

M I N U T E S
 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
 Tuesday, February 18, 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 asked for a moment of silent prayer and reflection and asked Denise Dondiego 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 Work session and Regular Meeting of February 3, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the minutes of the Special Improvement District meeting of February 4, 2014.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Moscaritolo presented the Proclamation Honoring Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of the Year for Northern New Jersey which read as follows:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS Patrick Joseph Fletcher was named as Superintendent of the Year, Northern New Jersey, for the 2013-2014 year and...

WHEREAS the New Jersey Association of School Administrators awarded the honor after selection by his peers and.....

WHEREAS this is the first time a River Dell Regional School District Superintendent received this distinction and....

WHEREAS Patrick Fletcher promotes a student centered philosophy of education and demonstrates an unwavering commitment to all students and....

WHEREAS this dedication is demonstrated year-round by attending school events and competitions, monitoring student and staff safety during inclement weather and other emergencies and celebrating student achievement at every opportunity and.....

WHEREAS he implemented a one to one student lap-top program that provides students with 21st century skills that has become a model for other school districts in New Jersey as well as in other states and.....

WHEREAS he continues to promote new and innovative learning opportunities for students to develop cutting edge skills that allow them to remain competitive well after they graduate from high school and.....

WHEREAS his supervision of the referendum program that provided for renovations and additions to the River Dell schools brought the project in on time and under budget and resulted in a facility that is the envy of schools across the state and.....

WHEREAS that under his leadership, the regional district achieved artistic, athletic and academic success as demonstrated by River Dell being named a top high school in New Jersey as well as the nation, multiple State Championships for both boys' and girls' athletics as well as multiple State and National honors for choral and music programs....

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the River Edge Mayor and Council, on behalf of the River Edge community, honor Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of the Year for Northern New Jersey.

Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor

Dated: February 18, 2014

Patrick Fletcher thanked the Mayor and Council for this honor. He is especially honored that this award came from his peers which makes it more rewarding. Mr. Fletcher explained that he would never have received these accomplishments without a supportive Board of Education and thanked Councilman Acquafredda who used to be on the Board as well as Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Barbary who are current members of the Board. He is also honored to work with Rich Freedman, the Middle School Principal, Tova Ben-Dov, River Edge Superintendent and Pat Salvati, Business Administrator from River Edge School District. He especially thanked Tom Bonfiglio, River Dell's Business Administrator for keeping the finances in order and stated that he wouldn't be as successful as he is if he didn't have a competent person by his side. Mr. Fletcher stated that he has worked with many wonderful people and it's because of them that he has had the opportunity to receive this award. Mr. Fletcher also thanked Police Chief Cariddi, the Fire Department and the DPW for their continuous cooperation. Councilman Acquafredda-also recognized Colin Busted. He stated that River Dell School District is very fortunate to have Patrick as their Superintendent and noted the importance of having stability at the top. He thanked Patrick for his dedication and congratulated him on this major accomplishment.

Mayor Moscaritolo presented the Proclamation Honoring Cub Scout Pack 95 for Taking 1st Place in the Three Rivers Klondike Derby which read as follows:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Cub Scout Pack 95 competed in the Three Rivers Klondike Derby which was held on January 25, 2014 at Campgaw Mountain; and

WHEREAS, more than 54 sleds competed; the Cub Scout division had over 30 sleds in their division and most sleds were 5th grade senior Webelos; and

WHEREAS, the boys who made up Pack 95's "Fudgie the Whale" team were: Aidan Mitchell, Andrew Caslin, Andrew Harvey, Aryan Tyagi, Brian Busted, Brendan O'Neill, Cole Zaccaro, Gearoid Clarke, Jack Volmar, James Gawrylo & Sean Murray; and

WHEREAS, the boys competed in 6 skill stations; Fire Building, First Aid, Team Building, Lashing, Orienteering and Shelter Building; and

WHEREAS, the boys pushed and pulled a Klondike dog sled packed with all of their supplies up and down the trails of Campgaw Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the Whales were awarded 109 points out of a possible 120, giving them the championship; and

WHEREAS, after their last station, the boys ran a sled race that gave them a second place win with a time of 2:42.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge and on behalf of the Council do proclaim that Cub Scout Pack 95, trainer Kevin Kress, their adult leaders Mike O'Neill, Claudia O'Neill, Julie Volmar and Lou Zaccaro are hereby honored for taking 1st Place in the Three Rivers Klondike Derby.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Dated: February 18, 2014

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

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Mignone to open meeting to the public on any issue on the agenda.

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY TRANSIT 5310 GRANT PROGRAM

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

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY TRANSIT 5310 GRANT PROGRAM

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

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the change of appointment of Lou Grasso, 172 Lozier Terrace from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to the Planning Board, effective immediately.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the resignation of Gerard Clarke from the Planning Board, effective immediately.

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 - 2/3/14
		Re: Meeting Notice - 2/5/14
Notice	-	Township of Teaneck - 2/3/14
		Re: Re-examination of Master Plan
Letter	-	Charles Christiansen - 2/6/14
		Re: Thank you Police Officers
Certificate	-	Alan P. Nègreann, CFO - 2/11/14

DETERMINATION AND AWARD CERTIFICATE

(\$69,000 Special Emergency Note)

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

I, ALAN P. NEGREANN, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (herein called "Issuer"), HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. By virtue of the authority conferred upon me by an ordinance adopted by the Borough Council of the Issuer on September 6, 2011 (Ord. No. 1737, as amended by Ord. No. 1740 adopted on October 17, 2011) and a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Issuer on October 17, 2011 (Res. No. 11-376) to finance the undertaking of a property reassessment program in, by and for the Issuer, I have determined to issue a Special Emergency Note (herein called the "Note") of the Issuer in accordance with the following description:

TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$69,000

DATED: February 14, 2014

MATURITY: February 13, 2015 (non-callable)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DENOMINATION</u>
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14-1RSEN	\$69,000
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INTEREST RATE PER ANNUM (payable at maturity): 1.53%

PLACE OF PAYMENT: PNC Bank, N.A.
2 Tower Center Blvd. East
Brunswick,
New Jersey

2. Pursuant to said authority, I have awarded and will sell the Note to PNC Bank, N.A., at the price of \$69,000 plus an amount equal to the

interest on the Note accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price thereof.

3. No obligations of the Issuer other than the Note have been issued pursuant to the ordinance and resolution referenced above and are now outstanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of February, 2014.

ALAN P. NEGREANN
Chief Financial Officer
Borough of River Edge
County of Bergen
New Jersey

Notice - River Edge Board of Education- 2/13/14
Re: Meeting Notice - 2/19/14
Letter - River Edge Elementary Schools - 2/13/14
Re: Rescheduled Budget Meeting
Letter - Gerry Clarke - 2/17/14
Re: Resignation from Planning Board

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Building Department - January 2014
Zoning Board of Adjustment - October 2013
Annual Financial Statement - 2013
Library Board - January 2014
Board of Health - January 2014

LIAISON REPORTS -

Councilwoman Murphy - Liaison to Shade Tree Commission, Library, Environmental Protection Commission, Green Team, New Milford and Oradell Shared Services Committee - reported that regarding technology, we have put out an e-mail to a few people requesting a quotation on installing WiFi in the Borough Hall and there will be a walk through on Monday, February 24th. She reported that Shade Tree will be meeting tomorrow and the Green Team will be meeting next Tuesday. The Green Team has a grant for recycling that needs to be spent by the end of the month so they will get everything together and ready to go at that meeting. Councilwoman Murphy reported that Daragh O'Connor, Library Director is on vacation so there was no Library Board meeting.

Councilman Cappola- Liaison to Recreation Commission, Senior Citizens co-liaison, Beautification Committee, Special Events Committee - reported that Bobbi Conway has provided everyone with the Recreation Director's Report. He also stated that he has not been able to attend any SCORE meetings and Beautification and Special Events will be meeting next week.

Councilwoman Busteed - Liaison to Senior Citizens, Co-liaison, Historic Commission, Traffic & Safety Committee, Special Events Committee - reported that she did stop by SCORE and is happy to learn that the seniors are making good use of the senior bus during the storms. She reported that they are anxious to have the Public Health Nurse resume blood pressure screenings. Councilwoman Busteed reported that the Historic Commission will meet next week and she and Councilman Cappola did attend the Special Events meeting last month and reported that they are making great progress with Volunteer Day in April, River Edge Run and July 4th. Councilwoman Busteed stated that the Special Events Committee could use a few more citizen volunteers and asked everyone to spread the word. She continued to say that Traffic & Safety will be meeting next week and hopes that they'll receive an update from the Borough Engineer regarding discussions he's had with PSE&G with the lights at the bus stops as well as conversations he's had with the County regarding the crosswalks on Kinderkamack. She suggested that a representative from New Jersey Transit also be invited.

Councilman Mignone - Liaison to DPW, Zoning Sub-Committee, Redevelopment, New Milford and Oradell Shared Services Committee - reported that there were no hearings before the Planning Board this month and commended John Lynch and the DPW for their tremendous efforts during the recent storms. He feels that River Edge roads are in better shape than other towns and that John Lynch is getting the job done with less manpower and materials.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he feels that the success of the DPW is in great part because this Governing Body gives them the important, expensive equipment

that they need in order to do the work that they do. The Mayor feels there have been fewer power outages because of the amount of tree trimming that the DPW has done.

Councilman Acquafredda - Liaison to Construction Code Official, Property Maintenance, Planning Sub Committee, River Edge and River Dell Schools - reported that he will attend the Board of Ed meetings and is curious to find out how or if the school breaks will be affected by the recent snow days.

Councilman Papaleo - Liaison to Police Department, Fire/Fire Prevention, River Edge Alliance Against Alcohol & Drugs - reported that the River Edge Alliance Against Alcohol and Drugs is in the process of completing the forms necessary for the new fiscal year. He reported that the forms have changed because of state mandates but they are expecting a full grant for the next fiscal year. The Alliance has been awarded half of its annual budget which will be used for Project Graduation as well as the DARE program for our town. He also reported that they are funding yoga classes as part of the Mayor's Wellness Program given by a local resident which will start in the spring. Councilman Papaleo reported that he has met with the Police Chief as well as representatives from the PBA and feels that they've had very productive talks. Councilman Papaleo reported that the Fire Department has had 43 calls so far this year and on February 12th, they were called to New Milford to assist with a working house fire for more than two hours and commended them for a job well done. After the New Milford fire, many members stayed back at the fire houses due to the inclement weather for a stand-by and responded to numerous calls many of which were to assist the Ambulance Service. Many of the calls required clearing paths so that the ambulance personnel could get patients in and out safely. A total of 600 volunteer man hours were spent during this past storm by the members of the Volunteer Fire Department and many additional hours were spent locating and digging out fire hydrants throughout the town. Councilman Papaleo stated that Fire Chief Cariddi has requested that the Borough enforce the ordinance that requires residents to shovel out the hydrants. Councilman Papaleo stated that the Volunteer Fire Department had no obligation to go out and clear a path to the hydrants but they knew that the residents were at their wits end from all of the snow and chose to do so for the safety of the town. He stated that Fire Chief Cariddi had decided that since the men were already on call, anytime the Ambulance Service had call they would respond to the same location and assist them by digging out snow and ice. He is very proud of our Fire, Police, DPW and Ambulance Service for working together and for everything that they do for the town.

Mayor Moscaritolo - River Edge Ambulance Service - reported that through the month of January the Ambulance Service responded to 54 calls. At their annual dinner a few weeks ago, the Mayor swore in the new officers, awards were given out for CPR certification and Donna Sanders was sworn in as Captain for 2014. The Mayor was happy to see that most of the Council members were in attendance for the dinner. The Mayor also noted that the Ambulance Service wanted to thank the Fire Department for assisting them during the recent storm and also feels very proud of the cooperation amongst the two highly significant volunteer services. In addition, during the standby the Mayor and Councilwoman Murphy cooked chili and cornbread for the DPW and Fire service and were assisted by Councilman Papaleo and Councilwoman Busteded.

ORDINANCES - 1ST 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

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1801 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

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

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING -

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1798 as follows:

Ordinance #1798 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40:4-53

Ordinance #1798 was introduced by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone at the January 27, 2014 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1798

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40:4-53

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 (Chapter 48, P.L. 1956 as amended by Chapter 144, P.L. 1965 and Chapter 38, P.L. 1969) the sum of \$5,000.00 is hereby appropriated for the

A. Preparation of a revision and codification of ordinances.

And shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in N.J.S.A. 40A-4-55.

The authorization to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least one fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55).

This ordinance shall take effect when passed and published as required by law.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1798

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone 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 #1798

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone 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 #1798

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adopt Ordinance #1798.

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

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1799 into the record.

Ordinance #1799 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Ordinance #1799 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy at the February 3, 2014 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1799

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of

promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$359,572.76 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this Governing Body affirmatively concurring that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of River Edge shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$359,572.76, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Borough of River Edge be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced by filed with the Director of the division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk
Dated:

Alan Negreann-gave a brief explanation of Ordinance #1799.

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1799

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 voted yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1799

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 voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1799

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to adopt Ordinance #1799.

Councilwoman Busteded-asked if this ordinance has to be introduced every year. The reply was yes.

Councilman Mignone-before his vote, he explained that he is opposed to a cap bank particularly this year, because he feels that the State has done an injustice to the towns by giving a choice between a 1/2% and 3 1/2%. In previous years, the choice has been between 2%, 3% and 3 1/2% and he always felt we should go to the lower percent because eventually this cap bank idea will be eliminated or phased out. He passed out information from the League of Municipalities that Senator Sweeney is talking about having a 0% levy cap which would mean the appropriation cap would be gone anyway. He doesn't feel that it is the proper way for the State to control property taxes but this year he will vote yes for this ordinance

because of the 1/2%. He suggests that this Council needs pay attention to the direction that the State legislature is going with the levy and appropriation caps because eventually all these loop holes will be taken away which will leave us in a difficult position.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cappola voted no.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Councilman Mignone-asked for resolutions #14-92, #14-93, #14-95, #14-96, #14-97 and #14-98 be read separately because he was not in agreement with how the money was allocated.

Councilman Papaleo-suggested a separate vote on the same resolutions.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #14-90 and #14-91, #14-94, #14-99 through #14-107 and #14-109.

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

#14-90 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 3, 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.

February 18, 2014

#14-91 Release of Data on the Closed Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 states that the public may be excluded from a portion of a meeting held by a public body when it discusses those matters as defined as an exception by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 states that the closed session information may be discussed if the public body shall first adopt a resolution, at a meeting to which the public shall be admitted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13(a) states that the resolution shall contain a statement as to the general nature of the subject to be discussed including as precisely as possible, the time when the circumstances under which the discussion was conducted in closed session of the public body can be disclosed to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered the release of the data and information of the below listed items at a work session dated February 3,

2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the below listed items be hereby made available to the public.

<u>Closed Session Docket #1</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>
13-5/20-2	Personnel-Hire Seasonal Help - DPW	May 20, 2013
13-10/28-2	SCORE Lease Agreement - Temple Shalom	October 28, 2013

February 18, 2014

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve resolution #14-92.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that he will vote yes, but he does not agree with what appears to him to be arbitrary re-allocation. Upon debate, the Council put forth \$10,050.00 which represented the portion of the budget that the Commission wanted for their trees.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Mignone voted no.

14-92 Endorse Municipal Open Space Shade Tree Commission

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #12-200 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 27, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of municipal parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$10,050.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Shade Tree Commission Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2014 of \$10,050.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Shade Tree Commission.

February 18, 2014

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve resolution #14-93.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Acquafredda voted yes; Councilman Mignone and Councilman Papaleo voted no.

Councilman Mignone-voted no because he also feels that they were arbitrary in allocating these monies and he thinks that they should look into the smaller groups and give them the money that they're asking for. He feels that they represent a very small portion of the total requests and should have a chance to receive full funding.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that for the same reasons Councilman Mignone explained, he also is voting no.

#14-93 Endorse Municipal Open Space 9/11 Memorial Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution

#12-200 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 27, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the 9/11 Memorial representatives of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for a 9/11 Memorial; a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the 9/11 Memorial Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2014 of \$5,000.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the 9/11 representatives, the Library Board and the Library Director.

February 18, 2014

#14-94 Endorse Municipal Open Space Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #12-200 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 27, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$9,500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Department of Public Works Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2014 of \$9,500.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Public Works.

February 18, 2014

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve resolution #14-95.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Acquafredda voted yes; Councilman Mignone and Councilman Papaleo voted no.

Councilman Mignone and Councilman Papaleo amended their votes to yes because they were not aware that Beautification Committee received the full amount that they requested.

#14-95 Endorse Municipal Open Space Beautification Committee

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted

Resolution #12-200 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 27, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Beautification Committee of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of various parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$3,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Beautification Committee Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2014 of \$3,000.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Beautification Committee.

February 18, 2014

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve resolution #14-96.

Councilwoman Murphy-with regard to resolution #14-96 and #14-97 asked if the money would be allocated differently?

Alan Negreann-explained that #14-96 is for the lighting at KGB Park and #14-97 is for maintenance.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked is the lighting should be noted in the resolution.

Alan Negreann-replied no, it references a plan that was submitted by the Recreation Commission which is on file with the Borough Clerk.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that he will vote no because he feels that this money should come out of Capital not Open Space.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Mignone voted yes; Councilman Papaleo voted no.

#14-96 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #12-200 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 27, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$36,363.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Recreation Commission Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2014 of \$36,363.00 (Other Expenses) Development for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Recreation Commission, Recreation Director and Shade Tree Commission

February 18, 2014

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Acquafredda to approve resolution #14-97.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Acquafredda voted yes; Councilman Mignone and Councilman Papaleo voted no.

14-97 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #12-200 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 27, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$53,513.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Recreation Commission Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2014 of \$35,199.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands and \$18,314.00 (Other Expenses) Development for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Recreation Commission, Recreation Director and Shade Tree Commission

February 18, 2014

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Acquafredda to approve resolution #14-98.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Mignone and Councilman Cappola voted no.

#14-98 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #12-200 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 27, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of River Edge a plan was submitted at the public hearing for the development of recreational parks (Bogert Road Passive Park, aka Cherry Blossom Park) for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$26,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Recreation Commission Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2014 of \$26,000.00 (Other Expenses) Development for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Recreation Commission, and the Recreation Director.

February 18, 2014

#14-99 Resolution to Adopt an Updated Stormwater Pollution Plan for the Borough of River Edge

WHEREAS, a Stormwater Pollution Plan was prepared for the Borough of River Edge in September of 2004 providing an explanation of policies and procedures which would assist the Borough in its compliance with its Stormwater Pollution Permit issued by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the original Stormwater Pollution Plan was prepared by the Borough Administrator and the Superintendent of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, an update to the Stormwater Management Plan was adopted by the Governing Body on November 16, 2009 via resolution #09-429, resolution #11-191, dated May 16, 2011 and May 6, 2013 via resolution #13-201; and

WHEREAS, an update has been prepared by the Borough Administrator and reviewed by the Superintendent of Public Works who is the Stormwater Pollution Coordinator for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council at a work session on February 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection requires that the Borough periodically update its Stormwater Pollution Plan to reflect changes and accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said updated Stormwater Pollution Plan is hereby approved and authorized for use by the Borough of River Edge and that any changes thereto shall not be made without approval by the Mayor and Council:

February 18, 2014

#14-100 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, Covenanteeing to Comply with the Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended, Applicable to the Exclusion from Gross Income for Federal Income Tax Purposes of Interest on Obligations Issued by the Borough of River Edge and Authorizing the Mayor, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and Other Borough Officials to Take Such Action as they May Deem Necessary or Advisable to Effect Such Compliance and Designating a \$69,000 Special Emergency Note, Dated February 14, 2014 and Payable February 13, 2015, as a "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation" Pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") from time to time issues bonds, notes and other obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes and desires to take such action as may be necessary or advisable to establish and maintain such exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), contains provisions with respect to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations, including provisions, among others, which require issuers of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Borough to account for and rebate certain arbitrage earnings to the United States Treasury and to take other action to establish and maintain such Federal tax exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to designate a \$69,000 Special Emergency Note, dated February 14, 2014 and payable February 13, 2015 (the "Note"), as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

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

SECTION 1. The Borough Council hereby covenants on behalf of the Borough, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on the Note be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and the other officials of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to take such action, make such representations and give such assurances as they may deem necessary or advisable to effect compliance with the Code.

SECTION 3. The Note is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the Note is not a "private activity bond" as defined in the Code and (2) the Borough and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2014.

SECTION 5. It is further determined and stated that the Borough has not, as of the date hereof, issued any tax-exempt obligations (other than the Note) during the calendar year 2014.

SECTION 6. The Borough will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, said Borough does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 7. The issuing officers of the Borough are hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Note and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2014 dated as of the date of delivery of the Note.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

February 18, 2014

#14-101 Authorize Refund of Added Assessment 2013 Taxes Due to County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, the Tax Office has received an Added Assessment County Board Judgment for the year 2013 on the following property reducing the prorated assessed value from 11,200 to 5,300, which reduces the billed amount from \$87.70 to \$41.50 for 2013; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 billed amount of \$87.70 has been paid.

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

Block/Lot	Owner	Tax Year	AA Refund
618/8	William & Paula Ellis 574 Center Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	2013	\$46.20

February 18, 2014

#14-102 Resolution to Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2013 Taxes Due to County Board Judgments

WHEREAS, County Board Judgments were received for the year 2013 by the tax office reducing the Assessed Value on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in the assessment for 2013 has also reduced the total tax amount for 2013;

WHEREAS, taxes for the year 2013 have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Account Supervisor refund the

following amounts and the Tax Collector adjust her records accordingly.

BL/Lot	Name/Address	Old Value	New Value	Tax Refund
206/17	Robert & Valerie Costa 840 Summit Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	804,000	705,000	\$3,100.68
404/10/ C0005	Robert & Valerie Costa 44E River Edge Road River Edge, NJ 07661	719,600	630,000	\$2,806.27
407/3	Debra L. Stone 177 Continental Ave. River Edge, NJ 07661	620,000	575,300	\$1,400.00
411/5	Michael & Kristina Fortini 727 Williams Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	692,400	625,000	2,110.97
903/13	Charles & Jane Lampmann 353 Valley Road River Edge, NJ 07661	661,100	599,000	\$1,944.97

February 18, 2014

#14-103 Authorize Reduction of Added Assessment 2013 Taxes Due to County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, the Tax Office has received a County Board Judgment for the year 2013 on the following property reducing the prorated assessed value from 162,050 to 135,750, which reduces the billed amount from \$5,075.41 to \$4,251.69 for 2013; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Added Assessment billing has not been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector adjust the 4th quarter 2013 taxes by the following amount and her records accordingly.

BL/Lot	Owner	Old Value	New Value	Adjusted Taxes
117/7	Amadeo & Dana Pascale 219 Woodland Avenue River Edge, New Jersey	162,050	136,750	\$823.72

February 18, 2014

#14-104 Authorize Cancellation of 2013 Added Assessment Taxes Due to County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, the Tax Office has received a County Board Judgment for the year 2013 cancelling the added assessment amount on the following property;

WHEREAS, the 2013 added assessment has not been paid;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector cancel the following amount and adjust her records accordingly.

BL/Lot	Owner	Old Value	New Value	Cancelled Amount
801/5	Anthony & Mollie Arturi 171 Manning Avenue River Edge, New Jersey	7,600	0	\$59.51

February 18, 2014

#14-105 Resolution to Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2013 Taxes Due to County Board Judgments

WHEREAS, County Board Judgments were received for the year 2013 by the tax office reducing the Assessed Value on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in the assessment for 2013 has also reduced the total tax amount for 2013;

WHEREAS, taxes for the year 2013 have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Account Supervisor refund the following amounts and the Tax Collector adjust her records accordingly.

BL/Lot	Name/Address	Old Value	New Value	Tax Refund
804/13	Kress Associates 482-484 Kinderkamack Rd.	778,000	650,700	\$3,987.04
804/14	Kress Associates 464-478 Kinderkamack Rd.	1,749,300	1,349,300	\$12,528.00

Make checks (2) payable to:

McManimon Esqs/Kress Associates
1037 Raymond Boulevard
Newark, NJ 07102

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#14-106 Authorize Refund of 2012 Taxes Due to a NJ Tax Court Judgment

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered 12/20/13 and the same was received on 1/14/14 by the tax office reducing the Assessed Value on the property owned by Brigid Ruvolo-Sammon known as Block: 307 Lot: 2 located at 731 8th Avenue for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 taxes were paid in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor issue a check in the following amount and Tax Collector adjust her records accordingly.

BL/Lot	Old Value	New Value	Year	Refund
307/2	576,700	532,400	2012	1,357.80
TOTAL:				1,357.80

Make check payable to:

Brach Eichler LLC/Brigid Ruvolo-Sammon
Brach Eichler LLC
101 Eisenhower Parkway
Roseland, NJ 07068

February 18, 2014

Councilwoman Murphy-asked for an update on where we are with our forfeiture money. She asked if we've gotten money, have we had to sell things, etc. Alan Negreann-stated that the Police Chief would be in a better position to answer this question but in the past he believes that the Chief was able to access money for uniforms for Police Officers.

Councilwoman Murphy stated that she has gone over old agendas and noticed that we had gotten money that we had to sign over to the County. She asked whether we would be able to get it if we showed a need for it.

Alan Negreann explained that if the Police Department makes an arrest and takes control of property, that does go to the Prosecutor's office.

Councilwoman Murphy asked if at that time, could we apply to the Prosecutor's office to get the money back? She asked how much we've given to them and how much we've recovered.

Alan Negreann stated that he's never seen documents on that and suggested that the question be brought to the Police Chief.

#14-107 Authorize Mayor to Sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certificate

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certificate from the U.S. Department of Justice, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section for the River Edge Police Department.

February 18, 2014

Councilman Mignone read resolution #14-108 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #14-108.

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

#14-108 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	\$62,086.18
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 7,176.70
TRUST OTHERS DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 1,303.07
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 156.40

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.

February 18, 2014

#14-109 Authorize Mayor to Sign the Grant Application to New Jersey Transit FTA 5310

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the grant application to New Jersey Transit FTA 5310 for one vehicle to assist in providing transportation to senior citizens and/or people with disabilities in River Edge.

February 18, 2014

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 voted yes.

Jane Silane-653 Bogert Road-asked if the Mayor and Council would consider changing parking regulations because when the commuters park on Bogert Road, it makes it very difficult to get out of the driveway and cross the street. She also complained that there were a few commuters who parked in front of her home during the blizzard making it extremely difficult when the plows came through. She stated that several years ago she did meet with the Police Chief and asked if this issue could be brought up again.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that the Police Chief will be invited to the Traffic & Safety Committee meeting and they can bring the topic up for discussion.

Jane Silane-stated that this is not a new issue and is something that has been going on for years and she has had discussions with the Police Chief already. She stated that the Police Chief told her that in order to make changes they have to give people time and she doesn't understand why we would have to.

Alan Negreann-presumed that the Chief was talking about no overnight parking. He continued to say that the discussion did take place for many years and the time element pertained to residents who would have to get their cars off the street because they lack the room in their driveways. He continued to say that if you're going to ask people to take their cars off the street, you have to give them the opportunity to make the improvements on their property to be able to store vehicles off the street.

Councilwoman Murphy-agrees that navigating through the streets is very difficult especially with so much snow on the ground. She spoke with John Lynch who told her that we don't have an ordinance requiring all cars be taken off the streets when it snows.

Councilwoman Busteed-asked Ms. Silane if she was just referring to Bogert Road, Jefferson Avenue or both?

Jane Silane-replied, it's both and also informed everyone that there have been several accidents on that corner.

Councilman Papaleo-asked Ms. Silane if she is looking for some type of resolution for her side of town or for the entire town. He's asking because he lives on Manning between Kinderkamack and Bogert and there is signage that prohibits parking between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. His neighbors don't like the fact that they can get a ticket for parking in front of their own house between those hours, especially if you have a need to park vehicles in the street if you lack the room in your driveway. Councilwoman Papaleo asked Ms. Silane if they did decide to change the regulation, understanding that they might not be able to park in front of their home during certain hours, would she and her neighbors find that acceptable?

Jane Silane-replied yes.

Councilman Mignone-feels that the Police Chief or Superintendent of Public Works should have or be given the authority to post no parking or alternate street parking signs during storms. He continued to say that with the way the snow has been, if two cars are parked on both sides of the street, it will be difficult to get an ambulance or fire truck down the street. He feels that it will be a little more difficult to change parking regulations for commuters.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that we do have an ordinance in effect and doesn't feel that it's being enforced. The Mayor informed Ms. Silane that they will address her issue at the next Traffic & Safety meeting.

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 -

Councilman Mignone-congratulated Patrick Fletcher for his award and stated that it is a great honor to have such a high caliber person in that position. He also congratulated Cub Scout Pack 95 and stated that the leadership in the scouting program in general is phenomenal. He informed everyone that we have a Boy Scout Troup that in 60 years has produced 100 Eagle Scouts which is a testament to their dedicated leaders.

Councilman Cappola-announced that February is Heart Health Month and encouraged everyone to get a yearly check-up and take care of themselves.

Councilwoman Murphy-announced that residents Ted & Stacy Stein will be walking for the Parkinsons Unity Walk in Central Park to help raise awareness and gave

out information for anyone wishing to make a donation. She thanked the DPW for all of their hard work during the storms and also commented that she has received positive feedback from people who don't even live in town. She announced that on February 27th at 7 p.m., as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, Anita DeSilva from State Farm Insurance will be hosting a Mayor's Financial Wellness Program where food and beverages will served. Councilwoman Murphy informed everyone that she will attend a meeting tomorrow in Hackensack for the first Bergen County Irish Festival. She saw an article in the paper that on March 17th the Freeholders will be voting on the Bergen County Open Space and that River Edge is listed as one of the recipients for financing towards Cherry Blossom Park. Mayor Moscaritolo-again congratulated Superintendent Fletcher on his prestigious honor as well as congratulations to the Scout Pack 95 for winning the Klondike Derby. The Mayor personally thanked John Lynch, the Fire Department, the Police Department and Ambulance Service for all of their work during the recent storms.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:20 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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



Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:



Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: 3/3/14