

M I N U T E S  
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
Monday, May 19, 2014  
8:00 P.M.

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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 Councilwoman Busted 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 Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Moscaritolo were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council regular meeting of May 5, 2014.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 18 - 24, 2004 as Emergency Medical Services Week as follows:

PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and*

*WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and*

*WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and*

*WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and*

*WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge do hereby proclaim*

*May 18 - May 24, 2014*

*as*

*EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK*

*in River Edge, in recognition of all those engaged in emergency medical services activities and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.*

*Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo*

*Dated: May 19, 2014*

Mayor Moscaritolo presented the proclamation to Captain Donna Sanders.

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola,

Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Neal Carroll-321 Wales-questioned resolution #14-222 and what station 6+80 means.

Alan Negreann-stated that he believes that it's just shy of Wayne Avenue.

Councilman Mignone-stated that 6+80 means 680 feet from the start of the intersection at Howland and Fifth heading north.

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

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 Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the salary increase of John Pampaloni, Sewer Operator from a Step I salary of \$4,594.00 to Step II, \$4,849.00, effective May 19, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the hire of Christine Mariotti, 58 Barbara Road, Dumont, New Jersey as a part-time Clerk in the Department of Public Works at an hourly probationary rate of \$15.74, with a six-month probationary period not to exceed 20 hours per week, effective May 20, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed to approve the appointment of Ethan Lolk, 420 Fifth Avenue, to the Junior and Fire Auxiliary Squad of the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department, effective May 20, 2014.

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

Mayor Moscaritolo- administered the Oath of Office to Ethan Lolk. Fire Chief Gregg Cariddi-presented Ethan with a helmet and mentioned that Ethan is a second generation firefighter and welcomed him to the department.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the appointment of Hahn Chang, 230 Beech Drive South to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department, effective May 20, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the hire of Nora Tibus, 234 Wayne Avenue 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 voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the hire of Maudeline Clacken, 57 Englewood Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey 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 voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 5/2/14  
Re: Meeting Notice - May 7, 2014

Letter - State of NJ DOT - 5714  
Re: Route 4 Pavement Resurfacing

Letter - Shavonda Sumter-NJ General Assembly - 5/8/14  
Re: Receipt of resolution #14-142 Letter of Support for New Bridge Landing Commission Line Item

Letter - State of NJ DEP - 5/12/14  
Re: BCUA Pursuing Financial Assistance

Letter - Hubschman Engineering - 5/12/14  
Re: Application for a Permit to NJDEP Under Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act - Block 1411, Lot 8 Borough of Paramus

Letter - Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch - 5/12/14  
Re: 2013 Annual Report

Letter - Boswell Engineering - 5/12/14  
Re: Waterfront Development Permit for New Bridge Road Bridge over Hack. River

Letter - B.C. Board of Chosen Freeholders-5/14/14  
Re: Copies of Adopted Ordinances

Letter - River Edge Board of Education - 5/15/14  
Re: State of the Schools - June 3rd

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Library Board - April 2014  
Historic Commission - April 2014  
Beautification Committee - May 2014-No Quorum

LIAISON REPORTS -

Councilwoman Murphy - Liaison to Shade Tree Commission, Library, Environmental Protection Commission, Green Team, Technology Committee, New Milford and Oradell Shared Services Committee - reported that on October 11<sup>th</sup> the Riverkeeper will host a river clean-up and she will keep everyone posted on the time. Councilwoman Murphy also reported that Shade Tree has been coordinating with Bob Costa's office to finish the plantings on Howland Avenue, New Bridge Landing is in progress and the Fifth Avenue repaving project is in the planning stages. Shade Tree has completed 50 work orders so far this year and currently they have 20 construction bonds. Councilwoman Murphy also reported that tomorrow, the Library will sponsor Tech Tuesdays, where young people teach technology challenged older people how to navigate

computers, ipads and iphones and will be held from 10 - 5. They will have a speaker on Tuesday from 7 to 8 who will give a lecture about the Statue of Liberty and on Thursday, a children's musician and entertainer, Lou Gallo will perform for children ages 1 to 7, from 7 to 7:45. Councilwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to support the Library Book Sale which will be held from Saturday to Monday from 10 to 4. She is happy to announce that they will be having field station dinosaurs for all ages on Friday, June 27, from 1 to 3 which is sponsored by TD Bank. She continued to report that in July, they will show a Mid Summer Nights Dream and have yoga as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign starting in the next few weeks. With regard to the Green Team, they are in the process of having recycling calendars printed, they will sponsor a bicycle safety workshop on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and they will also be helping with the Farmer's Market.

Councilman Cappola - Liaison to Recreation Commission, Senior Citizens co-liaison, Beautification Committee, Special Events Committee, Technology Committee - reported that the River Edge Run was a great success and very well attended. He spoke to many senior citizens about what they would like in a community/senior center and one of their concerns is that they have their own space to cook and keep personal items that would not be touched by anyone else. Councilman Cappola reported that the Beautification Committee had another successful plant sale at Fire Company #1 on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and commended the members for their hard work and dedication. Councilman Cappola reported that the Special Events Committee will be meeting this Wednesday to prepare for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> festivities.

Councilwoman Busted - Liaison to Senior Citizens, Co-liaison, Historic Commission, Traffic & Safety Committee, Special Events Committee - stated that it was wonderful to see members of SCORE come out this evening and be eager to take an active part in completing the community center survey. Councilwoman Busted stated that there is a need for additional storage at the Temple for their paperwork because they are carrying bags and bags back and forth every week. Councilman Busted reported that the Special Events Committee is trying to encourage businesses and neighborhood groups to get involved with entering floats in the parade. Councilwoman Busted also reported that the Traffic & Safety Committee met last week and discussed several improvements such as the improvement of lighting on Kinderkamack, Reservoir and Wayne and they also talked at length of the notion of a pedestrian improvement traffic/speed calming on Continental Avenue. They reviewed the traffic counts and she feels that there is sufficient evidence, in combination with the fact that we have a strong complete streets policy that was adopted in 2012, that we should take the next appropriate step to ask Bob Costa to draw up a more detailed plan for that improvement project. Councilman Busted reminded everyone that this week is National Walk/Bike to School Week and encouraged everyone to try and do that a few times this week.

Councilman Mignone - Liaison to DPW, Zoning Sub-Committee, Redevelopment, New Milford and Oradell Shared Services Committee - reported that there was no Planning Board meeting this month due to a lack of agenda. He continued to report that John Lynch and his crew continue to do their spring clean-up at the parks and maintenance at the catch basins. He looks forward to receiving the bids for the 2014 road resurfacing program. Councilman Mignone reported that we will soon be going out to bid on the Fifth Avenue paving project and bids for the garbage contract will be coming in early June.

Councilman Acquafredda - Liaison to Construction Code Official, Property Maintenance, Planning Sub Committee, Technology Committee, River Edge and River Dell Schools - reported that he attended a

meeting at River Edge Board of Education on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the main topic of the meeting was a concern by the Board regarding a higher enrollment for the incoming kindergarten class. He reported that many board members voiced concerns that we were being subject to students not residing in River Edge and attempting to be enrolled in the elementary school system. The Board voted to implement a re-registration this summer of all students who will be attending the grammar schools. They also would like to make a request to the Mayor and Council to see if there was something they could do to tighten up alleged violations of single family homes being housed by more than one family as well as apartments where more people are living there than the code allows. Councilman Acquafredda stated that he took the information and promised the school board that he would bring it up to the Mayor and Council to see if there was anything that could be done under the law. Councilman Acquafredda stated that he completely understands the concerns because if this enrollment continues, they will soon run out of classroom space. He was happy that they brought this issue up early because he feels that we all can have a good approach and not be reactive but proactive. The River Edge School Board has also initiated a Community Planning Initiative to be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> which Councilman Acquafredda was invited to. The approach to the local school system, now and in the future, will be discussed with the aid of a representative from the New Jersey School Board Association. Councilman Acquafredda reported that at the Planning Board meeting last week the Total Wine signage application was memorialized and CVS came before the board for information only. They will be appearing before the Planning Board with their application for the building that is currently occupied by Total Wine. He stated that two members of the Planning Board expressed concerns about the traffic pattern on Marginal Road and Bogert Road and wondered how it ended up that way. Councilman Acquafredda explained that the site plan was approved in 2007 by different members of the Planning Board at that time. He explained that the current Planning Board cannot do too much about it at this point and feels that the only thing that they might be able to do is for the Police Department to deem it a public safety issue. He asked Bob Costa to reach out to Tom Sarlo, Esq. for his opinion.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that he spoke briefly with Mr. Costa today and they've scheduled a meeting on Thursday and will report back to the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Papaleo - Liaison to Police Department, Fire/Fire Prevention, River Edge Alliance Against Alcohol & Drugs - was pleased to report that the Fire Department have answered approximately 110 calls through May 18<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department along with the Fire Departments of New Milford, Oradell, Hackensack and Paramus responded to a minor basement fire on Lozier Terrace. The River Edge Police Department and Ambulance Service responded as well. The Fire Department in conjunction with the Building Department has conducted 3 training sessions/drills in the past few weeks on acquired structures in town. He pointed out that our firefighters are all volunteers and the drills that they do is over and above the time that they put in getting up during early morning hours and responding to calls. He stated that the drills are extremely beneficial as the members are practicing search and rescue tactics, fire rescue tactics and ventilation practices. The Fire Department also assisted the Recreation Commission with the River Edge Run. On Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department will place flags on the graves of all departed members who are located within Bergen County. On Memorial Day, the Fire Department will hold their annual memorial service at Fire Company #1 at 10:00 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Fire Department will be presenting two River Dell graduates with scholarships. He informed everyone that two Junior Firefighters will begin their Firefighter I training session at the Police and Fire Academy in

Mahwah. Councilman Papaleo asked Fire Chief Cariddi how many hours are involved in this session?

Fire Chief Cariddi-explained that the session lasts for six to seven weeks, daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that he is proud to be a liaison because he's learned just how far our volunteers go to protect and serve the town and feels that it is something that should be applauded and recognized day in and day out. Councilman Papaleo reported that he continues to meet monthly with the Chief of Police and wanted to relay to the Council and public that the Chief continues to commend the Police force for their professionalism on a day to day basis. He also reported that the Second Annual Junior Police Academy for River Edge and Oradell students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will start June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 12:00 and the graduation ceremony will occur on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the Middle School. The deadline for this program is May 30<sup>th</sup> and the contact for River Edge is Patrol Office Marc Abate. Councilman Papaleo reported that on April 26<sup>th</sup>, they had Operation Take Back where the Police Department collected 27.5 pounds of prescription medications. He reported that the entire Police Department has been conducting controlled dangerous substance arrests and activities and he thanked our officers for safeguarding our homes. Councilman Papaleo reported that the River Edge Alliance Against Drugs and Alcohol had a fundraiser on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the River Edge Walk where they sponsored the Health Walk and had over 130 participants. The Alliance continues to support the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and will sponsor a yoga class on May 18<sup>th</sup>. On May 31<sup>st</sup> there be a third and final class and May 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a nutrition class that will take place at the Library, all which are funded through READ.

Mayor Moscaritolo - River Edge Ambulance Service - the Mayor stated that he is pleased and honored to give the Ambulance Service report and also stated that they are a non-profit organization and a valued member of the community. The Mayor reported that April was an extremely busy month as they responded to 71 calls. On May 16<sup>th</sup> they attended and participated in the Health Fair at Cherry Hill School where they spoke and explained the emergency response system and performed scenarios for the children and teachers. Members who were called out for recognition were: Carol Miller, Joellen Schlossberg, Donna Cirino, Sharon Cordts, Joan Daly, Josh Blachorsky and Greg Leon. On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> REVAS held an open house at the Ambulance building. The Mayor again encouraged anyone interested in joining the ambulance service, to please contact them through their Facebook page.

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

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1809 as follows:

Ordinance #1809 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE #1763 ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$845,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS".

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1809 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
ORDINANCE #1809

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE #1763 ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$845,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS".

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

Section 1. Section 5 of Ordinance #1763 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$845,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") on April 16, 2012 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to increase the amount of statutorily permitted expenses included in the cost of the purposes authorized in the ordinance from \$45,000 to \$55,000.00 and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$55,000.00 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law."

Section 2. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

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

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

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1808 as follows:

Ordinance #1808 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1797 TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014

Ordinance #1808 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy at the May 5, 2014 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
ORDINANCE #1808

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1797 TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge:

Section 1: The compensation for the following part-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2014 is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	
	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
<u>BOROUGH HALL</u>		
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator		\$300.00

Section 2: the salary, wages or compensation for the above position shall be paid quarterly upon presentation of duly executed vouchers as required by law.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

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Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

DATED:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1808

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by councilwoman Busted to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda

and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1808

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

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1808

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, second by Councilwoman Murphy to adopt Ordinance #1808.

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

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RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #14-221, #14-223 through #14-229.

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

#14-221 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 June 2, 2014 meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session</u>		<u>Statutory</u>
<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Reference</u>

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

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

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Councilwoman Busted- asked if the 6+80 could be changed to something that is easier to understand.

Councilman Mignone-suggested changing the wording to at or near Wayne Avenue.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #14-222 as amended.

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

#14-222 Authorize Clerk to Go Out for Bid for the Fifth Avenue Road Improvements, Intersection of Howland Avenue & Fifth Avenue, at or near Wayne Avenue

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to go out for bid for the Fifth Avenue Road Improvements, Intersection of Howland Avenue & Fifth Avenue, at or near Wayne Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has submitted plans and specifications for the project entitled Fifth Avenue Road Improvements, Intersection of Howland Avenue & Fifth Avenue, at or near Wayne Avenue; and

WHEREAS, these plans and specifications have been reviewed by the Governing Body and Borough Attorney at a work session held on March 17, 2014 and April 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge desire to memorialize their approval of the plans and specifications and the design elements contained therein for the project entitled Fifth Avenue Road Improvements, Intersection of Howland Avenue & Fifth Avenue, at or near Wayne Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for the project entitled Fifth Avenue Road Improvements, Intersection of Howland Avenue & Fifth Avenue, at or near Wayne Avenue are hereby accepted and approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise in THE RECORD for the purpose of providing said service.

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#14-223 Amend Agreement With Arthur M. Neiss, Esq., Beattie Padovano, LLC, 50 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 208, P.O. Box 244, Montvale, New Jersey 07645-0244, Planning Board Attorney For Professional Services as Planning Board Attorney Related to Researching the Historic Element

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Arthur M. Neiss, Esq. via resolution #13-377 dated

October 7, 2013 in the amount of \$750.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services related to the Historic Element and Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on May 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-164 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00; and

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

WHEREAS, Arthur M. Neiss, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Arthur M. Neiss, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Arthur M. Neiss, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$125.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Arthur M. Neiss, Esq., Beattie Padovano, LLC, 50 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 208, P.O. Box 244, Montvale, NJ 07645-0244 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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#14-224 Amend Resolution #14-64 2014 Salary Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the following officers and employees of the Borough of River Edge be compensated for the year 2014 in accordance with Ordinance #1808 effective July 1, 2014.

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<u>Emergency Management</u>		<u>Annual</u>
Deputy Coordinator	Heinzinger, S.	\$300.00

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#14-225 Amend Agreement with Alan P. Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey for Professional Services for Expert Legal Services

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Expert Legal Services for tax appeal representation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. via resolution #14-09 dated January 1, 2014 in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for Expert Legal Services for tax appeal representation; and

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

WHEREAS, Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on May 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-174 of the Current Fund an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

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

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$85.00 per hour:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Alan P. Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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#14-226 Amend Certification of Chief Financial Officer with Regard to the Contract for the ACS Firehouse Software

WHEREAS, ON January 27, 2014 via resolution #14-72, the

Borough of River Edge awarded a contract to ACS Firehouse Software, 2900 100<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 309, Urbandale, Iowa 50322 for the purchase of proprietary computer software for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract was for \$1,799.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer had certified that funds were available from Account #01-2010-25-2552-045 of the Current Fund in an amount not to exceed \$1,799.00; and

WHEREAS, an error was made in the certification of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby accept the revised certification of funds provided by the Chief Financial Officer which indicates that \$1,799.00 is available from Account #01-2010-25-2552-196 of the Current Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Clerk are hereby instructed to adjust their records accordingly.

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#14-227 Resolution Authorizing Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen Under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee or a unit of general local government that directly or indirectly received CDBG funds may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any such portion of such funds to another metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly received CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the current Interlocal Services Agreement contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

WHEREAS, by June 20, 2014 each municipality must notify the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs notes above; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of River Edge and its residents to participate in said programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that it hereby notifies the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program and the Home Investment Partnership Act Program for the Program Years 2015, 2016 and 2017 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be

forwarded to the Bergen County Division of Community Development no later than June 20, 2014.

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#14-228 Enter Into Agreement with Richard A. Mehrman, Consulting Engineer, 425 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 for Professional Services Related to Limited Structural Engineering Services for the Route 4 Pedestrian Bridge

WHEREAS, there exists a need to retain expert engineering services related to limited structural engineering services for the Route 4 pedestrian bridge; and

WHEREAS, Richard Mehrman, Consulting Engineer, meets the criteria for a professional service contract under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1; and

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

WHEREAS, Richard A. Mehrman has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Richard A. Mehrman has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Richard A. Mehrman from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-170 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00; and

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

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Richard A. Mehrman, 425 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#14-229 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 FUND</u>
1616		\$ 2,234.78	
1654		\$25,593.00	
1687	\$11,899.48		
1728	\$ 4,176.14	\$14,708.89	
1733		\$ 440.94	

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Councilwoman Murphy-requested that the Green Team be included in this resolution and also provided the time of day and dates that the market will be held.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #14-230 as amended.

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

#14-230 Approval to Establish a Mayor's Wellness Farmers Market

WHEREAS, within the Borough of River Edge there is an increased public awareness and demand for access to "farm to table" locally grown and raised food; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has established a Mayor's Wellness Program and Green Team which provides programs and activities designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, and environmental awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Wellness Program and the Green Team desire to increase access to healthy, local and affordable foods; encourage community-building; and support local agriculture and economic development; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is desirous of supporting the concept of a Mayor's Wellness Farmers Market.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council

approves the establishment and operation of the Mayor's Wellness Farmers Market, conditioned upon the following:

1. The Farmers Market shall use and be restricted to the former American Legion parking lot located at 215 Continental Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey.

2. The Farmers Market is permitted to operate from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. one day per week starting Thursday, June 12, 2014 to Thursday, October 9, 2014.

3. The Vendors shall be required to enter into a Use and Indemnity Agreement with the Borough of River Edge.

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Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to **Table** resolution #14-231.

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

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#14-231 Grant of Revocable License for Placement of a Fence over Borough Easement to Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Sta Maria, 131 Valley Road, Block 1202, Lot 3

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Sta Maria, are the owners of premises known as 131 Valley Road, River Edge New Jersey, and have requested permission and license to place a fence in the rear yard of their premises at 131 Valley Road, which may encroach on Borough property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has agreed to grant a revocable license to the property owner subject to the execution of a License Agreement in recordable form prepared by the Borough Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Revocable License be granted for the construction of a fence over Borough property at the stated premises. Said license shall be granted with the understanding that the Borough will be permitted access without restriction and will in no way be held responsible for the reconstruction of the fence, if access to Borough property requires its removal. The removal and replacement of any fence shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this grant shall be memorialized in an Agreement prepared by the Borough Attorney which will be recorded so that future property owners shall be bound by its terms.

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Councilman Mignone read resolution into the record.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #14-232.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola,

Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#14-232 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	\$255,879.73
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 1,490.00
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 6,532.58
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 10.80
SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$ 5,489.10
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 544.45
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 7,806.77
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 1,450.80

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 Councilwoman Busteded to open hearing of the public.

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

Fire Chief Cariddi-announced that on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> approximately 15 members participated in the Woodland Park 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade. The Fire Department entered three pieces of apparatus and brought home 5 trophies. Fire Chief Cariddi commented on Marginal and Bogert Road and stated that although the plans were approved back in 2007, he feels that people didn't realize what was going on. He himself didn't realize what the plan was until he went there and saw the double yellow line and the new curbing. His concern is that there are many Fire Department members who belong to

Company #2 that travel down Bogert Road and it seems that they may not be able to make the left onto the Marginal Road. The members who do travel Bogert Road do so especially during rush hour to avoid the traffic on Kinderkamack Road. Chief Cariddi is also concerned because it will definitely affect the response time to the fire house. He stated that if the Mayor and Council would like him to put something in writing, he is more than willing to do so.

Mayor Moscaritolo-told Fire Chief Cariddi that he will ask Police Chief Cariddi to give a clarification in writing for the traffic on Bogert and Marginal Road. It is the Mayor's understanding that the traffic pattern has not changed.

Peter Dunsay-River Edge Cultural Center-stated that the Cultural Center has hosted over 300 events for the town, one being the annual car show which will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated that they have made many requests to place cars in Memorial Park which was rejected by the Recreation Commission due to their concerns with the grass. He stated that he attended the Recreation Commission meeting, made the same request and said that again, the conversation centered on the grass. The Cultural Center offered to replace the grass in the park after the car show. He feels that the town and Cultural Center would benefit by putting more cars in the park because they would get greater attendance and put forth a better show. He stated that they invited the Fire Department to be the food vendor which would be a 100% fundraiser for them. Mr. Dunsay submitted an application for the car show and was told by the Recreation Commission that they would be limited to four dealer display cars. He continued to say that they have over 70 cars entered in the show that are over 50 years old which is a unique opportunity for people to view cars from the past. He stated that the Cultural Center will ask the Recreation Commission to reconsider their request because he feels that they have an obligation to the people of the town. He said that they lead him to believe that by discussing the replanting of the grass in September, the long standing matter between them was resolved, only to find out that it wasn't. He complained that the Recreation minutes are not up to date on the website. He hopes that they will be able to resolve the matter.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked Mr. Dunsay how many years has the Cultural Center hosted the car show?

Peter Dunsay-replied, 13.

Councilwoman Murphy- asked Mr. Dunsay for an estimate on how many people attend the show?

Peter Dunsay-replied, approximately 1,500 visitors and approximately 175 to 225 cars.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked how many cars he would like to put into the park?

Peter Dunsay-explained that they would limit it by category, have a maximum of 70 and they would all enter and exit on the walkway.

Councilman Mignone-asked if the Commission has raised the same issue or are there different issues now? Councilman Mignone understands the concern about having the park ripped up because they would have to have the DPW or private company come in and have it restored. He stated that the only downside would be if there was a lot of rain prior to the event making soft areas which would cause a more extension restoration. He feels that maybe they should give it a try and if it doesn't work out we won't do it again.

Peter Dunsay-also stated that they would have mats underneath all vehicles in case there is an oil leak.

Councilman Mignone-asked if the Commission had given them a reason why they denied the request?

Peter Dunsay-replied, no accept that it is a long standing policy.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that two years ago, they got their foot in the door to use a portion of the park for new vehicles and at that time, the Mayor was under the impression that they would give a donation to the Recreation Commission. He asked if they ever followed through with that?

Peter Dunsay-stated that they made a monetary donation.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that two years ago, the Mayor and the

Recreation Commission liaison at that time, Councilman Bartelloni supported their proposal and attended the Recreation meeting with Mr. Dunsay to help persuade them to allow limited use of the park. The Mayor continued to say that last year, they gave up the idea completely and did not make the request so the Mayor feels that they slammed the door and are back to square one. The Mayor stated that he would support the proposal if the cars were placed on the walkway for the entire event. The Mayor stated that unfortunately all the organizations don't always get along but he will do what he can to help make it a successful event this year. He again stated that he feels that if they kept the momentum going and continued last year, they wouldn't be in this situation.

Councilwoman Murphy-reminded everyone that during the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities there are trucks, generators and vendors who drive all over the grass and there hasn't been any issues so far.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that there are vehicles in the park on River Edge Day.

Councilman Mignone-stated that it is his recollection that the Cultural Center had requested to use a section of Elm Avenue by the Library which was denied by the Police Department. He feels that the Car Show is a positive event for the town and would like help them make the show more successful.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he is not concerned with oil leakage because he has been a judge for the past two years and has seen the immaculate condition the cars are in.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if Mr. Dunsay has contacted Bobbi Conway and to find out why the request was denied.

Peter Dunsay-stated that it wasn't a denial but a modification. He continued to say that she sent a letter with the application. The letter stated that the long standing policy would permit the display of 4 vehicles in the park.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that he agrees with the Council's comments to support this request and hopes that the Commission will reconsider it. He suggested that Mr. Dunsay make this request at the next Recreation Commission meeting.

Councilwoman Murphy-also hopes that the Recreation Commission will reconsider their decision because it will be beneficial for so many people.

Peter Dunsay-stated that he will attend the next Recreation meeting and will report back.

Donna Sanders-674 Millbrook Road-asked for clarification on the plan for the crosswalk on Continental Avenue.

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that there are three or four different issues. One is for the safety of pedestrian and bicycle traffic, the other is the Ambulance Corp. driveway. He explained that the pathway from the park comes together at a common apron which is a problem because pedestrians could walk right into the path of vehicle that is leaving or returning. The Mayor explained that if they put in the crosswalk, there wouldn't be a conflict anymore. The crosswalk would be quite a distance west of the driveway.

Donna Sanders-expressed her concern that when an ambulance exits their driveway and has to make a right hand turn, they be going out over the yellow lines into oncoming traffic.

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that instead of the lanes being 16 or 18 feet wide there will be a curb bump out so that the lanes will be narrowed to 12 or 14 feet.

Donna Sanders-voiced her concerns with the rigs getting out past the bump out.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that they will never pass the center line.

Councilwoman Busted-stated that this project is not set in stone at this point. They will look into getting a detailed plan prepared which would include comments from those who would be affected by this change before they move forward.

Mayor Moscaritolo-assured Donna Sanders that before any plan which would affect traffic is approved, they always make sure there are proper turning radiuses that are made for fire trucks and ambulance vehicles.

Mary Lou Hronic-99 Lakeview Street-complained that since 2003, she has noticed an increase in cars, many of them having New York license plates, parking on Lakeview Street and Reservoir Avenue. The cars are usually parked there from 10:30 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. and parking, the drivers walk towards the apartments. Mrs. Hronic stated that these vehicles have been parking there for at least six months and only park from Tuesday through Friday. Mrs. Hronic complained that she is unable to park her two vehicles in her own driveway because these vehicles are parked so close to the apron making it impossible to get in and out. She continued to say that when trying to exit Lakeview to Reservoir it is almost impossible because there are cars parked right on top of each other on both sides of the road. Mrs. Hronic presented the Mayor and Council with pictures that she had taken.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if she thought this has anything to do with the schools?

Mary Lou Hronic-replied, yes. She explained that she is currently the President of the PTO at Cherry Hill School and has been actively involved for 8 years.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if she thought it could be construction workers?

Mary Lou Hronic-replied no.

Councilwoman Murphy-agreed that Lakeview is very hard to navigate when there are cars parked on both sides of the street.

Mary Lou Hronic-is also concerned about the safety of the neighborhood children who are crossing the street.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if the Superintendent has instituted some type of registration check?

Mary Lou Hronic-stated that she believes it will be starting over the summer. She recalls that they've had re-registration a few years ago.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if the PTO has supported a re-registration every year? He also asked if the Superintendent has accepted that?

Mary Lou Hronic-replied yes, they do support that and she thinks that it is under investigation but feels that within the past year, the urgency has increased.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if they could look into the zoning laws to find out if there are more than one family living in a single family home?

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that unless we receive a specific complaint, you just can't go and knock on everyone's door.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that this is a very common problem that municipalities are dealing with and how it impacts the schools. He further explained that the schools are in a tough situation because if a child proves residency, which could be that they are living with an uncle who is a resident, they will be able to go to school. The other problem is that you would need probably cause such as multiple mailboxes or utility meters in order to file a complaint with the Zoning Officer. Another way would be if the Ambulance Corp. or Fire Department responded to a home and noticed something suspicious, they could file a report. Mr. Sarlo continued to say that if the Zoning Officer goes in and finds that there is a fire hazard, the municipality would have the responsibility of removing the tenant and putting them up somewhere unless they can find alternate arrangements. Mr. Sarlo explained that it is very difficult to catch people and it is also difficult for the schools to investigate even though they may see out of state licensed vehicles dropping children off at school.

Councilwoman Murphy-commented that she attended the Board of Education meeting with Councilman Acquafredda and heard the same concerns from the school board.

Mrs. Hronic-gave statistics on the number of children in several grades at Cherry Hill.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that the apartments are problematic because it's very hard to regulate how many people live there.

Councilwoman Murphy-believes that there is a law that regulates the amount of people that can live within certain square footage.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that there is no law.

Councilman Mignone-stated that it should be easy to find out because once the school gets their survey and they find that 40% of the students are coming from the apartments, then that's where the problem is. He continued to say that there are very few two family houses or illegal apartments in town, so the only other option would be the apartments.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.- again explained that it is not as easy as people might think.

Councilwoman Busted-suggested that they ask Chief Cariddi to do enforcement checks to make sure people aren't parking illegally. She also asked if some type of resident sticker would help.

Alan Negreann-stated that this topic has been raised time and time again and suggested that the Police Chief weigh in on that before we start discussions.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he doesn't think it's allowed. He continued by saying that it is allowed on a municipal owned parking lot but not on a public street.

Councilman Papaleo-asked Mrs. Hronic what she and her neighbors are looking for? Are they looking for something like alternate side of the street parking? He asked if there was a remedy that the residents would consider to be reasonable. He asked if two cars can pass when cars are parked on both sides.

Mary Lou Hronic-replied, it's very difficult. It may be a little easier in the summer months but in the winter it's almost impossible.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that before the Council moves forward in trying to solve the problem, they would need to know what she and her neighbors would consider a reasonable solution. He offered to attend a meeting with the neighbors if she would like.

Daisy Ortiz-Berger-162 Van Saun Drive-commented that many of the ranch homes in her area have become two story dwellings and more and more younger families with children are moving in. She thinks that that could be part of the problem with school overcrowding. Ms. Berger stated that she too is involved in school activities and through her experience, feels that the average household does not have more than two children. She noticed that behind Total Wine on Bogert Road there is a driveway opening and asked what that will be used for.

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that it's the service driveway designed for two way traffic which can be used by trucks and patrons.

Cathy O'Donnell-180 Continental Avenue-stated that she is a member of the Ambulance Service and has been on the Traffic & Safety Committee for several years. She said that the plans for the new Total Wine building was never brought before the Traffic & Safety Committee. She stated that she was on an ambulance call during the week and explained that it was very difficult making the turn with the rig. She feels that the traffic part of the plan should be reconsidered.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that it is his understanding that the plans were approved with the turning radius that a tractor trailer could make the turn.

Neal Carroll-321 Wales Avenue-stated that the only way a tractor trailer will make a delivery through the service driveway is by traveling south on Kinderkamack, making a right turn onto Howland, a left turn onto Bogert and head south on Bogert until they get to the driveway. He doesn't feel that a tractor trailer will get around the new curve off Marginal Road.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that if it's a problem, we'll have to go to the County.

Neal Carroll-stated that it is not the County it's the State.

Donna Sanders-explained that she travels from Route 4 onto the Marginal Road every day and she agrees that tractor trailers, fire trucks and/or the ambulance will have great difficulty making the turn.

Councilwoman Busted-agrees with everyone's comments because she herself has problems making the turn. Councilwoman Busted feels

that we need to take steps to take corrective action if that's what is necessary to protect our residents and patrons.

Councilman Papaleo-agreed.

Mary Lou Hroncic-stated that she was on a field trip and the school bus had difficulty making the turn on to Bogert from the Marginal Road.

Neal Carroll-suggested that they make a change now before the catch basins are moved.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he will speak with Bob Costa tomorrow.

Councilwoman Murphy-suggested that they have the Borough Attorney look into how we can enforce the occupancy issue.

#### CLOSE HEARING OF 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 voted yes.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Murphy-thanked the River Edge Volunteer Ambulance for their service to the town and also wished Mr. Halabi, the owner of Blimpie's a speedy recovery. Councilwoman Murphy announced that the River Edge Education Foundation (REEF) held a Harlem Wizards game in which she played, and they sold 700 tickets. She congratulated them on putting together such a successful event. She reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade and announced that so far, there has been a lack luster response so she encourages everyone to take part in this worthwhile day. Councilwoman Murphy congratulated Lieutenant Mike Walker and his wife Heather on the birth of their son, Daniel Patrick. She welcomed new businesses, Eco Galleria, the Farmer's Market and the Upholstery Shop to River Edge and wished them success. Councilwoman Murphy announced that on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor will be held and she congratulated Christopher Fong, James Zaccaro, Samuel Sim, Timothy Olson and Michael Kost on this prestigious accomplishment. She thanked Tom Sarlo for preparing the resolution for the Farmer's Market. She's heard back from 10 - 12 vendors and has been in touch with Adrienne Capasso, the Health Secretary who forwarded the regulations that are needed from the vendors. She looks forward to the Farmer's Market on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of the American Legion.

Councilwoman Busteed-congratulated REVAS on Emergency Medical Services Week and thanked them for all that they do to keep our residents and visitors safe.

Councilman Mignone-thanked Ethan and Hahn for joining the Fire Department and feels that it's great to see young people, especially second and third generations, get involved. Councilman Mignone did have the pleasure of attending the REVAS Open House yesterday and is especially appreciative because he's had to call on them on a few occasions. He found the event very informative and was also happy to see young members getting involved in the organization as well. He said that he spoke to Bill Sanders who informed him that this is the last all volunteer ambulance service in the area because many towns have partially paid services. He feels that the Mayor and Council should constantly support these organizations by trying to encourage people to volunteer. As he walked around the building, he noticed a plaque commemorating May 30<sup>th</sup> as their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary and suggested that they reach out to the Town News to see if they'll do a profile for publicity. He and the Mayor and Council are very grateful for all that they do and offered to support them with whatever they need.

Councilman Acquafredda-reminded everyone that the HVAC bids will be

coming in by the end of the month and looks forward to the responses so we can get the project underway. Councilman Acquafredda stated that he has lived in town for 27 years and has noticed a change in demographics as older residents move out and younger families move in. He continued to say that many smaller homes became inadequate to support the lifestyles that we have created ourselves. ~~Smaller homes that were sufficient for an older couple, were torn down and~~ rebuilt as McMansions and became sought after by double income families with children. Councilman Acquafredda stated that we do have one of the best K-12 schools systems in Bergen County and that has brought the willingness of many families to move into River Edge. He continued to say that the school system should not sell itself short because they've worked very hard to achieve this status. Councilman Acquafredda was a member of the Board of Education at River Dell for many years and although there may be a few cases of illegal residencies, he doesn't feel that it justifies the remarkable increase in the registration rates that we are experiencing. He feels that they need to further look into this problem and leave the possibility of a school expansion as an absolute last resort.

Councilman Papaleo-echoed Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Mignone's comments in thanking the volunteers for joining and for the dedicated work that they do for the town. Mayor Moscaritolo-thanked Ethan Lolk for joining the Junior Fire Squad, especially being a second generation firefighter in River Edge and also Hahn Chang for joining as well. He is very proud that River Edge keeps attracting volunteers of all ages. Mayor Moscaritolo thanked the members of SCORE for appearing at the meeting this evening to give their opinions on the proposed community center. The Mayor extended his appreciation to REVAS and the great job that they do day to day. The Mayor was not able to attend REVAS open house because of a prior family obligation. The Mayor also has had to use their services and is very appreciative of their commitment and dedication. Mayor Moscaritolo also thanked Mary Donohue for appearing on behalf of the New Bridge Landing Park Commission and stated that she is a great resident and volunteer who is always willing to take on worthwhile projects. The Mayor always appreciates when members of the public attend meetings and looks forward to all of the upcoming events this summer.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:00 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: