

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, October 3, 2016
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 8:20 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 Borough Administrator, Alan Negreann 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 Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of September 19, 2016.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring the Month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the United States, Breast Cancer is the third most common cause of cancer deaths after lung cancer and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to fighting this disease, raising awareness and supporting those affected by breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been declining and this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment; and

WHEREAS, mammography, an "x-ray" of the breast, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt; and

WHEREAS, October 17, 2016 is National Mammography Day, a day set aside to promote the importance of regular screenings in the early detection and prompt treatment of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the innovative, lifesaving work of medical professionals, through their efforts to prevent, detect and treat make a difference in the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is important to continue the fight against breast cancer and to reduce

the risk of this disease among our citizens.

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:

OCTOBER 2016

as

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: October 3, 2016

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring October 9 - 15th as Fire Prevention Week as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cooking, heating, and electrical fires represent three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of home cooking, heating, and electrical fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

WHEREAS, proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms are part of a thorough home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, by preventing the leading causes of home fires, and by developing and practicing a thorough home fire escape plan, people can greatly reduce their risk to fire; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2016 theme, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" encourages the public to develop a home fire escape plan and make sure they have working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the fire service of the Borough of River Edge is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, the members of the fire service are joined by other concerned citizens of this Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as well as other emergency service providers and safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, I Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim the week of

October 9 - 15, 2016

as

Fire Prevention Week

This week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 persons, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings.

WHEREAS, I call upon the people of the Borough of River Edge to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical fires and plan and practice their home fire escape.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Dated: October 3, 2016

Mayor Mignone read the proclamation declaring the month of October as Italian American Heritage Month as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since our nation's inception and throughout our history, brave men, women and children, yearning for freedom and opportunity, made the journey to the United States in search of a better life; and

WHEREAS, from early explorers to the 5.5 million immigrants of the early twentieth century, Italian Americans have helped shaped and develop our nation; and

WHEREAS, coinciding with festivities surrounding Columbus Day, National Italian American Heritage Month recognizes the many achievements, contributions and successes of Americans of Italian descent; and

WHEREAS, Italian American citizens have made significant economic and cultural contributions to our nation, state and community, and their influences can be found in every walk of life.

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

The Month of October 2016

as

Italian American Heritage Month

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: October 3, 2016

Mayor Mignone stated that he's never known a time where there's been more people of Italian decent on the dais. He asked Councilman Acquafredda to accept the proclamation. Councilman Acquafredda-explained that the phrase "Italian American" means that you were born in Italy and then came to the United States and "American Italian" means that you were born in the United States from an Italian family. Councilman Acquafredda said that although he doesn't technically fit into the wording in the proclamation he will gladly accept it.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis 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.

OPEN HEARING - BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM PARK IMPROVEMENT - Kenneth B. George Field Lights Improvement

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open hearing on the BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM PARK IMPROVEMENT - Kenneth B. George Field Lights Improvement.

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

Alan Negreann-explained that the Borough will not be submitting an application to the Trust since we intend to award the contract tonight with funds that are available. This would be in addition to what we have available for the contract. Unless the Council sees the purpose to filing an application for additional funding over the \$404,000, there would be no need for the application.

Mayor Mignone-feels that it depends on how it's structured for payout. He asked if we are paying the whole thing outright or is it going to be a partial payment. If it's partial payment, this could be credited towards our outlay before the conclusion of the project.

Alan Negreann-said that he doesn't have any information regarding how it will be paid out.

Alicia Armental-Recreation Commission Member-stated that they put in a letter of intent to Bergen County Open Space for additional funds because they thought they would need an additional \$200,000 for the lights. She explained that since they don't need that anymore, she asked the Mayor and Council to consider another project for the Open Space funding.

Mayor Mignone-stated that we didn't advertise for a hearing for another project.

Alicia Armental-asked if they wanted to see the quotes for this project?

Alan Negreann-stated that they are out of time for another public hearing. The ruling that he has in front of him indicates that you have to do an advertisement, the advertisement has to be 15 days prior to the public hearing and the application is due on October 18th.

Councilwoman Busteed-asked if there is a way if the Council wants to proceed with this, to appeal to the County to waive that time frame or give us an extension based on the circumstances.

Mayor Mignone-also suggested that they submit the project that we said we were going to submit and then ask for a change when they go to the regional meeting. He feels that it might be cleaner because we've had the hearing on the project that was submitted and contingent on Alan finding out information on the payout, if we have to pay the money for project prior to the end of the year then its mute. If it's something that is paid out in installments, then the Council could consider whether they want to get \$30,000 - \$40,000 back from the County towards this project to lower the cost which could be decided later on. He feels this is the best way to go rather than jeopardizing a technical deficiency in terms of not meeting the hearing requirements.

Councilwoman Busteed-asked if we should still have the hearing?

Mayor Mignone-replied yes, I think we should go ahead with public comments.

Alicia Armental-presented a quote for \$40,800 to completely reconstruct the basketball courts at Memorial Park. The second quote was for \$15,750 to make repairs in Brookside Park bringing the request to a total of \$56,550. They would be asking for half which is \$28,275.00 plus the same amount as the Borough's match.

Mayor Mignone-said that it seems plausible to him. He and Bobbi Conway met with Robert Abbatarco, the Director of Open Space with regard to KBG in particular. He explained that the reason why they had the unusual procedure of a letter of intent was because everyone who has been participating in Open Space over the last ten years knows what the allocations are. You're talking about the sub-region getting \$250,000 - \$280,000 and there are towns that come in asking for projects that cost several hundreds of thousands of dollars. The letter of intent was to try and determine whether towns would actually complete big projects knowing that they won't be getting that kind of money from Open Space. The Mayor feels that as long as they know we have a serious project, even if they have to change the scope later on, he thinks it would be something they would be amenable to.

**CLOSE HEARING - BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM
PARK IMPROVEMENT - Kenneth B. George Field Lights Improvement**

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close hearing on the BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM PARK IMPROVEMENT - Kenneth B. George Field Lights Improvement.

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the satisfactory completion of the six-month probationary period of Lisa Sulikowski, Deputy Court Administrator and salary increase from the probationary rate of \$16.00 to Step I - \$19.18, effective October 5, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the salary increase and satisfactory completion of the six-month probationary period of Peter De Vries, Fire Inspector, from a Step I hourly rate of \$22.50 to Step II - \$23.75 effective October 4, 2016.

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

CORRESPONDENCE -

Notice - River Edge Board of Education-9/19/16
Re: Meeting Notice - 9/21/16
Report - Alan P. Negreann - 9/26/14
Re: Revenue Report - 9/26/16
Report - Alan P. Negreann - 9/26/16
Re: Farmer's Market-June thru Sept.
Letter - PSE&G - 9/29/16
Re: Application for Waterfront
Development Individual Permit V2222-
Hackensack River Repair

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Shade Tree Commission - January, February, March, April, June,
November & December 2015
Shade Tree Commission - January, February, April, May &
June 2016
Tax Collector - August 2016

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING - NONE

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING - NONE

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to add resolution #16-373 - Approve Lighting Improvement Purchase for Kenneth B. George Park to the agenda.

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 resolutions #16-354 through #16-370 and #16-372.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni,

Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#16-354 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 October 17, 2016 Special 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.

October 3, 2016

#16-355 Grant Raffle License to the Lions Club of River Edge

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise Cash Raffle to the Lions Club of River Edge, P.O. Box 33, New Jersey 07661 License #679, I.D. 423-8-26559 to take place at the River Edge Cultural Center, 201 Continental Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey on December 4, 2016 at 1:00 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.

October 3, 2016

#16-356 Proposed Bus Stop Changes - Kinderkamack Road and Wayne Avenue

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

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 - (far side)
Beginning at the northerly curblin of Wayne Avenue and extending 75 feet northerly therefrom.

That pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8(e) the following described location is deleted as a bus stop:

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

b. Wayne Avenue -- (near side)
Beginning at the southerly curblin of Wayne Avenue and extending 105 feet southerly 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.

DATED:

(Mayor, Manager or Executive)

(Municipal Clerk, Clerk of the Board, etc)

(Chairman, Bergen County Board of Freeholders)

(County Clerk, Bergen County)

October 3, 2016

#16-357 Refund of Construction Bond for Shade Trees to Quality Construction Services, LLC, 146 Lynette Drive, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024 for the Property Located at 233 Beech Court, Block 910, Lot 11

WHEREAS, Quality Construction Services, LLC deposited a cash construction bond for shade trees adjacent to the property located at 233 Beech Court in the amount of \$8,523.40 in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission has performed an inspection and has determined that the trees at this location were not affected by construction activity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at their work session of October 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission recommends that the bond in the amount of \$8,523.40 be released.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor is authorized to make the following refund of \$8,523.40 from the Trust Other Account to:

Mr. Ira Erlichman
c/o Quality Construction Services, LLC
146 Lynette Drive
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

October 3, 2016

#16-358 Acknowledge Receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases - Sewer Repair at 175 Valley Road

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has certified that an emergency condition exists in the Department of Public Works for the emergency sewer repair at 175 Valley Road at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this condition constitutes an emergency affecting the public health, safety and welfare of the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby confirm and acknowledge the receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases for this emergency.

October 3, 2016

#16-359 Adopt a Policy Requiring the Borough of River Edge Tax Assessor to Notify the Governing Body and Chief Financial Officer of all Tax Appeals Upon Filing

WHEREAS, the active monitoring and management of a municipality's ratable base is fundamental to helping to insure fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, the refunding of tax appeals can affect the cash flow of a municipality, the calculation for the reserve for uncollected taxes which is necessary to the preparation of a budget and fund balance; and

WHEREAS, every taxpayer has the right to appeal a tax assessment, first through administrative channels and if not satisfied with the results there, ultimately through the County Board of Taxation and the Courts; and

WHEREAS, reporting of this information is essential to operation of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of River Edge that it's Governing Body have this information on a timely basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor is requested to follow this policy requiring that the Tax Assessor of the Borough of River Edge notify the Governing Body and the Chief Financial Officer of all tax appeals upon filing, but not later than June 1st of each year.

October 3, 2016

#16-360 Authorize Tax Collector to Adjust the 4th Quarter 2016 Taxes for a Senior Deduction Allowed

WHEREAS, the following homeowner filed a Senior Application for a deduction in the amount of \$250.00 and was approved by the Tax Assessor for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the deduction was not listed in the 2016 Tax Duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the 4th Quarter taxes for the following amount.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Deduction</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
508/7	Elisabetta Maramonte 237 Jefferson Avenue	Senior	250.00

October 3, 2016

#16-361 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 3rd Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate payment and/or tax overpayment for the 3rd Quarter 2016 taxes on the following property; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the homeowner and/or their Mortgage Company/Title Company to refund the overpaid amount directly to the homeowner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Account Supervisor is hereby authorized to issue checks in the following amounts and the Tax Collector to adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
1002/56	Issa, Gabi 382 Lee Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	3,578.56

October 3, 2016

#16-362 Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer a 3rd Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayment to the 4th Quarter 2016 Taxes

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a 3rd quarter 2016 tax overpayment on the following property; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the homeowner, who made the overpayment, to transfer the overpayment to the next quarter due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector adjust her records by transferring the 2nd quarter 2016 tax overpayment to the 3rd quarter 2016 taxes as follows:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Owner/Property</u>	<u>from 3rd Qtr. 16</u>	<u>to 4th Qtr.16</u>
501/3	Steven Neil Silver	124.08	124.08

October 3, 2016

#16-363 Authorize Tax Collector to Adjust 4th Quarter 2016 Taxes for a Veteran/Widow of a Veteran Deduction Allowed

WHEREAS, the Veteran/Widow of a Veteran Deduction on the following properties were removed in error; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has reinstated the deduction for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the deduction was not listed in the 2016 Tax Duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the 4th Quarter final taxes and adjust the final tax bill for the \$250.00 deduction.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Deduction</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1205/24	Estelle Friedberg 185 Reservoir Avenue	Widow	250.00
1206/2	Alice G. Melone 274 Oak Avenue	Veteran	250.00
		Total:	500.00

October 3, 2016

#16-364 Amend 2016 Budget

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

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

WHEREAS, revenues are on hand in the Grant Fund:

State and Federal Grant Funds - Unappropriated

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.....\$8,096.44

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

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.....\$8,096.44

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$8,096.44 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

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

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.....\$8,096.44

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough forward electronically the contents of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

October 3, 2016

#16-365 Amend 2016 Budget

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program for a Senior Citizens Activities Grant in the amount of \$1,800.00.

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

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F

Community Development Block Grant
Senior Citizen Activities.....\$1,800.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$1,800.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

- A. Operations excluded from the "CAPS"
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Community Development Block Grant
Senior Citizen Activities.....\$1,800.00

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

October 3, 2016

#16-366 Amend 2016 Budget

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program for a Senior Bus Dispatcher & Driver

Wages Grant in the amount of \$18,000.00.

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

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F
Community Development Block Grant
Senior Bus Dispatcher & Driver Wages.....\$18,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$18,000.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

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

Community Development Block Grant
Senior Bus Dispatcher & Driver Wages.....\$18,000.00

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

October 3, 2016

#16-367 Enter Into Agreement with the County of Bergen for a Community Development Block Grant for Senior Citizen Activities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$1,800.00 in 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities in the Borough of River Edge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Edward J. Mignone, Mayor to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Alan P. Negreann, Borough Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of River Edge is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement, and that the liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

October 3, 2016

#16-368 Enter Into Agreement with the County of Bergen for a Community Development Block Grant for the Senior Bus Dispatcher & Driver Wages

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$18,000.00 in 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds for the Senior Bus Dispatcher & Driver Wages in the Borough of River Edge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Edward J. Mignone, Mayor to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Alan P. Negreann, Borough Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of River Edge is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement, and that the liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

October 3, 2016

#16-369 Amend Agreement with Richard A. Mehrman, Consulting Engineer, 426 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 for Professional Services Related to Conducting Inspections at the 7 Eleven, 1080 Main Street, Block 1406, Lot 1

WHEREAS, there exists a need to retain expert engineering services related to conducting inspections at the 7 Eleven, 125 Kinderkamack Road, Block 1406, Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Richard A. Mehrman via resolution #16-335 dated September 6, 2016 in the amount of \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services related to conducting inspections at the 7 Eleven, 1080 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has indicated that the correct address for Block 1406, Lot 1 should be 1080 Main Street and not 125 Kinderkamack Road which was previously listed on the original agreement via resolution #16-335; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on October 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from the Trust Other Developer Account in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00; and

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

WHEREAS, Richard A. Mehrman has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Richard A. Mehrman 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 Richard A. Mehrman from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$135.00 per hour;

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 Richard A. Mehrman, 425 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.
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.

October 3, 2016

#16-370 Amend 2016 Budget

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a grant for a Reserve for Clean Communities Grant Unappropriated in the amount of \$500.00.

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

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F

Clean Communities Grant.....\$500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$500.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

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

Clean Communities Grant.....\$500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer forward a budget amendment request based on this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

October 3, 2016

Councilwoman Busted read resolution #16-371 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #16-371.

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

#16-371 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	\$1,699,192.67
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 3,051.33
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 225.00
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 20,165.70
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 2,906.85

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 time claims would be paid.

October 3, 2016

#16-372 Amend 2016 Budget

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a deposit in its Unappropriated Reserve for Nursing Services for nonpublic Schools Grant in the amount of \$3,295.00.

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

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F

Unappropriated Reserve for Nursing Services
~~Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues.....\$3,295.00~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$3,295.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(A) Operations excluded from the "CAPS"
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues.....\$3,295.00

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

October 3, 2016

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #16-373.

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

#16-373 Approve Lighting Improvement Purchase for Kenneth B. George Park

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission of the Borough of River Edge has requested that lighting improvements for Kenneth B. George Park be purchased through the Keystone Purchasing Network; and

WHEREAS, the Public Laws of 2011, Chapter 139 allows the Borough of River Edge to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the use of the Keystone Purchasing Network shall result in a cost savings after all factors, including charges for service, material and delivery have been considered; and

WHEREAS, the competitive bid contract has been awarded by Keystone Purchasing Network which is a government to government procurement service for local governments to Musco Lighting, for a contract term of February 28, 2016 through February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Musco Lighting has complied with the Local Public Contracts Law by providing documents such as a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate, Statement of Corporate Ownership, EEO Compliance, a Political Contribution Disclosure Form and a Non-Collusion Affidavit; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has advertised a notice of intent to award a contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and also posted it on its website; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is a Keystone Purchasing Network member having executed a contract on September 21, 2015 via resolution #15-343; and

WHEREAS, the Risk Consultant has reviewed the Certificate of

Insurance, Hold Harmless and Consent of Surety that was submitted and has provided approval of those documents; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director and Commission have reviewed the specifications and has approved the purchase of the lighting improvements as per the proposal by Musco Lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #13-116 DOE in the amount of \$36,363.00; #14-96 DOE in the amount of \$36,363.00; #15-84 DOE in the amount of \$27,720.00; #16-123 DOE in the amount of \$74,829.00; Capital Account #04-2150-55-1806-700 in the amount of \$100,000.00; Capital Account #04-2150-55-1859-300 in the amount of \$50,000.00; Capital Account #04-2150-55-1851-200 in the amount of \$54,320.00 and Capital Account #04-2150-55-1869-200 in the amount of \$25,275.00 for total amount not to exceed \$404,870.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby approve the lighting improvement purchase through the Keystone Purchasing Network.

October 3, 2016

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 Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Nancy Lustenberger-730 7th Avenue-stated that nothing has changed on 7th Avenue with regard to her neighbor's parking violation and asked for an update.

Mayor Mignone-replied that Mr. DeRosa has issued a violation and the resident has until sometime in October to comply. They will have to follow-up with Mr. DeRosa to see what the next step is.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that they have 30 days from when they went to court.

Nancy Lustenberger-thanked them for the update.

Lou Grasso-172 Lozer Terrace-he asked what the criteria is to determine what would be considered a vacant home? He feels that to avoid problems with residents who vacation for months, there should be a set criteria. He feels that many residents that go to Florida for a few months and have their grass mowed and snow shoveled, should not have to register and pay a fee for a vacant home.

Mayor Mignone-stated that that's not the intent of the ordinance and it would not be applicable if that was the case. The Mayor explained that as they discussed in the work session, there are a couple of loopholes that they found where the language needs to be tightened up to make sure that there are no unintended consequences. The Mayor asked if they are ready to proceed with 140 Kinderkamack once the tree is removed? He also asked if the sign has been ordered.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that he doesn't believe the sign was ordered which is what prompted the discussion. John Lynch was checking with Shade Tree to make sure that the agreement that they made was still in effect. Once that is determined, he would order it and make sure the tree would be moved before the sign arrived.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Murphy-announced that there will be a river clean-up this Saturday, October 8th from 1 to 5 and Oradell and New Milford will also be involved in the event. She also reported that they were able to get the senior bus which will shuttle people from KBG Park to Oradell. She said that volunteers are needed and encouraged people to help out.

Councilwoman Murphy also reported that the Library will be having their meeting tomorrow, October 4th at 7 p.m. and informed everyone that they received an \$18,000 gift from the Estate of Joan Winters. She also reported that the barrel vaulted roof is finished and looks good and Ron Starace has put together an evacuation plan with his recommendations to assemble at the Cultural Center in case of an emergency. There will be a Friends of the Library event on Sunday, October 23rd at 2 p.m. at Total Wine where food and beer from around the world will be served.

Councilwoman Murphy thanked Fuki Sushi, Istanbul, Sanducci's and Green Papaya for donating the food for this event. Tickets are \$45.00 and limited to 40 people so if anyone is interested, tickets may be purchased at the Library. The Shade Tree Commission has put together their fall planting list and they've received estimates for stump removal. Because the prices have been increasing, Liz has spoken with John Lynch about purchasing a machine. The Commission has submitted their five (5) plan to the state for review and approval and their next meeting is October 20th at 7 p.m. She suggested that the Borough Attorney, Tom Sarlo attend.

Councilwoman Murphy announced that there are two tree projects involving Eagle Scouts coming this fall. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt school and she read off the names of new staff members that the district is welcoming this year.

Mayor Mignone-stated that he read in one of the Shade Tree minutes that there are 200 and something stumps. He asked if they could provide what the aggregate inches are so we would know what it would cost to do all of them.

Councilwoman Murphy-replied yes and explained that they are way behind.

Mayor Mignone-stated that depending on the budget maybe we should put money aside and get rid of the stumps and not pay for the plantings for one year. He said that we need to look at the cost benefit.

Councilwoman Murphy-explained that every year that they've not planted, it puts the growth behind but she'll mention it to them.

Councilwoman Davis-stated that they will have the Farmer's Market tomorrow and it will continue on a week to week basis depending on the vendors.

She attended the Green Team meeting on September 20th and the topic of discussion was their plan for River Edge Day. She was able to get them contact information on the LED lightbulb boxes that Oradell had given out. They are going to have their garden clean-up on Woodland Avenue.

Councilwoman Davis attended the SCORE meeting and stated that at this time, there is no need to try and get the bus for Tuesdays. She attended the Emergency Management Council meeting on Wednesday where they discussed trying to identify high risk people in town in case of storms or emergencies.

Councilman Papaleo-reported that he met with the Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief of the Fire Department to discuss their budget for next year. He also attended their department meeting where there was a brief discussion about the fire sirens.

Mayor Mignone-stated that although he respects the position of the Council members, he feels that they are deviating from the liaison protocol.

There are too many council people calling individual department heads to get problems solved. The department heads are not getting all of the same information as a result of that. He suggests that if there is a specific question or complaint with regard to a department, to please go through the liaisons and Stephanie so that everything is documented and everyone has the benefit of knowing what the problem was and how it was resolved.

Mayor Mignone thanked the Police Department, Neal Carroll and Chief Cariddi for keeping him in the loop with regard to the tragic train crash in Hoboken last week. The Mayor stated that they know that some of our residents were on the train and is thankful that no one from River Edge was seriously injured. He said that Corey Booker's office and the Governor's office reached out to him and were very proactive in getting him information on whether any of our residents were injured and keeping him up to date with what was going on. The Mayor reported that they had their initial meeting of the Emergency Management Council on Wednesday and he was pleased that so many people were able to attend. He felt that everyone seemed very enthusiastic and optimistic and felt that by pooling our resources, we will be better prepared for emergencies. Right now the specific goal is to identify vulnerable residents so they can be accounted for and taken care of in case of an emergency. He was grateful that the reporter from the Record wrote an article for the newspaper. He stated that this information is not only beneficial for the large events like a Sandy, it's beneficial for smaller events like a local snow storm where we don't want our residents being negatively impacted or accidentally neglected because we don't know where they are. He feels that Ron Starace's initiative has the Mayor and Council's support and is off to a good start. Mayor Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, members of the Rec Commission and members of the Board of Education met to discuss the use of the fields. They discussed looking at the interlocal agreements that may need evaluating and changes going forward and feels that it was a

positive first step. He looks forward to continuing that dialogue. He also reported that he and Alan met with the NJDOT and our consultants with regard to the Safe Routes to School TAP Grant. The consensus from the professionals and the DOT was that we're not going to build the sidewalk on the cliff, we're going to take that section of sidewalk and continue it northward to have full connectivity up to the diner and down to Wayne Avenue. They're going to improve the intersection at Wayne and Bogert with improved crosswalks and make the same improvements at the intersection of Continental and Bogert by Roosevelt School. The third task would be to improve the paper street of Oak Avenue by the Middle School by making it a walking/bike path similar to what was done in Brookside Park. The Mayor stated that the consultants will scope it out and give them cost estimates and hopes that it will be within the allocated budget. The DOT seemed pleased with all of the improvements as outlined. Mayor Mignone had the pleasure of attending as host Mayor, the naturalization ceremony at New Bridge Landing last week where they swore in 23 new citizens from 16 countries. Mary Donohue told the Mayor and he would find it a powerful and inspiring ceremony and he felt that it certainly was. He would definitely recommend that people attend in the future because it really was very heartening to see the enthusiasm and pride in those who became American citizens. Dick Berry had asked the Mayor to publicly thank the Fialko family for their expression of support after receiving a letter from them regarding the 9/11 ceremony. The Mayor wished our Jewish friends a happy and healthy New Year and also wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day because he opened the path for immigration to this country.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:58 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: