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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ***Borough Council***

July 24, 2026

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

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Oswald, Revis, Pellegrini**
Nays: None
Absent: Desai, Purcell
Abstain: Kheyfets
(3 ayes, 0 nay – 2 Absent - 1 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***

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single Motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Council request Specific items to be removed for separate action.

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

138-2026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE, APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Riverdale Volunteer Fire Co., Inc., Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle

139-2026; RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Colleen & Mark Morabito, 17 Halsey Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 26 Lot 9

140-2026: AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF RANDY MORALES A SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER III (SLEO III) AS A SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER FOR THE RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2026 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF $55,883.26.

141-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES TO DMC ASSOCIATES, INC FOR A SURVEY OF NORTH CORPORATE DRIVE, KENNER COURT, DEGRAW ROAD AND PERRY COURT FOR THE NJDOT 2025 GRANT

142-2026: RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING PAYROLL CHECKS

143-2026: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Daniel Salameno, 4 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ Block 9 Lot 9

144-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA *Borough Council*

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145-2026: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2026 FOR 2025-2026 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $1,239,753.87

146-2026: AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF JOANNE LESER AS THE CROSSING GUARD FOR THE RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2026 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF $16,792

147-2026: RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87 – CHAPTER 159 – "Drive Sober Get Pulled Over - 2026"

148-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MORRIS COUNTY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION

149-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 60-MONTH LEASE WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR FOUR (4) TASER CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPONS FOR THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

150-2026: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Melanie Berlinger, 7 Federal Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 26 Lot 14

151-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2026 MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT

152-2026: AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF JOSEPH COVINO AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT THE TRAINING RATE OF $600.00 PER WEEK UNTIL GRADUATION FROM THE MORRIS COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY AND PTC CERTIFICATION

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

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MAYOR REPORT *Mayor Paul M. Carelli*

Mayor Carelli reported that the new Recreation Director held Touch a Truck at Freedom Park there was a fantastic turnout and there were about 300 kids that came. A special thank you to Laura and all the companies that provided trucks. Initially she wanted to charge $5 per kid but Rick Malanga didn't want that so he was going to give a donation. Thank you, Rick Malanga, for your generosity. We went up to a grand re-opening at Walmart last week it was very nice they re-did the store and it was a pretty big event. Tomorrow at 10am there is a ribbon cutting for Small Town which is a place were kids can go play and the parents can have coffee and pastries. Tomorrow at 11am we have a meeting with Brendan and his crew who are doing the apartments at 79 Newark Pompton Turnpike. They are putting 20 apartments in and they need a bigger water line a 6" main and a 4" main which requires digging up the road after we just said we didn't want the road dug up.

7:55 Councilman Desai arrived

We are having a meeting with the Engineer, Bill Ryden since it is water and he wants to make it very clear to them if they trench, they are going to pave curb to curb infrared and put it in a condition that's acceptable. The schedule right now to do Mathews Avenue Road improvement is scheduled for September 10th - 11th Milling and Paving September 17th & 18th. The other project that is getting ready to start on or after Labor Day is the Halsey sewer project. The Jersey Central Property the Environmental people will start doing the testing. Yesterday there was a team meeting from the North Jersey Trails. We have Riverdale Day on September 19th, the 5K race and then the concert in the park and Fireworks. The Carnival is the week after from Wednesday to Sunday. We will have a closed session item tonight Contractual Sale Contract.
We received a letter from the Morris County MUA it's an award for achieving 50% Municipal Solid Waste recycling goal. Riverdale came in 73% for Municipal Solid Waste and the recycling rate was 86%. We received a recycling enhancement grant for that for $22,206.00.
One last thing, at our last meeting if you recall in July the Chief did a presentation for the officers in the department that did some special things. He gave out awards to them and it was a nice night to see them get the recognition that they deserve. It says a lot about the character of our police department and the mayor always says we have the best Police Department around. This is a reflection of the management and leadership of the Police Department. The mayor thanked the Chief for that. Having said all that and like I said a lot of things go unnoticed and he read a letter that was received for the Police Department.

Letter of Appreciation

Dear Mayor Carelli,

I am writing to you today to express my deepest appreciation and admiration for the heroic actions of Riverdale Police Chief Charles Quant.

While on vacation in Holmes Beach, Florida, on July 25th, Chief Quant witnessed an 11-year-old girl who was drowning and completely unresponsive in the water. Without hesitation, he jumped into action, assisted in pulling the young girl safely to shore, and immediately began administering CPR. Thanks to his swift actions, vigilance, and training, the girl expelled the swallowed water and began breathing on her own before emergency medical services arrived on the scene.

Chief Quant's life-saving intervention during his personal time off exemplifies the highest standards of public service. His readiness to respond to a crisis, even when off-duty and far from home, speaks volumes about his character, dedication, and professionalism. He is a true credit to the Borough of Riverdale and an outstanding leader for your police department.

The borough is fortunate to have a chief of his caliber protecting and serving the community. Please convey my sincere gratitude and respect to Chief Quant for his exceptional bravery and life-saving heroism.

Thank you for your time and for your continued leadership of Riverdale.

Sincerely,
Chief William L. Tokajer

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS ***Borough Council***

PERSONNEL: No report

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the guardrails are finished and the gates are up. We are still reaching out to the power company about getting a pole to replace the one that was damaged from the tree.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis asked Chief Quant if he had anything and Chief Quant responded just to thank you for all the support and the help that you guys do we appreciate it. Chief Regeling asked the mayor when he gets a chance to look at his email and the mayor responded that he is going to have a meeting because there is a lot to absorb in that email. A meeting will be scheduled for next week.

FINANCE/SEWER: No report.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:14PM Mayor Carelli announced that Council would go into closed session to discuss potential property purchase/contract.

ALL IN FAVOR

Closed session being completed, the meeting returned to public session at 8:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:31PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jallon
Municipal Clerk