

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Edward J. Mignone
Councilman	Vito Acquafredda
Councilman	Alphonse Bartelloni (Arrived 7:29 PM)
Councilwoman	Ellen Busteed
Councilwoman	Mary Davis
Councilman	Thomas Papaleo

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Thomas Sarlo
Borough Administrator	Alan Negreann
Borough Clerk	Stephanie Evans

ABSENT:

Councilwoman	Kathleen Murphy
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Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order 7:05 PM by reading the Open Public Meetings Act.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S TOPICS

1. Review of Bid Specification for Complete Solid Waste Collection Services – Mr. Negreann explained as the Council's request he modified the bid specification and there is a resolution on for tonight to authorize the Clerk to go out to bid. There are a few small items that need to be done, it was distributed to the Mayor and Council and as you can see it incorporates the twice a week. He also issued a recommendation to the council not to go out to bid until the Borough Attorney can determine whether the contractor is willing to enter into the agreement that we currently have in place should we decide to not take advantage of this bid and go back to the five year agreement. He alerted New Milford to this possibility and their attorney had indicated that unless the contractor agrees to continue on the one year basis they too will have to go out to bid for a new contract. There has to be a mutual agreement according to New Milford Borough Attorney that we can continue with the one year renewal of that five year agreement. As council is aware that agreement was for \$310,800.00 for five years with no increase, last year we went out to bid to see if we could do better than that and we received one bid from the current contractor which was about \$72,000.00 higher then what we currently experience. He would not like to see us get locked out of this five year agreement and this terrific price frankly. He distributed a memo to the council with regards to performance of the contractor which has been significantly better then what we experienced when we first went into this contract, they seem to be doing very well. With that said he wasn't sure if the Borough Attorney would like to speak about this or needed some time to do some research, but we need to decide whether we are going to go out to bid for a new contract and if it voids the old contract, and please keep in mind this has to be advertised for a full 60 days before could even consider the bid, we will not have an opportunity to go out again once we receive this new bid. Mayor Mignone asked if New Milford's Borough Attorney was different from last year, Mr. Negreann didn't believe so. Mayor Mignone stated that we did this last year with no objections, Mr. Sarlo said they read the contract up and down and there was no provision to just to go out to bid it

automatically voids the contract, there is only an opt out clause, he believes its 30 or 60 days, he didn't know the exact timeframe, you would give them notice that you were not renewing it or it automatically renews. So clearly in past practice, they actually bid on it last year, and we decided to reject the bid and renewed the contracted and everything was fine. Mayor Mignone felt it is a different approach this year, we are still concerned about some of the performance and he agrees the number of complaints has been reduced he doesn't get nearly as many emails or complaints, and that is not the reason we are looking to modify the service. It is something that has been asked of him by a lot of residents over the last couple of years and as long as we are not jeopardizing the current contract why wouldn't it may sense to bid it and see how it comes out. Mr. Sarlo stated that the spirit of the contract is one year contracts for this reason to actual go out to bid to see if you can get it (inaudible) instead of awarding a three or five year contract. We did it last year and he doesn't see anything different. He will reach out New Milford's Borough Attorney to make sure we are on the same page, obviously we both are going to need to at that point renew, and that is what we did last year because it's a joint bid. Mr. Sarlo asked Mr. Negreann if they indicated they were looking to renew. Mr. Negreann said there has been no discussion with the contractor whatsoever. Mr. Sarlo asked if New Milford was looking to renew their one year, Mayor Mignone didn't know what their intent was. Mr. Sarlo stated he would reach out to New Milford. Mayor Mignone asked if the resolution could still be authorized, Mr. Sarlo stated he thought we could, absolutely. Mr. Negreann said that tomorrow if the resolution passes and he notifies New Milford that we are going out to bid and he thinks that their position is their contract is null and void and they are going to have to go out to bid...(simultaneous talking) Mayor Mignone said that before we go to bid Mr. Sarlo can speak with their attorney. Mr. Sarlo said he didn't see why he would take that position when we did this last year and they went out to bid last year, didn't they, they were fully aware what we did last year and there were no issues or their opinion was it's going to automatically void the contract. The contract is expired now you're going to have to pick up the option now that is really where it's at. He will reach out to him. Mr. Negreann stated that resolution #16-202 is on the agenda.

2. Safe Streets Design Administration Program – Mr. Negreann explained that Department of Transportation did respond indicating that if we were using our own funds we do not have to follow the Federal requirements so we would be back to using a professional service resolution. He sent what we call an “RFP” to Rob Costa asking for his estimate on what the design work would cost. Once he gets that back he would get back before Mayor and Council, but the question before Mayor and Council is are you inclined to go with the Borough Engineer with the design for Safe Streets and if so once he get the RFP he could have a resolution listed to make the appointment to award the contract. Mayor Mignone opened the subject to the council for discussion but he suspected they would want to see to see the proposal to make a judgement based on the cost and then decide on that. He would still be included to go with Mr. Costa because he has the local knowledge, in this particular case it would be to our benefit, but be mindful we would have to pay for the cost we would have to consider that as well. We have to wait a bit longer before we give a definite answer one way or the other for the best intentions of the council. Councilman Papaleo and Councilman Acquafredda agreed to wait on these also.
3. River Edge Swim Club, Inc. Property Schedule - Quasi – Mr. Negreann explained that the Risk Consultant took another look at the quasi status of the swim club and he found that we can also insure their property as well. The Mayor and Council were provided by email a survey of the property and equipment that could be insured that came to about

\$2,604,000 the cost to swim club to insure this currently is \$6,200, for the Borough to add it to the quasi status it would be no more than \$4,000 but it would be significantly less than that. He tried to pin down the Risk Consultant as to what that would be but he wasn't able to come up with a figure but it would be significantly less than the \$4,000 because it gets spread out among all the other participating municipalities in the JIF. He just wanted to know if the council was incline to add the property coverage to the quasi status, there would be no additional charge this year for. We would experience something in our assessment next year, again it would be a significantly less than \$4,000, they are currently paying \$6,200 and have a policy in at the current time. Mayor Mignone said that until we know what our cost is it hard to make a decision, you're are talking about \$4,000 and that is a significant amount of money for us to be fronting for the swim club versus say \$400. Mr. Negreann said it may very well be that but nobody is willing to tell me that. Councilman Papaleo asked why the swim club wouldn't reimburse the borough whatever that cost would be. Councilwoman Davis stated that was her thought as well. Mayor Mignone said (inaudible) reimbursement for the insurance coverage, this may be nominal like Mr. Negreann said. Mr. Sarlo said it may be cheaper for them. Councilwoman Davis stated it's a benefit for them and they would be paying us less. Mr. Negreann said he could go back to the Risk Consultant and say until there is a number... Mayor Mignone said or we go back to the swim club and say we will look at the number and if it over a certain number we may want to be reimbursed for. Councilman Papaleo said it's not binding unless we have an agreement before, he thought we needed to wait, he wouldn't be inclined to place that burden on the borough at this time. Mayor Mignone asked if they agreed to reimburse us, Councilman Papaleo said if it was in writing he wouldn't have any problem. Mr. Negreann said he would take it back to the Risk Consultant.

4. Estimated Tax Bills – Mr. Negreann stated that for the last seven years we have been issue tax bills, there is a process to doing this, and we have resolution listed tonight for your consideration. We sent out the process to the Mayor and Council along with the range that he created, the process to create a range which is not less than 95% of what the tax levy would be for the prior year nor more than 105% of what we would expect it to be this year the levy of \$47,739,056.36 falls within the range and he is looking for the Council, who does have the ability to move it anywhere you want within the range, but the Tax Collector and he are recommending this particular levy for the estimated bills. Getting the estimated bills out allows us to receive the cash on a timely basis rather than waiting for the County of Bergen to strike their budget and their levy and get the bills out later. This way we get them out ahead of time and get our cash flow coming in. Mayor Mignone asked what the requirement was for the County was for their budget to be adopted, ours had to be by March whatever, aren't they subject to the same rules. Mr. Negreann said there are statute dates for the County as well, but there is always the ability that if somebody doesn't introduce or adopt on time to issue correspondence to the State indicating why they were unable to and provide that letter of facts to receive some additional consideration. He had to say that the County of Bergen had been very good, but there have been some other counties such as Essex and others where the levies have been stalled for whatever reason and those towns have had to issue estimated tax bills. Mayor Mignone said we are basing it on our assumed levy and our percentage will be the rate we believe the number will be. Mr. Negreann said he knows all levies, he know the local, the schools, the Open Space, the one he doesn't know is the County at this point, and he has included a 5% increase based on what he has read in the newspaper in terms of their anticipated increase and the total amount of taxes they expected to collect. So there is really where our estimate is really on the County levy because he knows he know

where all the other levies are at this point. Mayor Mignone asked on what basis do we pay them the County, Mr. Negreann replied on a quarterly basis. Mayor Mignone asked if they had to accept whatever rate we put in there for them as a collection rate, Mr. Negreann said at the end of the tax billing process we will know the actual levy and the differences will go into that part of the billing cycle. The first couple of billing payments are estimated numbers and the actual is included in the last couple of payments. So there is a resolution, 205 on the meeting for this particular item for tonight.

5. Fee Ordinance – Mr. Negreann stated that a copy of the ordinance was given to the Mayor and Council and wanted to take them through it and give them some explanations, he wasn't looking to introduce an ordinance tonight. This was just a draft of a fee ordinance that we would be looking at. The first several pages comes from the Construction Code Official and he is making recommendations and changes to some of the items in the brackets, you can see he is taking those items out and in the highlighted areas those would be his new fee schedules. If you have questions on these he would have to refer them to the Construction Code Official or between now and the next meeting or whenever we introduce this ordinance you can feel free to send questions we will get some answers for you on some of these. By no means are we looking for you to make a judgement call on these tonight. Going to the last two pages we have some other fees to look at, the first one is the Public Defender Application fee which is being recommended by the Court Administrator so that they are able to go up to \$200. And of course the Judge has discretion in that particular area. The tax sale mailing fee of \$25.00 use to be \$10.00 and this controlled per State law and we are just increasing it up to the maximum for a tax sale to \$25.00. Police Officer Application fee is in a draft stage at this point, 2012 was the last time we put this into effect, we had a three year schedule, the last increase was 2015 to \$146.00, these numbers which would take effect in 2016, 2017, and 2018 are just based on cost of living increasing for handling of the application by the police department personnel. This does not include the other testing, he has asked the Clerk to reach out the Chief to perform a short survey of other towns to determine whether the other towns are including those costs you see application of two three four hundred dollars of this fee proposal. This is just a suggestion to increase where in 2015 just based on the cost of living adjustments. Coming down to the River Edge Commuter Parking fees skipping the Code Department Miscellaneous fees, those are handled by the Construction Code Official. We have the River Edge Commuter Parking Lot fees, the Grove Street Commercial, and a new area, the Hackensack Avenue Parking fees, we are keeping all these fees the same. In 2012 the quarterly amount was \$65.00, the annual amount was \$200.00, and since 2012 the cost of living adjustments is about 7 ¾% so factoring that into the \$65.00 and the \$200.00 that is where we came up with the \$70.00 and the \$216.00 and increasing it by another 2% for 2018. We would not implement these changes this year, they would be for 2017 and 2018. Going to the back page, the last page, we have a banner fee, the last time was 2012 it was increase, going to 2017 it would be \$27.00 based on that 7¾% increase. Likewise for the Garage sale, we would like to increase it to \$15.00, that hasn't been increase since 2010, Mayor Mignone asked what it was currently, the Clerk replied it was \$10.00. Mr. Negreann continued with the Solicitors Permit is at \$20.00 right now and would like to go to \$25.00 in 2017, the last that was raised was in 2008. We included the Farmer's Market Weekly Vendor Fee of \$25.00 for this year, we know that the Mayor and Council asked the Committee to come up with an amount and they have recommended the \$25.00 and it needs to be memorialized in an ordinance so we might collect that fee this year. Mayor Mignone asked the Clerk how many garage sales are issued in a year, the Clerk replied about 100 give or take. Mayor Mignone said he wasn't inclined to raise that fee. People having

garage sales probably aren't making that much money to begin with and he doesn't know if it makes sense to raise it. Councilman Papaleo asked if it was being raised from \$10 to \$15 and he agreed with the Mayor. Councilwoman Davis agreed with leaving it alone. Councilman Acquafredda also agreed to keep at \$10. Mr. Negreann said it would be taken off since it sounded like a consensus. Councilwoman Busted asked where she would see the Health Department fees, since they talked about it in previous meeting doing a review of their fees. Mr. Negreann said he had a meeting today with Ms. Birnbaum, Ms. Capasso, and the Clerk, to discuss getting a notice out about the Farmer's Market and other organizations, part of that meeting he talked to Ms. Capasso and he indicated this ordinance could be added to or amended at a later date and it would probably be best if she went back to the Board of Health at the next meeting and really finalized those fee changes, that should come from them rather than try and put one in now and do them later so council will have the opportunity introduce a new ordinance with those fee changes or amend this current one for this year. Mayor Mignone said he guesses we would handle Planning and Zoning the same way, because he knows there was some talk about those fees also. Mr. Negreann said he just needs those recommendations and we can include them any time. Mayor Mignone asked do they need to be concurrent or is it better to amend the ordinance, Mr. Negreann stated it makes no difference to him though he would like get some in place now. Mayor Mignone said the only one in place for this year is the Farmer's Market, that is the only with a time element. Mr. Negreann agreed that was the one with the time element, but some of the other ones we would want to get them on the books so people would receive notice, so for instance the commuters we could give them notice over the summer months these are the new fees that will be coming in 2017 and 2018. Mayor Mignone asked how most people pay these fees, is it check, the Clerk replied yes. Councilman Papaleo wanted to confirm that no decision was being asked for, this was just being introduced for the council to go over. Mayor Mignone confirm that.

FOR DISCUSSION

WORK SESSION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Amend Contract with Burgis Associates for the Housing Plan in the Amount not to exceed \$6,000.00
2. Award Contract to Richard Mehrman, P.E., for Limited Structural Engineering Services in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00
3. Refund Construction Bond for Shade Trees to Your Home Team in the amount of \$2,579.56
4. Award Contract to Schifano Construction, Corp., for the 2016 Riverside Road Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$354,000.00

Mayor Mignone asked if the council had any comments, questions, needed any discussion on any of the items on the consent agenda at the 8PM Regular Meeting. Seeing none a motion was made to approve the work session consent agenda.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, second by Councilwoman Davis
All in favor 5-0

Mayor Mignone asked a procedural question, why do we need to approve a consent agenda when it's on a consent agenda and we are going to vote again for it at 8 PM, it could be pulled off if anyone one wants to pull off the consent agenda. Mr. Negreann said this give the council the opportunity to discuss this items prior to the council meeting and if we end up having to discuss all the resolutions and questions all the resolutions then that defeats the purpose having

(inaudible) Mayor Mignone said he was saying we shouldn't have discussions he was just saying why do we have to vote to put it on when anyone can remove it again anyway at the 8 pm meeting, it just seems redundant to vote and then vote again. I don't mind having a discussion on it, it just seems redundant to him. Mr. Negreann said we could just list it like "For your Information", Mayor Mignone agreed with that and said if there is discussion we could talk about it.

FOR YOU INFORMATION

1. Secondary Market Disclosure Compliance Policy – Mr. Negreann stated that at the last Finance Committee Meeting they discussed the advanced of having what is called a "Secondary Market Disclosure Compliance Policy" the Securities and Exchange Commission has a rule which requires that the borough be transparent and disclosure its financials and any material events that might incur that might affect the payment of the bonds that we have outstanding and while this has been a practice for many, many years we have supplied our financial statements, our debt statements, our audit, our budget, and we have disclosed any other material events having a policy in place to make the borough is committed to that transparency and that disclosure would memorialize it and make sure that those that come after us would follow the same policy and this has always looked favorable on by the rating agencies. So the Finance Committee was in agreement that we should look at doing something like this, and a draft has gone out to the council, it is not scheduled for tonight, we would get another copy to you between now and the next meeting and would list it for consideration at the next meeting. We have a professional firm, Phoenix Advisors, who actually takes our information and posts to this particular website which can be accessed national any individual, brokerage firm, or anyone who has an interest in this information in regards to the sales of our bonds over the years. It is just here in case there are any questions or concerns otherwise what we would do is put this in a form of a resolution for the next meeting and have the council consider adopting it. Mayor Mignone asked if there were any questions, seeing none, moved on.
2. Kinderkamack and Midland – Letter to Bergen County – Mr. Negreann explained that the letter from the consultant was distributed to the Traffic and Safety Committee and the Consultant is recommending that we send a letter to the County Engineer requesting that we increase the pedestrian walk interval from 7 seconds to 12 seconds at the intersection of Midland Ave and Kinderkamack Rd. This would give the pedestrians additional time to start their crossing, in addition we could request that the County of Bergen in stall school advance and school crossing signs at the intersection and all three approaches to the intersection as well. In addition the Borough of River Edge could get permission to install a flashing school advance on Midland Ave about 200 ft in advance of the stop bar in order to alert motorist of the presents of the school age pedestrians crossing there. While this is a draft letter which could go to the County he would defer to the Borough Attorney as to whether this should be followed up by a resolution or ordinance. He thinks the Statue has to be looked at in terms of whether this is a street we control or if it meets some other criteria where the Borough has the ability to pass an ordinance on this since both Kinderkamack and Midland are County roads, it may have to be the County to take action first. Mayor Mignone said there is nothing we are doing in terms of changing the operational control of the intersection, we are asking the county to implement improvements which they stand to do naturally, they put the pedestrian count down timers and I asked them to do and years ago I worked with them to get that done. It has come to our attention we need to adjust the timing of the signal because it is not enough time for people to cross. If you recall Mr. Ascolese was a County Engineer so he knows probably better than most of us what the County would be willing and not be willing to

do over there. The third item, the flasher on Midland would be at the Borough's expense, but he doesn't think doesn't think it would be cost prohibited, we probably have money in one of the other accounts we have for pedestrian safety to do that. He question initially was whether it would make more sense is if it would make more sense if the engineer to it on our behalf, he thinks the consensus is it may not be, he still thinks these recommends need to come from the engineer, which Mr. Sarlo agreed. Mayor Mignone said we need to work into the language this consultation was done with Mr. Ascolese, with Traffic and Safety and the RETD, all reviewed and concurred. Mr. Sarlo stated it should come from the engineer to engineer, it's not from attorney to the law department. We are meeting with them Wednesday afternoon on another issue and we certainly can start the negotiations by saying by the way this coming down the pike and see if we can get some feedback from them at the meeting on Wednesday. Mr. Sarlo thinks the engineer, if the County engineer has any questions he is going to say call the engineer so he thinks it will open up a direct dialog. Mayor Mignone said he has does this in Fort Lee, it has either come from him in house or sometimes under the Administrator's signature, and sometimes it's been the Mayor, it depends how the towns wants to do it. Mr. Sarlo said usually it comes from the attorney when there is a legal issue, but this is just requesting improvements been done there so. Mayor Mignone said he doesn't think the County will have an objection, but he can't commit on the timing. But the second timer can be switched fairly quickly, installing the hardware maybe something that may take a little longer and may not have the budget for it, but we can at least get them to do the first step because he doesn't believe the walking interval is sufficient. Mr. Sarlo stated the flasher (inaudible) as long as they give you approval (inaudible) he thinks it should come from the engineer, he agrees from engineer to engineer. Councilwoman Busted asked if Mr. Costa would write it, Mayor Mignone stated Mr. Ascolese would write the letter. Councilwoman Busted asked if Mr. Negreann would respond to Mr. Ascolese and give him direction. Mr. Sarlo said he agrees with the Mayor, coming from Mr. Ascolese, he knows better than anyone. Mayor Mignone said it typical, he said they will do it if that's what we wanted. If they come back and say for whatever reason they say it should come from the administration side then we will modify it, it will be brought up at the meeting. I will not able to be there, but make sure it is brought up, and make sure the letter goes out this week under someone's signature. For the public, this was reviewed by Traffic and Safety, it was also reviewed by the RETD, the recommendations were all in concurrence and everyone is happy with the recommendations this way, without having formal recommendations from Traffic and Safety and going back and getting engineering, it's a little bit of an abbreviated process. Councilwoman Busted stated there were about 10 residents present at the Traffic and Safety meeting to present their concerns about the intersection. Gary Ascolese was extremely prepared, as well as Police Officer Varrecchia, our traffic officer, it was a very substitutive dialog between these two sides coming to these recommendations as a good first step trying to improve that crossing. Mayor Mignone asked Mr. Negreann to move on that administratively to get this done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Social Media Policy – Mr. Sarlo reported that he reviewed it and compared it to JIF's policy language and spoke with the Risk Manager and everything is good from a legal standpoint. Your proposed policy is less restrictive than policy from the JIF and obviously if it was more restrictive there would be some concerns there, because you are less restrictive than their policy the changes that were made there really is no issue with it. At this point from the legal standpoint and from the JIF standpoint everything passes the test and he leaves up to the council if they want to approve it. He did state that Mr.

Negreann did send him some concerns regarding the social media policy about the person, if content were to be removed which Mr. Sarlo would address with Mr. Negreann but that was more of an insurance thing of who would provide coverage if the borough or the actual person removing the contents got sued. But again he thinks it's less restrictive, the Technical Committee did a good job with it and from his end it's good to go. Mr. Negreann asked for a point of clarification, the policy can be introduced as a separate policy and it doesn't conflict with what we have in the handbook, Mr. Sarlo agreed with statement by saying no conflict. You can do it two ways, you can do that or you can replace it, but most towns are, it's a separate policy. Mayor Mignone suggested circulating the policy a final time for everyone to review before the next meeting, to which everyone agreed.

Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Sarlo suggested that the Committee sit down with him and one or two council members for a roundtable and asked Mayor Mignone for direction to streamline the process. Councilman Bartelloni reminded the Mayor that a sub-committee has already been formed and Councilman Acquafredda stated that they had already met once. Mr. Sarlo said he would schedule a meeting with both committees. Mayor Mignone stated as long as we know what we are looking to do first and bring it Shade Tree with what they are going to be amenable with, somethings they may not be favor of, but we will have to come to some kind of compromise to change some of these goals.

LESO Program – Mayor Mignone asked the council to remove this item from the list since this was something the Police Chief has implemented and is being worked on and he doesn't see why needs to be listed. Mr. Sarlo stated it wasn't under the Borough's jurisdictions. A motion was to remove this item from the agenda.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, second by Councilman Bartelloni
All in favor 5-0

Borough of River Edge Senior/Community Center – Councilman Acquafredda informed everyone that on Friday that we received a preliminary probable cost estimate from the architect we the sub-committee as well as the Mayor has not has the opportunity to sit down and crunch the number. It is the intent of the sub-committee to present to this council immediately after that to the public a proposal that would be a company proposal from the design through the probable cost estimate. He recognizes that the probable cost estimate could vary by 200,000 to 300,000 so he needs to look into each line item and be convinced that's a reasonable probable cost estimate, the key words are probable and estimate, throughout this venture those are the words you will keep hearing. Never make the mistake that those are the actual construction cost, those will become available to us only at the conclusion of the bid phase. This is the first step, the numbers are not scary, but certainly they need to be looked at before they are published. Mayor Mignone said that we want to make sure we are fully accounting for site costs, fulling incorporating if there is demolition, or other site work we need to do, he wants to make sure that the Canzani's review the zoning, even though we are technically exempt from zoning he wants to make sure that when we come up with a proposal with anticipated all the questions and will be able to answer any questions that the council or the public will have without saying we'll have to get back to you or we'll get more information, we just want to make sure we have a complete package. Councilman Acquafredda said we were never this advanced in this process, to which Mayor Mignone agreed. Councilman Acquafredda stated that under Mayor Mignone's leadership we want to make sure we have all our ducks in a row and be able to preamp and be able to respond to any questions from our fellow councilmembers and the public. Mayor Mignone said in reality we are

going to have to look at how much money we have set aside and potentially how much more money we may need to actually to bring this to reality.

Library Roof and HVAC-Finish Barrel Vault – Councilman Papaleo asked if there was any update on this. Mayor Mignone stated that the last he had seen was they were waiting for some shop drawings were waiting for some fabrications from the contractor who was to do a mock up so maybe Mr. Negreann could send a note to Mr. Pulice, we can't get the contractor to move maybe Mr. Sarlo needs to give him a little nudge. We know it has been very difficult to get this working but he thinks that has been a shop drawing and some fabrication and he thought the mock was important because we want to get several panes so we can see how they are going to look before they do the whole thing and we say we have a problem with it. I know it's taken a long time but at the end of the day let's do it once and do it right. Mayor Mignone asked Mr. Negreann to reach out to Mr. Pulice. Councilman Papaleo stated he agreed with the Mayor.

Grove Street

Generator – Fire Company #2- Pre-Construction

Sidewalk and Curb Responsibility

NEW BUSINESSES

Councilman Papaleo stated that as liaison to the Fire Department he wanted to mention that they will be having a “wet down” celebration of engine 3 and looking at September 10 and the entire town is invited. There will be a ceremony earlier in the day probably late morning at Company #1 and then there will this statewide event where they will be inviting firefighters and their companies for all over state to attend as well as our residents. There will be a beer garden, free food which will be donated by Miller Ale House in its entirety. There will be really a lot of great stuff for our town to celebrate a new piece of apparatus its many years of service for our citizens safety. But one thing one question did come up did come up that they did like council to consider they will need to auxiliary police officers and two active police officers for approximately 6 hours for the whole thing, shutting down Continental Ave. like we normally for different events and they are putting in for that application. They are asking if council would consider waiving the cost of the two active police officers and he thinks it might something council should consider it is something he would be in agreement with. They will make a formal request but he wanted bring to the council's attention under new business for discussion. Mayor Mignone asked waiving 12 hours of time, is that what they are asking, Councilman Papaleo replied yes, total two officers, 6 hours each. Councilman Bartelloni asked if they had gone to the Chief with this yet, Councilman Papaleo replied no not yet, that is why he was bring it up just for discussion. Councilman Bartelloni said he thought they would have to go to the Chief to see what he feels what the security needs are first, Councilman Papaleo replied oh that he believes there has been a preliminary conversation, but they haven't spoken with the Chief, I told them they should approach the Chief with their request for the Council to waive the cost and of course they are going to do that and they will make a formal request for us. He is just informing the council they have to consider it. Councilman Bartelloni said that usually the 4th of July Beer Garden usually has 6 police officers at that event, that is why he is thinking maybe it may be comparable 4 officers total, 2 auxiliary, and 2 regular may not be sufficient. Mayor Mignone said it depends on what type turnout they are expecting. Mr. Sarlo said this is usually an all-day event, and towns come, stay an hour and leave, and another wave of towns will come.

Councilman Acquafredda wanted to inform the council that at last Planning Board meeting he moved to table any further discussion by the Planning Board (inaudible) determination of an area in need of redevelopment specifically this whole investigation that came out of the development proposal for the New Bridge Road that was recently withdrawn in its entirety. He thinks that motion passed. He would like to propose to council that we recall any resolutions or ordinances that we may have passed to authorized an area in need of redevelopment or any pilot program for the propose of reevaluating the entire matter in view of the recently held meetings with the Mayor and the Planner and the Redevelopment Attorney so this town could finally come up with a cohesive and coherent redevelopment based on what our actual needs and not some pie in the sky that is completely unattainable. We have to come to grips with the geography of River Edge and make sure that whatever redevelopment plan we choose to apply to it is something that can be done and if not by us then by the people that follow us in our footsteps. So yes, like the shrimps, we are going to take a step back in order to move two steps forward. He doesn't know if it should be done as a motion and right now. Mayor Mignone thought it should be done as one, and no one suggested otherwise. A motion was made to rescind any resolution granting in the past any area in need to be of redevelopment.

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, second by Councilwoman Davis to approve
All in favor 5-0

Mr. Negreann asked permission to be excused from the June 20th meeting for personal reasons, to which the Mayor and Council had no issue with.

Mayor Mignone had two issues he wanted to mentioned, the first is a letter he received from someone in Hackensack saying apparently we are missing Library direction signs and they were under the impression that we either took they down or we prohibit them. He has seen them in other towns, but doesn't know if that is something that is wanted, but this is something that should be brought to Daragh's attention and see if this is something they want to or not, and if the Police Dept. or DPW has the jurisdiction to tell us where to the put these and how many we may need. He just wanted to have this addressed since it was brought to his attention. It is now May and before you know it we will be in our summer hours and this September will be our 15th Anniversary of our 9-11tragedy and Dick Berry has volunteered to put together a program as he did last year, for the 15th anniversary and asked if any of the council would like to be involved, and the Mayor would like to formally give him that charge to put together a program for the borough and that the 9-11 Memorial Garden and Commission will do what they want to do and if us want to participate obviously we will participate, but if they want remain separate and maintain the privacy we will respect that also. Mr. Berry did volunteer and the Mayor thinks he did a very nice program last year and should take charge of it again this year and would like to get the council's concurrence on this. The council agreed.

The final item the Mayor wanted to mention was when you are coming off Rt 4 where we have that big round circle at the bottom of Grand, the DOT property, he knows that Ms. Korteweg devotes her own time and money to put flowers there, the one thing that he thinks that is has always been missing is that it's a gateway to River Edge and it doesn't even have a River Edge sign. We were told by a previous administration that is wasn't allowed by DOT regulations or something to that effect, he reached out to people he knows at DOT and asks for jurisdiction and determination and they said it's their property and we could certainly put up a sign as long as we adhere to certain set-backs. He has a preliminary from them which basically 10ft 10ft 5ft so there is plenty of room to

put a sign in. He is thinking of a sign on the order of the magnitude like we have at Memorial Park. Several years ago a lot of money was put into a budget for signs and he believes there is still a lot of money left, John Lynch had provided a proposal for one, it's not cheap it like \$6,000.00, but it's a standard sign. We don't have to approve tonight but he thinks if the council is in favor we need to write a formal letter to the Dot requesting the formal jurisdictional determination they will give us the approval for the sign, then we can order the sign. It is one of the key visual gateways into the borough and he thinks as we try to enhance the downtown and make it attractive. Councilman Papaleo stated that at the last Beautification meeting there was a discussion of putting a sign and some sort of raised stoned platform at 140 Kinderkamack, there has been some outstanding work done there also with DPW, this would be a budget item for next year if it can't be for this year. Mayor Mignone stated there is money in the budget because he believes the River Edge sign on Midland coming into Midland hasn't been restored, and the one coming into from Oradell hasn't been restored either, that was what some of that money was for. Mayor Mignone questioned why the gold leaf was needed since that really drove up the cost, but all these little improvements are worthwhile. Councilman Papaleo asked to move forward with this. Mr. Negreann said he would like the opportunity to look at the ordinances that have the funds. Mayor Mignone said that previously mentioned that in conjunction with the new 7-Eleven application at the old Mr. Bob's they are doing a sufficient amount of upgrades to that corner also, with the planter there is going to be a clock installed and more plantings. He thinks it's good to try and make that whole little, that is our center of downtown and he thinks we should look at the numbers and come up with a plan and see how to implement it. Councilman Papaleo asked if it would be put on for discussion at the next meeting, Mayor Mignone replied sure.

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, second by Councilman Acquafredda to open.
All in favor 5-0

Bennie Asuncio, 45 Richard Court – He wanted to request a parking sign for his street since it is becoming parking for business and parking for park and ride, and there is no dead end street sign, and also street cleaning isn't being done properly because cars on both sides of the street. Mr. Negreann stated that usually the Police Department receives notices and in addition Traffic and Safety would take this up and surveys the residents to see if restrictive parking is something the residents want. Mayor Mignone pointed out that the Police Chief was present and that the borough has to go through the proper process, and he was welcome to appear before the next Traffic and Safety meeting to voice his comments. Councilwoman Busted stated she would get word to him as to when their next meeting would be.

Deborah Davenport, 44 Richard Court – She also wanted to document what her neighbor stated about the parking issue on her street. Mayor Mignone just wanted to say that the Mayor and Council are not in the position to make a decision. She said she has other concerns, the owner of the building has a fence that is adjacent to her property which isn't maintained, two years ago a truck backed into it and still hasn't been repaired. Mayor Mignone stated that Mr. DeRosa, the Code Enforcement Officer will look into. Ms. Davenport asked how she will know what the outcome will be. Mayor Mignone said you will see it fixed, generally we try to work with residents and property owners and not give them a violation, he would assume because he doesn't want to speak for Mr. DeRosa, generally his approach would be if the complaint is valid please address it within the 10-20-30 days, usually people comply, if that timeframe expires, then he has the options to give him a violation and bring him to municipal court and the judge will make fix it. Usually it doesn't get to that point.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, second by Councilman Bartelloni to close.
All in favor 5-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:10 PM

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, second by Councilwoman Davis.
All in favor 5-0

Stephanie Evans. Borough Clerk