

M I N U T E S
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, April 4, 2016
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 Councilwoman Davis 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 Davis, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #16-155.

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

#16-155 Resolution to Read Budget by Title

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A-4-8 as amended provides that the budget be read by title at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full membership of the Governing Body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been made available for public inspection and copies have been made available by the Borough Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

April 4, 2016

OPEN HEARING ON 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open hearing on 2016 Municipal Budget.

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

Alan Negreann, Administrator/CFO - stated that the municipal budget is \$15 million dollars, which will result in a \$49.00 increase on a typical home assessed at \$385,000 which is an approximate 1.5% rate increase. The Mayor and Council were confronted with revenues being down \$147,000 and some of the larger increases were salaries and wages. The unions are due to receive a 1.34% raise. The Police are due to receive a 1% raise plus step increases and non-contractual employees will receive a 2% raise. The utility authority which processes our sewerage gave us a bill for an increased amount of \$54,000 and we had a snow emergency in January which cost us \$45,000.00. He continued to say that the budget has several capital projects included such as road resurfacing, a new police dispatch

records communication system, traffic improvemenst, a new DPW pick-up truck, police vehicles and a contribution towards the Community Center.

Mayor Mignone--asked if the overall increase was less than 1% in appropriations?

Alan Negreann--replied yes, \$120,000 increase or a little bit less than 1%.

CLOSE HEARING ON 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #16-156 adopting the budget.

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

#16-156 Adopting 2016 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the 2016 Municipal Budget was approved by resolution #16-105 on March 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-6, was advertised in THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER on March 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the budget was held on April 4, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Municipal Budget appropriating \$15,170,974.27 be hereby adopted for the fiscal year 2016.

April 4, 2016

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of March 21, 2016.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring April 2016 as Donate Life Month into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, those who dedicate their time, effort and skills to help others are among the most valued members of any community; and

WHEREAS, there is a great shortage of organ and tissue donors and thousands of people on the organ transplant waiting lists will not live to receive one; and

WHEREAS, each day 21 people die while on the waiting lists, every 13 minutes someone is added to the waiting list and that in New Jersey over 5,000 residents are waiting for

organs or tissue; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is cooperating with the New Jersey Sharing Network (NJSN) so that you need only to designate on your driver's license that you want to be a donor and that information will also go into the NJSN computers; and

WHEREAS, if you are not a driver, you may designate your wish to be a donor on your legal I.D. card; and

WHEREAS, the science of matching and performing organ transplant surgery has become more advanced; and

WHEREAS, last year over 460 transplants were performed in New Jersey and over 600 transplants were performed in the Tri-State area; and

WHEREAS, the NJSN has a new information brochure which contains a temporary Donor Card to be filled out and kept in your wallet until you have the opportunity to register this information on your driver's license or I.D. card.

WHEREAS, it is possible for one donor to save up to 8 lives and enhance the lives of up to 75 others through tissue donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 2016

As

Donate Life Month

Dated: April 4, 2016

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Barbara Christiansen. Barbara Christiansen has supported this important issue because her beloved son Sandy passed away before he was able to receive a liver transplant. On a happier note, her grandson-in-law had a very rare kidney disease for which there was not treatment but did receive a live kidney transplant and is now expecting a baby girl next month. This would not have been possible without the precious gift of life by a donor. Mrs. Christiansen briefly explained what the New Jersey Sharing Network Foundation does and encouraged everyone to consider becoming an organ tissue donor.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring April 10 - 16, 2016 as National Volunteer Week into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the residents of River Edge live in a community that inspires, equips and mobilizes people to take action that changes lives for the better; and

WHEREAS, our dedicated volunteers connect with local community services through dozens of community service organizations; and

WHEREAS, individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, during this week all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force of over 63 million is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Edward J. Mignone hereby proclaim:

April 10 - 16, 2016

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National Volunteer Week

in River Edge and urge my fellow citizens to volunteer in their respective communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: April 4, 2016

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Fire Chief Eric Schultz. Mayor Mignone stated that there are many volunteers in the audience this evening and said that our volunteers are what make River Edge a great place to live.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring April 10 - 16, 2016 as National Library Week into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans, today, more than ever; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy; and

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their

communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries can help you discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with the theme:

"Libraries Transform"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Edward J. Mignone, hereby proclaim:

April 10-16, 2016

as

National Library Week

I encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors. Worlds connect @ your library.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

April 4, 2016

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Library Director, Daragh O'Connor.

Daragh O'Connor-thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing the library. He said that libraries nationwide are experiencing challenges during these economic times and River Edge is no exception. He continued to say that in the last 2 to 3 years they've seen somewhat of a recovery because they've had great support from the Mayor and Council. Because of that support, service has improved, usage of library has improved and he feels that they have a bright future. Circulation numbers have increased over the past few years, greater attendance at programs as well as more programs and they have increase hours of operation. Mr. O'Connor also said that the library building itself is in the best condition that it's ever been largely due to the new roof and windows which are energy efficient which saves the taxpayers money. He again stated that they are very grateful for the support and encouraged everyone to come visit.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2016 as National Autism Awareness Month into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive development disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as high as one in 88 children nationally and one in 49 in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if an

individual with autism receives treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support serviced to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism presents; and

WHEREAS, Autism New Jersey, is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge do hereby proclaim:

April, 2016

as

National Autism Awareness Month

in the Borough of River Edge and urge all employees and residents to participate in our Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Dated: April 4, 2016

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Lisa Milordo. Mayor Mignone announced that there will be a program at the Library on Tuesday, April 26th at 7 p.m. called "After the Diagnosis, a Parents Survival Guild to Autism Spectrum Disorder" and Lisa Milordo will be the guest speaker that evening. The Mayor encouraged everyone to come out and also explained that this is part of the Stigma Free campaign that Councilwoman Busteed has been instrumental in promoting. He continued to say that by promoting Autism Awareness there have been great strides in early detection, treatments and programs and feels it's important that people understand how autism affects not only the child but the family.

Mayor Mignone stated that about a month ago, the Mayor and Council received an email from Mrs. Mackesy on behalf of her daughter, Kyra who received her Girl Scout Gold Award, asking the Council to send letters of congratulations. The Mayor feels that it's important to recognize the Girl Scout Gold Award because it's the highest attainable achievement in Girl Scouting. We invited Kyra to come tonight to be commended by the Mayor and Council. The Mayor stated that in the future, the Mayor and Council are always pleased to attend ceremonies celebrating and recognizing girls when they make this achievement.

Certificate of Award

This Certifies that

Kyra Mackesy

has been awarded this Certificate of Award for her dedication and hard work in earning Girl Scout's highest honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Honoring Cub Scout Packs 95 and 229 for Taking 2nd and 3rd Place in the 2016 Three Rivers as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cub Scout Packs 95 and 229 competed in the Three Rivers Kfondike Derby which was held on February 27, 2016 at Camp Alpine; and

WHEREAS, 84 sleds competed; the Cub Scout division had a total of 43 sleds in their division; and

WHEREAS, the boys competed in 6 skill stations; Fire Building, First Aid, Team Building, Lashing, Orienteering and Shelter Building; and

WHEREAS, the boys pushed and pulled a Kfondike dog sled packed with all of their supplies up and down the trails of Camp Alpine; and

WHEREAS, the boys who made up Pack 229's Senior Webelo team, "Ferocious Fire" were: David Arturi, Seamus Bryne, Christopher Hums, Andrew Mathews, Matthew McGinnis, Thomas Short, Nicholas Spelda, and Evan Visaggio-Lopez; and

WHEREAS, Ferocious Fire was awarded 109 points out of a possible 120, giving them a 2nd place victory.

WHEREAS, the boys who made up Pack 95's Senior Webelo "Huskies" team were: Brandon Jeon, Erik Gawrylo, Finn Kristan, James Mignone, John Forte, Matthew Volmar, and Will Ginch; and

WHEREAS, the Huskies were awarded 100 points out of a possible 120, awarding them 3rd place; and

WHEREAS, after their last station, the Husky team went on to compete in the sled race competition and took a first place win; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge and on behalf of the Council do proclaim that the Cub Scout teams Ferocious Fire and the Huskies, trainer Kevin Kress, their adult leaders Allyson Mathews, Lynn Spelda, Stephanie Visaggio, Julie Volmar, Susan Ginch, and Sled Dads Rich Mathews, Sean McGinnis, Jeffrey Hums, Mike Ginch and Mike Kristan are hereby honored for taking 2nd and 3rd Place in the 2016 Three Rivers Kfondike Derby.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: April 4, 2016

The Mayor invited the leaders and the Scouts to come up and receive the proclamation. The Mayor said that over the years he has always expressed how proud he is of the scouting programs in town. The Council has always been supportive of scouting in general and are always pleased to recognize events like this because they realize the amount of time and effort that goes into it. He again congratulated

all of them for this great accomplishment.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, 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 Councilwoman Davis to close public comments on any issue on the agenda.

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNAL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary change of Jason Milito, Road Foreperson in the Department of Public Works from an annual Step I salary of \$74,951.00 to Step II - \$79,037.00, effective April 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary increase of Richard Stephen, Road Foreperson in the Department of Public Works from an annual Step III salary of \$82,162.00 to Step IV - \$86,487.00, effective April 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary increase of Michael Goldberg, Crossing Guard from a Schedule B Step II hourly rate of \$18.41 to Step III - \$19.39, effective April 4, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary increase of Cathy Solimando, Senior Bus Dispatcher from a Schedule B Step I hourly rate of \$19.18 to Step II - \$20.23, effective January 28, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the hire of Craig Maiocchi as Fire Inspector in the Fire Prevention Bureau, at a B Scale Step III rate of \$24.98 with a waiver of a six-month probationary period, effective April 4, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the hire of Peter De Vries, 83 Monroe Avenue, Cresskill, New Jersey as a Fire Inspector in the Fire Prevention Bureau at a B Scale Step I rate of \$22.50 with a six-month probationary period, effective

April 4, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the additional stipend of \$3,570.00 for Michael Dalessio, Electrical Sub-code Official in the Construction Department to compensate him for conducting inspections under his Building sub-code license retroactive to January 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve compensation for Stuart Heinzinger, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for services rendered for the period January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 based on the current annual rate of \$7,198.00.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary increase of Aynur Akdemir, Circulation Assistant Technical Services in the Library from an hourly rate of \$11.22 to \$15.00 due to a merit increase following probation, retroactive to January 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary increase of Daragh O'Connor, Library Director from an annual salary of \$101,670.00 to \$105,619.00 due to a merit increase following performance review, retroactive to January 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the increase in hours for Arthur DeRosa, Code Enforcement Officer from 11 hours per week to 15 hours per week, effective April 5, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary increase of Nicole Florio, Planning/Zoning/ Assessor Clerk from an hourly Step I rate of \$19.18 to Step II - \$20.23, retroactive to January 7, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary increase of Cathy Solimando, Senior Bus Dispatcher from an hourly Step I rate of \$19.18 to Step II - \$20.23, retroactive to January 28, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the hire of Lisa Sulikowski, 559 Coolidge Place, Paramus, New Jersey, as part-time Deputy Court Administrator in the Municipal Court at a probationary rate of \$16.00 per hour, 25 hours per week with a six-month probationary period, effective April 5, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the resignation of Wendy Walker as the Alternate Representative for Bergen County Community Development, effective immediately.

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

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter - GJEM Otterstedt Insurance Agency -
Re: Quasi Application for Swim Club
Report - Alan Negreann, Admin/CFO - 3/22/16
Re: Revenue Report
Notice - BCUA - 3/24/16
Re: Hearing on Amendment to Solid
Waste Management Plan
Report - Alan Negreann, Admin/CFO - 3/24/16
Re: Damage to Public Property
Letter - Wendy Walker - 3/31/16
Re: Letter of Resignation
Letter - Board of Chosen Freeholders - 3/23/16
Re: Adoption of Ordinance #16-04
Letter - Board of Chosen Freeholders - 3/31/16
Re: Certified Copy of Resolution #338-16

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Beautification Committee - March 2016
Library Board - Cash Flow Report - March 2016

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1859 as follows:

Ordinance #1859 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$790,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO AMEND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1806 ADOPTED ON APRIL 21, 2014 (AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1825 ADOPTED ON MARCH 16, 2015).

Alan Negreann-explained that this is the rest of the capital program which will provide: streetscape decorations, traffic improvements, KBG Field Light Replacement, contribution to the Community Center, pick-up truck for the DPW, various equipment for Police and Fire Departments, computer system dispatch and records management for the Police and tax collection software. At the instruction of the Mayor and Council there is an amendment to change the funding from Grove Street parking to Hackensack Avenue.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1859 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE # 1859

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE

COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$790,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO AMEND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1806 ADOPTED ON APRIL 21, 2014 (AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1825 ADOPTED ON MARCH 16, 2015).

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment, new communication and signal systems equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of streetscape decorations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 19,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 990
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 18,760
Period of Usefulness	5 years

B. Undertaking of various traffic and pedestrian safety improvements and equipment acquisitions, including the acquisition of driver feedback signs.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 21,550
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 20,500
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Supplemental funding for the replacement and upgrading of field lights at Kenneth B. George Park. It is hereby determined and stated that the Borough has heretofore appropriated the sum of \$101,000 for such improvement pursuant to Ord. No. 1806 adopted on April 21, 2014 (as amended by Ord. No. 1825 adopted on March 16, 2015).

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,400
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,600
Period of Usefulness	15 years

D. Supplemental funding for the undertaking of various improvements to the River Edge Senior/Community Center. It is hereby determined and stated that the Borough has heretofore appropriated the aggregate sum of \$406,500 for such improvement pursuant to the following

three ordinances: Ord. No. 1789 adopted on May 6, 2013; Ord. No. 1806 adopted on April 21, 2014 (as amended by Ord. No. 1825 adopted on March 16, 2015); and Ord. No. 1829 adopted on May 4, 2015.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$110,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,240
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$104,760
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a pickup truck for the use of the Department of Public Works.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 37,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 35,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

F. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) turnout gear, (ii) fire hose and (iii) lighting equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 33,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,700
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 31,800
Period of Usefulness	5 years

G. Undertaking of the 2016 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program (including curbing and sidewalk improvements, where necessary) in, by and for the Borough, as set forth on a list prepared by the Borough Engineer and approved by the Borough Council and directed to be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during normal business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that (i) the Borough Council may, by resolution, amend such list from time to time within the appropriation made hereby and (ii) such roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$260,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,400
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$247,600
Period of Usefulness	10 years

H. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) radios, (ii) computer equipment and (iii) SUVs.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 88,200
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,610
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 82,590
Period of Usefulness	5 years

I. Acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of a dispatch and records management computer system for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$146,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,960
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$139,040
Period of Usefulness	7 years

J. Acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of a tax accounting computer system for the use of the Tax Collector.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 24,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,150
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 22,850
Period of Usefulness	7 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$790,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 39,500

Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes
Authorized

\$750,500

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$47,950 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$39,500, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$39,500 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$750,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$750,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 9.24 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$750,500 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. Section 4.I of Bond Ordinance No. 1806 adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough on April 21, 2014 (as previously amended by Ord. No. 1825 adopted on March 16, 2015) is hereby amended to change the location of the municipal parking lot to be constructed from Grove Street to Hackensack Avenue, and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]I. Construction of a municipal parking lot on Borough-owned property located on Hackensack Avenue.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,500
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 14. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 15. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

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

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1855 as follows:

Ordinance #1855 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$21,750.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

Ordinance #1855 was introduced by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo at the March 21, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1855

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$21,751.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The purchase of equipment desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$21,751.00 of which \$21,751.00 is from the Capital Improvement Fund.

SECTION 2. The purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Repairs and improvements to public buildings and grounds.
- b. Purchase of equipment for the Departments of: Public Works, Fire Health and Recreation.
- c. Other Expenses, including but not limited to architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expense and other expenses to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The appropriation shall be made from Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Fund and no debt is authorized.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

Alan Negreann-explained that this has some of the pay as you go funding for some of the capital purchases including: the Borough Hall gutters, gas engine for the DPW, AED's for Recreation, public sidewalks and fire equipment.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1855

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open public hearing on Ordinance #1855.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1855

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close public hearing on Ordinance #1855.

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1855

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adopt Ordinance #1855.

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

Councilman Papaleo-made a motion to amend Ordinance #1856 to add three (3) additional AED's to be placed in the vehicles of the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief.

Alan Negreann-explained that it would bring the ordinance amount up to \$29,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to amend Ordinance #1856.

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

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1856 as follows:

Ordinance #1856 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$29,500.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Ordinance #1856 was introduced by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis at the March 21, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1856

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$29,500.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The purchase of equipment for improvements desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as improvements and purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment and the making of said improvements, there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$29,500.00 of which \$29,500.00 is from the General Capital Fund Balance.

SECTION 2. The improvement and purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Repairs and improvement to public buildings and grounds.
- b. Purchase of equipment for the Departments of: Public Works, Fire and Police.
- c. Other Expenses, including but not limited to architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expense and other expenses to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The appropriation shall be made from the General Capital Fund and no debt is authorized.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1856

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Ordinance #1856.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1856

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close public hearing on

Ordinance #1856

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1856

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to adopt Ordinance #1856 as amended.

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

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1857 as follows:

Ordinance #1857 - AMEND ORDINANCE #1819 "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 2015"

Alan Negreann-this ordinance confirms the negotiations and Memorandum of Agreement with the PBA and SOA. These ordinance approve the salaries and retro increases for 2015.

Ordinance #1857 was introduced by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni at the March 21, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1857

AMEND ORDINANCE #1819 "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 2015"

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 2015 shall be as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>Annually</u>
<u>POLICE</u>		
Captain	\$125,779	- \$127,037
Lieutenant	\$124,373	- \$125,617
Sergeant	\$115,160	- \$116,312
Patrolman 1	\$106,630	- \$107,696

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 2015 shall be as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Captain	\$125,779	- \$127,037
Lieutenant	\$124,373	- \$125,617
Sergeant	\$115,160	- \$116,312
Patrolman 1	\$106,630	- \$107,696
Patrolman 2	\$ 96,785	- \$ 97,753
Patrolman 3	\$ 86,944	- \$ 87,813
Patrolman 4	\$ 77,102	- \$ 77,873
Patrolman 5	\$ 67,261	- \$ 67,934
Patrolman 6	\$ 57,420	- \$ 57,994
Patrolman Probationary (second 6 months)	\$ 47,578	- \$ 48,054
Patrolman Probationary (first 6 months)	\$ 37,738	- \$ 38,115

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 2015 shall be as follows:

Captain 1	\$138,356 - \$139,740
Captain 2 thru Captain 5	\$135,841 - \$137,199
Captain 6 thru Captain 9	\$133,325 - \$134,658
Captain 10 thru Captain 13	\$130,810 - \$132,118
Captain 14 thru Captain 17	\$128,294 - \$129,577
Captain 18 thru Capital 19	\$125,779 - \$127,037
Lieutenant 1	\$136,810 - \$138,178
Lieutenant 2 thru Lieutenant 5	\$134,322 - \$135,665
Lieutenant 6 thru Lieutenant 9	\$131,835 - \$133,153
Lieutenant 10 thru Lieutenant 13	\$129,347 - \$130,640
Lieutenant 14 thru Lieutenant 17	\$126,860 - \$128,129
Lieutenant 18 thru Lieutenant 19	\$124,373 - \$125,617
Sergeant 1	\$126,676 - \$127,943
Sergeant 2 thru Sergeant 5	\$124,373 - \$125,617
Sergeant 6 thru Sergeant 9	\$122,070 - \$123,291
Sergeant 10 thru Sergeant 13	\$119,767 - \$120,965
Sergeant 14 thru Sergeant 17	\$117,463 - \$118,638
Sergeant 18 thru Sergeant 19	\$115,160 - \$116,312
Patrol Officer 1	\$117,293 - \$118,466
Patrol Officer 2	\$116,108 - \$117,269
Patrol Officer 3	\$114,922 - \$116,071
Patrol Officer 4	\$113,738 - \$114,875
Patrol Officer 5	\$112,554 - \$113,680
Patrol Officer 6	\$111,369 - \$112,483
Patrol Officer 7	\$110,184 - \$111,286
Patrol Officer 8	\$108,999 - \$110,089
Patrol Officer 9	\$107,814 - \$108,892
Patrol Officer 10	\$106,629 - \$107,696
Patrol Officer 11	\$100,815 - \$101,823
Patrol Officer 12	\$ 92,856 - \$ 93,785
Patrol Officer 13	\$ 84,897 - \$ 85,746
Patrol Officer 14	\$ 76,938 - \$ 77,707
Patrol Officer 15	\$ 68,979 - \$ 69,669
Patrol Officer 16	\$ 61,019 - \$ 61,629
Patrol Officer 17	\$ 53,060 - \$ 53,591
Patrol Officer 18	\$ 45,101 - \$ 45,552
Patrol Officer Probationary (1 st year)	\$ 29,183 - \$ 37,513

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, 2015 through December 31, 2018 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, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with River Edge PBA Local 201, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

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, 2015 through December 31, 2018

shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SOA, 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.

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, 2015 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 #1857

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Ordinance #1857.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1857

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close public hearing on Ordinance #1857.

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1857

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adopt Ordinance #1857.

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

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1858 as follows:

Ordinance #1858 - AMEND 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"

Alan Negreann-stated that this is the other ordinance for the contract with PBA and SOA for the year 2016 allowing retro pay for that agreement.

Ordinance #1858 was introduced by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed at the March 21, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1858

AMEND 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		\$127,037 - \$128,307
Lieutenant		\$125,617 - \$126,873
Sergeant		\$116,312 - \$117,475
Patrolman 1		\$107,696 - \$108,773

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		\$127,037 - \$128,307
Lieutenant		\$125,617 - \$126,873
Sergeant		\$116,312 - \$117,475
Patrolman 1		\$107,696 - \$108,773
Patrolman 2		\$ 97,753 - \$ 98,730
Patrolman 3		\$ 87,813 - \$ 88,692
Patrolman 4		\$ 77,873 - \$ 78,652
Patrolman 5		\$ 67,934 - \$ 68,613
Patrolman 6		\$ 57,994 - \$ 58,574
Patrolman Probationary (second 6 months)		\$ 48,054 - \$ 48,534
Patrolman Probationary (first 6 months)		\$ 38,115 - \$ 38,497

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	\$139,740 - \$141,137
Captain 2 thru Captain 5	\$137,199 - \$138,571
Captain 6 thru Captain 9	\$134,658 - \$136,005
Captain 10 thru Captain 13	\$132,118 - \$133,439
Captain 14 thru Captain 17	\$129,577 - \$130,873
Captain 18 thru Capital 19	\$127,037 - \$128,307
Lieutenant 1	\$138,178 - \$139,560
Lieutenant 2 thru Lieutenant 5	\$135,665 - \$137,022
Lieutenant 6 thru Lieutenant 9	\$133,153 - \$134,485
Lieutenant 10 thru Lieutenant 13	\$130,640 - \$131,947
Lieutenant 14 thru Lieutenant 17	\$128,129 - \$129,410
Lieutenant 18 thru Lieutenant 19	\$125,617 - \$126,873
Sergeant 1	\$127,943 - \$129,222
Sergeant 2 thru Sergeant 5	\$125,617 - \$126,873
Sergeant 6 thru Sergeant 9	\$123,291 - \$124,524
Sergeant 10 thru Sergeant 13	\$120,965 - \$122,174
Sergeant 14 thru Sergeant 17	\$118,638 - \$119,824
Sergeant 18 thru Sergeant 19	\$116,312 - \$117,475
Patrol Officer 1	\$118,466 - \$119,651
Patrol Officer 2	\$117,269 - \$118,442
Patrol Officer 3	\$116,071 - \$117,232
Patrol Officer 4	\$114,875 - \$116,024
Patrol Officer 5	\$113,680 - \$114,816
Patrol Officer 6	\$112,483 - \$113,608

Patrol Officer 7	\$111,286 - \$112,399
Patrol Officer 8	\$110,089 - \$111,190
Patrol Officer 9	\$108,892 - \$109,981
Patrol Officer 10	\$107,696 - \$108,773
Patrol Officer 11	\$101,823 - \$102,841
Patrol Officer 12	\$ 93,785 - \$ 94,722
Patrol Officer 13	\$ 85,746 - \$ 86,603
Patrol Officer 14	\$ 77,707 - \$ 78,484
Patrol Officer 15	\$ 69,669 - \$ 70,365
Patrol Officer 16	\$ 61,629 - \$ 62,245
Patrol Officer 17	\$ 53,591 - \$ 54,127
Patrol Officer 18	\$ 45,552 - \$ 46,008
Patrol Officer Probationary (1 st year)	\$ 37,513 - \$ 37,889

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, 2015 through December 31, 2018 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, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with River Edge PBA Local 201, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

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, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SOA, 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.

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 #1858

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to open public hearing on Ordinance #1858.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1858

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to close hearing on Ordinance #1858.

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1858

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to adopt Ordinance #1858.

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

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #16-157 through #16-165.

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

#16-157 A Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Fees to the Borough of River Edge Farmer's Market

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, within the Borough of River Edge there is an increased interest and demand for access to locally grown and raised food and the Mayor and Council seek to promote policies for a sustainable future growing, development and consuming with the least possible impact on nature. The Mayor and Council desires to increase access to healthy, local and affordable foods, encourage community-building and support local agriculture and economic development. Such goals can be accomplished by providing producers of locally grown and raised food the ability to directly reach residents without requiring that such products be sold in fixed locations storefronts and the Mayor and Council is desirous of supporting the concept of a Farmer's Market; and

WHEREAS, fees from interested vendors would be changed to promote the Farmer's Market; and

WHEREAS, these revenues are not subject to an accurate estimate in advance as it is not known how many vendors will participate week to week; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to include in its budget a Dedicated by Rider item entitled Farmer's Market; and

WHEREAS, the Farmer's Market will benefit the entire River Edge Community; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider.

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

1. The Borough Council does hereby request permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Farmer's Market received from fees.
2. That such income received by the Borough is to be placed in a Specific Trust Fund and such Trust Fund shall be considered a "Dedication by Rider" to be the budget of the Local Unit per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 for the sole purpose stated above.
3. The Borough Clerk of the Borough of River Edge is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

April 4, 2016

#16-158 Resolution to Create a Farmer's Market Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, within the Borough of River Edge there is an increased interest and demand for access to locally grown and raised food; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seek to promote policies of a sustainable future growing, development and consuming with the least possible impact on nature; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desires to increase access to healthy, local and affordable foods; encourage community-building; and support local agriculture and economic development; and

WHEREAS, such goals can be accomplished by providing producers of locally grown and raised food the ability to directly reach residents without requiring that such products be sold in a fixed location storefronts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desires to support the concept of a Farmer's Market and wish to establish a Farmer's Market Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor has appointed to the Farmer's Market Advisory Committee.

April 4, 2016

#16-159 Temporary Capital Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey desires to establish the Temporary 2016 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting the items therein as shown on such budget for the following reasons:

Purchase Fire Equipment - (3) Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

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

Section 1. The 2016 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of River Edge is hereby established by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

Project #16-1
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
Projects Scheduled for 2016
Method of Financing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>	<u>Capital Fund Balance</u>	<u>General Bonds</u>
Purchase Fire Equipment - (3) Automated External Defibrillators (AED)	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	

Section 2. The Borough Clerk is instructed to advertise this resolution as required by law.

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#16-160 Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge desires

to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$30,000.00 to fund the following project: Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Edward J. Mignone or the successor to the office of Mayor is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$30,000.00 and not more than \$30,000.00, and (c) to execute () any amendments thereto (X) any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge authorizes and hereby agrees to leverage 32% of the total Project Amount, in compliance with the leverage requirements of the agreement. The availability of the leverage for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified, 32% of the leverage will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement).

The grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the 2014 Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant, New Jersey Frost Service, P.O. Box 404, Trenton, New Jersey 07625-0404.

April 4, 2016

#16-161 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 April 18, 2016 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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#16-162 Amend Resolution #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.

2016

Annual

Office of Emergency Management
Emergency Management Coordinator P/T \$8,500.00

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Councilwoman Murphy-asked if any other company was contacted that could have performed this work?

Mayor Mignone-replied no, this professional service is not subject to the bidding laws, it's a different kind of bid threshold.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that because there are other engineering firms out there she wanted to know if anyone else was contacted.

Mayor Mignone-he recommended to the Council that due to Mr. Ascolese's specific experience in working with Bergen County transportation and being the Assistant County Engineer, he has unique insight on the traffic signals on Kinderkamack Road. He's been involved in every major road improvement and pedestrian or traffic signal improvement project in the County over the past 30+ years.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if he worked for the County and now working for this private corporation?

Mayor Mignone-replied, correct. He also stated that if the Council wished to interview him they certainly have that opportunity, they could go out for RFP or adopt the resolution tonight as listed.

#16-163 Enter Into Agreement with Boswell McClave Engineering, 330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606 for Traffic Consulting Engineering Services

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional traffic consulting engineering 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, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-169 of the Current Fund not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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, Boswell McClave Engineering has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Boswell McClave Engineering 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 Boswell McClave Engineering 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 Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at their work session of April 4, 2016.

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 Boswell McClave Engineering, 330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; 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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#16-164 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to 584 Kinderkamack Associates, LLC, 584 Kinderkamack Road, Block 619, Lot 3

WHEREAS, the following application had been made to the Planning Board and granted plan approval; and

WHEREAS, the developer is due a refund of the balance on deposit; and

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following to:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
619/3	584 Kinderkamack Associates, LLC 584 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$1,672.70

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Councilwoman Busteel-asked if New Jersey Transit has given a timeframe as to when they will be moving the bus stop that was previously approved?

Alan Negreann-asked if she meant bus stop or signage?

Councilwoman Busteel-replied signage, correct.

Alan Negreann-stated that they haven't been contacted yet. Once the resolution is done, it will be forwarded.

Mayor Mignone-asked if this is being done to address the driveway issue?

Alan Negreann-replied, yes.

#16-165 Amend Resolution #14-207 Proposed Bus Stop Changes

WHEREAS, resolution #14-207 was adopted by the Governing Body on May 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 1. a. was adopted as:

County Road

1. Along Kinderkamack Road, northbound on the easterly side thereof at:

- a. Wayne Avenue - (far side)
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Wayne Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 1.a. should be corrected to:

County Road

1. Along Kinderkamack Road, northbound on the easterly side thereof at:

- a. Wayne Avenue -
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Wayne Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolution #14-207 is hereby amended to reflect that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8(e) the following described location is designated as a bus stop:

County Road

1. Along Kinderkamack Road, northbound on the easterly side thereof at:
 - a. Wayne Avenue -
Beginning at the southerly curbline of Wayne Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom.

That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

Chairman, Bergen County board of Freeholders

County Clerk, Bergen County

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Councilwoman Busteed read resolution #16-166 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #16-166.

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

#16-166 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	\$455,331.91
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 1,849.43
SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$ 2,115.22
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 9,045.00

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 Bartelloni to open hearing of the public.

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

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to close hearing of the public.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Busted-congratulated the cast and crew of the River Dell Drama Club who put on a fabulous production of Les Miserables over the weekend. Councilwoman Busted reiterated that the Stigma Free Initiative is hosting a second speaking event called "After the Diagnosis, Autism Spectrum Disorders" which will be presented by Lisa Milordo, of Heart to Heart. The event will be held at the Library on April 26th at 7 p.m. and she thanked the Library for their support in offering the space. Councilman Bartelloni-commented that as it has been pointed out, New Jersey has the highest statistics of autism in the country with a 12% increase since 2014. As the rates continue to rise, Councilman Bartelloni feels that they we need to increase funding as well as awareness. He had the pleasure of speaking to his daughter's third grade class about local government and was pleased to see the teacher's in the school wearing Autism Awareness tee shirts. He thanked the teacher, Ms. Campbell for allowing him to come in and said that the students asked a lot of good questions about how the town works. Councilman Bartelloni suggested that they watch a meeting on YouTube and also invited them to come with their parents to a council meeting. He gave the students titles of the different positions in the Borough such as the Mayor, Borough Engineer, Council members, Head of DPW, Borough Attorney, etc. and their biggest fascination was to learn the actual name of the person in that position. Mayor Mignone-said that he's had discussions with Dr. Ben Dov about how they can better engage the schools in civic education such as a mock Council meeting or be "Mayor and Council for a Day". The Mayor stated that even the younger children show an interest and awareness of what's going on and feels it's important for them to know the basics of town government and how everyday things such as garbage pick-up, snow plowing, Police, Fire and Library operate. Councilman Bartelloni-again said that the students were really amazed about some of the things such as the costs and what the town is worth. He feels that it would be a great opportunity for the Mayor and Council to get involved with the school children and start a civic program. Councilman Bartelloni congratulated Kyra Mackesy on receiving the Gold Award as well Barbara Christiansen for coming in and speaking on behalf of the Share Network and encouraged everyone to consider becoming a donor. Councilman Papaleo-commended the Beautification Committee for making the municipal building and other areas in town look great. He reported that they met on May 10th and have begun their plantings. Councilman Papaleo commended the Fire Department as they've been busy responding to calls during recent wind storms for branches and wires down causing electrical fires. He also thanked the DPW for all of their hard work in managing these issues. Councilman Acquafredda-reported that on April 25th, the River Dell School Board will be presenting their budget at a public meeting. Mayor Mignone-asked if he knew what their proposed increase will be? Councilman Acquafredda-replied, no they are still finalizing it but it

will be more than what we approved. Councilman Acquafredda also informed everyone that the Community Center Committee will be meeting with Canzani Architects on Thursday and they expect to see a finalized schematic which they can present to the Mayor and Council for comments.

Councilwoman Davis-is very happy to see that they're moving along with the Farmer's Market. She did reach out to one of the vendors, Anderson Farms who was under impression that they weren't doing it this year. Councilwoman Davis informed him that we definitely are and hopes that they can get other vendors on board. She asked Mr. Sarlo what the start date was?

Tom Sarlo-replied, June 1st.

Councilwoman Murphy-welcomed California Tortilla to River Edge and announced that they had their Grand Opening last week and served free food to approximately 650 customers. Councilwoman Murphy said that the family that is operating it is very nice and she wishes them much success. Councilwoman Murphy handed out copies of Assembly Bill 222, the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act which received a 3 to 2 vote today. This bill would award grants to public libraries for construction projects up to \$125,000.00. Councilwoman Murphy suggested that if this bill goes forward, maybe it's something that River Edge could apply for.

Mayor Mignone-asked if it's a grant program?

Councilwoman Murphy-replied yes. She feels that this could help us move forward with other anticipated projects in the library.

Mayor Mignone-said that he went to California Tortilla on Sunday night and was pleased to see it was very busy and hopes that it's a sign of great things to come. He encouraged all of our residents to patronize our local businesses particularly the new ones down at New Bridge Plaza. The Mayor is hoping to start work with the Mayor's Business Advisory Council to figure out ways to encourage residents to shop local and use local services. The Mayor was pleased to see that River Edge is receiving another DOT grant for \$155,500 for the Fifth Avenue, Section 4 project which will involve Midland Avenue to the High School. The Mayor said that he also received notification regarding the Safe Routes to School program noting that the deadline to apply is June 27th. He suggested that Councilwoman Busted may want to bring it before Traffic & Safety and also said that he would forward the information to the school board since they may have projects that need funding. Mayor Mignone was informed that River Edge received a Growth Award and was again designated Tree City for 2015 by the Arbor Foundation. The Mayor is looking forward to receiving more information on that award and reminded everyone that Arbor Day is April 29th. Mayor Mignone announced that on Friday, April 15th the River Edge Diner will have a fundraising event where they will donate 10% of their proceeds to REVAS. He encouraged everyone to support this event because the diner has always been very generous and active in our community.

Councilwoman Davis-stated that this event will be going on all day.

Mayor Mignone-congratulated everyone who received proclamations tonight and said that he is very thankful for all of these programs and all of our volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:10 P.M.

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

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: