

M I N U T E S  
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
Monday, March 3, 2014  
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 reflection and asked Councilman Papaleo 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 affecting 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 - Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Moscaritolo were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of February 18, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

- ❖ Presentation of Assembly Resolution by Assemblyman Tim Eustace to River Edge Resident Patrick Carney

Assemblyman Eustace explained that Patrick Carney wanted to enter a photo contest and but was unable to because the State of New Jersey considered it a form of gambling. Patrick brought this issue to his attention and eventually this law was changed. He thanked Patrick for his hard work and following through with what he believed in. Assemblyman Eustace told Patrick that he would be receiving the official Assembly resolution in the mail.

- ❖ Assemblyman Tim Eustace also presented a certificate to Fire Chief John Mauthe and thanked him for all of his hard work.

Mayor Moscaritolo read the proclamation Honoring Mary Davis for her 40 years of Dedicated Service to the River Edge Volunteer Ambulance Corps as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mary Davis has been a resident of River Edge since 1966; and

WHEREAS, Mary has sold real estate in River Edge since 1975 and opened "Mary Davis Real Estate" in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mary was President of the New Jersey Association of Realtors in 2005 and Regional Vice President of the National Association of Realtors in 2008, representing New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Mary joined the River Edge Ambulance Corps in 1973 and at 40 years is the longest active riding member; and

WHEREAS, Mary has unselfishly given her time and talents to the community; and

WHEREAS, this community has been immeasurably enriched by her service as a volunteer member of the River Edge Ambulance Corps in the Borough of River Edge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge and on behalf of the Borough Council do hereby honor Mary Davis in grateful recognition and appreciation for the 40 Years of Service she has rendered to our citizens.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Dated: March 3, 2014

Mary Davis-stated that she joined the Ambulance Corp. with her neighbor and they would each take turns watching the kids when the other would respond to a call. After all these years she still finds it very rewarding and encourages people who are thinking of retiring or work part-time to join.

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Mayor Moscaritolo asked Maryann Chambers to explain the events that occurred on February 1, 2014.

Maryann Chambers stated that she was up early on that Saturday morning and was riding up Bogert Road when she spotted an older woman with a red coat. She pulled over and after speaking with the woman, she felt that she was very confused. Ms. Chambers called 911 and found out that they had been looking for her since the night before and asked her to stay with her until Police arrived.

Mayor Moscaritolo thanked Ms. Chambers and presented her with a Good Samaritan Certificate of Recognition.

Assemblyman Eustace also presented Ms. Chambers with a certificate from the Joint Assembly and Senate.

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Mayor Moscaritolo read the proclamation Declaring March 2014 as DeMolay Month into the record as follows:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, DeMolay is a character-building organization of young men from age 12-21; and

*WHEREAS, these young men are seeking to prepare themselves to become better citizens and leaders for tomorrow; and*

*WHEREAS, DeMolay helps develop those traits of character which have strengthened good men in all ages; and*

*WHEREAS, the organization has carried out the aforementioned goals for over ninety years through programs of athletic competition, social activity, civic service, and charitable projects; and*

*WHEREAS, the members of DeMolay Leaders of Bergen County - Ethan Allen Chapter will observe the year of 2014 as the*

*95th Anniversary of DeMolay  
and the  
700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Namesake of the  
Organization Jacques DeMolay*

*so as to exemplify to all citizens here and everywhere their many activities, and to tender recognition to their millions of Senior DeMolays; now*

*THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me, I proclaim that March 2014 be observed as*

*DeMolay Month*

*I call upon all our citizens to join in saluting the young men of DeMolay, and in expressing our grateful appreciation for the fine example set by them, in contributing to the welfare of our community.*

*Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo*

*Dated: March 3, 2014*

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OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to open meeting to the public on any issue.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to close meeting to the public on any issue.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the appointment of Eileen D. Chusid, 931 Poplar Avenue to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate #2 for a two-year term to December 31, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Busted to approve the salary change of Scott Ader, Tree Trimmer I, from an annual salary of \$68,921.00 to \$69,838.00 due to a step increase from Step IV to Step V, effective March 26, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the hire of Felice Rappaport, 111 Commander Black Drive, Oradell as a School Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$16.81. with a six-month probationary period, effective date contingent upon training and medical examination.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the appointment of Neal Carroll, 321 Wales Avenue to the Traffic & Safety Committee for a three-year term to 12/31/16, effective March 4, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter - Langan Eng. & Enviro. Svcs-2/20/14  
Re: Flood Hazard Appl., 65 Commerce  
Way, Hackensack

Letter - Louis Grasso - 2/20/14  
Re: Resignation from Zoning Board

Notice - River Edge Board of Education -2/24/14  
Re: Meeting Notice - 2/26/14

Letter - Carl Oerke, Jr. - 2/21/14  
Re: Thank you

Letter - Joan Dunleavy, Women's Club of River  
Edge - 2/27/14  
Re: Request to Waive Garage Sale Fee

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 2/28/14  
Re: Meeting Notice - March 5, 2014

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 2/28/14  
Re: Budget Meeting - March 8, 2014

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Shade Tree Commission - January 2014  
Tax Collector - 2013 Annual Statement

ORDINANCES - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING -

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1802 as follows:

Ordinance #1802 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$60,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1802 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
ORDINANCE #1802

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$60,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

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

SECTION I. The improvements desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as improvements to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the making of said improvements, there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$60,000.00 of which \$60,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund Balance.

SECTION II. The improvements are authorized as follows:

- a. The making of improvements to Borough grounds, for: Construction, reconstruction and improvements of the sanitary sewer system improvements at various locations within the Borough including but not limited to Wayne Avenue and The Fenway. The list of streets including but not limited to Wayne Avenue and The Fenway shall be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during normal business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that the Borough Council may, by resolution, amend such list from time to time within the appropriation made hereby.
- b. Other Expenses, including but not limited to architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expense and other expenses to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

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

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

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

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ORDINANCE - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING -

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1801 as follows:

Ordinance #1801 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 71, ARTICLE III, PROMOTIONAL POLICY FOR LIEUTENANTS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

Ordinance #1801 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy at the February 18, 2014 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1801

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 71, ARTICLE III, PROMOTIONAL POLICY FOR LIEUTENANTS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey has certain rules and regulations governing its Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge after due consideration and deliberation desires to amend its police rules and regulations so as to create a revised written promotion policy for members of the police department;

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

River Edge Police Rules and Regulations presently providing for the promotion policy regarding the position of Lieutenant be hereby amended and revised as follows:

CHAPTER 71 PROMOTIONAL POLICY FOR LIEUTENANTS

§ 71-15. Findings.

§ 71-16. Promotion to Lieutenant.

§ 71-15 Findings.

A. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge have established that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough to establish a promotion practice based on merit.

B. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge have found that promotions based on merit within the River Edge Police Department would add to the efficiency and service within same.

§ 71-16 Promotion to Lieutenant.

A. In order to be considered for the rank of Lieutenant, the police officer must be a current member of the River Edge Police Department and hold the rank of Sergeant for a period not less than one year.

B. All candidates for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant shall be required to undergo an evaluation, that shall include a numerically scored written test and may include a psychological assessment for the purpose of determining that the candidate is free from any emotional or mental condition which might adversely affect the performance of supervisory law enforcement duties. The Mayor and Council may require the candidate to undergo an oral examination which shall be numerically scored.

C. Prior to an interview of all candidates for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge shall conduct a document review session wherein they may review and consider all candidate's personnel files, evaluations, work product samples, writing samples and any other documents or outside testing results made available to them by the Chief of Police. The Borough Administrator and Police Chief will be present to assist, offer opinions, suggestions and make comments and recommendations.

D. Interviews, of all candidates for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, will be conducted by the Mayor and Council in order to select any number of candidates which the Mayor and Council deems appropriate. The Borough Administrator and Police Chief will be present to assist, offer opinions, suggestions and make comments and recommendations. All candidates who are interviewed will receive the same primary questions.

E. List of candidates.

(1) The Mayor and Council shall select as many candidates as may be necessary in their determination, for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant from among all eligible candidates. The selection will be made by secret ballot of the governing body. Four out of seven votes will prevail.

(2) In the event that more than one candidate is chosen for promotion, the first candidate shall be considered to be senior to any candidates chosen for promotion thereafter.

(3) The Mayor and Council may, at their discretion, create and maintain a list, by resolution, of any remaining candidates who they determine to be eligible for promotion to Lieutenant. This list shall remain valid for 12 months from the creation of the list. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to renew the list as often as they desire for a renewal period of up to 12 months, otherwise the list will expire at the end of the initial 12 months, or after one, or more, twelve-month extension as determined by the Mayor and Council.

(4) A probationary period of one year shall be served.

F. Prior to the promotion of any eligible candidate on the valid

promotional list, the Mayor and Council will conduct a document review and interview, pursuant to Subsection C herein, and an interview pursuant to Subsection D herein. Thereafter, the selection of any candidate, or candidates, to the rank of Lieutenant shall be made pursuant to Subsection E herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall be part of the Code of the Borough of River Edge as though codified and fully set forth therein. The Borough Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the Borough of River Edge in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, adoption and publication provided by law.

Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, RMC

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1801

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1801

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1801

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adopt Ordinance #1801.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

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RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #14-110 through #14-125.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

#14-110 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain enumerated circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances will or presently exist.

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

1. That the public shall be excluded from the March 17, 2014 meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

Closed Session  
Docket # \_\_\_\_\_

Item Title or Description

Statutory  
Reference

To be determined by reference to the Borough Clerk's Agenda for the above meeting.

2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public within a reasonable time, the substance of which will be released after the Mayor and Council or the specific authorized public body has reviewed and specifically accepted the data.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

March 3, 2014

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#14-111 Rescind Resolution #14-82 Tax Reimbursement Certification

WHEREAS, resolution #14-82 Tax Reimbursement Certification was approved on February 3, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolution #14-82, dated February 3, 2014 is hereby rescinded in order to reflect the correct dollar amount that was paid for 2013 recycling enhancement taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to change her records accordingly.

March 3, 2014

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#14-112 Tax Reimbursement Certification

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that River Edge hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, Chapter 311, in 2013 in the amount of \$11,053.71. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 705 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

Tax Reimbursement Certified by:

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Name of Official:

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Administrator/CFO  
Title of Official:

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Date:

March 3, 2014

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#14-113 Acknowledge Receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency

Purchases - Sewer Break, Wayne Avenue and the Fenway

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works and Borough Engineer have certified that an emergency condition exists in the Department of Public Works Buildings and Grounds; and

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

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

March 3, 2014

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#14-114 Resolution for the Creation of an Emergency Temporary Appropriation

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to severe winter storms - State of Emergency declared by Governor Chris Christie, beginning on January 2, January 21, February 3, February 4, and February 12 and no adequate provision has been made in the 2014 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2014 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$105,199.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

"Declared State of Emergency costs for Snow Removal: N.J.S.A. (40A:4-45.45(b) and 40A:4-45.3(bb)

Salary and Wages	46-870-1	\$56,619.00
Other Expenses	46-870-2	\$48,580.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation will be provided for in the 2014 budget under the title of:

"Declared State of Emergency costs for Snow Removal: N.J.S.A. (40A:4-45.45(b) and 40A:4-45.3(bb)

Salary and Wages	46-870-1	\$56,619.00
Other Expenses	46-870-2	\$48,580.00

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

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115 Approve the Amendment to Contract Awarded to Montana Construction Corp., Inc., 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey 07644

WHEREAS, a bid was awarded to Montana Construction Corp., Inc. for Emergency Repairs and Maintenance of Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs via resolution #13-159 on April 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the resolution stated that the contract shall be in effect from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the contract had a typographical error showing the contract date in effect from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is instructed to correct the contract showing the contract date to March 31, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Borough Clerk shall have the corrected contract signed by the contractor.

March 3, 2014

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#14-116 Transfer of Funds in the Budget Appropriation Reserve

WHEREAS, various 2013 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by a purchase order number and/or recorded at the time of transfer between the 2013 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2013; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the transfer in the amount of \$63,450.00 be made between the 2013 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

FROM: Planning Board O/E	01-2030-21-1802-044	\$ 250.00
TO: Planning Board S/W	01-2030-21-1801-011	\$ 250.00
FROM: Uniform Fire Safety S/W	01-2030-25-2651-011	\$ 100.00
TO: Fire S/W	01-2030-25-2551-011	\$ 100.00
FROM: Vehicle Maintenance S/W	01-2030-26-3151-011	\$ 5,000.00
TO: Public Works Repair S/W	01-2030-26-2901-014	\$ 5,000.00
FROM: Maint. Public Library/Gas	01-2030-31-4463-177	\$ 100.00
TO: Public Library S/W	01-2030-29-3901-011	\$ 100.00
FROM: Municipal Court O/E	01-2030-43-4902-171	\$ 1,000.00
TO: Municipal Court S/W	01-2030-43-4901-011	\$ 1,000.00
FROM: Vehicle Maintenance S/W	01-2030-26-3151-011	\$ 7,000.00
TO: Shade Tree Commission O/E	01-2030-26-3022-169	\$ 7,000.00
FROM: Legal Services O/E	01-2030-20-1552-171	\$10,000.00
FROM: Police Department S/W	01-2030-25-2401-011	\$40,000.00
TO: Liability Insurance O/E	01-2030-23-2102-190	\$50,000.00

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#14-117 Introduce 2014 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Municipal Budget of the Borough of River Edge, Bergen County, New Jersey for the fiscal year 2014 be approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, and the Clerk be and she is hereby instructed to advertise it in THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS on March 28, 2014 and that a final public hearing before passage will be held on April 7, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and that said budget shall authorize total general appropriations of \$14,698,787.45 and the anticipated revenues of \$2,465,433.45 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes for municipal purposes of \$12,233,354.00.

March 3, 2014

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#14-118 Authorize Increase in Deferral of School Taxes

WHEREAS, under the provisions of statute the unpaid portion of the year of levy of school tax may be deferred to the extent of not more than 50% of the levy; and

WHEREAS, the annual increase in deferred school tax results in a corresponding increase in surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Local River Edge School Tax Deferred at 1/1/13 was \$6,774,148.00 and at 12/31/13 was \$6,921,413.00; and

WHEREAS, the River Dell School Tax Deferred at 1/1/13 was \$7,168,966.25 and at 12/31/13 was \$7,173,851.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge do hereby confirm their desire to increase the deferral of the

Local River Edge and River Dell School taxes.

March 3, 2014

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#14-119 Introduce Capital Budget 2014 and Capital Plan for 2014-2019

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Capital Budget for 2014 and the Capital Plan for 2014-2019 are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Capital Budget and Plan be published as part of the Municipal Budget for 2014 in the RIDGEWOOD NEWS on March 28, 2014.

March 3, 2014

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#14-120 Include Item of Revenue in 2014 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2014 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Parking Lot Fees.....\$20,778.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2014 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Parking Lot Fees.....\$20,778.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

March 3, 2014

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#14-121 Include Item of Revenue in 2014 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2014 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

County of Bergen Interlocal Snow Removal.....\$3,400.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2014 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

County of Bergen Interlocal Snow Removal.....\$3,400.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

March 3, 2014

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#14-122 Include Item of Revenue in 2014 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2014 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Police Outside Duty.....\$30,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2014 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior  
Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Police Outside Duty.....\$30,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

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#14-123 Include Item of Revenue in 2014 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2014 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Reserve for Sale of Assets.....\$5,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2014 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior  
Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Reserve for Sale of Assets.....\$5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

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#14-124 Cancel Unexpended and Dedicated Balances

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Fund Balance and unused debt authorized may be canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Appropriation be canceled:

<u>ORDINANCE</u>	<u>UNFUNDED DEFERRED CHARGES</u>	<u>CAPITAL FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>
1458		\$93,057.79	
1656		\$93,286.00	

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Councilwoman Murphy-asked if this property is a foreclosure and who owns the property at this point?

Alan Negreann-explained that if we have unpaid taxes, those taxes go to a tax sale and private outside lien holders have the ability to bid on the outstanding taxes. The private bidder makes payment to the municipality. The homeowner or commercial establishment has the ability to pay the private person who holds the lien and redeem the taxes from that person with or without interest.

#14-125 Authorize Redemption and Disbursement of Tax Sale Certificate

WHEREAS, at the Tax Sale held on December 4, 2013, Certificate #2013-4 was sold to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital III, LLC on the property known as 398 Windsor Road, River Edge, New Jersey, Block: 809 Lot: 34, owner of record: Muriel Lafferty; and

WHEREAS, US Bank Cust for Pro Capital III, LLC had also paid a premium in the amount of \$60,000.00 which was held in escrow by the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, Nationstar Mortgage, has requested a redemption amount on the above certificate as of 3/3/14 and has submitted a certified check in the amount of \$18,905.01 to redeem the above lien.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Accounts Supervisor is hereby authorized to issue 2 checks, one in the amount of \$18,905.01 for the redemption of the lien and one in the amount of \$60,000.00 which was held in escrow, both payable to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital III, LLC and the Tax Collector to redeem the lien and adjust her records accordingly.

Please make the checks payable to:

US Bank Cust for Pro Capital III, LLC  
US Bank TLSG  
50 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1950  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Councilman Mignone read resolution #14-126 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #14-126..

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

#14-126 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	\$784,443.71
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 5,480.00
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 961.48
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 193.80
TRUST OTHERS DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 5,900.00
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 280.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that claims read and approved by the Governing Body at a Council meeting will be dated the day after the reading of those claims and will appear on the following bill list at the next public meeting of the Mayor and Council at which time claims would be paid.

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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilman Mignone-noted that after long hours spent at budget meetings, the introduction seems anticlimactic as it was approved by consent. He reported that the budget came in with a 1.58% increase over last year, which brings an average per household municipal tax increase of \$72.00 which is \$5.00 less than last year. Councilman Mignone stated that they had to make some difficult decisions this year which may impact next years budget, but hopes that we'll have more ratables on board for next year. He feels that we are slowly getting back into a sustainable position and continues to advocate that we live within our means. He feels they're moving in the right direction.

Mayor Moscaritolo-completely agrees with everything Councilman Mignone said. The Mayor feels that they should do a press release like they did last year and sign everyone's name to it. The Mayor offered to do a draft and then circulate it for comments.

Councilman Papaleo-reminded the public that the budget meetings were videotaped and encourages everyone to view them so that they understand what goes into putting a budget together.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:35 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo votes yes.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: