

M I N U T E S  
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
Monday, August 3, 2015  
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Moscaritolo called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

MISSION STATEMENT & OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS -

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Mission Statement into the record as follows:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and attend any meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with this act the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge have caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall and notices have been sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News. The mission of this governing body is to provide essential services through the establishment and implementation of public policy that will safeguard our infrastructure provide honest, courteous and professional services; and establish a sense of trust and accomplishment with our residents. Through research and prudent planning we seek to minimize risks while improving our services. We are sensitive to the needs of our taxpayers while realizing that this governing body cannot be all things to all people within the revenue constraints imposed by state mandates, economic conditions and prevailing attitudes about taxation.

ROLL CALL - Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Moscaritolo were present; Councilman Cappola was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of July 6, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone and Councilman Acquafredda voted yes; Councilman Papaleo abstained and Councilman Cappola was absent.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Proclamation Declaring August 1 - 8, 2015 as National Farmer's Market Week as follows:

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, farmers markets are important outlets for fresh farm to table healthy ingredients nationwide, and provide agricultural producers with increased marketing opportunities; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2014 the Borough of River Edge began a Farmer's Market on Continental Avenue. The River Edge Farmer's Market is supported by the hard work of volunteers like Gigi Manasse and Councilwoman Kathleen Murphy; and*

*WHEREAS, farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support the sustainability of family farms, revitalize communities and provide*

opportunities for farmers and consumers to interact. They offer consumers fresh, affordable, convenient and healthful products produced and sold locally; and

*WHEREAS*, it's important to recognize and support the River Edge Farmer's Market and to advocate further awareness of farmers markets and the important contributions farmers make to daily life in America and our communities.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that I, Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim:

August 1 – 8, 2015 as:

*National Farmer's Market Week*

I encourage the residents of River Edge to become a farmer's market patron every Tuesday at the River Edge Farmer's Market and to celebrate the benefits of farmers markets and the local, sustainable and artisanal products sold there.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Dated: August 3, 2015

Mayor Moscaritolo presented the proclamation to Councilwoman Kathleen Murphy.

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Mayor Moscaritolo read the Proclamation Declaring August 21, 2015 as National Senior Citizen's Day as follows:

#### PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, on August 19, 1988 President of the United States Ronald Regan declared August 21, 1988 as "National Senior Citizens Day"; and

*WHEREAS*, this observance was established in honor of senior citizens in the United States who have made positive contributions in their communities; and

*WHEREAS*, this day was also created to bring awareness of social, health and economic issues that affect senior citizens; and

*WHEREAS*, with improved health care and more years of productivity, many older Americans are embarking on second careers giving the younger generation a fine example of responsibility, competence and determination.

*WHEREAS*, here in the Borough of River Edge, Senior Citizens serve a vital role as productive members of our community. Not only do we serve our Seniors but our Seniors serve us. Many River Edge senior citizens serve our community as volunteers on advisory committees and independent boards and commissions. We have Seniors on our Recreation Commission, Green Team, Planning and Zoning Boards, Traffic and Safety Committee, Library Board, Beautification Committee, Fire Department, Citizens Budget Committee, Environmental Commission and S.C.O.R.E., Police Auxiliary and R.E.V.A.S. just to name a few.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim:*

*August 21, 2015*

*as*

*River Edge Senior Citizen's Day*

*and ask that all River Edge residents honor our local senior citizens for their long and full lives and for their contribution to the successes to our community.*

*Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo*

*Dated: August 3, 2015*

Mayor Moscaritolo presented the proclamation to Carol Mah, board member of SCORE.

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to open public comments on any issue on the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to close public comments on any issue on the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if the owner of the property located at 42 Lincoln Avenue was in attendance. He advised the owner that the Borough has received his letter and correspondence and has also heard from the Borough's Zoning Official regarding the request to put up a fence. The Mayor continued to say that they had discussed this matter in closed session because the request deals with an easement which is a contract negotiation. They are deliberating over the issue and the Mayor advised them that the Borough Attorney will send them a letter with the Mayor and Council's decision.

**OPEN HEARING ON OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND - Cherry Blossom Park, Phase II**

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to open hearing on Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund - Cherry Blossom Park, Phase II.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

Mayor Moscaritolo-invited Bobbi Conway, the Recreation Director and Tom Miller, the Engineer on the project to come up and give a brief description of the Phase II project. Bobbi Conway-had provided the Mayor and Council with the estimate of the Phase II project and explained that the project includes the alternates that were part of Phase 1, and the balance are additional

items to complete the project. She stated that the subtotal is \$140,000; the grant would be \$70,000 from Bergen County Open Space and \$70,000 from the Borough.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked Mr. Miller to explain what is included in the \$140,000.00.

Tom Miller-explained that the base items for the project include fencing, pole mounting lighting, parking space, irrigation laterals and heads and landscaping. Additional items include overlaying the rough back entrance walkway, entrance trellis and pergola, a low stone wall and gazebo. The original plan included an outdoor classroom and storage shed.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if the outdoor classroom is part of the \$140,000?

Tom Miller-replied yes.

Councilman Mignone-thought Mr. Miller said that #5 and #6 were not included in the subtotal.

Tom Miller-said that he is mistaken and clarified that they are not included in the subtotal because he was not sure that they would want those items. Another reason he left them out is because he thought the Mayor and Council might want some input from the school.

**CLOSE HEARING ON OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND - Cherry Blossom Park, Phase II**

There being no comments from the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to close hearing on Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund - Cherry Blossom Park, Phase II.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked the Council if there were any other questions or comments?

Councilman Mignone- wanted to clarify that A through E which were alternates in Phase 1 are now part of the base with a few additional items. He feels that the actual cost would be \$157,000.00, plus 10% contingency, plus permit fees which could total up to \$210,000.00.

Tom Miller-asked how he came up with that number?

Councilman Mignone-explained that he took the \$140,000, added the \$19,000 for the outside classroom and storage shed, added 10 or 20% for engineering, plus 10% contingency which could amount to over \$200,000 project cost.

Tom Miller -stated that it may be unlikely but possible.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that it's possible that we could have a Phase III project and apply for additional grant money.

Councilman Mignone-stated that his concern is that County allocations are down 40% this year. He explained that last year the region got \$464,000, this year \$290,000 and feels that it's more likely that we'll only receive \$25,000 instead of \$70,000. His main concern is that we're going to propose a \$200,000 project, get \$20,000 and commit ourselves to spending the full \$210,000 which we don't have. Councilman Mignone feels that they should go back and split it into a more modest Phase II and Phase III to be consistent with the expectation of money that we'll actually get from the County this year.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that we'll take a vote on the application with the understanding that we can complete the project in a third phase if we need to. He continued to say that the matching funds will come from the Open Space Trust Fund that we've already established and we can always lower our expectations.

Councilman Mignone-asked if this project has been discussed with the Recreation Commission?

Bobbi Conway-replied, yes.

Councilman Mignone-asked if out of all the other projects, is this one of the priorities for 2016 that they want to submit an Open Space application for?

Bobbi Conway-stated that the Recreation Commission approved the estimate.

Councilman Mignone-asked if this project was the Recreation Commission's priority in applying for Open Space funding? Councilman Mignone asked if some of their other projects that weren't funded last

year through Open Space or Capital might be more of a priority to request funding for.

Bobbi Conway-stated that this is the only project that they have open right now to go out for Open Space with the County.

Councilman Mignone-asked if all of their projects were funded last year?

Bobbi Conway-replied, yes.

#### APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the salary increase of Robert Naprstek, Police Department, from an annual salary of \$115,160.00 to \$124,373.00 for performing duties of a higher rank (Lieutenant) for 90 days per the contract, effective July 13, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the salary increase of Joseph Sanfilippo, Patrol Officer in the Police Department from an annual salary of \$37,142.00 to \$45,101.00 due to patrolman 18<sup>th</sup> grade, effective July 2, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the salary increase of Patrick Diamond, Patrol Officer in the Police Department from an annual salary of \$37,142.00 to \$45,101.00 due to patrolman 18<sup>th</sup> grade, effective July 23, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the salary increase of Peter Stitz, Mechanic II in the Department of Public Works from an annual Step II salary of \$61,338.00 to Step III - \$61,741.00, effective July 22, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the promotion of Patricia Cali, Library Assistant-Technical Services from a part-time position at an hourly rate of \$18.65 to a full-time position at an annual salary of \$35,794.00, effective July 20, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

#### CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter	-	State of New Jersey, DEP - 7/13/15 Re: Hazardous Discharge Notice - 403 Oak Avenue-Underground Tank
Letter	-	State of new Jersey-7/13/15 Re: \$50,000 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant-Fire Co. #2 Generator
Letter	-	GES, Inc. - 7/14/15 Re: Groundwater Testing-2 Route 4 W
Notice	-	NJ Transit Corp. - 7/15/15 Re: Request for Financial Assistance
Notice	-	PSE&G - 7/16/15 Re: Rate Changes
Letter	-	Board of Chosen Freeholders - 7/16/15

Letter - Re: Final Adoption of Ord. 15-14  
 Board of Chosen Freeholders - 7/16/15  
 Letter - Re: Introduction of Ord. 15-15  
 Board of Chosen Freeholders - 7/16/15  
 Report - Re: Introduction of Ord. 15-18  
 Bergen County JIF - 7/22/15  
 Letter - Re: Loss Control Report - July 2015  
 State of New Jersey DEP - 7/27/15  
 Notice - Re: Hazardous Substance Discharge  
 Notice -250 Midland Avenue  
 PSE&G - 7/27/15  
 Letter - Re: Rate Changes  
 SCORE - 7/28/15  
 Notice - Re: Thank you to Mayor and Council  
 PSE&G - 7/29/15  
 Re: Rate Changes

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Historic Commission - June 2015  
 Library Board - July 2015  
 Tax Collector - June 2015  
 Fire Prevention - April-June, 2015

LIAISON REPORTS -

Councilwoman Murphy - Liaison to Shade Tree Commission, Library, Environmental Protection Commission, Green Team, Technology Committee, New Milford and Oradell Shared Services Committee - reported that the Green Team has placed their recycling stickers at Borough Hall and the Library and suggested that residents take one to make it easier to keep up with the recycling schedule. She also reported that the Library roof project is almost complete and everyone is very happy with the contractor and their work. Councilwoman Murphy reported that the summer reading program is still going on, there's an art exhibit and the Historic Commission has started archiving documents and materials relevant to River Edge. She suggested that if anyone has pictures or articles from the past to feel free to stop by the Library and have it added to the collection.

Councilman Cappola - Liaison to Recreation Commission, Senior Citizens co-liaison, Beautification Committee - was absent.

Councilwoman Busted - Liaison to Senior Citizens, Co-liaison, Historic Commission, Traffic & Safety Committee, July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee and Board of Health - congratulated the members of SCORE for being recognized with a proclamation this evening and is happy that the new Executive Board is in place and working together. Councilwoman Busted also reported that after many months of a cooperative effort between the Historic Commission, Planner and the Attorney that the Planning Board approved the historic element to the Master Plan and understands that once the resolution is adopted it will be sent to the Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Busted reported that the Traffic & Safety Committee will be meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, but they do have some correspondence before them that they are addressing now. She reported that the Board of Health will be meeting the end of September.

Councilman Mignone - Liaison to DPW, Zoning Sub-Committee, Redevelopment, New Milford and Oradell Shared Services Committee, Technology Committee - reported that he met with John Lynch and the new supervisor from the garbage company to discuss some of the issues that we've been having with mixed collection particularly with vegetation and mixing it with trash. He reported that since they have dedicated a supervisor, communication has gotten better and things have improved in both River Edge and New Milford. He said that although we're not at 100%, things are significantly better than they were. He advised the company that they have until the end of August to rectify the amount of slip ups for vegetation and told them that there's no excuse at this point for them to miss entire streets. They've assured him that the same crew comes into town so there shouldn't be an issue and he hopes that they continue to improve. Councilman Mignone reported that the Zoning Board will be hearing two applications this week, one is a use change and the other was a small addition with set back issues. Councilman Mignone ran into Mayor Murray from Oradell and spoke

with him about OPTV which he has been trying to get here for a while. He said that Mayor Murray volunteered to come in and do a pilot program and tape a meeting or two for us and put it up on OPTV and see if we get positive feedback. With next year's budget season approaching they can decide if they would like to pursue it further. He recommended that the Technology Committee or Shared Services Committee meet to discuss it further.

Councilman Acquafredda - Liaison to Construction Code Official, Property Maintenance, Planning Sub Committee, Technology Committee, River Edge and River Dell School Boards - reported that the Planning Board will be meeting this Thursday and feels that they should start to entertain some applications for new developments as well as discuss and memorialize other issues. Councilman Acquafredda attended the River Dell Board of Education meeting and has two items to report. First, they do not have an overcrowding problem and he informed them of the proposed residential project on Kinderkamack Road. Second, the Board of Ed reported that the Borough of Oradell has notified them that they intend to charge a fee of approximately \$24,000 for the use of the Doug Parcell Park on Ridgewood Avenue.

Councilman Papaleo - Liaison to Police Department, Fire/Fire Prevention, River Edge Alliance Against Alcohol & Drugs, Local School Board Sub-Committee - reported that the Fire Department has responded to 192 calls year to date and the ladder truck is currently undergoing its annual preventative maintenance and aerial ladder testing. Councilman Papaleo reported that we have been loaned at no cost, a Hackensack ladder truck while ours is out for its annual testing. New hose, multi gas meters and upgraded LED lighting for the ladder and rescue trucks are on order, new foam and new pagers have been delivered and turnout will be ordered shortly as per the budget. Engines 2 and 4 had their annual fire pump testing yesterday and he will provide the results when they come in. Councilman Papaleo met with the Police Chief on July 27th. He also reported that the Chief feels that morale overall is very high and the department is settling in well with the new promotions. Councilman Papaleo also reported that the Lieutenants test is currently scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> and will be administered by the County Police organization. The Chief will be organizing a peer review for the three candidates. Councilman Papaleo reported that sometime in October, there will be a document review for the Lieutenant's promotion and at the end of October the interviews will occur. He stated that if they make a decision sometime in November, the Chief recommends that the promotions go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Papaleo reported that four applications have been received for the replacement of Patrol Officer Kieferly and the Chief has also reached out to five academies hoping to have a pool of twenty candidates. He informed everyone that Councilwoman Busteed mentioned to him and the Police Chief about the possibility of getting a prescription drop box. The Chief is working on it and it looks like we will get a prescription drop box so that residents can dispose of medications safely. He continued to say that there was an initiative amongst pharmacies who were collecting drugs but that has stopped. We are looking into getting a drop box free of charge and have it anchored in the lobby of the Police Department. There will an officer assigned and there would be a series of security protocols to make sure the drugs are disposed of correctly. Councilman Papaleo thanked the team and Councilwoman Busteed for promoting the idea. The Chief wanted to offer a special commendation to Officer Marc Abate for a phenomenal job he did during a recent high speed county wide chase and all of his efforts in securing River Edge. Councilman Papaleo reported that they will be interning an Oradell resident who is a River Dell student in our Police Internship Program at no cost. Councilman Papaleo also commended Patrol Officer Prisendorf who apprehended the actor in the high speed pursuit. Councilman Papaleo also commended the Mayor's son, who assisted our Police Department in the apprehension and was bitten during the take down.

Mayor Moscaritolo - River Edge Ambulance Service, Local School Board Sub-Committee - reported that the Ambulance Service has responded to 400 calls. They had 3 members apply to the EMS Academy and one member was accepted. The other two members will be taking the classes in September. More information about the Ambulance Service can be obtained by messaging them on their Facebook page. The Mayor also reported that there hasn't been a second meeting with the local school board sub-committee but one will be scheduled shortly. The Mayor is happy to report that on September

11<sup>th</sup> they will have a memorial service in front of First Responder monument which will be organized by Dick Berry in conjunction with the PBA. The Mayor expects that there will be an unveiling of a plaque that will be placed on the piece of granite and invited everyone to attend to commemorate and honor the memorial for those who gave their lives on 9/11. The Mayor stated that he will present the Council with a prototype of the plaque so they can discuss and approve the language because it will be placed on Borough property.

ORDINANCES - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING - NONE

ORDINANCE - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1841 as follows:

Ordinance #1841 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, CHAPTER 400, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE IV, SCHEDULE II: PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS

Ordinance #1841 was introduced by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted at the July 6, 2015 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
ORDINANCE #1841

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, CHAPTER 400, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE IV, SCHEDULE II: PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 400 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Revised General ordinances of the Borough of River Edge is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Chapter 400, Article IV, Schedule II: *Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours* shall reflect the following:

Section I: the following shall be rescinded:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Days/Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wayne Avenue	Both	Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Between Bogert Road & Green Street

Section II: the following shall be added:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Days/Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wayne Avenue	Both	Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Between Bogert Road & Green Street

All ordinances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

Section III:

If any provision of this ordinance are found to be invalid, for any reason, by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such portions shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall be severable therefrom.

Section IV:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk  
Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1841

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to open public hearing on Ordinance #1841.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1841

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to close public hearing on Ordinance #1841.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1841

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adopt Ordinance #1841.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

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Mayor Moscatitolo-stated that Tom Miller and Bobbi Conway are still here and asked if they are still here regarding the rebidding of Phase 1?  
Bobbi Conway-replied, yes.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he doesn't think there is any reason why he still needs to be there because they still need to discuss it when they go back into work session. The Mayor said that they all have Mr. Miller's memo and recommendation.

Councilman Mignone-felt that Mr. Miller needs to stay because there are questions about the revised bid, scope of work and if they actually have the funding to cover all of the work anticipated under Phase 1.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that they will discuss it at the work session and make a decision whether they are going to reject a bid, negotiate the bid or how they'll come up with extra money.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #15-283 through #15-292 and resolution #15-294 through #15-306.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

#15-283 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain enumerated circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances will or presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as

follows:

1. That the public shall be excluded from the September 8, 2015 work session meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session</u>		<u>Statutory</u>
<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Reference</u>

To be determined by reference to the Borough Clerk's Agenda for the above meeting.

2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public within a reasonable time, the substance of which will be released after the Mayor and Council or the specific authorized public body has reviewed and specifically accepted the data.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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#15-284 Establish a Bid and Quotation Threshold for the Borough of River Edge

WHEREAS, the Public Laws of 1999, Chapter 440, changed the Local Public Law and was effective April 17, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a Local Finance Notice (LFN 2010-13) from the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services have been received which announces an adjustment to the public bidding threshold effective July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council at a work session held on August 3, 2015 have indicated their desire to establish a new bid and quotation threshold for the Borough effective August 3, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid threshold for the Borough of River Edge, effective August 3, 2015 will be \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the quotation threshold for the Borough of River Edge, effective August 3, 2015 will be \$6,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that three quotations whether informal or written shall be solicited and attached to the Borough's requisition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough's Policy and Procedure Manual on Purchasing is hereby amended to reflect this change.

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#15-285 Report Investments Pursuant to the Cash Management Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the following investments and deposits made pursuant to the Cash management Plan of the Borough of River Edge are hereby confirmed and accepted by the Governing Body.

Months of April, May, June and July, 2015.

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>
N.J. Cash Management Fund	\$500,000.00	CMF	\$500,000.00	\$175.50	\$500,175.50	.08

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#15-286 Resolution Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to Cancel

Grant Fund Receivable and Appropriated Reserve for the Community Development Block Grant Senior Citizen Activities Grant

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge in 2014 received approval for a grant through the Community Development Block Grant Program for a grant entitled "Senior Citizen Activities"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its books and records an account receivable of \$300.00 and an appropriated reserve of \$300.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has investigated the account receivable and appropriated reserve balance and has recommended that they be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to cancel the grant fund account receivable and appropriated reserve for the grant entitled "Senior Citizen Activities" both in the amount of \$300.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby instructed to adjust the records accordingly.

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#15-287 Enter into Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Services Related to Community Development Block Grant Street/Curb/Sidewalk Improvements, Phase II- Design and Inspect

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to the Community Development Block Grant Street/Curb/Sidewalk Improvements, Phase II - Design and Inspect; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-166 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$2,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes, biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting.....	\$ 75.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#15-288 Enter Into Agreement with Anthony Suarez, Esq., Werner, Suarez, Moran, 1 University Plaza, Suite 117, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for Professional Services as Special Counsel for COAH

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Special Counsel for legal services related to COAH; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-172 of the Current Fund not to exceed \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Suarez, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Anthony Suarez, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Anthony Suarez, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes, biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$125.00 per hour, for 20 hours as Borough Special Counsel for COAH; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Anthony Suarez, Esq., Werner, Suarez, Moran, 1 University Plaza, Suite 117, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 retroactive to July 7, 2015; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law to Anthony Suarez, Esq., 1 University Plaza, Suite 117, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in THE RIDGEWOOD

NEWS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is retroactive to July 6, 2015 for work that has already been performed.

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#15-289 Approve Renewal of Liquor Licenses

WHEREAS, application for renewal of liquor licenses have been filed with the Clerk of the Borough of River Edge by the following licenses; and

WHEREAS, reports have been received from the Police Department, Fire Prevention Official and the Department of Health that the following premises holding liquor licenses in the Borough have been found in order in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Borough and the required fees have been received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of River Edge that the following licenses be issued for the premises described for a period of one (1) year commencing July 1, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk, be directed to sign and deliver said licenses on behalf of the Borough of River Edge.

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

0252-44-002-011 Shah and Sheth Liquors Inc., T/A Classic  
Wine & Spirits,  
842 Kinderkamack Road  
River Edge, New Jersey 07661 \$2,500.00

PLENARY CONSUMPTION LICENSES

0252-33-004-001 Sayat Nova Restaurant, Inc. T/A Feathers,  
77 Kinderkamack Road.  
River Edge, New Jersey 07661 \$2,500.00

CLUB LICENSES

0252-31-008-001 Kights of Columbus The Columbian Club,  
T/A River Edge Columbian Club,  
770 Kinderkamack Road  
River Edge, New Jersey 07661 \$ 50.00

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#15-290 Amend 2015 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approved the insertion or increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such an item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion or increase of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received notice of a grant award for a FEMA-Federal Emergency Management Agency - Hazard Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby request the approval of the Director for the following:

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F

FEMA-Federal Emergency Management Agency -  
Hazard Mitigation Grant.....\$50,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$50,000.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations  
(A) Operations excluded from the "CAPS"  
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

FEMA-Federal Emergency Management Agency -  
Hazard Mitigation Grant.....\$50,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough forward two (2) copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

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Councilwoman Murphy-asked for clarification on resolution #15-29. She recalled that this was discussed a while ago to put the money toward the monument and is under the impression that the money is going back to the state because there was no contact with these people.

Alan Negreann-explained that the engineering firm that was to put in the monuments, communicated with Costa Engineering, surveyed the area and uncovered the monuments. The monuments are there and payment was made to Costa Engineering for their work out of the Trust Fund. The balance will go to the unclaimed fund because we cannot locate the rightful owner.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked what they were covered with?

Alan Negreann-said that he does not have any details on that.

#15-291 Authorize Chief Financial Officer and Account Supervisor to Remit Unclaimed Funds to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury

WHEREAS, the Borough has responsibilities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 46:30B-1 et seq., entitled the Uniform Unclaimed Personal Property Act; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 4, 1998, 43 Pine Drive Associates, Inc., d/b/a Custom Homes, 43 Pine Drive, Bergenfield New Jersey 07621 deposited with the Borough a bond for the performance and maintenance as outlined in a Developers Agreement dated October 7, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the balance remaining in the Borough of River Edge Trust Other Fund is for the purpose of installation and maintenance of monuments on the development; and

WHEREAS, Costa Engineering has recently discovered the monuments at Oswego Place and Oneida Drive set by Koesnter & Associates with regard to the Pine Drive Associates sub-division; and

WHEREAS, the balance remaining is \$940.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator/Chief Financial Officer has investigated this matter and has sent a last chance letter to 43 Pine Drive Associates advising them to claim the balance of the funds; and

WHEREAS, no response has been forthcoming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of River Edge Governing Body hereby instructs the Chief Financial Officer and Account Supervisor to forward the balance of the Trust Other performance bond funds remaining for 43 Pine Drive Associates in

the amount of \$940.00 to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Unclaimed Property Fund.

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Councilman Mignone-stated that on the work session consent agenda the amount listed was \$5,800.00 and after looking at the proposals, he's not sure where that amount comes from. Alan Negreann-explained that it's a combination of the two proposals.

Councilman Mignone-asked if \$3,800.00 was for revising the plans for rebidding?

Alan Negreann-explained that it represents documents, bid packet information, follow-up on bid inquiries and post bid recommendation letter.

Councilman Mignone-asked if the plans were revised? His understanding is that the plans that we re-bid were the same as the original set of plans, they just changed the specifications. The changes in the specifications are that they removed the fencing and the Borough will now install the benches instead of the contractor.

Tom Miller-explained the other changes that were made such as taking the signage out, the fencing was moved into the alternate section and the lighting was changed.

Councilman Mignone-stated that the only real change was the fencing, we're putting up the park sign ourselves and we're putting the benches up instead of the contractor.

Tom Miller-stated that it also included his attendance at the bid openings, Council meetings, etc.

Councilman Acquafredda-commented that Mr. Miller's \$3,800.00 invoice is a not to exceed amount and would hope that he keeps that in mind when sending the final invoice.

#15-292 Amend Agreement with Premier Product Development, LLC, 18 West Walnut Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057 for Professional Services Related to Planning and Design Work for Cherry Blossom Park, Phase I & II

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional planning and design work for Cherry Blossom Park; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Premier Product Development, LLC via resolution #14-443 dated December 15, 2014 in the amount of \$12,300.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to increase the scope of work to include Planning and Design Work for Cherry Blossom Park, Phase II; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-100 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$5,800.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Premier Product Development, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Premier Product Development, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Premier Product Development, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes, biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Premier Product Development, LLC, 18 West Walnut Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057 in the amount not to exceed \$5,800.00; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #15-293.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Mignone voted no and Councilman Cappola was absent.

Councilman Mignone-stated that he's voting no because they haven't finalized the scope for Phase I yet and asking for \$70,00 on Phase II will put the Borough in a financially difficult position of authorizing funding that we don't have for a project that we don't have the scope for.

#15-293 Municipal Endorsing Resolution for Trust Fund Application - Cherry Blossom Park, Phase II

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund"), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of municipal recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$70,000.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Cherry Blossom Park, Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Governing Body received public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on August 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of September 3, 2015, as established by the County; and
2. That in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and
3. That the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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#15-294 Amend Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer, for Professional Services Related to the 2015 Riverside Road Resurfacing Program-Inspection

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services for the 2015 Riverside Road Resurfacing Program - Inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Robert Costa, Borough Engineer via resolution #15-208 dated May 18, 2015 in the amount of \$10,000.00 and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services for the 2015 Riverside Road Resurfacing Program-Inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1829-100 of the Capital Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 and Account #01-2010-20-1652-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$6,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes, biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00

Computer Drafting.....\$ 75.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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#15-295 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on The Fenway

WHEREAS, on or about August 3, 2015, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Colleen Kiely, 489 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on the Fenway, between Wayne Avenue and Kensington Road on Saturday, September 5, 2015 starting at 3:00 p.m. in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kiely has requested that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages be permitted in connection with said block party; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that persons age 21 and over be and hereby are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages at the block party described above, on the date and time specified herein.

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#15-296 Resolution Authorizing the Borough of River Edge to Enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract with the County of Bergen for the Purpose of Using a Matching Grant Award from the 2014 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Project Entitled "Kenneth B. George Parking Field Lighting Replacement Project"

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project ("Contract") with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$54,320.00 matching grant award from the 2014 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") for the municipal park project entitled "Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement Project" located in Kenneth B. George Park at 550 Riverside Way, in Block 620, Lot 1 on the tax maps of the Borough of River Edge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to be signatories for the aforesaid Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about July 15, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality

as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements.

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Councilwoman Murphy-stated that they had allocated money for the generator and since we're getting a grant, asked if that money will go back into the budget. She also asked what the dollar amount was?

Alan Negreann-stated that the grant is for \$50,000 and we have a balance of funds in various ordinances to complete the project.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if we allocated money already?

Alan Negreann-explained that nothing goes back and they'll have to wait to see when the bids come in what the cost will be for the installation.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that what Councilwoman Murphy is saying is that we initially put money into capital to fund the entire project and later we were successful in getting this FEMA grant for \$50,000. If at the end of the process we haven't used all of the money that was put into capital, would that money be available to use for something else?

Alan Negreann-replied, yes. If we don't need it for this particular project, the money could be reallocated or cancelled.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if he recalls what the amount was, \$50,000?

Councilman Mignone-agreed that it was \$50,000.

Alan Negreann-thought it was significantly more but he'll check his files.

Councilwoman Murphy-is happy that we received the grant and won't have to pay it ourselves.

#15-297 Authorize Mayor to Sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement for River Edge Firehouse #2 Generator Project

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has received a Hazard Mitigation Grant (FEMA-DR-4086-NJ-0355-F) for Firehouse #2 generator.

BE IT RESOVLED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement for River Edge Firehouse #2 Generator Project.

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#15-298 Award Contract to Reggio Construction Inc., for the River Dell Middle School Safety Improvement Project

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2015 (2) sealed bids were received for the River Dell Middle School Safety Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid was received from Reggio Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$165,370.20; and

WHEREAS, the bid documents have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at a work session on August 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1822-200 of the Capital Fund in the

amount not to exceed \$165,370.20; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract is hereby awarded to Reggio Construction, Inc., 1575 West Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024 in the amount not to exceed \$165,370.20 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

August 3, 2015

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#15-299 Amend Contract with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Services Related to the Design and Inspection of Catch Basin at 284 Kensington Road, Wayne Avenue, the Intersection of Elm Avenue and Concord Drive and Greenway Terrace

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services for the design and inspection catch basin at 284 Kensington Road, Wayne Avenue, the intersection of Elm Avenue and Concord Drive and Greenway Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Robert Costa, Borough Engineer via resolution #15-230 dated June 15, 2015 in the amount of \$8,600.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services for the design and inspection catch basin at 284 Kensington Road, Wayne Avenue, the intersection of Elm Avenue and Concord Drive and Greenway Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1806-450 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes, biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting.....	\$ 75.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination

of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and  
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as  
"Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local  
Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person  
authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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#15-300 Amend Agreement with Rogut McCarthy LLC, 27 Alden Street,  
Cranford, New Jersey 07016-2167 for Professional Services to Serve the  
Borough of River Edge as Bond Counsel

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Bond Counsel for the Borough  
of River Edge to provide services such as preparation of bond  
resolutions and bond ordinances and closing documents as well as  
assistance with the official statement and the sale of short and long  
term debt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a  
contract to Rogut McCarthy LLC via resolution #15-08 dated January 5,  
2015 in the amount of \$3,000.00,

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for Bond Counsel  
Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified  
in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed  
\$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Rogut McCarthy LLC has completed and submitted a  
Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they  
have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate  
committee in the Borough of River Edge elected officials in the  
previous one year, which would prohibit the award of this contract and  
that the contract will prohibit Rogut McCarthy LLC from making any  
reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes,  
biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other  
factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this  
contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are  
available from Account #04/2150/55/1807/100 of the Capital Fund not to  
exceed \$5,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the  
Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute  
the attached agreement with Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street,  
Cranford, New Jersey 07016-2167 in the amount not to exceed  
\$5,000.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination  
of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a  
"Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the  
Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a  
person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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Councilwoman Murphy-stated that there was a suggestion to change  
the date from August to November to June to November and asked if  
that change could be reflected in this resolution.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that the resolution was just for this  
year and next year they will adopt an ordinance going forward.  
He further explained that the resolution was put on so we could  
get it done quickly for this year.

Councilwoman Busted-recommended that the title should say "approval to permit sidewalk sales on Fridays and Saturdays". Tom Sarlo, Esq.- stated that the resolution has that.

#15-301 Approval to Permit Sidewalk Sales on Saturdays from August 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has enacted a streets and sidewalks ordinance in order to regulate the sale of goods on streets and sidewalks in the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, certain changes need to be amended in said ordinance in order to encourage business growth and sales in the present economic environment, and to update the ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is desirous of permitting sidewalk sales for the remainder of 2015 prior to the adoption of an ordinance permitting sidewalk sales;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to establish rules and regulations for sidewalk sales within the Commercial Retail Districts; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of rules and regulations for sidewalk sales will assist the merchants in the Commercial Retail District to market their merchandise and enhance the esthetic beauty and safety objective of the Borough of River Edge;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that sidewalk sales shall be permitted by any retail or commercial establishment, conditioned upon the following:

A. PERMITTED SIDEWALK SALES

Sidewalk sales are permitted on all Fridays and Saturdays, including Holidays, during the period of August 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015, by any retail or commercial establishment where goods or services are sold upon the public right-of-way, namely, the sidewalks immediately in front of any place of business where the goods or services are sold. No merchandise may be displayed in the public right-of-way on non sidewalk sales days.

B. SIDEWALK

That area of the public right-of-way reserved for the pedestrian traffic from the curb to the front line of the building housing the retail or commercial establishment.

C. MINIMUM UNOBSTRUCTED SIDEWALK

Merchandise, inventory and goods, which are offered for sale within a store, may be displayed in front of the exterior store front within the public right-of-way in the Commercial Retail Districts.

Merchandise displayed within the public right-of-way must not occupy more than the merchant's store front width. Merchants may not use any portion of contiguous property owner's property to display merchandise. The display shall not obstruct the store front entrance. The top of the display shall not be higher than 8 feet about the sidewalk surface.

Merchandise displayed within the public right-of-way must not obstruct pedestrian traffic. A minimum of 4 feet must be maintained for pedestrian traffic to pass unobstructed in front of the store front displaying merchandise in the public right-of way.

Merchandise may not be attached to trees or utility poles. All merchandise must be removed at the end of each sidewalk sale day and placed indoors or off the public right-of-way. Temporary supports to display merchandise, such as racks, tables, carts and shelves must also be removed at the end of each sidewalk sale day.

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#15-302 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2013 and 2014 Taxes Due to a New Jersey Tax Court Judgment

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on 5/8/15 and the same was received 6/16/15 by the tax office reducing the Assessed Value on the property owned by Korath, Susan & James, known as Block 308, Lot 15 located at 712 Eighth Avenue for the years 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 and 2014 taxes were paid in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor issue a check in the following amount and Tax Collector adjust her records accordingly.

<u>BL/Lot</u>	<u>Old Value</u>	<u>New Value</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Refund</u>
308/15	600,300	575,000	2013	792.40
308/15	600,300	575,000	2014	815.42
Total:				\$1,607.82

Make check payable to: Bruce J. Stavitsky/James & Susan Korath  
350 Passaic Avenue  
Fairfield, NJ 07004

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#15-303 Change Order #1 Approval and Amendatory Contract for the 2015 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program to J.A. Alexander, Inc., 130-158 John F. Kennedy Drive North, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.2 lists the requirements for all Change Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge awarded a contract to J.A. Alexander, Inc. on May 18, 2015 via resolution #15-198; and

WHEREAS Change Order #1 reflects the reconstruction of four (4) catch basins at \$1,550.00 each; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended the above change.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1806-500 of the Capital Fund in an amount not to exceed \$6,200.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge shall enter into a written amendatory contract with J.A. Alexander, Inc., 130-158 John F. Kennedy Drive North, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 for Change Order #1 in the increased amount of \$6,200.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exact form of this amendatory contract shall be at the discretion of the Borough Attorney and the Mayor and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute said contract, and Change Order #1.

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#15-304 Authorize Refund from Recreation Dedicated Account

WHEREAS, residents had signed their children up for the Camp Program and various trips; and

WHEREAS, the children were unable to attend these programs and trips; and

WHEREAS, the residents had paid in full for these programs; and  
WHEREAS, a refund will be made to the following:

Julia Lee 178 Reservoir Ave. River Edge, NJ 07661	(Camp Fee & 2 Trips)	\$206.00
Gina Celentano 287 Jefferson Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	(Camp Trip)	\$ 18.00
Bianca Lesmes 4 Warwick Court River Edge, NJ 07661	(Camp Fee)	\$170.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a total of \$394.00 be refunded from the Recreation Dedicated Account for the above listed residents.

August 3, 2015

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#15-305 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Seventh Avenue

WHEREAS, on or about August 3, 2015, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Cindy Bequeaith, 745 Seventh Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Seventh Avenue between Webb Avenue and Continental Avenue on Saturday, October 10, 2015 (rain date October 11<sup>th</sup>) starting at 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bequeaith has requested that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages be permitted in connection with said block party; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that persons age 21 and over be and hereby are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages at the block party described above, on the date and time specified herein.

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#15-306 Amend Certification of Chief Financial Officer with Regard to the Contract with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer Related to the Installation of Barrier Free Curbs at Various Crosswalk Locations in the Borough on Kinderkamack Road

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2014 via resolution #14-205, the Borough of River Edge awarded a contract to Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for the professional services related to the installation of barrier free curbs at various crosswalk locations in the Borough and amended on March 16, 2015 via resolution #15-126; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the contract was \$45,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer had certified that funds were available from Account #04-2150-55-1806-550 of the Capital Fund in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00; and

WHEREAS, an error was made in the certification of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby accept the revised certification of funds provided by the Chief Financial Officer which indicates that \$45,000.00 is available from Account #04-2150-55-1806-100 of the Capital Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Clerk are hereby instructed to adjust their records accordingly.

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Councilman Mignone read resolution #15-307 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #15-307.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

#15-307 Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, vouchers for the payment of goods and services rendered to the Borough of River Edge have been received; and

WHEREAS, each bill has been checked by the receiving department, approved by the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk and reviewed by the three members of the Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that bills as listed now be confirmed for payment from the appropriate funds as follows:

CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$8,570,242.30
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 49,594.27
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 11,089.69
SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$ 1,419.10
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 12,831.44
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 7,161.86
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPER ACCOUNT	\$ 3,043.75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that claims read and approved by the Governing Body at a Council meeting will be dated the day after the reading of those claims and will appear on the following bill list at the next public meeting of the Mayor and Council at which times claims would be paid.

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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

Patrick Smith, Keehn Landscaping-had made a request on behalf of the owner to construct a fence on borough property next to 42 Lincoln Avenue. He explained the reason for the request and the process of how they would construct the fence.

Councilman Mignone-asked if they're making this request because there is insufficient room on his own property?

Patrick Smith-said that it's a height issue because of the way the land slopes.

Councilman Acquafredda-feels that if they do that they'll basically have a nine foot high fence.

Patrick Smith-replied, on his side correct, but on the town's right of way it would be six feet.

Councilman Acquafredda-feels that this is something that should be discussed and decided on at the Zoning Board not by the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Moscaritolo-feels that because it's on Borough property it should be

decided by the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Mignone-suggested that he apply to the Zoning Board to put a nine foot fence on his own property.

Zsombor Antal-42 Lincoln Avenue-explained that he would rather not do that because if they construct a fence a foot from the wall, there would be a one foot wide channel that would collect garbage.

Councilman Acquafredda-suggested that he fill the channel in so that garbage would not collect there.

Councilman Mignone-stated that the Borough is responsible for maintaining their own property so if there was debris there, the Borough would be responsible for cleaning it up.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that one of the considerations when dealing with providing an easement on public property to a private landowner is that the easement would be in perpetuity and would tie the hands of future Council's should they have plans to improve this easement and open it up for parking on Grove Street. Although there are no plans right now, they've already discussed it at prior meetings but if they open up the easement for people to use the back of their buildings, we would have to put a guardrail on the wall to prevent cars from falling into his back yard and a fence would interfere with that. The Mayor stated that they will discuss it and take everything into consideration.

Alan Toplitz-54 Lakeview Street-stated that he is here to request assistance with the property next door.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if this is the property with various out buildings?

Alan Toplitz-replied yes, six sheds. He continued to say that they had originally started inquiries over a year ago, didn't get a response and felt that they were getting the run around. Mr. Toplitz did receive a call from Mr. DeRosa who was very helpful. He feels there are several code violations and thinks that they are running a business out of this residentially zoned property. They get constant deliveries and some of the product is taken into the home but most of the products that are delivered go into the garage and the sheds. He continued to say that most of the debris from their jobs end up on the side of the house and every morning the workers show up and load the trucks. Other problems include the six sheds and the nine foot fence which is two feet off the ground which was placed in front of an old fence. Mr. Toplitz stated that the real issue was that they were feeling that they were getting no response from the Borough.

Ruth Toplitz-felt that they wanted to inform the Mayor and Council of what was actually going on next to their property.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if the fence is a nine foot fence or a six foot fence that is three feet off the ground?

Ruth Toplitz-replied that it's a six foot fence that's three feet off the ground.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that they did hear from Mr. Skerbetz who explained that he has issued a notice of violation to the property owner to remove 3 sheds. He also recommended that the Council take a look at our ordinance because right now there is no restriction regarding the number of accessory structures you can have in your back yard. The Mayor continued to say that this may be an example of an abuse of that privilege and maybe they should take a look at the ordinance and craft it in a way to avoid this situation from reoccurring.

Alan Toplitz-his understanding of the ordinance is that you can only have 30% of the area covered or 150 square feet, whichever is less.

Councilman Acquafredda-feels that the ordinance is fine but it needs to be enforced.

Ruth Toplitz-asked if there is a policy on communication? Mrs. Toplitz feels frustrated because they first complained about this problem in April and haven't heard from anyone until August. She said that Mr. DeRosa has been very helpful.

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that there is a policy that when you make a complaint, that there be a response from the appropriate official. Usually what happens if there is no response from a public official, the property owner will begin to use the website to contact a Council person or the Mayor.

Ruth Toplitz-said that she was on the River Dell Board of Education for 18 years so she's aware of the process and she didn't want to step on anyone's toes. She feels that the process failed miserably. She thanked the Mayor and Council for hearing them this evening.

Mayor Moscaritolo-thanked Mr. & Mrs. Toplitz for providing them with such a detailed explanation of what is going on next door to them.

Ruth Toplitz-stated that they were planning to put their home on the

market and their real estate agent told them that they would take a big hit because of the property next door.

Councilman Acquafredda- asked if they had received a copy of the letter from Mr. Skerbetz dated July 29<sup>th</sup>?

Ruth Toplitz-replied, yes.

Councilman Acquafredda-stated that the letter does not address the fence.

Ruth Toplitz-agreed and said that he was unaware of it but they did address it with him and he did do a site visit.

Councilman Acquafredda-stated that he just wants to make sure that when they go to the Zoning Board, they address the shed and more importantly the fence.

Lou Grasso-848 Kinderkamack Road-stated that with regard to the land next to 42 Lincoln Avenue, he agreed that it might affect future plans by putting an obstacle in the way.

Cindy Bequeaith-745 Seventh Avenue-stated that she is happy that we have a Farmer's Market but has concerns with the amount of cars that are parked on Continental Avenue. She said that because there are so many cars parked there, it makes it difficult for pedestrians to cross the street safely. She's noticed that many people are crossing between parked cars not by the crosswalk at the corner of Elm Avenue. She recommends that they hire someone to help with the flow of traffic and pedestrian crossings.

Councilwoman Murphy-feels it would be helpful if there was an actual walkway that went from the middle of the street in front of Memorial Park. She also suggested some type of mechanism or sign to slow traffic down.

Cindy Bequeaith-suggested a crosswalk or a sign on the day of the market advising motorists of pedestrian crossings.

Councilwoman Murphy-explained that they have discussed the issue.

Councilman Acquafredda-suggested possibly placing a crossing guard at the location.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that it's a natural way for people to cross the street in an area that's really not that safe.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that they did have the Police Reserves there at some point because right now we have no budget.

Cindy Bequeaith-suggested painting a line across the street and place a cone there.

Councilwoman Murphy-thought that was a good idea and thanked Mrs. Bequeaith for her comments.

Cindy Bequeaith-voiced another concern on behalf of her neighbors. She complained that the owners on the corner of Continental and Seventh Avenues, park their three cars on Seventh Avenue right as you turn the corner from Continental making it very dangerous. She asked if there is something in the ordinance or could a sign be posted saying "No Parking Here to Corner" on the end of the street so that people could come in and out of Continental without worrying about hitting something.

Councilwoman Busted-stated that the Traffic & Safety Committee could discuss this topic at their next meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilwoman Busted said that she will add it to the agenda and asked Mrs. Bequeaith if she could put something in writing.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked Mrs. Bequeaith to address the letter to the attention of the Traffic & Safety Committee. The Mayor explained that a traffic officer will go out and take a look at the area and make a recommendation to the committee.

Cindy Bequeaith-commented on the possibility of have a prescription drop box and stated that several years ago she researched where she could dispose of needles and found that there were two area hospitals that would take them. She said that she knows several residents who are diabetics that aren't able to dispose of the needles properly and asked if the Mayor and Council would consider some type of container for this as well?

Councilwoman Busted-stated that she will have that listed on the agenda for the September Board of Health meeting. She thanked Mrs. Bequeaith for the suggestion.

Cindy Bequeaith-commented that there is a large tree on Seventh Avenue that is hollow inside and asked if the Shade Tree Commission has a plan to look at the trees.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that she is familiar with the tree she is speaking about but noted that it is on private property.

Cindy Bequeaith-said that there are many trees around town in that condition and asked if the Shade Tree Commission has a plan.

Councilwoman Murphy- explained that we can't predict what is going to happen and with that particular tree, it looked healthy but was damaged during a storm.

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that the Borough only has jurisdiction over public trees. He suggested that if a tree is dead, she could notify the

neighbor or contact the Code Enforcer. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Bequeaith for being the eyes and ears of the neighborhood.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Mignone to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:33 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola was absent.

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Resolution #15-308 and #15-309 approved in the work session meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #15-308 and #15-309.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Mignone voted no and Councilman Cappola was absent.

#15-308 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Modified Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #12-200 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 27, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge approved a plan for the development of recreational parks (Bogert Road Passive Park, aka Cherry Blossom Park) via resolution #14-98 MOE \$26,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to modify these plans to provide for a reallocation of funds for a plan on file with the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, this matter was discussed at a work session of the Governing Body on August 3, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Recreation Commission Plan as modified by this resolution and on file with the Borough Clerk, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body approves the addition of the above listed plans in the amount from 2015 unauthorized \$23,000.00 to DOE \$23,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Recreation Commission.

August 3, 2015

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#15-309 Award Contract to Downes Tree Service, 65 Royal Avenue,  
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 for the Cherry Blossom Park Improvement  
Project, Phase 1

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2015 (3) sealed bids were received for the  
Cherry Blossom Park Improvement Project, Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid was received from Downes Tree Service in  
the amount of \$113,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid documents have been reviewed by the Consulting  
Engineer and the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at a  
work session on August 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are  
available from Account #04-2150-55-1806-250 of the Capital Fund in the  
amount of \$26,000.00, Account #04-2150-55-1811-200 of the Capital Fund  
in the amount of \$52,000.00, Account #14-98 DOE in the amount of  
\$26,000.00 and Account #15-308 DOE in the amount of \$23,000.00 for a  
total amount not to exceed \$127,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract is hereby  
awarded to Downes Tree Service, 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey  
07506 in the amount not to exceed \$113,200.00 and the Mayor and Clerk  
are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

August 3, 2015

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: