

M I N U T E S
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
September 17, 2012
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Moscaritolo called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Moscaritolo called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilman Mignone to lead the salute to the flag.

MISSION STATEMENT & OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS -

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

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

In accordance with this act the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge have caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall and notices have been sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News.

The mission of this governing body is to provide essential services through the establishment and implementation of public policy that will safeguard our infrastructure, provide honest, courteous and professional services; and establish a sense of trust and accomplishment with our residents. Through research and prudent planning we seek to minimize risks while improving our services. We are sensitive to the needs of our taxpayers while realizing that this governing body cannot be all things to all people within the revenue constraints imposed by state mandates, economic conditions and prevailing attitudes about taxation.

ROLL CALL - Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Moscaritolo were present; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of September 4, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Mignone abstained; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting on September 7, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Mignone abstained; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS - NONE

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the hire of John Velten, 445 The Fenway, River Edge as a School Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$16.16, with a six-month probationary period, effective date contingent upon training and medical examination.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the hire of Robert Dondiego, 264 Continental Avenue, River Edge as a School Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$16.16, with a six-month probationary period, effective date contingent upon training and medical examination.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the separation of Colleen McLoughlin, School Crossing Guard, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

Motion by Councilman Midnone, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the appointment of Thomas Karyshyn, 6 Irene Court, to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 9/3/12
Re: Meeting 9/4/12
Letter - B.C. Dept. of Planning & Economic Dev - 9/3/12
Re: Site Plan, River Edge Crossings - Block
1404, Lot 3.01, 5 & 1.04
Letter - State of N.J., Office of the Governor-9/4/12
Re: New Jersey Comeback
Letter - James Levis - 9/10/12
Re: Resignation from Zoning Board
Notice - United Water - 9/10/12
Re: Petition for Approval of Distribution System
Improvement Charge
Letter - Bergen County Utilities Authority - 9/10/12
Re: 2012 Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant
Letter - Bergen County Freeholders - 9/10/12
Re: Access for All Summit
Letter - State of New Jersey - 9/14/12
Re: Flood Hazard Applicability Determination-
Block 1408, Lots 1-3, Coles Brook off Main

LIAISON REPORTS -

Councilwoman Murphy - Liaison to Shade Tree Commission, Library, Senior Citizens co-liaison, Technology Committee, Special Events Committee, New Milford/River Edge Shared Services Committee - was absent.

Councilman Cordts - Liaison to DPW, Beautification Committee, Traffic & Safety Committee, New Milford/River Edge Shared Services Committee, Oradell/River Edge Shared Services Committee - was absent.

Councilman Cappola - Liaison to Historic Commission - stated that he will have a report next month.

Councilman Mignone - Liaison to Police Dept., Environmental Protection Commission, Green Team, Planning Board - reported that the September Planning Board meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of an agenda and the Green Team will be meeting tomorrow and will appear before the Mayor and Council on October 1st to give an update on the recertification process. Councilman Mignone congratulated and thanked Officer Starost and the committee for getting the Emergency Responder Memorial up and ready as quickly as they did and also thanked Let It Grow for accelerating the project and having it ready for September 11th. He thanked the Mayor for giving a very moving speech and was pleased to see so many in attendance. Councilman Mignone reported on the letter that was received from Chief Cariddi commending Officer Renata Sanches for saving someone at McDonald's and feels that they made a great decision when they hired her as she has turned out to be a great asset to the Department.

Councilman Bartelloni - Liaison to Recreation Commission, River Edge and River Dell Schools, Special Events Committee, Senior Citizen co-liaison - reported that the Recreation Commission will be meeting this Wednesday and Special Events will meet tomorrow night. He reminded everyone that River Edge Day will be on October 14th at Memorial Park. Councilman Bartelloni stated that the Recreation Commission will have to address the issue of damage to the tennis courts which is being caused by the surrounding pine trees that are dropping needles and sap. He stated that the Recreation Commission works with US Sports Institute and they are offering programs for boys and girls ages 3 to 5 starting this Thursday. He suggested that if anyone is interested to check out the Recreation Commission on our website.

Councilman Papaleo - Liaison to Fire/Fire Prevention, Construction Code Official,

Property Maintenance, River Edge Alliance Against Alcohol & Drugs - reported that Fire Prevention inspections are up to date and there have been no fires since the last report. The Fire Department reported that there were 16 fire calls, 3 drills, weekly Sunday vehicle and equipment maintenance and a Fire Prevention class at Grace Lutheran Church. Councilman Papaleo reported that our Social Services Director, Gene Getter, has been providing two residents in need with Shop Rite gift cards and had received other calls that he directed to Bergen County Services or to our Senior Bus for transportation. Councilman Papaleo reported that the Building Department had no new constructions, 2 additions and 60 renovations that were put through. For July, the Building Department collected \$17,554.00 in fees. John Sarafian reported that he had ten issues that he issued warnings to but has not issued any summonses. He also reported that during the summer, the River Edge Alliance Against Drugs transferred money from a line item that no longer existed to line items for the schools and senior citizens. He thanked Alan for getting their 2013 budget submitted and looks forward to making sure that the money is used in the areas most needed because unfortunately less grant money has been given to the County of Bergen this year. He thanked the Police Department for the many programs they provide to the schools through the D.A.R.E. Program. The first Senior Citizen workshop was held on August 28th and although there was low attendance, those who did attend seemed to enjoy it. He also announced some of the future programs that will be sponsored by the Drug Alliance.

Mayor Moscaritolo reported that the River Edge Volunteer Ambulance Service responded to 382 calls for the month of August and 47 calls in the month of July. The Mayor gave a breakdown of the calls and commented that he is very proud of the volunteer services in our town and stated that we're always in need of new volunteers. Mayor Moscaritolo informed everyone that the ambulance service is completely volunteer and a private organization not funded by tax payer money. The Mayor thanked Let It Grow, Patrol Officer Starost, Sergeant Wilhelm, the DPW, Liz Stewart from Shade Tree, Council members, Michele Cariddi from Beautification for working together to get the Emergency Responder Monument up and ready for September 11th. Mayor Moscaritolo announced that if any member of the public wishes to inspect the American Legion they can do so with an escort because of the condition of the building.

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Building Department	-	August 2012
Tax Collector	-	August 2012
Zoning Board of Adjustment	-	August 2012
Police Department	-	August 2012

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING - NONE

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING -

Dense Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1770 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1770

Ordinance #1770 was introduced by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Cordts at the September 4, 2012 meeting as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 382, TOWING AND STORAGE FEES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

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

Section I

§ 382-3(9) Municipal Vehicles

A. Heavy Trucks weighting an excess of 15,000 lbs. and over shall be towed and/or stored at 25% of the ordinance rate as set forth in §382-8 provided further that the vehicle is within a 15 mile radius of the towing and storage provider.

B. Vehicles under 15,000 lbs. will not pay any towing and/or storage fees provided that the vehicle is within a 15 mile radius of the towing and storage provider.

Section II

§ 382-8 Fees.

The fees permitted by the following fee schedules are promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.49 and N.J.A.C. 11:3-38. The maximum fees

permitted by this chapter will be the same as allowed by the statute and regulation, as they may be amended. This chapter will be interpreted to provide for the same maximum fees, as said statute and regulation will permit, without further amendment hereof. The following is the fee schedule for basic automobile towing services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.49:

A.	Towing of vehicles under 6,000 lbs.	\$125.00
	Mileage (out of town or not to yard) (within N.J.) per mile rate ..	\$ 5.00
	Road Service	\$ 60.00
	Storage	\$ 40.00
	Winching/Recovery	\$150.00
	If vehicle will not roll freely on or off flatbed (winch fee) ..	\$ 75.00
	Yard Fee as needed	\$ 65.00
B.	Towing of vehicles 6,001 lbs. to 10,000 lbs. (per hour) ..	\$175.00
	Road Service Call	\$ 75.00
	Storage	\$ 75.00
	Winching/Recovery	\$200.00
	If vehicle will not roll freely on or off flatbed (winch fee) ..	\$100.00
	Yard Fee as needed	\$ 85.00
C.	Towing of vehicles over 10,001 lbs. (per hour) ..	\$325.00
	Road Service	\$100.00 min.
	Storage	\$100.00
	Winching/Recovery	\$425.00
	Yard Fee for Trucks	\$165.00
D.	Clean-up @ accident scene	\$ 35.00
	Speedi-Dri	\$ 15.00
	Administrative Fee	\$ 35.00
	Extra Personnel	\$ 85.00
	(Additional work requiring extra personnel shall be billed at a per hour rate per person)	
	Level 3 supervisor	\$ 90.00
	Crash Wrap	\$ 40.00
	Crash Wrap	\$ 25.00
	Air line hook/up	\$ 40.00
	Remove drive shaft/axle	\$ 50.00
	Air Brake Release	\$ 50.00
	Waiting time (initial 30 mins. on arrival, no charge; thereafter billed at 30 min. increments at a per hourly rate)	\$100.00

Yard Fee shall not be charged due to location of vehicle where stored. However, yard fees will be charged in those instances where a second tow service for insurance carrier or owner requires assistance of the yard and cannot be accessed.

Hours for releasing of vehicles: Monday ~ Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

After hours release fee: \$60.00

Section III

§ 382-9 Inconsistency.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section IV

§ 382-10 Effective Date.

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

Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1770

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

Tom Locicero-30 Alden Road, Paramus-stated that he is the owner of All Points Towing, one of the licensed towing companies for the Borough and surrounding towns and commended the Mayor and Council for adopting this ordinance tonight. He feels that it is long overdue and thanked all of those who worked diligently to get this done. He stated that this brings them close to the 21st century and in compliance with the Department of Consumer Affairs and also with insurance companies. He thanked everyone who worked closely with them to get this ordinance right and is glad they can move forward.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1770

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1770

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adopt Ordinance #1770.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #12-322 through #12-325 and #12-327 through #12-329.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

#12-322 Confirmation of Local Assessments for Curbs, Sidewalk and Driveway Aprons for the 2011 Howland Avenue & Kinderkamack Road Intersection Improvement Project (Traffic Light)

WHEREAS, reconstruction of curb, sidewalk and driveway aprons on Howland Avenue for the Intersection Improvement Project (traffic light) were made in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons are local improvements, the value of which is assessable to owners of the adjacent property; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1733 authorized the construction of curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons as a local assessment to adjoining properties and such work has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has received a grant from the Department of Transportation for the construction of the curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have indicated at a work session that the residents shall only be assessed for the engineering portion of the cost of the curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons on Kinderkamack Road and Howland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, James Anzevino, Tax Assessor has been appointed as the Local Board of Assessor on this project and has certified a list of properties to be assessed on Howland Avenue and Kinderkamack Road for the engineering and administrative portion of the cost of curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk on July 24, 2012 has certified to the Tax Assessor that all of the residents on the list have received notice of a public hearing and report on the Howland Avenue and Kinderkamack Road assessments.

WHEREAS, a hearing on these assessments was held by the Mayor and Council on September 4, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following list of local assessments prepared by James Anzevino, totaling \$4,722.98 is hereby confirmed and approved and shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector for billing and collection in accordance with Ordinance #1733 and the laws of the State of New Jersey.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1004/24	Sergio & Rosa Lopez 333 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 289.98
1004/25	Dennis Natoli 325 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 445.94
1004/26	Fredric & Francine Nisenholz 311 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 235.05
1004/27	Hyun Sook Koh 46 Howland Avenue	\$ 312.07
1004/28	Francesco & Louise Bonastia 48 Howland Avenue	\$ 314.80
1005/6.01	Lynne Litterini 316 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 305.07
1005/6.02	George Kuriakose Etal 310 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 287.56
1005/6.03	Joshua Schwartz 408 Buckingham Circle Wyckoff, NJ 07481	\$ 252.55
1005/6.04	Edmundo & Luz Macaraeg 298 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 252.55
1005/6.05	Joseph & Kun Y Yoo Choe 294 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 252.55
1005/7.01	Nuhro Aydin 290 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 252.55
1005/7.02	Rene Grande 286 Kinderkamack Road	\$ 370.81
1007/1	River Edge Associates/Kriegman Smith inc. 101 Eisenhower Parkway Roseland, NJ 07068	\$1,151.50

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#12-323 Enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the Purpose of Using Community Development Block Grant Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$2,000.00 in 2012 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities in the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement.

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

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 liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

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12-324 Enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the Purpose of Using Community Development Block Grant Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$2,000.00 in 2012 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Bus Dispatcher Wages in the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement.

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

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 liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

September 17, 2012

#12-325 Enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the Purpose of Using Community Development Block Grant Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$10,000.00 in 2012 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Bus Driver Wages in the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement.

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

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 liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

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Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to Table resolution #12-326 until the October 1, 2012 meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

#12-326 Amend Capital Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey desires to amend the Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting the items therein as shown on such budget for the following reason: Demolition of Former American Legion Property.

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

Section 1. The 2012 Capital Budget of the Borough of River Edge is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

AMENDMENT 12-1
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
Projects Scheduled for 2012
Method of Financing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Capital Imp. Fund</u>	<u>Bond/Notes Authorized</u>
Demolition of Former American Legion Property	\$45,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$42,750.00

September 17, 2012

Motion by C

#12-327 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund Duplicate 3rd Quarter 2012 Tax Payment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate tax payment for the 3rd Quarter 2012 taxes on the following property; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from their mortgage company to refund the overpaid amount directly to the mortgage company.

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

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>HOMEOWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
809/4	COPE, RICHARD	\$30.54
TOTAL:		\$30.54

Make check payable to:

CORE LOGIC TAX SERVICES
 Mail Code: DFW 1-3
 One Corelogic Drive
 Westlake, TX 76262
 Attn: Tax Refunds

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#12-328 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 2012 Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate tax payment and/or tax overpayment due to a homestead rebate credit for the 2012 taxes on the following property; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the homeowner 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>Tax Qtr.</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
807/18	Anthony & Tammy Daniele 138 Kensington Road River Edge, NJ 07661	3 rd	\$3,154.34

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#12-329 Resolution to Allow a 2012 Veteran Deduction and to Adjust 4th Quarter 2012 for Same Amount

WHEREAS, the following homeowner filed a Veteran Application for a deduction in the amount of \$250.00 and was approved by the Tax Assessor for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the deduction was not listed in the 2012 Tax Duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the 4th Quarter Final Bill for the \$250.00 deduction.

Block/Lot	Name & Address	Deduction	Credit Amount
608/4	Raska, Richard J. 151 Jefferson Avenue	Veteran	\$250.00

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Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #12-330.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Mignone abstained; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

#12-330 Resolution to Authorize Tax Collector to Adjust 2012 Final Tax Bills Due to County Board Judgments

WHEREAS, County Board Judgments were received for the year 2012 by the tax office on July 9, 2012 reducing the Assessed Value on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, the reductions were not reflected in the 2012 Tax Duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector apply the tax credits to the 4th Quarter 2012 taxes and adjust the property owner's tax bills and her records accordingly.

BL/Lot	Name/Address	Old Value	New Value	Adjusted Taxes
110/12	Flayer 885 Fifth Avenue	317,300	300,800	505.73
205/12	Walker 790 Bogert Road	434,500	418,500	490.40
207/21	Oh 88 Gates Avenue	354,900	352,300	79.69
305/27	Intorre 201 Webb Avenue	904,600	902,300	70.49
306/8	Surian 791 Oak Avenue	739,000	658,500	2,467.32
309/13	Brickell 324 Continental Ave.	318,600	311,100	229.87
310/23	Cereste 738 Sixth Avenue	980,600	977,800	85.82
312/18	Phillips 712 Elm Avenue	416,500	412,900	110.34
401/3	Hanrahan/Czvekus 805 Bogert Road	560,300	538,900	655.91
405/13	Bounds 753 Summit Avenue	500,300	493,600	205.36
501/6	Siderias 9 Kimberly Way	689,800	500,800	5,792.85
501/14	Ruggiero 27 Kimberly Way	580,000	572,700	223.74
503/11	Metzger 650 Millbrook Road	314,600	313,000	49.04
601/12	Gould 683 Bogert Road	376,700	370,700	183.90
603/7	Cardentey 166 Madison Avenue	637,000	586,900	1,535.56
607/7	Syed 657 Bogert Road	404,100	399,100	153.25
607/10	Mack 162 Jefferson Avenue	481,500	415,300	2,029.03
613/12	Moral 120 Jefferson Avenue	365,400	353,900	352.47
614/1	Russo 650 Bogert Road	381,800	353,200	876.59
701.01/21	Ramos 287 Manning Avenue	372,500	369,500	91.95
704/21	Mignone 244 Concord Drive	540,200	493,800	1,422.16
806/4	Apa 175 Voorhis Avenue	452,800	448,200	140.99
807/7	Croghan	342,500	336,800	174.71

909/39	141 Voorhis Avenue Jennings	549,100	546,700	73.56
1002/2	358 Oak Avenue Smith	623,100	600,500	692.69
1002/19	95 Wayne Avenue Kinosian	504,700	491,400	407.65
1004/23.01	392 Mercer Cubero	380,900	323,700	1,753.18
1204/8	335 Kinderkamack Road Angelosante	383,100	368,800	438.30
1206/1	221 Mohawk Drive Saluzzi	424,200	412,100	370.86
1209/44	270 Oak Avenue Acquafredda	544,200	504,200	1,226.00
	166 Reservoir Avenue			

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Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Cappola to approve resolution #12-331 through #12-335.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

#12-331 Authorize Tax Collector to Credit 3rd Quarter 2012 Taxes due to Over Billing

WHEREAS, the following properties Assessed Value were reduced in 2012 due to the 2012 Reassessment; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary taxes billed are more than the taxes due for 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector credit the 3rd Quarter 2012 taxes for the over billing created due to estimated billing and to adjust her records accordingly.

Block/Lot	Property Owner	Quarter	Amount
620/3.02	Pignatelli River Front	3 rd	\$ 3.85
1006/2	286 Kinderkamack Rd. Corp. 286A Kinderkamack Rd.	3 rd	\$1,014.10
1417/2	Weedo 175 Alpine Drive	3 rd	\$ 131.06
1418/3	Great Outdoor, Inc. 11 Route 4 East	3 rd	\$3,777.01
1418/4	Great Outdoor, Inc. 62 Madison Street	3 rd	\$4,766.50

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#12-332 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$180,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for River Edge Local Board of Education for barrier free improvements for Roosevelt School toilet facilities in the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of River Edge

hereby confirm endorsement for the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

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#12-333 Amend 2012 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 deposit in its Unappropriated Reserve for Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$2,164.50.

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

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant.....\$2,164.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$2,164.50 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from the "CAPS"

Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

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

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#12-334 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2013 Municipal Aid Application for Fifth Avenue Road Improvements.

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge continues to develop projects that will improve access and maintenance on public roads; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge's Engineering Department has provided plans specifically designed to address and improve traffic flow/safety issues and maintenance on our roads; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has submitted plans to the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for Municipal Aid and will continue to do so in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has identified portions of Fifth Avenue from Howland Avenue to the Oradell border in desperate need of repair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for Howland Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2013 River Edge Borough-00083 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to

sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of River Edge and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

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Clerk

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September 17, 2012

#12-335 Resolution to Authorize Tax Collector to Increase 4th Quarter 2012 Billing Due to 2012 Preliminary Billing Differences

WHEREAS, the following properties were successful in their 2011 County Board Judgments thereby decreasing their 2012 preliminary taxes (Resolution 11-377 and 11-378); and

WHEREAS, the 2012 tax duplicate does not reflect the decrease in preliminary taxes created by the County Board Judgments; and

WHEREAS, the tax office billed preliminary taxes based on the lowered County Board Judgment amounts; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Extended Tax Duplicate reflects pre-judgment

preliminary taxes billed for 2012 and final billing assumes the homeowner paid higher pre-judgment preliminary billing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector increase the 4th Quarter 2012 billing to reflect 2012 taxes billed according to the 2012 Assessed Value on the following 78 properties and adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>2012 Duplicate Billed to Date</u>	<u>2012 Taxes</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
105/11	Garofalo 250 Midland Ave.	7,948.08	7,034.60	913.48
106/11	Choi 226 Midland Ave.	7,814.43	7,441.82	372.61
107/5	Mataras 188 Hillside Ave.	7,352.50	6,947.84	404.66
108/1	Guo 209 Hillside Ave.	10,083.07	8,485.81	1,597.26
109/9	Macula 900 Elm Ave.	8,397.38	7,781.71	615.67
117/19	Chung 234 Wales	7,672.93	7,079.97	592.96
203/9.01	Takahashi 910 Summit Ave.	14,356.39	13,706.00	650.39
204/21	Nasser 868 Bogert Rd.	19,762.92	19,319.53	443.39
206/1	Cadiz 888 Summit Ave.	13,318.57	11,717.31	1,601.26
206/15	Manocchio 824 Summit Ave.	8,886.03	8,226.30	659.73
210/4	A&A Mayor, LLC 71-73 Bloomfd. Ave.	7,725.34	7,456.90	268.44
211/9	Saladin 841 Park Ave.	7,667.03	7,092.76	574.27
302/22	Travkin 800 7 th Ave.	9,455.53	9,132.34	323.19
303/6	Zemaites 799 5 th Ave.	8,897.13	7,990.32	906.81
308/16	Cappola 718 8 th Ave.	11,144.34	10,998.77	145.57
311/13	Raguindin 715 Milbrook Rd.	10,496.39	8,753.56	1,742.83
311/17	Scorciolla 274 Continental Ave.	7,075.23	6,195.14	880.09
312/14	O'Donnell 180 Continental Ave.	7,532.00	6,864.25	667.75
402/7	Sandner 759 Summit Ave.	11,101.53	10,405.74	695.79
404/9	Figueroa 38 RE Road	17,193.17	15,157.87	2,035.30
404/10/C0003	Kodrowski 44C RE Road	11,620.19	10,952.44	667.75
404/10/C0004	Lamuraglia 44D RE Road	10,998.56	9,667.07	1,331.49
406/3	Villalba 769 KK Road	9,912.84	8,865.81	1,047.03
406/8	CAV Properties LLC 745 KK Road	10,801.78	10,632.17	169.61
406/11	Osterlof 704 Summit Ave.	9,880.32	9,662.63	217.69
409/35/C0021	Kennedy 21 Jordan Drive	7,697.13	7,201.66	495.47
409/35/C0025	Demitriou 25 Jordan Drive	8,088.87	7,300.92	787.95
501/27.01	Pike 691 Westview Ct.	13,727.20	12,865.80	861.40
501/37	Pols 690 Westview Ct.	12,024.71	10,434.13	1,590.58
503/8	Houng 216 Adams Ave.	8,267.75	8,023.35	244.40
508/3	Newman 261 Jefferson Ave.	8,066.93	7,460.61	606.32
601/7	Boyd 167 Tenney Ave.	8,099.80	7,828.69	271.11
601/21	Yachouh 192 Adams Ave.	9,264.05	8,863.40	400.65
602/5	Amarena 175 Adams Ave.	9,772.05	9,201.79	570.26
612/7	McDermott 683 KK Rd.	11,694.95	11,164.75	530.20

619/2	Van Buren Apt LLC 26 Van Buren Ave.	56,998.50	51,656.50	5,342.00
701/19.08	Cabana 510 Manning Ct.	15,516.77	15,009.28	507.49
701/19.10	Kuo 514 Manning Ct.	18,315.37	17,698.37	617.00
704/3	Quinn 257 Greenway Terr.	10,054.02	9,463.73	590.29
808/34	Crisol 490 Bogert Rd.	9,769.60	9,558.59	211.01
809/1	Montemurro 287 Monroe Ave.	9,037.90	8,002.88	1,035.02
809/7	Campo 455 KK Rd.	9,646.91	8,919.06	727.85
809/19	Delgado 36 Wayne Ave.	7,146.62	6,627.11	519.51
809/20	Connors 40 Wayne Ave.	6,878.35	6,373.53	504.82
809/21	Lackey 44 Wayne Ave.	6,872.12	6,352.61	519.51
809/22	Lins 48 Wayne Ave.	8,383.19	7,994.56	388.63
814/21	Meehan 68 Wayne Ave.	6,973.74	6,460.91	512.83
901/16	Markowitz 435 Elm Ave.	9,082.73	8,682.08	400.65
902/29	Karash 408 5 th Ave.	7,642.08	7,077.16	564.92
904/2	Kurachi 409 5 th Ave.	9,324.62	9,053.52	271.10
905/6	Bravo 367 5 th Ave.	8,458.20	8,002.79	455.41
906/30	Murphy 266 Wayne Ave.	8,407.91	8,230.29	177.62
909/3	Michels 141 Wayne Ave.	7,542.39	7,213.85	328.54
909/18	Lee 395 The Fenway	7,579.13	7,022.22	556.91
909/19	Barkachi 385 The Fenway	8,150.29	7,590.71	559.58
909/36	Stewart 324 Oak Ave.	9,321.36	7,531.79	1,789.57
910/9	Gossa 237 Beech Ct.	11,936.03	11,839.87	96.16
1001/11	O'Donnell 400 The Fenway	7,810.33	6,998.35	811.98
1002/32	Napoleon 435 Bogert Rd.	8,374.16	7,758.49	615.67
1004/2	Jordan 45 Wayne Ave.	6,707.85	6,203.03	504.82
1004/3	Gorey 41 Wayne Ave.	6,665.57	6,175.44	490.13
1004/4	Rahman 37 Wayne Ave.	6,785.74	6,272.91	512.83
1004/5	Evancho 33 Wayne Ave.	6,813.40	6,041.48	771.92
1102/10	Roth 29 Eastbrook Dr.	9,023.01	8,504.83	518.18
1102/13	Rabinowitz 17 Eastbrook Dr.	10,049.10	9,676.49	372.61
1104/21	Zott 168 Valley Rd.	9,000.97	8,611.01	389.96
1105/17	Austin 200 Princeton Dr.	9,812.43	9,459.86	352.57
1108/1	Singleton 276 Valley Rd.	9,112.45	7,858.42	1,254.03
1202/3	Sta Maria 131 Valley Rd.	9,125.61	8,833.13	292.48
1203/9	Dorizas 201 Cherry Lane	12,460.48	11,862.17	598.31
1203/13	Matula 177 Cherry Lane	9,418.73	8,835.11	583.62
1204/21	Quinn 198 Cherry Lane	9,529.78	8,942.16	587.62
1205/5	Wang 188 Oak Ave.	10,687.54	8,183.48	2,504.06
1205/23	Rivera 195 Reservoir Ave.	8,584.87	7,732.82	852.05
1208/15	Magarian 145 Reservoir Ave.	8,848.65	8,094.09	754.56
1210/5	Rozsa	8,931.64	8,482.91	448.73

1210/18	195 Lozier Terr. Roth	8,870.59	8,598.15	272.44
1408/4	186 Van Saun Dr. Crestview Assoc. LLC 10 Elizabeth St.	38,148.50	32,806.50	5,342.00
			Total:	\$61,390.35

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Alan Negreann-suggested that if the Mayor and Council are interested in combining two of the projects, he recommends that resolution #12-336 be amended from \$3,699.00 to \$40,292.00 for both Senior Bus Dispatcher Wages VI and Senior Bus Driver Wages XII.
Councilman Bartelloni-asked that resolution #12-337 be amended from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Cappola, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #12-336 and #12-337 as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

#12-336 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$40,292.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the River Edge Senior Bus Dispatcher(s) Wages VII and Senior Bus Driver Wages XII in the municipality of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of River Edge hereby confirm endorsement for the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

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#12-337 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$3,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the River Edge Senior Citizen Activities Project V in the municipality of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of River Edge hereby confirm endorsement for the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

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Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to **Table** resolution #12-338 and #12-339.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

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#12-338 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$200,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the Oxford Terrace and Rutgers Place Curb/Sidewalk Project in the municipality of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development Funds.

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#12-339 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$36,593.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the River Edge Senior Bus Driver Wages XII in the municipality of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of River Edge; and

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Motion by Councilman Cappola, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #12-340.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

#12-340 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$75,500.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the River Edge Senior Bus III in the municipality of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of River Edge; and

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Councilman Mignone read resolution #12-341 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #12-341.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

#12-341 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	\$468,622.83
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 4,837.71
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 56.00
SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$ 3,025.45
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 8,696.77
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 113.63

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.

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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

John DeSantis-190 Powell Drive, New Milford-represents a group called SOD from New Milford who is trying to stop a development adjacent to their high school. Mr. DeSantis expressed his concerns with this project and explained the possible traffic impact it would have in River Edge as well. He's asking for support from the governing body to help them stop this development by expressing their opinion to New Milford's Mayor and Council.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if he has approached the Mayor and Council of Oradell and if so, did he receive a response from them?

John DeSantis-replied, yes they did and they were very supportive because this project will affect them as well.

John Rutledge-335 River Road, New Milford-also voiced his concerns with the proposed development and explained that they are proposing a 70,500 square foot supermarket with 900 parking spaces, 4,300 square foot bank with two drive-thru lanes and a 4 story 221 unit multi-family housing complex with a multi-level parking garage with 428 parking spaces. He explained how this development will impact the Police and Fire Departments as well as causing traffic, noise, pollution and flooding problems.

Sam Cereste, Esq.-asked if this plan has been presented to the Planning or Zoning Board?

John Rutledge-replied that currently it is at the Zoning Board and they are having a special meeting this Thursday. He stated that the developer has requested this meeting because many residents of New Milford have taken their expert witnesses to task. He explained that the Mayor and Council are trying to re-zone this area to bring the project in with a lesser footprint. SOD's goal is to make this property a passive piece of property because New Milford doesn't have any parks to call their own. He stated that he appreciates any help this Mayor and Council can give them and hopes that they can put forth a joint effort to try and stop it.

Casey Connors-259 Adams Avenue-stated that he's noticed on numerous occasions that DPW trucks are left with the windows open, parked and running in front of the card store on Kinderkamack Road while an employee is in the store. He asked why this is allowed? He asked who pays for the gas and insurance when employees are driving the trucks to local stores? He also asked why it has taken over five years to get the ADA doors done and asked for an update. He asked if the DPW could do the work, especially the concrete work?

Mayor Moscaritolo-replied that the DPW can't do the concrete work. The Mayor explained that this is the third and final time that we are going out to bid on the ADA doors. If we don't receive any bids, then we can approach Community Development and asked permission to get quotes.

Alan Negreann-stated that he and Denise met today and reviewed the schedule, the bid will be advertised at the end of the week and we expect bids to be back by mid-October for the Council to consider. He continued to say that they had modified the bid to take out the language of the mandatory pre-bid meeting and personally had the plans reproduced so that they will be ready when potential bidders come in.

Casey Connors-complained that at the corner of Lincoln and Kinderkamack it is impossible to get to the curb cut in either direction because there is a traffic light stanchion right in the middle.

Alan Negreann-replied, that there is a ramp there that was constructed through the federal grant and explained where the light stanchion is located. He stated that he has referred the matter to the Borough Engineer for comment and review.

Casey Connors-feels that most of the ramps in town should be re-done because they are at a steep angle making it difficult for those who are handicapped to maneuver. He asked if he would have to speak with someone at the County?

Mayor Moscaritolo-replied that it is a County road.

Cindy Bequeaith-745 7th Avenue-voiced her concerns regarding the project in New Milford. Mrs. Bequeaith had come before the Council a few months ago complaining about a sewer or gas smell coming from sewer on the corner of Webb and 7th Avenue. At that time, she was told by the Council that she should expect a call within the week and asked if someone could follow-up? Mrs. Bequeaith also complained about drainage run-off that occurs after down pours and feels that the system can't handle the volume of water. She asked who takes responsibility when water backs up onto or into people's property?

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that if it's a matter of capacity during normal rainfalls, they would ask the Borough Engineer to look at it but if it is a huge downpour and goes beyond the capacity of the system, we're not responsible for acts of God.

Cindy Bequeaith-stated that she understands that but she would appreciate if someone could take a look at it and asked if the DPW could come and put sand bags down?

Mayor Moscaritolo-replied no, it's the homeowner's responsibility to protect

their own property.

Cindy Bequeaith-asked if someone could come and take a look at the storm drain at the southwest corner of 7th and Webb Avenue.

Mayor Moscaritolo- stated that there is a Sewer Sub-Committee that meets monthly and he will ask that it be listed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cindy Bequeaith-informed everyone that Holy Name Hospital and Englewood Hospital offer a place where people can come and dispose of needles and asked if there is a way to get the word out and become environmentally friendly to dispose of these needles the right way.

Mayor Moscaritolo-suggested that Mrs. Bequeaith put the information in the form of a public notice and then we could put it on our Board of Health webpage. He suggested that River Edge Day would be a perfect time to advertise something like this.

Cindy Bequeaith-complained that during the Car Show or July 4th there are no signs on the lower part of Continental Avenue warning motorists that the road is closed at Continental and Fifth Avenue. She asked if detour signs could be placed at the bottom of the hill.

Mayor Moscaritolo-agreed that it would be a good idea.

Cindy Bequeaith-stated that she hopes that they don't spend money taking the American Legion down because she feels that there are other more important things to spend our money on, whether it be our senior citizens or ramp improvements, etc.

Raymond Stitz-210 Mohawk Drive-stated that he used to be a member of the American Legion and recently watched the video that was posted on the Patch Blog and asked if that video was approved for release by the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that if you look at the video it was Mayor Moscaritolo and Councilwoman Murphy and the rest of Council had no knowledge of it.

Raymond Stitz-feels that when the Legion owned the building, it was a functioning building with all of the electric working and sump pumps working, etc. He feels that the black mold was not a gift from the Legion, it was the result of the town not keeping the power on. He feels that many people are under the impression that the mold was caused by the membership of the Legion when actually it was the Borough's fault. He understands that it is the Council's decision whether to take the building down or not, but he would have liked to see local contractors get involved and give back to the town. He feels that the Council should reach out to local contractors and ask for help in restoring this building to its former glory. As a veteran and a former member of the Legion, he is very upset that the building was basically left to decay.

Leann Plutnicki-740 7th Avenue-agrees with Mr. Stitz comments regarding the American Legion building. Mrs. Plutnicki stated that a few weeks ago in Demarest, a man was killed by lightning while watching his grandson play soccer. At the same time, her daughter was at Roosevelt School field starting soccer practice and although she wasn't at the ballfield, she was traveling on Kinderkamack Road and saw that lightning bolt. At that time she hoped that the coaches cleared the children from the playing field but found out later that that didn't happen right away. She continued to say that after the practice, the team traveled to the Middle School for a scrimmage and the weather was beautiful with blue skies. Unbeknownst to her, the 6 p.m. game at the high school was cancelled at 4:15 p.m. because the lightning alarm went off and the fields were immediately cleared. She is very concerned that these children were on the field when others had been cleared earlier due to weather conditions. She spoke with Joe Manzelli, head of Black Hawks travel and River Dell School Board President, and asked him how that could happen. Mrs. Plutnicki found out that the school board purchased the warning system for the high school and feels that River Edge should have something in place for the playing fields in town. She feels that it's logical that if notification is given at the High School there needs to be some type or coordination to notify the Middle School. She asked for the Mayor and Council's suggestions on how the Borough can protect River Edge kids, parents and spectators from this type of accident. Mrs. Plutnicki asked if it is within the budget to get a lightning detector for at least the Middle School if not the elementary schools. She asked if the Police Department could get involved once notification is received at the High School. Mrs. Plutnicki has signed up with NIXEL but never received notification regarding lightning warnings.

Councilman Cappola-stated that as a former coach, he feels that it's the responsibility of the coach to check the weather before a practice or a game and call for a cancellation is bad weather is in the forecast.

Leann Plutnicki-stated that during that time, some of the coaches were still reluctant to get the kids off the field. She feels that once the first roll of thunder is heard the fields should be cleared immediately and they shouldn't wait for another one.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that the Recreation Commission will be meeting on Wednesday and he will address it to make sure that there is a uniform policy in place for all of the sponsored sports. He stated that right now, it seems to be left up to the individual coach's discretion.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that there seems to be a lack of coordination within the same school district. The Mayor doesn't understand why, if the alarm goes off on one field, the other field that they have jurisdiction over isn't notified.

Councilman Bartelloni-again stated that it's important to get a policy in place.

Leann Plutnicki-asked what the chances that Mayor and Council will consider putting these warning devices in our town.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that Councilman Bartelloni will mention it at the Recreation meeting and because he's also the liaison to both Boards of Education, he can bring it to their attention as well and include their responses in his liaison report next month.

Renee Kirsch-237 Princeton Drive-commented that many of her neighbors have sold their homes because of the recent tax increases and is very upset that her own taxes have increased by \$4,000.00. She asked if this trend will continue?

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if she filed an appeal?

Renee Kirsch-replied, no she really didn't pay attention to what the taxes were until she received the most recent bill. She asked if there is anything she can do now?

Mayor Moscaritolo-replied no, there isn't anything that you can do right now except to prepare for next years tax appeal if she feels that her home is over assessed. He explained the appeal process to her.

Renee Kirsch-asked if it was possible to have the Recreation Summer Camp hours extended to full day so she doesn't have to send her children to out of town programs.

Mayor Moscaritolo-suggested that she contact Bobbi Conway, the Recreation Director with her suggestion and ask her to bring it up for a discussion at a Recreation Commission meeting.

Cindy Bequeaith-with regard to the lightning detector, she suggests that in the interim, make an arrangement that the Police Department is notified if the early warning goes off so they can go to the fields and make sure they're cleared.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that although it is a great suggestion, it still will take some coordination.

Casey Connors-suggested that they hook a warning system right into the fire sirens so everyone will be notified.

Mayor Moscaritolo-laughed and explained that the reason he doesn't think that's a good idea is because there are residents that don't want to hear the siren when there's an actual fire call.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilman Papaleo-thanked Let It Grow, the Police Department, Michele Cariddi, Liz Stewart and all those who were involved with the Emergency Responder Memorial and for making Borough Hall look great. He commended and congratulated Renata Sanches for saving someone at McDonald's and feels that she is a great asset to the Police Department.

Councilman Bartelloni-commented how great the Borough grounds look and how much cleaner and open the property looks.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:40 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Cordts were absent.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: