

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, February 24, 2020
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER –

Mayor Papaleo called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Papaleo called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilwoman Kaufman to lead the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT –

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act: This meeting complies with the Open Public Meeting Act by notification on December 20th of this location, date and time to the Ridgewood News and the Record and by posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Web Site and filing a notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL –

Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Gautier, Councilwoman Kaufman, Councilwoman Kinsella, Councilwoman Montisano-Koen and Mayor Papaleo were present; Councilman Chinigo was absent.

CLOSED SESSION –

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilwoman Koen to approve resolution #20-83 was unanimously approved.

#20-83 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 February 24, 2020 regular meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

Closed Session Docket # _____	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
20-2/24-1	Contract Negotiations-New Bridge Landing Apts.	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)

2. Formal action may/may not be taken by the Borough of River Edge’s Mayor and Council at this meeting.

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20-2/24-1	Contract Negotiations - New Bridge Landing Apts.	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella, the minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Session meeting of February 10, 2020 were approved unanimously.

On motion by Councilwoman Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella, the minutes of the Mayor and Council Work Session meeting of February 10, 2020 were approved unanimously.

On motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella, the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of February 10, 2020 were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella to open public comments on any item on the agenda was unanimously approved.

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier to close public comments was unanimously approved.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

- Library Board of Trustees - February 2020
- Land Use Board - January 8, 2020

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed, resolution #20-84 through #20-93 were unanimously approved.

#20-84 Authorize Release of a Maintenance Bond for Schlomac, LLC, for the Property Located at 794 Sixth Avenue, Block 303, Lot 24.02

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge entered into a developer’s agreement dated February 6, 2017 with Schlomac LLC for the property located at 794 Sixth Avenue, Block 303, Lot 24.02; and

WHEREAS, the Developers Agreement paragraph 21 states that the developer agrees to provide the Borough with a maintenance bond to run for a period of two years from the date of acceptance, for all public improvements and facilities abutting the project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough currently has in its possession a Maintenance Bond in the amount of

\$6,120.00 for the above subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the bond be released.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maintenance Bond in the form of cash on file with the Borough of River Edge in the amount of \$6,120.00 be released to Schlomac LLC, 37 Richard Court, River Edge, New Jersey 07661.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Schlomac LLC, 37 Richard Court, River Edge, New Jersey 07661.

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#20-85 Enter into Agreement with DMR Architects, 777 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604 for Library Grant Assistance to Make Upgrades to the HVAC System and Generator that will Support Both the Library and New Community Center

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional architectural and engineering services for library grant assistance to make upgrades to the HVAC system and generator that will support both the Library and new Community Center; 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, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #0-01-20-100-028 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available for the stated purpose in the 2020 municipal budget subject to adoption of the 2020 budget; 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, DMR Architects has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that DMR Architects 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 DMR Architects from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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 DMR Architects, 777 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and
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 "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 the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#20-86 Enter into Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Engineering Services Related to the Bogert Road Section 4 Project

WHEREAS, there is a need for professional engineering services related to the Bogert Road Section 4 Project; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa submitted a proposal to the Borough at a cost based upon following payment schedule:

Phase 1	Surveying	\$ 0
Phase 2	Design & Drawings	\$ 0
Phase 3	Bid Documents & Services	\$ 4,500.00
Phase 4	Project Management & Inspection	\$15,400.00
Phase 5	Preliminary Special Assessment Curb/Sidewalk/Apron	\$ 2,600.00
	Total	\$22,500.00

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account # 0-01-20-165-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$22,500.00; 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; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa 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 Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available for the stated purpose in the 2020 municipal budget subject to adoption of the 2020 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Governing Body hereby awards Phases 3, 4 & 5 of the project.

BE IT FURTHER 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 Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$22,500.00; and
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 "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 the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#20-87 Enter into Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Engineering Services Related to the 2019 CDBG Curb Replacement at Reservoir Avenue

WHEREAS, there is a need for professional engineering services regarding the 2019 CDBG Curb Replacement at Reservoir Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa submitted a proposal to the Borough at a cost based upon following payment schedule:

Phase 1	Surveying	\$ 0
Phase 2	Design & Drawings	\$ 2,000.00
Phase 3	Bid Documents & Services	\$ 2,000.00
Phase 4	Project Management & Inspection	\$ 6,000.00
Phase 5	Preliminary Special Assessment Curb/Sidewalk/Apron	\$ 0
	Total	\$10,000.00

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #0-01-20-165-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00; 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; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa 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 Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available for the stated purpose in the 2020 municipal budget subject to adoption of the 2020 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Governing Body hereby awards Phases 2, 3 & 4 of the project.

BE IT FURTHER 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

Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

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 "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 the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#20-88 Enter into Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Engineering Services Related to the 2020 CDBG Reservoir Avenue Road Improvement Project

WHEREAS, there is a need for professional engineering services related to the 2020 CDBG Reservoir Avenue Road Improvement; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa submitted a proposal to the Borough at a cost based upon following payment schedule:

Phase 1	Surveying	\$ 0
Phase 2	Design & Drawings	\$ 7,200.00
Phase 3	Bid Documents & Services	\$ 3,600.00
Phase 4	Project Management & Inspection	\$ 0
Phase 5	Preliminary Special Assessment Curb/Sidewalk/Apron	\$ 0
	Total	\$10,800.00

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #0-01-20-165-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$10,800.00; 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; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa 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 Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available for the stated purpose in the 2020 municipal budget subject to adoption of the 2020 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Governing Body hereby awards Phases 2 & 3 of the project.

BE IT FURTHER 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 Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$10,800.00; and
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 "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 the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#20-89 Enter into Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Engineering Services Related to the Bogert Road Section 3 Project

WHEREAS, there is a need for professional engineering services for the Bogert Road Section Project; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa submitted a proposal to the Borough at a cost based upon following payment schedule:

Phase 1	Surveying	\$ 0
Phase 2	Design & Drawings	\$ 0
Phase 3	Bid Documents & Services	\$ 0
Phase 4	Project Management & Inspection	\$15,400.00
Phase 5	Preliminary Special Assessment Curb/Sidewalk/Apron	\$ 2,600.00
	Total	\$18,000.00

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #0-01-20-165-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$18,000.00; 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; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa 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 Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available for the stated purpose in the 2020 municipal budget subject to adoption of the 2020 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Governing Body hereby awards Phases 4 & 5 of the project.

BE IT FURTHER 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 Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$18,000.00; and
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 "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 the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#20-90 Transfer of Funds in the Budget Appropriation Reserve

WHEREAS, various 2019 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by a purchase order number and/or recorded in the time of transfer between the 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2019; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months on the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the transfer in the amount of \$10,215.00 be made between the 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

FROM:	Financial Administration O/E	9-01-20-130-029	\$3,000.00
	Revenue Administration O/E	9-01-20-145-023	\$3,515.00
	Financial Administration S/W	9-01-20-130-011	\$3,700.00
TO:	Financial Admin. Audit Service	9-01-20-135-166	\$6,515.00
	Audit Services O/E	9-01-20-135-166	\$3,700.00

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#20-91 Authorize Tax Collector to Adjust and Refund the Added Assessment 2019 Taxes Due to a County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, the Tax Office has received Added Assessment County Board Judgments for the year 2019 cancelling/adjusting the Added Assessment values on the following property(s); and

WHEREAS, the reduction in assessed value and/or prorated months has also reduced the total tax amounts billed and due for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Added Assessment billed taxes have been paid.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Owner/Address</u>	<u>AA Assessment</u>	<u>Revised AA</u>	<u>Refund of Taxes</u>
505/3	Pacific Exporters LLC 690 Terrace Drive Paramus, NJ 07652 (RE: 297 Adams Avenue)	247,000 (prorated 9 months)	247,000 (prorated 4 months)	\$ 3,569.16
510/23	Wallace, Timothy & Patricia 244 Monroe Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	141,200	79,800	\$ 887.23
905/27	Kumarasamy, Narmadan & Rustha 364 Valley Road River Edge, NJ 07661	415,900	0	\$14,423.41
1107/26	Lee, Mark & Elizabeth 284 Van Saun Drive River Edge, NJ 07661	553,100 (prorated 9 months)	437,000 (prorated 6 months)	\$ 6,808.55
1208/14	Bagloo, Melissa B. 151 Reservoir Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	3,400	0	\$ 117.91

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#20-92 Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel the 2019 Added Assessment Taxes Due to a County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received an Added Assessment County Board Judgment for the year 2019 cancelling the Added Assessment billing for 2019 only on the following property(s); and

WHEREAS, the reduction in assessed value has also reduced the total tax amount billed and due for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Added Assessment taxes billed for 2019 were not paid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector cancel the following taxes for 2019 and adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>AA Assessment</u>	<u>Revised AA</u>	<u>Cancelled Taxes</u>
305/11	Meehan, Thomas & Jelam	53,400	0	\$1,851.91

209 Wales Avenue

305/54	Gawrylo, Mariusz & Teresa 776 Millbrook Road	110,400	0	\$ 957.17
1208/10	Mathur, Tej & Pratima 222 Zabriskie Place	227,200	0	\$7,879.30

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#20-93 Enter into Agreement with DMR Architects, 777 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604 for Professional Architectural Services Related to a Commercial Kitchen Design for the Proposed Community Center

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional architectural services related to a commercial kitchen design for the proposed Community Center as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; 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, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #0-01-20-100-028 in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available for the stated purpose in the 2020 municipal budget subject to adoption of the 2020 budget; 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, DMR Architects has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that DMR Architects 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 DMR Architects from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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

5. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with DMR Architects, 777 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604 in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00; and
6. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
7. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(l)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
8. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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Councilwoman Kaufman read resolution #20-94 into the record.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilwoman Koen, resolution #20-94 was approved unanimously.

#20-94 Payment of Bills

At a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, held on February 24, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge approve the following expenditures.

CURRENT FUND ACCOUNT	\$279,522.08
CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 10,227.74
GRANT FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 1,740.68
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 27,673.56
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 13,495.00
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 10,743.79
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT	\$ 4,701.32
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW ACCOUNT	\$ 1,767.50
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT	\$ 1,344.71

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PUBLIC COMMENTS –

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella to open public comments was unanimously approved.

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilwoman Busteded, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella to close public comments was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Gautier-reported that he attended the State of the County address by the County Executive on Thursday, February 20th who said that the county is getting stronger. He also spoke about the Bergen County

Improvement Authority and how the different governmental agencies have been using it to get better rates on their bonds because the county has a AAA bond rating which was upheld by Moody's.

Councilwoman Montisano-Koen-reported that she attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting on February 20th and as she reported at the last meeting, they are working on a plan for Arbor Day to try and engage residents to do some planting in their own yards. She and the Mayor attended a ceremony at Cherry Hill School last Friday where they were celebrating the graduation from Webelos to full Boy Scouts. She also reported that that pack won the entire Klondike race and were really proud and thought that it was a wonderful experience.

Councilwoman Busted-thanked Councilwomen Kaufman and Koen for attending to the "Your Lawn Your River" presentation which is the first in the sustainable series which was hosted by the Environmental Protection Commission. She passed out information on the next series which will be held on Saturday, March 7th, at the Library presented by Stacey Antine and will be all about reducing food waste. Councilwoman Busted thanked the Library for partnering with us to provide the space for that event. She also had the opportunity to attend the Stigma Free presentation last week on LGBTQ+ in our community. She found it very well done and was presented by Dr. Jeanne Marron from West Bergen Mental Health care. She distributed the handouts to the Council. What she found interesting was that there are ways in our simple lives and as a municipality that we can really think about inclusion more. She encouraged everyone to take a look at the information and think of ways that they could be more inclusive in their everyday actions to the LGBTQ+ community here in River Edge. She said that Dr. Marron would be happy to come and present to other organizations within the Borough if they thought that would be helpful. She thought that this may be something useful that the League of Municipalities may want to consider as a break out session to have a conversation about inclusion and how municipalities should and can look at their infrastructure. She informed everyone that the Paramus Library will host this program for their staff so she will share a packet with Daragh O'Connor to see if this is something he would be interested in. She knows that everyone received a memo from Carolyn Baldanza regarding annual events for Cultural Affairs & Recreation and feels that she is doing a tremendous job and thanked her for that. She wanted to bring the Council up to speed on some programming for the Senior Citizens that took place last year. Through the Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse, our Board of Health and Public Health Nurse, they were able to bring a program called "WISE" which stands for Wellness Initiative for Senior Education. It was a program funded through the Municipal Alliance and brought 35 seniors into the Library for three sessions. Each session was 2 to 3 hours and included breakfast and lunch, they did small group activities, exercises, talked about substance abuse and mental and physical health. From that list of 35, they are now growing their data base of seniors who are looking for additional programming.

Mayor Papaleo-stated that as Councilwoman Montisano-Koen reported, they attended the Arrow of Light which is the graduation ceremony from Webelos to Scouts. At that ceremony they found out that they won first place in the Bergen County Klondike which is a sled and skills race. Out of 55 competitors, they came in first. The Mayor would like to invite them to a future council meeting to honor them for this accomplishment. He said that we are very proud of them as they are an amazing group. They have been practicing for this event for several months and they brought in a special trainer to work with them on a whole series of things. He himself participated when he was in the Boy Scouts and said that it's a lot of fun, a great experience and congratulated them again. He announced that River Edge will be hosting a program this Thursday evening in the Council Chambers. New Milford and Oradell's mayors, representatives of their Stigma Free and the Alliance Against Drugs and Alcohol will be attending a presentation by Alumni in Recovery which is a community based program that we will be getting involved in. He said that this is a program that Councilwoman Busted and River Edge resident Stacy Stein have long been in support of and the meetings this year will be held in New Milford and Oradell. River Edge will share in hosting meetings when our Community Center is open. The Mayor mentioned that the first budget meeting, which is open to the public will be held this Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and the video will be available to view on our website on Monday. He said that anyone who is interested, is more than welcome to come.

Councilwoman Busted-asked if he is inviting all of them to come to the program on Thursday evening?

Mayor Papaleo-replied yes. He said that it will be in the Council Chambers at 7:30 and have extended the invitation to our Municipal Alliance, Stigma Free and the Chief of Police. He heard from the Mayor of Oradell today that her Chief will not be attending because he has already developed a relationship and already have an officer who interacts with Alumni in Recovery. He believes that New Milford's Police Chief will be attending. He hopes that our Chief will attend or send a delegate. He feels that this is a really important thing because it's terrible what's happening to our society when it comes to drug addiction especially with oxycodone. He feels that we as a community need to come together to destigmatize it and let people know that recovery is a community event that can make a big difference in everyone's lives.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:23 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Busteded to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Mayor Thomas Papaleo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: