VENDORS FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MATHEWS AVENUE PROJECT, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$552,513.65
- 102-2026:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

- 103-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT
- 104-2026: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LIMITED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 83 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE TO KNJ1, LLC
- 105-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEE FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN
- 106-2026: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 27, 2026 FOR 2025-2026 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$974,117.74
- 107-2026: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Brian & Sandra Toner, 69 Cottage Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 29 Lot 64
- 108-2026: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DARMOFALSKI ENGINEERING FOR PROVIDING DESIGN AND GRANT COORDINATION FOR THE MATHEWS AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR A FEE OF \$25,000 AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A FEE OF \$36,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$61,000 FOR THE NJDOT 2024 GRANT

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Purcell, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 Absent: Kheyfets, Oswald, Revis
 (3 ayes, 0 nays - 3 Absent - 0 Abstain - motion carried)

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 36 A-H

MAYOR REPORT	<i>Mayor Paul M. Carelli</i>
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Mayor Carelli reported that we had our Memorial Day Parade on Monday and Frank Loporto was the Grand Marshal. On Sunday at 3PM down at Freedom Park we will be officially opening our Toddler Inclusive Playground. The mayor applied for a grant last year and we received \$75,000 to put in the park. The reason it was delayed while doing the park the mayor was contacted by the sister in-law of Steve and Jean Revis. As you know Steve lost his daughter last year and his sister in-law wanted to know if we would consider putting a memorial bench down at Freedom Park since she lived two houses away. The mayor has been working with the sister in-law for the last month and he couldn't say anything. It's not a big surprise anymore she did tell them about it. Steve will not be there but Jean will be.

Councilman Oswald arrived 7:57PM

The mayor applied for an additional grant this year and we received another \$64,000. We will be replacing the railings and it's going to go all the way around the park and across the back of the parking lot the pistol range to meet up with the other railing. We are looking at lighting and he would like some camera's put in. There are cameras at the ball field but he would like some at the park too.

Our summer activities will be coming up. We have Riverdale Day; Labor Day Street Fair and the Carnival is all set. Laura is working on an event called Touch a Truck and that will probably be in July. We have reached our max in summer camp of 45 registered campers. We have a couple of returning counselors and few new ones.

The week of June 8th the Library roof will be starting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS	<i>Borough Council</i>
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UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that they had the County Softball Tournament and another the weekend after and both had a very good turnout. The DPW got the fields

ready and they were great. The Police Department handled all the parking and made sure everything ran smoothly.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President reported that our Superintendent is on vacation and the guys are doing a fantastic job holding everything together.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The mayor asked Chief Regeling if he had anything and he didn't. The mayor let him know that the plagues were in for the street lights and he needs to pick them up. There are four and obviously one is for Chief Regeling's father for 50 years of service. He also has one for Carol Talerico who was our Borough Clerk for 28 years and one for Mayor Budesheim who had 34 years of service.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report

PUBLIC HEARING -ENHANCEMENT OF BENEFITS /PHASE 5 SEWER EXPANSION Mayor Paul M. Carelli

- Review of Special Assessment Process – Mayor Carelli
- Review of Enhancement of Benefits Report
Provided by: Darren Raymond, MAI, SCGREA/Appraisal Systems, Inc.

Mayor Carelli reported that residents that live on Mead Avenue, Arlington Place and Haycock received letters saying that we would be having a public hearing tonight on the Special Assessment. Darren Raymond who is here tonight had to prepare the Enhancement of Benefits Assessment Report. These reports will be on the website for review.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

John Wilson, 26 Windbeam Road, the Memorial Day Ceremony was great. He thanked everyone for using social media. He asked what is going on with the refurbished water tank and the mayor responded he is waiting to get scheduled. Mr. Wilson asked what do we charge for the ball fields and Councilman Oswald responded \$70.00 per use which is a 2 ½ hour time slot. He asked if the town was still looking into purchasing a street sweeper and the mayor responded that they put a hold on it. He has noticed a lot of repairs for police vehicles on the bills list is there any chance on going through one of the towns instead of going through Malanga's or Hubert's. The mayor responded that we have looked into that and it is not cheaper. He asked about the guard rails and he feels like they look better than putting in steel guardrails. The mayor responded that in between the pistol range and the field there is a new wood guardrail.

Jessica Hines, 20 Mead Avenue, she asked if there will be a gate around the toddler fence to enclose it. The mayor responded that the short answer is no not right but it's not to say that we couldn't put a gate up. The mayor responded we will consider a gate.

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: 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk