

M I N U T E S
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Mignone called for a moment of silent prayer and asked everyone to remember Lindsey Manzelli, daughter of Tybe and Joseph Manzelli as well as Art Arrigo, husband of Borough Clerk Stephanie Evans. The Mayor asked Council President Tom Papaleo to lead the salute to the flag.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Mayor Mignone read the statement under the Sunshine Law as follows: "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 18, 2015 to THE RECORD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk".

ROLL CALL - Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Work Session meeting of December 21, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Bartelloni abstained.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted, to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Sine Die meeting of January 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Acquafredda and Councilwoman Murphy abstained.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Acquafredda and Councilwoman Murphy abstained.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring January 24th through January 30th as Catholic Schools Week as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, St. Peter Academy plays an important role in our community by furnishing our leaders of tomorrow with basic human, moral and spiritual foundations; and

WHEREAS, St. Peter Academy strengthens the community and nation by keeping viable the right to freedom of religion, under law; and

WHEREAS, St. Peter Academy is intended to fulfill the threefold purpose of message,

community and service; and

WHEREAS, the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) has declared the week of January 24, 2016 through January 30, 2016 as Catholic Schools Week in the United States of America, with their theme being

"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge & Service."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim:

January 24th through January 30, 2016 as:

Catholic Schools Week
In
River Edge, New Jersey

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of River Edge to be affixed this January 19, 2016.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: January 19, 2016

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Principal Jim McCarthy and members of the St. Peter's Student Council.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

NOMINATION TO FILL COUNCIL SEAT

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the letter from James Arakelian, Chairman - River Edge Republican County Committee addressed to the Mayor and Council as follows:

Dear Mayor and Council:

In anticipation of Councilman Edward Mignone's seat becoming vacant, please accept the following three names for consideration.

Ms. Delia Carroll - 788 Millbrook Road, River Edge
Mr. William Watkins - 918 Bogert Road, River Edge
Mr. Ian Dorris - 759 Summit Avenue, River Edge

I hereby certify that all registered republicans and currently reside at the above street address.

Very truly yours,

James Arakelian, Chairman - River Edge Republican County Committee

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni to nominate Delia Carroll to fill the Council seat vacated by Councilman Edward Mignone.

No second on Councilman Bartelloni's nomination.

Motion by Council President Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Acquafredda to nominate Ian Doris to fill the Council seat vacated by Councilman Edward Mignone.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Bartelloni voted no.

Council President Papaleo - during the roll call vote, Council President Papaleo questioned Councilman Bartelloni as to why he would vote no for a republican candidate and apologized for putting him on the spot.

Ian Doris-thanked everyone for choosing him and feels honored and humbled. He has a lot of respect for those who sit on the dais and realizes the amount of time and effort that goes into it. Mr. Doris stated that after much consideration, he doesn't believe that he is in a position to accept the nomination due to business and personal reasons. He doesn't feel that he can give the position his full effort at this time, so he is declining the nomination.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that after doing some research, the goal is to fill the seat as soon as possible so that Borough business can continue. He explained that the statute is a gray area because it references a resignation and Mr. Doris did not resign but declined the position. Mr. Sarlo said that there is no case on point but there are some cases that guide him that if the Mayor and Council had enough time to vet the three candidates then the nomination should be for the next choice.

Councilman Papaleo-asked, "wouldn't that suggest that we've not really been given three names?" He explained that nothing has changed with regard to the hours of Council meetings, length of meetings and the Borough's bylaws so he's questioning why Mr. Doris would allow his name to be considered as a viable candidate. Councilman Papaleo feels that because they did not nominate the candidate that the Republican Party wanted, we're now being forced to choose from a smaller list of two names instead of three.

Mayor Mignone-stated that he didn't hear Mr. Doris say that he came to this decision prior to having his name on the list. It is his impression that Mr. Doris came to his conclusion as of late.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that not even a month has passed and he has gone from "I wish to be a Council member" to "I don't". He feels that the list was not created with three viable candidates.

Mayor Mignone-stated that the letter was dated December 16th. The Mayor stated that this is where we are and Mr. Sarlo is recommending that they make a nomination.

Tom Sarlo, Esq. - agreed

Councilman Papaleo-asked Mr. Sarlo if they nominate someone else and that person also refuses, they would have to accept the third person which means that it wasn't a real list.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that there's a case on point that it got to the third name and the Council argued that there should have been two additional names submitted. He continued to say that the court held that no, there were three names there and they need to choose off those three names absent anything that Councilman Papaleo is inquiring about, that the three names were not legitimate names. He stated that in this particular case, the three names were submitted to the Mayor and Council and at the Reorg meeting, the Mayor changed the dates of when they met and the one candidate said that he would not be able to make the dates and declined the nomination. The courts found that it was a legitimate reason. Mr. Sarlo stated that he is not in a position to decide or judge whether Mr. Doris' reason for declining

the nomination is a valid at this point in time. He suggests that they put up a second name and see where it goes.

Councilman Papaleo-asked what would happen if that person also refuses without cause?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-suggested that the Mayor and Council then can challenge whether the third person was a viable nomination. He does not have the authority, as the Borough Attorney, to say whether the list is valid or not. He stated that it would be up to a judge to determine whether three additional names would have to be submitted.

Motion by Council President Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Acquafredda to nominate William Watkins to fill the Council seat vacated by Councilman Edward Mignone.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy abstained.

Mayor Mignone-stated that Mr. Watkins is not here.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that Mr. Watkins cannot take the seat until he is sworn in.

Jim Arakelian-stated that he received a letter this evening from Mr. Watkins regarding his health, that he feels the Mayor and Council should see.

Mayor Mignone-asked Mr. Arakelian to identify himself.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-asked Mr. Arakelian if he could see the letter? He asked if this letter was submitted in advance and was he withdrawing his name from consideration? Mr. Sarlo continued to say that if he is withdrawing his name from consideration, then an additional name needs to be put on the list.

Councilwoman Murphy-feels that they need 30 more days and three more names.

Councilman Papaleo- stated that this does not appear to be accidental. He understands that Bill is sick, but he has been sick for quite a long time. He feels that a decision has been made by the Republican Party to create a list that would then be declined for two of the nominees for reasons in regards to what the council's schedule or operation is.

Mayor Mignone-stated that he would give more credence to that if the Council had requested that the three candidates be brought in so that they could have interviewed them.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that he was not advised by the Mayor or Attorney that this was the procedure, especially because they did not follow that procedure with Mr. Haggis. He understands the Mayor's argument but it seems like it's an argument intended to justify a behavior that we are now seeing today.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that he is saddened that Mr. Watkins is ill, but the letter which was typed up is not dated, signed or notarized. He stated that if they decide to accept this letter, he certainly would not question it. Mr. Sarlo stated that he reads it as he's withdrawing his name from consideration and if that's the case, it leaves only two names. He wished that the Mayor and Council would have seen this ahead of time. He stated that obviously Mr. Watkins didn't know he would be nominated, he wrote the letter saying that he's aware that he's being considered and will not be able to perform the duties. If that's the case, then that leaves them with two nominees and the party should submit an additional candidate to be considered in place of Mr. Watkins.

Jim Arakelian-stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Watkins this evening informing him that there is a possibility that he would be nominated. Mr. Watkins told him that if he's chosen, he can't do it.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that that's not what it says. He explained that this is a letter that was submitted prior to the process not after the fact.

Mayor Mignone-doesn't see any difference the way the procedure went with Mr. Doris who was nominated, seconded and approved and stood up and declined. If Mr. Watkins was here and had done the same thing, we would have the same exact situation. He's looking at it as the same process again. It's either right on both counts or wrong on both counts.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that he submitted a letter saying that he's withdrawing his name from consideration before the Mayor and Council was able to consider him. It was told that he drafted the letter today so it was not submitted until after the fact, which then gives credence to Councilman Papaleo's argument. He continued to say that

if he's saying that he's withdrawing his name from consideration, the letter should have been delivered beforehand.

Jim Arakelian-stated that had he not been nominated, he would not have had to submit the letter to the Council.

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that the name had already been given to them, which would mean that Mr. Arakelian nominated him. If he had been given the opportunity to speak prior to anything happening after Mr. Doris, it would have given him the opportunity to present this letter. They would have known at that point, that he had declined and there would not have been a vote. She feels that if he had been given the opportunity to speak we wouldn't have had to go through this.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-said that if the Mayor and Council want to consider this sufficient, then it's sufficient,

Councilman Papaleo-stated that it's not dated, it's not signed, it's not notarized and he's not here. He doesn't think that they can accept the letter because it's hearsay.

Mayor Mignone-asked Mr. Sarlo if he would recommend that we have to have another nomination?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that his concern is, did he withdraw his name from consideration prior to the Mayor and Council putting a nomination up. If he withdrew his name from consideration prior to the Mayor and Council putting his name up, not after the fact, it changes it because now he's saying that I don't wish to be part of it.

Mayor Mignone-asked if he's saying that they have to submit two additional names because Mr. Doris has withdrawn, or is it only one? He asked for guidance in order to proceed.

Jim Arakelian-stated that if this letter is not acceptable for his withdrawal now, then it shouldn't be acceptable because of it has no date and signature at all. He offered to bring in a notarized copy.

Mayor Mignone-stated that that's not what Mr. Sarlo is saying. He continued to say that you're in a position that two of the three candidates have withdrawn.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that the way he reads the letter is that he's withdrawing his name from consideration not withdrawing his name from the nomination as Mr. Doris did. Mr. Doris was nominated and came up and said that he cannot accept the nomination which is different. He stated that this is a letter stating that he cannot be considered and if his name is withdrawn from consideration, then his name is no longer part of the three names on the list.

Jim Arakelian-again stated that if they feel that this letter is not valid because of a lack of signature or notary, he will withdraw the letter now.

Mayor Mignone-stated that the end result will be the same.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-said that now that it's in front of us, we can't ignore it.

Councilman Bartelloni-feels that they would only need to provide one additional name, not two given the fact that we followed the procedure with Mr. Doris.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that he would have to agree with that. He feels that Mr. Doris's name is still valid and that the only name that needs to be replaced is Mr. Watkins because he's withdrawing his name from consideration. Mr. Doris did not withdraw his name from consideration, he declined the nomination. So now you're only left with only one name and you only had two to pick from out of three.

Mayor Mignone-asked if there is a vacancy or does the 30 day clock start again?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied from the time that they submit the three names or additional name, they have 30 days.

Mayor Mignone-asked what are the parameters for them to give us the names? The Mayor asked if we don't act tonight, does that mean that if the 30 days elapses without the vacancy being filled, could the County Committee select someone?

Mayor Mignone-asked what is the best path for the Borough to follow?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied that the best path would be to fill the Council seat as soon as possible because it's important to have a full Council to run the operations of the Borough. Also, to follow the procedural requirements and as he is reading it, Mr. Watkins does not want to be considered so therefore an additional name should be submitted and then the Mayor and Council should act upon.

Councilman Papaleo-asked "within 30 days?"

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied yes, within the 30 days.

Councilman Papaleo-asked, "30 days from the submission of the names"?

Mayor Mignone-stated that it is his understanding that you only get 15 days from the submission of the initial list.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that you have 30 days to fill the vacancy,

you have 15 days thereafter. He told the Mayor that he is correct, that you have 15 days from the time it is submitted to basically fill the vacancy.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if that would be at the next council meeting? Would they start at that time with the 30 days?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that you have 15 days from the day the letter is submitted to act upon it.

Councilman Papaleo-thought Mr. Sarlo had told him there were two concurrent dates: they had 15 days to submit a name from the date of the resignation and we have 30 days from the date of the resignation.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied no, it's 30 days total.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if they submit a name tomorrow, we only have 15 days?

Mayor Mignone-stated that it means that at the next council meeting, we have to act.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied yes, that's correct.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if we picked someone on the list and that person again resigns, it would it give credence to the questionability of the list and a possible court case?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied, hypothetically yes.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that he would like to resolve this as quickly as they can and feels that any discussions about court or incurring legal fees is not in the best interest of the Borough.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that it's not in the best interest of the Borough to put forth three names and two of them not being viable.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that it is in the best interest of the Borough to have a qualified person sit in that seat and we're not judging the qualifications of the people because we've never actually interviewed them. He continued to say that what's in the best interest of the Borough is to have a full council and trying to resolve it as expeditiously as possible.

Councilman Papaleo-suggested that they interview the two nominees at the next council meeting.

Jim Arakelian-stated that there hasn't been a precedent on this, we have filled council seats for the 30 years that he's been in town, never had interviews and never had an issue where the council failed to nominate.

Mayor Mignone asked if the Council will allow Mr. Arakelian to make a statement?

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to allow Mr. Arakelian to make a statement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

James Arakelian-213 Woodland Avenue-Republican County Committee

Chairman-stated that in submitting the three names, each party is aware how difficult it is to find people to serve. He approached his County Committee asking for recommendations and Bill Watkins came forward and said that if he had to he would do it but really doesn't want to but he would submit his name. After speaking with Ian Doris, he said that he would give it a try, although he was starting a new practice, offered to put his name up. He approached Ms. Carroll who works for the County Department of Parks and has a Masters degree in Public Administration and he thought she would be a great candidate to sit on the dais and she agreed to submit her name. Mr. Arakelian continued to say that since then, Bill has gotten ill and Ian's workload has increased significantly and just doesn't have the time. He feels that they have a viable candidate and has never seen this happen before. He feels that Ms. Carroll is wonderful candidate who is educated and well spoken and is dumbfounded that no one would second Councilman Bartelloni's nomination.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that the letter is not addressed to the Mayor and Council, it is addressed to Mr. Arakelian. So if the letter is addressed to him, he's withdrawing his name to you, not to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Sarlo stated that to him, by Mr. Watkins addressing the letter to Mr. Arakelian, he's withdrawing from consideration.

Jim Arakelian-explained that this letter only came about because he called Mr. Watkins and informed him that there's a chance that he might be nominated tonight. Mr. Watkins told him that because he was so ill, he would not be able to do it. Mr. Arakelian told him to send

a letter in case he was nominated and approved he could submit the letter to the Mayor and Council that he was unable to serve.

Mayor Mignone-explained that as Mr. Sarlo said, had the letter been addressed to the Mayor and Council and worded to the effect that if he was the nominee of the Council, he would have to decline.

Jim Arakelian-said that he believes he did that in error. He is willing to withdraw the letter that he presented and have Mr. Watkins do it the proper way and present it at the next meeting.

Mayor Mignone-said that he doesn't know if they can do that.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that he wrote the letter and Mr. Arakelian presented it to them, but the way he is interpreting the letter is that because the letter is addressed to Mr. Arakelian, he's withdrawing his name from consideration of the Mayor and Council.

Jim Arakelian-said that was not his intention.

Mayor Mignone-stated that as of now, Mr. Watkins was dually nominated and approved by the Council, is that correct?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied, yes that is correct, but now we have a letter stating that he is withdrawing his name from consideration. Mr. Sarlo stated that you can't just disregard this letter now. Although they've nominated him, they've received a letter stating that he is not able to serve.

Mayor Mignone-asked if that is the proper procedure and does it create a vacancy?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied, no if the Mayor and Council want to have Mr. Watkins nomination stay, giving him the ability to clarify and decline the nomination, they would be back to the last name that they would have to act upon.

Mayor Mignone-asked if we would have to have another name to nominate?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied, no, unless the Mayor and Council are saying "Mr. Sarlo, this an ambiguous letter and we want to give Mr. Watkins to ability to decline the nomination".

Councilwoman Murphy-feels that if you agree to put your name on the list you should expect that they could be chosen.

Jim Arakelian-stated that at the time the three names were submitted, all three thought they were viable candidates.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he has doubt about that. He continued to say that since he received communication that it was Mr. Arakelian's desire from early January to have Della Carroll as their candidate, he feels that it looks like it was orchestrated and was an intention to act in good faith.

Jim Arakelian-said "Mr. Papaleo, you can say what you wish, the fact of the matter is three viable names were submitted".

Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo-both replied, "they were not viable".

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that Mr. Haggis has been in the audience the whole time and asked why his name was not put up?

Jim Arakelian-said that he was not nominated by County Committee.

Councilman Papaleo -stated that he thinks it's reasonable for them to expect another name.

Mayor Mignone-asked Mr. Sarlo for guidance on how to resolve this?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.- explained that they have two choices. If they feel that the letter that they have in front of them from Mr. Watkins is a letter withdrawing his name from consideration then the party would have to submit an additional name to consider. If they feel that this letter is ambiguous and you want his nomination to stand, then the nomination stands and he takes the oath of office and if then choses to decline the nomination, the Mayor and Council would have to move on to the third name.

Mayor Mignone-asked the Council how they want to proceed?

Councilwoman Murphy-would like them to submit another name.

Mayor Mignone-stated that that's not the question.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that the question is whether they agree that this letter is a request to withdraw his name from consideration.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that he doesn't believe Mr. Arakelian would misrepresent this and asked him if he in fact received this letter from Mr. Watkins?

Jim Arakelian-said that he received this email from Mr. Watkins after speaking with him on the phone. His intention was to give the letter to the Mayor and Council if he was nominated. He said that he printed the email off of his phone.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if we are reading a word for word email?

Jim Arakelian-replied, yes word for word.

Councilman Papaleo-asked the Borough Clerk to read Mr. Watkins letter into the record.

Stephanie Evans read the letter as follows:

Jim,

Our visit to the VA Vascular Service today did not result in good news. This directly affect your placing of my name before the borough Council as a potential member of that body.

As you know, I recently told Bobbi Conway I probably would not be able to attend meetings of the Special Events Committee. I had just been informed by the VA Podiatry office that I would need additional surgery on my right foot. I would have to stay off the foot as much as possible before and after.

I told Joe Maugeri I would have to perform my duties as VFW Quartermaster from home. I have stepped back from my duties with the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, Military Officers Association, County Veterans Committee, etc!

Today's news was worse. Vascular says my right leg is in worse condition than we thought. They will operation Feb 10 to attempt to open arteries in my right leg. If that does not work, more serious operations will follow.

As you can see, I am looking forward to, at best, an interesting few months. My ability to perform as a member of the Council would be zero!

I thank you, the County Committee and the Council for your kind consideration. Sadly, there is no way I could perform.

I know you have also submitted Della Carroll's name. Her educational background is about the best I've seen ever in a person being considered for Council. More than that, her work background and record of performance are extremely impressive. She has my full support.

William D Watkins

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that an email has a time stamp and this letter has no time stamp at all.

Jim Arakelian-stated that it doesn't have a time stamp when you print it from your phone.

Mayor Mignone-asked for a motion from the Council.

Councilwoman Busted-understands it to be that he's withdrawing his name.

Mayor Mignone-asked if a motion to reconsider the nomination would be in order?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.- stated that they would deem that the list is not complete.

Mayor Mignone-asked if we need to undo Mr. Watkins approval?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied, procedurally, yes. He would rescind the motion appointing Mr. Watkins on the basis that he withdrew his name from consideration based on the letter that was presented.

Mayor Mignone-asked if there is a motion?

Jim Arakelian-feels that they're timing may be inappropriate.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if the correct procedure would be to have a motion to accept the letter as a withdrawal from the County Committee list.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to accept the letter as a withdrawal from the County Committee list.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Bartelloni voted no.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Acquafredda to rescind the nomination of Bill Watkins as a Council replacement for the River Edge Town Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Mayor Mignone- asked Mr. Sarlo if it is his recommendation to the Council that the Republican County Committee submit an additional name to replace Mr. Watkins, and the Council has 15 days after submission of the new list to take action.

Tom Sarlo, Esq. - replied, that's correct.

Mayor Mignone-asked that the list be submitted to Stephanie, the Borough Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the resignation of Kathy Caslin from the Citizen's Budget Committee, effective January 6, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the resignation of Thomas Smith, Emergency Management Coordinator, effective December 31, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the salary increase of Lisa Hessman, Office Manager/Administrative Assistant, from an annual salary of \$52,036.00 to \$52,516.00 due to a longevity increase from \$480.00 to \$960.00, effective August 28, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the salary increase of Eric Phillips, Tree Trimmer II in the Department of Public Works from an annual Step I salary of \$53,806.00 to Step II - \$54,192.00, effective February 2, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the resignation of Maria Pomerantz, Police Department Records Clerk, effective January 29, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the salary change of Anthony Roman, Patrol Officer from an annual salary of \$53,060.00 to \$61,019.00 due to an increase to Patrol Officer 16th grade, effective February 6, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the salary change of Renata Sanches, Patrol Officer from an annual salary of \$53,060.00 to \$61,019.00 due to an increase to Patrol Officer 16th grade, effective February 7, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the separation of John Mauthe, Police Crossing Guard, effective January 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the separation of Maudeline Clacken, Police Crossing Guard, effective January 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the separation of Nora Tibus, Police Crossing Guard, effective January 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter - County Prosecutor - 1/4/16
Re: Thank you for your service
E-mail - Kathy Caslin - 1/6/16
Re: Letter of Resignation
Letter - Thomas Smith - 1/8/16
Re: Letter of Resignation
Letter - Maria Pomerantz - 1/15/16
Re: Letter of Resignation

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Library Board - January 2016
Fire Prevention - October-December, 2015

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING - NONE

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1847 as follows:

Ordinance #1847 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016 - Department of Public Works

Ordinance #1847 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni at the January 1, 2016 Reorganization Meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1847

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge:

Section 1: The compensation for the full-time employees of the Department of Public Works shall be:

2016

<u>Department of Public Works</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Mechanic I		\$73,779 - \$80,678
General Repairer I		\$71,264 - \$78,172
Equipment Operator I		\$66,726 - \$73,187

Tree Trimmer I	\$66,084 - \$72,483
Mechanic II	\$62,002 - \$67,728
General Repairer II	\$59,923 - \$65,661
Equipment Operator II	\$58,537 - \$65,895
Tree Trimmer II	\$53,806 - \$59,219
Laborer I	\$49,829 - \$56,309
Laborer II	\$29,737 - \$48,969

In addition to the salaries set forth above, all full time employees holding these positions listed herein shall have added to base pay the following percentage computed on the basis of the prevailing salary:

	<u>Date of Employment</u> <u>Pre 7/1/93</u>	<u>Date of Employment</u> <u>Post 7/1/93 - 12/31/10</u>
During:		
5 - 8 years of service -	2%	\$ 480.00
9 -12 years of service -	4%	\$ 960.00
13-16 years of service -	6%	\$ 1,440.00
17-20 years of service -	8%	\$ 1,920.00
21 Plus years of service-	10%	\$ 2,400.00

Section 2. Employees hired after January 1, 2011 shall not be entitled to Longevity Pay.

Section 3. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, Department of Public Works employees of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 108, RWDSU, AFL-CIO Blue Collar Unit for the years January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 108, RWDSU, AFL-CIO Blue Collar Unit for the years January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

Any difference in terms between the above Agreement and Ordinance, the Agreement will be deemed dispositive.

The employee compensation disclosure form shall be made part of any formal action taken by the local unit, but shall not be considered part of any contract or agreement.

Section 4. Compensation for the following part-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2016 is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

<u>Annually</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Bus/Van Driver	\$8.38 - \$18.01
Recycling Caretaker/Litter Enf.	\$8.38 - \$19.80

Section 5: The salaries, wages or compensation of all officers and employees shall be paid in twenty-four (24) installments, or upon presentation of duly executed vouchers as required by law.

Section 6: This ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 2016 when passed and published as required by law.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1847

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to

open public hearing on Ordinance #1847.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1847

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to close public hearing on Ordinance #1847.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1847

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adopt Ordinance #1847.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1848 as follows:

Ordinance #1848 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016 - Non-Contractual Employees

Ordinance #1848 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni at the January 1, 2016 Reorganization Meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1848

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge:

Section 1: The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2016 shall be as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	
	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
<u>POLICE</u>		
Chief		\$100,000 - \$158,650
Secretary		\$ 25,000 - \$ 46,210
Police Dispatcher		\$ 22,300 - \$ 49,475
Records Clerk		\$ 16,150 - \$ 44,375
<u>BOROUGH HALL</u>		
Mayor		\$ 1 - \$ 5,000
Each Council Person		\$ 1 - \$ 4,000
Borough Administrator		\$ 1 - \$ 25,000
Chief Financial Officer		\$ 52,000 - \$143,325
Borough Clerk		\$ 16,150 - \$ 71,400
Deputy Borough Clerk		\$ 16,150 - \$ 55,185
Registrar of Vital Statistics		\$ 1,400 - \$ 2,550
Election Official		\$ 350 - \$ 1,500
Accounts Supervisor		\$ 16,150 - \$ 63,250
Deputy Tax Collector		\$ 550 - \$ 2,070

Technical Assistant to Construction Official	\$ 16,150 - \$ 56,100
Court Administrator	\$ 16,150 - \$ 60,700
Director of Recreation	\$ 16,150 - \$ 54,075

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Superintendent of Public Works	\$ 52,000 - \$141,785
General Foreperson	\$ 45,672 - \$102,950
Road Foreperson	\$ 39,444 - \$ 92,525
Office Manager/Administrative Assistant	\$ 16,150 - \$ 53,550

LIBRARY

Director	\$ 46,050 - \$101,500
Head of Circulation	\$ 25,000 - \$ 51,000
Youth Services	\$ 26,000 - \$ 60,185
Circulation Assistant	\$ 14,500 - \$ 37,750

Section 4. Longevity. In addition to the salaries set forth above, all full time employees holding these positions listed herein shall have added to base pay the following percentage computed on the basis of the prevailing salary:

<u>Date of Employment Pre- 1/1/94</u>	<u>Date of Employment Post - 1/1/94</u> <u>- 7/1/11</u>
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During:

5 - 8 years of service - 2%
 9 -12 years of service - 4%
 13-16 years of service - 6%
 17-20 years of service - 8%
 21 Plus years of service-10%

During:

5 - 8 years of service-2%-not to exceed \$480
 9 -12 years of service-4%-not to exceed \$960
 13-16 years of service-6%-not to exceed \$1,440
 17-20 years of service-10%-not to exceed \$1,920
 21 Plus years of service-10%-not to exceed \$2,400

Section 5. Regular, full-time employees who have been hired after July 1, 2011 shall not be entitled to longevity payments in addition to their salary.

Section 6. Compensation for the following part-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2016 is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Assessor		\$16,650 - \$ 35,550
Construction Official		\$ 2,750 - \$ 16,450
Building & Sub-Code Officer		\$ 2,750 - \$ 11,225
Fire Code Sub-Code Officer		\$ 2,750 - \$ 11,225
Tax Collector		\$16,150 - \$ 58,150
Accounts Payable Clerk	\$8.38-23.25	\$16,150 - \$ 41,100
Payroll Clerk		\$16,150 - \$ 40,800
Accounts Receivable Clerk	\$8.38-\$23.25	
Zoning Officer		\$ 2,750 - \$ 15,300
Building Inspector		\$ 8,000 - \$ 15,300
Temporary Building Inspector	\$8.38-\$31.75	
Plumbing Sub-Code Officer.		\$ 2,750 - \$ 11,725
Electrical Sub-Code Officer		\$ 2,750 - \$ 11,725
Code Enforcer	\$8.38-\$27.75	
Emergency Management Coord.		\$ 2,750 - \$ 12,850
Fire Inspector	\$8.38-\$26.50	\$ 2,750 - \$ 3,675
Fire Official		\$ 8,550 - \$ 19,375
Assessor/Planning/Zoning Clerk	\$8.38-\$23.25	\$13,950 - \$ 33,550
Custodian/Borough Hall		\$13,950 - \$ 26,175
Camp Director(s)		\$ 1,000 - \$ 4,325
Assistant Camp Director		\$ 1,000 - \$ 3,250
Camp Office Manager		\$ 100 - \$ 2,150
Program Coordinator		\$ 100 - \$ 1,450
Activities Coordinator		\$ 100 - \$ 1,200
Arts & Craft Leader		\$ 100 - \$ 1,550
Unit Leader(s)		\$ 100 - \$ 900

Assistant Unit Leaders		\$ 100 - \$ 750
Counselors		\$ 100 - \$ 650
Park Attendant	\$ 8.38-\$22.00	
School Crossing Guards	\$ 8.38-\$20.50	
Health Nurse		\$22,250 - \$ 46,500
Board of Health Secretary	\$ 8.38-\$23.25	
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 8.38-\$39.75	
Municipal Judge.		\$11,100 - \$ 19,275
Prosecutor		\$ 3,300 - \$ 7,525
Bus/Van Driver	\$ 8.38-\$18.05	
Bus/Van Dispatchers	\$ 8.38-\$19.25	
Deputy Court Administrator	\$ 8.38-\$28.25	
Temp.Clerical Employees	\$ 8.38-\$23.25	
Court Officer	\$ 8.38-\$20.50	
Police Matron	\$ 8.38-\$20.50	
Police Dispatcher	\$ 8.38-\$23.25	
Clerk/Typist	\$ 8.38-\$23.25	
Recycling Caretaker/Litter Enf.	\$ 8.38-\$19.80	
Sewer Operator		\$ 600 - \$ 5,600
Extra Laborers	\$ 8.38-\$24.25	
Temporary Acting Superintendent Of Public Works	\$55.00-\$85.00	
Fire Prev./Fire Dept./Emerg. Management Clerk	\$ 8.38-\$23.25	
Library Page	\$ 8.38-\$12.25	
Reference/Technical Services Librarian	\$ 8.38-\$34.50	
Bookkeeper/Secretary	\$ 8.38-\$23.25	
Circulation Assistant	\$ 8.38-\$22.00	
Adult Services Librarian	\$ 8.38-\$31.00	
Court Cashier/Clerk/Data Entry Operator	\$ 8.38-\$28.25	
Tax Collection Clerk	\$ 8.38-\$23.25	
Assistant Tax Collector	\$ 8.38-\$24.25	
Code Inspector	\$ 8.38-\$23.25	
Temporary Court Administrator	\$ 8.38-\$39.75	
Municipal Certified Recycling Coordinator	\$ 8.38-\$28.50	
Historic Preservation Fund Certified Local Grant	\$ 8.38-\$35.00	

Section 7: The compensation for Judges who shall serve in the absence of the Municipal Court Judge, shall be paid whenever required, on a varying scale of ZERO to EIGHTY-FIVE dollars (\$0 - \$85.00) per hour, upon presentation of duly executed voucher as required by law.

Section 8: The compensation for Prosecutors who shall serve in the absence of the Municipal Prosecutor, shall be paid whenever required, on a varying scale of ZERO to EIGHTY-FIVE dollars (\$0 to \$85.00) per hour, upon presentation of duly executed voucher as required by law.

Section 9: In addition to the salaries set forth herein, non-contractual employees of the Borough of River Edge covered under this ordinance shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual adopted by Resolution #83-58, dated March 7, 1983 as amended.

Any difference in terms between the above Manual and Ordinance, the Manual will be deemed dispositive.

Section 10: In addition to the salaries set forth herein, the Borough Administrator of the Borough of River Edge covered under this ordinance shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in his contract as adopted by Resolution #90-70, dated May 7, 1990, and Ordinance #1348, adopted September 4, 2001.

Section 11: In addition to the salaries set forth herein, Library employees of the Borough of River Edge covered under this ordinance shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the River Edge Free Public Library personnel policy.

Any difference in terms between the above policy and ordinance, the policy will be deemed dispositive.

Section 12: The salaries, wages or compensation of all officers and employees shall be paid in twenty-four (24) installments, or upon presentation of duly executed vouchers as required by law.

Section 13: This ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 2016 when passed and published as required by law.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1848

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Ordinance #1848.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1848

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to close public hearing on Ordinance #1848.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1848

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adopt Ordinance #1848.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of ordinance #1849 as follows:

Ordinance #1849 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016 - Police Department

Ordinance #1849 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni at the January 1, 2016 Reorganization Meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1849

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge:

Section 1: The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hire before October 1, 2007 for the year 2016 shall be as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>Annually</u>
<u>POLICE</u>		
Captain		\$123,312 - \$128,295
Lieutenant		\$121,934 - \$126,860
Sergeant		\$112,902 - \$117,463
Patrolman 1		\$104,539 - \$108,763

The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hired on or after October 1, 2007 but before July 1, 2011 for the year 2016 shall be as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Captain		\$123,312 - \$128,295
Lieutenant		\$121,934 - \$126,860
Sergeant		\$112,902 - \$117,463
Patrolman 1		\$104,539 - \$108,763
Patrolman 2		\$ 94,887 - \$ 98,721
Patrolman 3		\$ 85,239 - \$ 88,683
Patrolman 4		\$ 75,590 - \$ 78,644
Patrolman 5		\$ 65,943 - \$ 68,606
Patrolman 6		\$ 56,294 - \$ 58,568
Patrolman Probationary (second 6 months)		\$ 46,645 - \$ 48,530
Patrolman Probationary (first 6 months)		\$ 36,998 - \$ 38,493

In addition to the salaries set forth above, all full time employees holding these positions listed herein shall have added to base pay the following percentage computed on the basis of the prevailing salary:

During:	5 - 8 years of service - 2%
	9 -12 years of service - 4%
	13-16 years of service - 6%
	17-20 years of service - 8%
	21 Plus years of service-10%

The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hired on or after July 1, 2011 for the year 2016 shall be as follows:

Captain 1	\$135,644 - \$141,123
Captain 2 thru Captain 5	\$133,177 - \$138,558
Captain 6 thru Captain 9	\$130,711 - \$135,992
Captain 10 thru Captain 13	\$128,245 - \$133,426
Captain 14 thru Captain 17	\$125,779 - \$130,860
Captain 18 thru Capital 19	\$123,312 - \$128,295
Lieutenant 1	\$134,127 - \$139,546
Lieutenant 2 thru Lieutenant 5	\$131,689 - \$137,008
Lieutenant 6 thru Lieutenant 9	\$129,250 - \$134,472
Lieutenant 10 thru Lieutenant 13	\$126,811 - \$131,934
Lieutenant 14 thru Lieutenant 17	\$124,373 - \$129,397
Lieutenant 18 thru Lieutenant 19	\$121,934 - \$126,860
Sergeant 1	\$124,192 - \$129,210
Sergeant 2 thru Sergeant 5	\$121,934 - \$126,860
Sergeant 6 thru Sergeant 9	\$119,676 - \$124,511
Sergeant 10 thru Sergeant 13	\$117,418 - \$122,162
Sergeant 14 thru Sergeant 17	\$115,160 - \$119,812
Sergeant 18 thru Sergeant 19	\$112,902 - \$117,463
Patrol Officer 1	\$114,993 - \$119,639
Patrol Officer 2	\$113,831 - \$118,430
Patrol Officer 3	\$112,669 - \$117,220
Patrol Officer 4	\$111,508 - \$116,013
Patrol Officer 5	\$110,347 - \$114,805
Patrol Officer 6	\$109,185 - \$113,596
Patrol Officer 7	\$108,024 - \$112,388
Patrol Officer 8	\$106,862 - \$111,179
Patrol Officer 9	\$105,700 - \$109,970

Patrol Officer 10	\$104,538 - \$108,762
Patrol Officer 11	\$ 98,838 - \$102,831
Patrol Officer 12	\$ 91,035 - \$ 94,713
Patrol Officer 13	\$ 83,232 - \$ 86,595
Patrol Officer 14	\$ 75,429 - \$ 78,477
Patrol Officer 15	\$ 67,626 - \$ 70,359
Patrol Officer 16	\$ 59,823 - \$ 62,239
Patrol Officer 17	\$ 52,020 - \$ 54,121
Patrol Officer 18	\$ 44,217 - \$ 46,003
Patrol Officer Probationary (2 nd year)	\$ 36,414 - \$ 37,885
Patrol Officer Probationary (1 st year)	\$ 28,611 - \$ 29,767

Employees hired as Police Officers after July 1, 2011 shall not be entitled to longevity pay in addition to the salaries set above.

In addition to the salaries set forth above, Police Officers of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge PBA, Local 201 and the River Edge Superior Officers Association January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014 shall have added to the base pay holidays.

Section 2. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, Police Offices of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge Police Benevolent Association Local 201, January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with River Edge PBA Local 201, January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014.

Any difference in terms between the above Agreement and Ordinance, the Agreement will be deemed dispositive.

Section 3. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, Police Officers of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge Superior Officers Association, for the years January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SOA, for the years January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014.

Any difference in terms between the above Agreement and Ordinance, the Agreement will be deemed dispositive.

Section 4. The salaries, wages or compensation of all officers and employees shall be paid in twenty-four (24) installments, or upon presentation of duly executed vouchers as required by law.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 2016 when passed and published as required by law.

Edward Mignone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE -- Ordinance #1849

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to open public hearing on Ordinance #1849.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE -- Ordinance #1849

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman

Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close public hearing on Ordinance #1849.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1849

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adopt Ordinance #1849.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed to approve resolution #16-59 and #16-60, #16-62 through #16-71 and #16-73 through #16-76.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#16-59 Amend 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 Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Anthony Suarez, Esq. Werner, Suarez, Moran, 1 University Plaza, Suite 117, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 on August 3, 2015 via resolution #15-288 in the amount of \$2,500.00 and amended on October 5, 2015 via resolution #15-366 in the amount of \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for legal 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, 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 reviewed this matter at a work session on January 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-172 of the Current Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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 to execute an amended agreement with Anthony Suarez, Esq., Werner, Suarez, Moran, 1 University Plaza, Suite 117, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 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.

January 19, 2016

#16-60 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 February 1, 2016 work session meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

Closed Session Docket #	Item Title or Description	Statutory Reference
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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.

January 19, 2016

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to **Table** resolution #16-61.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

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#16-61 Authorize Mayor to Sign Lease with Temple Avodat Shalom for Rental of Premises Located at 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey for the Recreational Needs of the Senior Citizens of River Edge

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is aware of, and recognizes that there is a need for greater concern for the good and welfare of senior citizens of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in River Edge for adequate facilities to conduct a meaningful and ongoing program as it relates to the recreational needs of the senior citizens of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey has agreed to make available to the senior citizens of River Edge such facilities that are deemed necessary to carry out a senior citizens recreational program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15(i), as well as N.J.S.A. 40A:48-9.4, permit the leasing

and funding of facilities for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available from Account #01-2010-27-3602-100 of the Current Fund for 2016 in the amount of \$18,000.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds available in the year 2016 budget; in the 2017 budget from Account #01-2010-27-3602-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$18,000.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds available in the year 2017 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council at their work session meeting of January 19, 2016 have reviewed a lease agreement prepared by the Borough Attorney and reviewed by the Contracts Committee and have accepted the form of that agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said lease agreement on file with the Borough Clerk and the Borough Clerk is authorized to attest said signature for a lease period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017.

January 19, 2016

#16-62 Authorize Mayor to Sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification from the U. S. Department of Justice, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section for the River Edge Police Department.

January 19, 2016

#16-63 Resolution Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Grant Fund Receivable and Appropriated Reserve for the Certified Local Government Historical Grant

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge in 2011 received approval for a grant through the State Parks Service Historic Preservation Office for a grant entitled "Certified Local Government Historical Grant"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its books and records an account receivable of \$9,795.00 and an appropriated reserve of \$9,794.87; 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 in the amount of \$9,795.00 and appropriated reserve for the grant entitled "Certified Local Government Historical Grant" in the amount of \$9,794.87.

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

January 19, 2016

#16-64 Transfer of Funds in the Budget Appropriation Reserve

WHEREAS, various 2015 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by a purchase order number and/or

recorded at the time of transfer between the 2016 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2015; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months on the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the transfer in the amount of \$50,000.00 be made between the 2015 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

FROM: Public Work Repair S/W	26-2901-011	\$35,000.00
TO: Police S/W	25-2401-014	\$35,000.00
FROM: Public Work Repair S/W	26-2901-010	\$15,000.00
TO: Public Work Repair O/E	26-2902-178	\$15,000.00

January 19, 2016

#16-65 Award Contract for the 2015 River Edge Firehouse #2 Generator Project to Vanore Electric, Inc., 375 North Street, Unit Q, Teterboro, New Jersey 07840

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2015 sealed bids were received for the 2015 River Edge Firehouse #2 Generator Project; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received, the lowest from Vanore Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$84,832.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid has been reviewed by the Superintendent of Public Works and the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at a work session on January 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1762-200 of the Capital Fund in an amount of \$39,000.00 and Account #04-2150-55-1830-250 of the Capital Fund in the amount of \$45,832.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$84,832.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract is hereby awarded to Vanore Electric, Inc., 375 North Street, Unit Q, Teterboro, New Jersey 07840 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

January 19, 2016

#16-66 Grant Raffle License to Temple Avodat Shalom

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise Prize Raffle to Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 License #672, I.D. 423-2-24023 to take place at 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey on March 20, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

The Clerk reporting all in order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control of the State of New Jersey.

January 19, 2016

#16-67 2016 Salary Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the following officers and employees of the Borough of River Edge be compensated for the year 2016 in accordance with Ordinance #1847 effective January 1, 2016 as follows:

		<u>2016</u>	
		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
<u>Department of Public Works</u>			
Mechanic I	Camera, W.	\$80,678	
Mechanic II	Stitz, P.	\$62,821 to 7/21	
Mechanic II	Stitz, P.	\$63,228 from 7/22	
General Repairer II	Tarpey, R.	\$65,661	
Equipment Operator I	Ader, S.	\$73,187	
Equipment Operator II	Schultz, E.	\$61,617 to 4/5	
Equipment Operator II	Schultz, E.	\$61,939 from 4/6	
Tree Trimmer II	Morse, K.	\$58,458 to 11/4	
Tree Trimmer II	Morse, K.	\$59,219 from 11/5	
Tree Trimmer II	Phillips, E.	\$53,806 to 2/1	
Tree Trimmer II	Phillips, E.	\$54,192 from 2/2	
Laborer I	Duarte, J.	\$56,309	
Laborer I	Gallagher, F.	\$56,309	
Laborer I	Cornelio, J.	\$56,309	
Laborer I	Szczecina, M.	\$56,309	
Laborer II	Dekker, T.	\$43,123 to 11/25	
Laborer II	Dekker, T.	\$43,609 from 11/26	
Laborer II	Dekker, D.	\$42,148 to 6/22	
Laborer II	Dekker, D.	\$42,636 from 6/23	
Laborer II	Tarabocchia, N.	\$42,148 to 6/16	
Laborer II	Tarabocchia, N.	\$42,636 from 6/17	
Laborer II	DeCarlo, J.	\$42,148 to 11/4	
Laborer II	DeCarlo, J.	\$42,636 from 11/5	
Laborer II	Preziuso, A.	\$29,737 to 6/16	
Laborer II	Preziuso, A.	\$42,148 from 6/17	

Bus Department

Bus/Van Driver	P/T Noone, J.	\$18.01
	P/T Quara, F	\$18.01

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any formal action by a governing body approving or disapproving a measure establishing or modifying the salaries, benefits, or other compensation of its employees shall occur no earlier than the tenth calendar day immediately following the meeting at which the measure was introduced and discussed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of the Chief Financial Officer, Accounts Supervisor and Payroll Clerk to pay these salaries and wages effective January 1, 2016 is hereby ratified.

January 19, 2016

#16-68 2016 Salary Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the following officers and employees of the Borough of River Edge be compensated for the year 2016 in accordance with Ordinance #1849 effective January 1, 2016 as follows:

Police Department

		<u>2016</u>
		<u>Annual</u>
Lieutenant	Walker, M.	\$124,373
Lieutenant	Naprstek, R.	\$124,373
Sergeant	Abate, M.	\$115,160
Sergeant	Casey, C.	\$115,160
Sergeant	Cheevers, C.	\$115,160
Sergeant	Starost, J.	\$115,160
Sergeant	Wilhelm, C.	\$115,160
Patrol Officer 1	DeYoung, M.	\$106,630

Patrol Officer 1	Griffith, D.	\$106,630
Patrol Officer 1	McGinty, M.	\$106,630
Patrol Officer 1	Shouldis, M.	\$106,630
Patrol Officer 1	Varrecchia, M.	\$106,630
Patrol Officer 1	Zemaites, J.	\$106,630
Patrol Officer 1	Lee, D.	\$106,630
Patrol Officer 17	Roman, A.	\$ 53,060 to 2/6
Patrol Officer 16	Roman, A.	\$ 61,019 from 2/7
Patrol Officer 17	Sanches, R.	\$ 53,060 to 2/6
Patrol Officer 16	Sanches, R.	\$ 61,019 from 2/7
Patrol Officer 17	Ariano, V.	\$ 53,060 to 12/3
Patrol Officer 16	Ariano, V.	\$ 61,019 to 12/4
Patrol Officer 18	Sanfilippo, J.	\$ 45,101 to 7/1
Patrol Officer 17	Sanfilippo, J.	\$ 53,060 from 7/2
Patrol Officer 18	Diamond, P.	\$ 45,101 to 7/22
Patrol Officer 17	Diamond, P.	\$ 53,060 from 7/23
Patrol Officer Probationary 2 nd Year	Blue, E.	\$ 37,142 to 5/4
Patrol Officer 18	Blue, E.	\$ 45,101 from 5/5
Patrol Officer Probationary 2 nd Year	Kochansky, P.	\$ 37,142 to 6/1
Patrol Officer 18	Kochansky, P.	\$ 45,101 from 6/2
Patrol Officer Probationary 2 nd Year	Prisendorf, B.	\$ 37,142 to 11/2
Patrol Officer 18	Prisendorf, B.	\$ 45,101 from 11/3
Patrol Officer Probationary 1 st Year	Mulick, M.	\$ 29,183 to 12/7
Patrol Officer Probationary 2 nd Year	Mulick, M.	\$ 37,142 from 12/8

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of the Chief Financial Officer, Accounts Supervisor and Payroll Clerk to pay these salaries and wages effective January 1, 2016 is hereby ratified.

January 19, 2016

#16-69 2016 Salary Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the following officers and employees of the Borough of River Edge be compensated for the year 2016 in accordance with Ordinance #1848 effective January 1, 2016 as follows:

<u>Mayor and Council</u>		<u>2016</u>	
		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Mayor	P/T Mignone, E .	\$ 5,000	
Councilman	P/T Acquafredda, V.	\$ 4,000	
Councilman	P/T Bartelloni, A.	\$ 4,000	
Councilwoman	P/T Busteed, E.	\$ 4,000	
Councilwoman	P/T Murphy, K.	\$ 4,000	
Councilman	P/T Papaleo, T.	\$ 4,000	

General Administration

Borough Administrator	Negreann, A.	\$ 22,200
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Municipal Clerk

Borough Clerk	Evans, S.	\$ 62,072	
Deputy Borough Clerk	O'Connell, J.	\$ 54,641	
Clerk/Typist	P/T Byrne, C.		\$22.43
Clerk/Typist	P/T Kiely, C.		\$22.43

Construction/Code Enforcement

Building Inspector	P/T Depkin, S.	\$ 12,859
Construction Official	P/T Byrnes, R.	\$ 13,480
Building Sub-Code Official	P/T Byrnes, R.	\$ 9,536
Fire Sub-Code Official	P/T Byrnes, R.	\$ 8,283
Plumbing Sub-Code/Inspector	P/T Herman, L.	\$ 11,545

Fire Sub-Code/Inspector	P/T Herman, L.	\$ 3,570	
Electrical Sub-Code/Insp.	P/T Dalessio, M.	\$ 11,545	
Technical Assistant	Shnaper, N.	\$ 56,781	
Clerk/Typist	P/T Capasso, A		\$19.18
<u>Other Code Enforcement Function</u>			
Zoning Officer	P/T Skerbetz, M.	\$ 14,682	
Property Maintenance Officer	P/T DeRosa, A		\$26.83
<u>Assessment of Taxes</u>			
Tax Assessor	P/T Anzevino, J.	\$ 25,318	
Clerk/Typist	P/T Florio, N.		\$19.18
<u>Financial Administration</u>			
Chief Financial Officer	Negreann, A.	\$141,418	
Accounts Supervisor/Deputy Tax Collector	Birnbaum, G.	\$ 63,508	
Payroll Clerk	P/T McDermott D.	\$ 33,339	
Accounts Payable Clerk	P/T Heiser, K.		\$16.00
Accounts Receivable Clerk	P/T Manzelli, T.		\$21.30
<u>Revenue Administration</u>			
Tax Collector	P/T Murphy, M.	\$ 45,940	
Tax Collection Clerk	P/T Florio, N.		\$19.18
<u>Legal</u>			
Prosecutor	P/T Cimiluca, A.	\$ 6,500	
Substitute Prosecutor	P/T Ramundo, M.		\$85.00
<u>Planning/Zoning Board</u>			
Clerk/Typist	P/T Florio, N.		\$19.18
Recording Secretary	P/T Brandau, M		\$22.43
<u>Library</u>			
Director	O'Connor, D.	\$100,710	
Youth Services	Guiliano, M.	\$ 55,069	
Circulation	Kane, D.	\$ 47,714	
Circulation	Cali, P.	\$ 36,510	
Reference Librarian	P/T Churley, M.		\$34.04
Circulation Assistant	P/T Sherger, M.		\$18.74
Circ. Assist./Tech Services	P/T Akdemir, A.		\$11.22
Clerical	P/T Ruiz, G.		\$19.37
Bookkeeper/Secretary	P/T Walsh, M.		\$21.88
Asst. Child Room	P/T Kennedy, N.		\$15.57
Circulation Assistant	P/T Garcia, R.		\$15.57
Adult Services	P/T Kelemen, J.		\$30.40
Circ. Assist/Tech Services	P/T Davidson, J.		\$15.30
<u>Municipal Court</u>			
Court Officer	P/T Schmitt, J.		\$20.40
Municipal Judge	P/T Safro, B.	\$ 14,500	
Court Administrator	Patoray, N.	\$ 59,769	
Deputy Court Administrator	P/T Byrne, C.		\$22.43
Court Cashier/Clerk/Data Entry Operator	P/T Grimaldi, S.		\$27.72
<u>Health Department</u>			
Nurse	P/T Faustini, A.	\$ 35,927	
Secretary/Registrar of Vital Statistics	P/T Capasso, A.		\$23.04
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	P/T Evans, S.		\$22.65
<u>Emergency Management</u>			
Coordinator	P/T Smith, T.	\$ 7,198	
Deputy Coordinator	P/T Heinzinger, S.	\$ 311	
Clerk/Typist	P/T Kiely, C.		\$22.43
<u>Fire Prevention</u>			
Fire Official	P/T Silverman, A.	\$ 19,335	
Inspector	P/T Drew, W.		\$26.31
Inspector	P/T Smith, T.		\$26.31
Inspector	P/T Leonardi, R.		\$23.67
Clerk/Typist	P/T Kiely, C.		\$22.43

Fire Department

Clerk/Typist P/T Kiely, C. \$22.43

Recreation

Director Conway, B. \$ 52,053
KBG Light Attendant P/T McDermott, K. \$10.00

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Lynch, J. \$136,952
Road Foreperson Leishman, C. \$ 86,487
Road Foreperson Stephen, R. \$ 82,162
Road Foreperson Milito, J. \$ 74,951
Office Manager/Admin Assist Hessman, L. \$ 52,587
Clerk/Typist P/T Solimando, C. \$19.18
Certified Recycling Coord. Hessman, L. \$27.45
Custodian P/T Alvarez, F. \$ 25,998

Bus Department

Bus/Van Coordinator/Disp. Solimando, C. \$19.18

Police Department

Chief Cariddi, T. \$157,891
Dispatcher McDermott, E. \$ 48,515
Dispatcher P/T Beattie, K. \$22.19
Dispatcher P/T Mauthe, J. \$20.02
Dispatcher (sub) P/T Mauthe Jr., J. \$15.74
Dispatcher (sub) P/T Estevez, B. \$18.97
Secretary Aiello, D. \$ 45,385
Records Clerk Pomerantz, M. \$ 42,840
Crossing Guards P/T Bounds, J. \$20.40
P/T Clark, W. \$20.40
P/T Del Prete, J. \$20.40
P/T Dondiego, R. \$19.39
P/T Gale, B. \$20.40
P/T Goldberg, M. \$18.41
P/T Henry, P. \$20.40
P/T Hilb, M. \$20.40
P/T Locantore, V. \$20.40
P/T Maugeri, J. \$20.40
P/T O'Donnell, J. \$20.40
P/T Sanders, W. \$20.40
P/T Schmitt, J. \$20.40
P/T Velten, J. \$19.39
P/T Biggar, E. (sub) \$20.40
P/T Paolillo, R. (sub) \$20.40
P/T DePaul, P. (sub) \$17.44
P/T McShane, P. (sub) \$19.39
P/T Rappaport, F. (sub) \$18.41
P/T Tina, P. (sub) \$18.41
Police Matron P/T Walker, S. \$20.40

Sewer System

Sewer Operator P/T Pampaloni, J. \$ 5,297

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any formal action by a governing body approving or disapproving a measure establishing or modifying the salaries, benefits, or other compensation of its employees shall occur no earlier than the tenth calendar day immediately following the meeting at which the measure was introduced and discussed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of the Chief Financial Officer, Accounts Supervisor and Payroll Clerk to pay these salaries and wages effective January 1, 2016 is hereby ratified.

January 19, 2016

#16-70 Award Contract for the Curb Replacement Project at Oxford Terrace to A Team Concrete, Inc., 104 George Street, South River, New Jersey 08882

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016 seven (7) sealed bids were received for the Curb Replacement Project at Oxford Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the lowest was received from A Team Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$68,400.00; and

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

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant has awarded funding for the Curb Replacement Project at Oxford Terrace, Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at a work session on January 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1843-200 of the Capital Fund in an amount not to exceed \$65,771.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract is hereby awarded to A Team Concrete Inc., 104 George Street, South River, New Jersey 08882 in the amount not to exceed \$65,771.00 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

January 19, 2016

#16-71 Tax Reimbursement Certification

WHEREAS, the Recycling Enhancement Act., P.L. 2007, Chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility; and

WHEREAS, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant moneys received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that River Edge hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, Chapter 311, in 2015 in the amount of \$9,545.22. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 705 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

Tax Reimbursement Certified by:

Name of Official:

Administrator/CFO
Title of Official:

Date:

January 19, 2016

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #16-72.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilwoman

Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes;
Councilman Bartelloni abstained.

#16-72 Resolution to Confirm Construction of an Approved Plan or
Design for the Cherry Blossom Park Improvement Project, Phase 1

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 59:4-6 provides in pertinent part that neither the public entity nor a public employee is liable for an injury caused by the plan or design of public property or any improvement thereto where the plan or design was approved in advance of construction by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge or a public employee exercising discretionary authority on its behalf of where such plan or design was prepared in conformity with standards previously approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the Cherry Blossom Park Improvement Project, Phase 1 has been designed by Premier Product Development, LLC, 18 West Walnut Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057; and

WHEREAS, Premier Product Development, LLC has certified that the construction of the Cherry Blossom Park Improvement Project, Phase 1 has been done in accordance with the plans and specifications of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge wishes to record its confirmation of the construction of said design.

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

1. Plans and specifications entitled "Cherry Blossom Park Improvement Project, Phase 1" prepared by Premier Product Development, LLC dated February 27, 2015 be, and hereby are, approved as constructed.
2. The improvements described herein above have been completed and have been inspected by Premier Product Development, LLC and they have certified to the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that said improvement has been constructed in accordance with the above referenced design.
3. The Borough Clerk shall archive this resolution in a manner consistent with the purpose of perpetually documenting governmental immunity in the event of any claim based upon the plan, design or construction of the improvement.

January 19, 2016

#16-73 Resolution to Support the New Jersey Safe Routes to School
Recognition Program

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote the health and safety of our children; and

WHEREAS, driving children to school by private vehicle and idling in the school vicinity contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution near the school, and air pollution near schools can have adverse effects on student health as well as on the local environment; and

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking to school can have a positive mental and physical impact on the health of children and youth and helps them arrive at school ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Safe Routes to School program uses education, encouragement, infrastructure and enforcement strategies to help make walking and bicycling to school safer and more attractive to children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge supports the New Jersey Safe Routes to School program and the development and maintenance of safe ways to walk and bicycle to school.

January 19, 2016

#16-74 Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel the 2015 Added Assessment Taxes Due to a County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, a County Board Judgment was received for the year 2015 by the tax office on a property which was erroneously assessed; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in assessed value has also reduced the total tax amount billed and due for 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Added Assessment billed taxes for 2015 was not paid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector cancel the following taxes and adjust her records accordingly.

Block/Lot	Owner	Old Value	New Value	Cancelled Taxes
213/4	Yanich, Michael A. 872 Park Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	191,300	0	\$6,154.12

January 19, 2016

#16-75 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2013 Taxes Due to a New Jersey Tax Court Judgment

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on 11/6/15 and the same was received on 12/3/15 by the tax office reducing the Assessed Value on the property owned by Weedo, Calvin C., known as Block: 1417 Lot: 2.01 located at 277 Johnson Avenue for the year 2013; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 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.

Block/Lot	Old Value	New Value	Year	Refund
1417/2.01	314,100	248,000	2013	\$2,070.25
Total:				\$2,070.25

Make check payable to: Calvin D. Weedo
175 Alpine Drive
Paramus, NJ 07652

January 19, 2016

#16-76 Authorize Tax Collector to Reduce and Refund the 2015 Added Assessment Taxes Due to a County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, the Tax Office has received a County Board Judgment for the year 2015 reducing the assessed value and taxes billed for 2015 on the following property; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Added Assessment billed taxes have been paid.

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

Block/Lot	Owner	Old Value	New Value	Refunded Taxes
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707/2 McCrimlisk, James & 385,100 329,700 \$445.56
Zenaida
271 Voorhis Avenue
River Edge, NJ 07661

January 19, 2016

Councilwoman Busted read resolution #16-77 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #16-77.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#16-77 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	\$184,443.03
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 55,842.27
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 520.00
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 280.00
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 13,051.95

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.

January 19, 2016

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Acquafredda to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Peggy White-741 Center Avenue-congratulated Ed for becoming Mayor and looks forward to continuing to attend meetings.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Busteed-spoke about the upcoming storm and reminded members of the public to sign up for Nixle so they can receive up to date emergency messages from the Police Department.

Councilman Bartelloni-personally extended his condolences to the Manzelli family for the very tragic loss of their daughter.

Councilman Papaleo-agreed with Councilman Bartelloni's statement and also feels that any loss is tragic but the loss of a child is unbearable and can't imagine the suffering that they are enduring. He did receive a text message from Chief Cariddi that Lieutenant Naprstek is still in charge of LESO. The site was shut down at year end for auditing and he will have the Lieutenant check to see if it's online again.

Councilman Acquafredda-also extends his condolences to the Manzelli family as he goes back many years with Joe through sports and the River Dell Board of Education. He doesn't have words to adequately express what they are going through. Councilman Acquafredda looks forward to working with everyone this coming year and accomplishing many of the items that are on their list.

Councilwoman Murphy-also extend her condolences to the Manzelli family and in order to keep her memory alive, they are setting up a scholarship fund for a River Dell senior who is interested art and animals. Councilwoman Murphy announced that the Friends of the River Edge Library will be having their wine and chocolate truffle event at Total Wine on Sunday, January 31st. All of the proceeds will go towards programs that benefit the community and the fee is \$45.00. Tickets may be purchased at the Library.

Mayor Mignone-asked if tickets are limited?

Councilwoman Murphy-said that more than half of the tickets have been sold and encouraged everyone to participate and support the River Edge Library.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if there has been a decision made about Historic Preservation money that is needed?

Mayor Mignone-stated that he will be meeting with them next week and if there are any further developments he will bring it up at a future council meeting. The Mayor also extends his condolences to the Manzelli family and is saddened by the fact that he starts his tenure as Mayor with two of our employees losing their loved ones.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:10 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: