

M I N U T E S
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, May 3, 2010
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

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

STATEMENT -

Mayor Watkins read the statement under the Sunshine Law and asked the Clerk to put it into the minutes. "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 18, 2009 to THE RECORD and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk".

ROLL CALL - Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon, Councilman Cordts and Mayor Watkins were present.

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve resolution #10-180.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#10-180 Resolution to Read Budget by Title

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A-8 as amended provides that the budget be read by title at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full Governing Body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in Borough Hall and copies have been made available by the Borough Clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

May 3, 2010

OPEN HEARING ON 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Smith to open hearing of the public for the 2010 municipal budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Jeanne Metzger-650 Millbrook Road -asked if our Police Department is included in the salary freeze and furloughs.

Mayor Watkins-replied yes.

Jeanne Metzger-asked why our Police officers get paid \$9,000.00 more than Bergen County officers do.

Mayor Watkins-explained that during past negotiations, arbitrators have been very liberal in giving awards to the Police Department. The Mayor stated that they are all very sad that the budget has increased even though they have made many significant cuts. She continued by saying that although taxes will increase, there will be no layoffs for Borough employees.

CLOSE HEARING ON 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Porco to close hearing of the public for the 2010 municipal budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded Councilwoman Rush to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session of April 19, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilwoman Walker to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council regular meeting of April 19, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council special meeting of April 26, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes, Councilwoman Rush abstained.

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session meeting of April 26, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

PROCLAMATION & AWARDS -

Mayor Watkins read the Proclamation Declaring May 6, 2010 as "A Day of Prayer in River Edge" into the record as follows:

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

WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made the laws of Nature and Nature's God the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in River Edge when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and nation.

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Prayer.....America's Hope".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2010 to be designated as

A DAY OF PRAYER IN RIVER EDGE

and encourage the citizens of River Edge to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Dated: May 3, 2010

Mayor Watkins read the Proclamation Declaring May 16, 2010 through May 22, 2010 as National Public Works Week into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Public Works services provided in our municipality are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public Works systems and programs such as sewers, streets, drainage, public buildings, recycling, leaf collection and snow plowing; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of Public Works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff Public Works Departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge do hereby proclaim the week of May 16 through May 22, 2010 as:

"NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

in The Borough of River Edge and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issue involved in providing our Public Works and to recognize the contributions which Public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Dated: May 3, 2010

Mayor Watkins read the Proclamation Declaring May 16, 2010 through May 22, 2010 as Emergency Medical Services Week into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge do hereby proclaim

May 16 - 22, 2010

as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

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

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Dated: May 3, 2010

Mayor Watkins read the Proclamation Acknowledging the 100th Birthday of Henny Krone into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Henny Krone will attain the age of 100 on May 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Henny originated from Germany, and has been a resident of River Edge for nearly 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Henny was married to Eric Krone, now deceased and has one daughter and 2 granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, Henny has been a long time parishioner and active member of the Grace Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, Henny was a seamstress in River Edge for many years; and

WHEREAS, Henny has earned the respect of her family, fellow neighbors and residents and has been an asset to this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Margaret Falahee Watkins, as Mayor of River Edge, am proud to issue this proclamation to Henny Krone to honor

her at such an important milestone in her life and wish her all the happiness and continued good health and join with her family and friends in making this a special day for her.

MARGARET FALAHET WATKINS, MAYOR

Dated: May 3, 2010

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded Councilman Cannon to approve the hire of Michael Marion, as an Inspector for the Department of Public Works and Code Enforcement, rate of pay \$208.00 semi-monthly not to exceed \$5,000.00 per year, effective May 1, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Porco to approve the resignation of Stephanie Hartman as the School Board liaison to the River Edge Library.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the appointment of Janet Boyd, 167 Tenney Avenue, as the School Board liaison to the River Edge Library.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter	-	Board of Chosen Freeholders - 4/22/10 Re: Ordinances passed
Letter	-	County of Bergen - 4/22/10 Re: Countywide Emergency Notification System
Notice	-	River Edge Board of Education - 4/19/10 Re: Meeting 4/20/10
Letter	-	County of Bergen - 4/16/10 Re: Award to Historic Commission
Notice	-	PSE&G - 4/20/10 Rate Changes
Letter	-	Cablevision - 4/20/10 Re: Tariffs
Notice	-	River Edge Board of Education - 4/23/10 Re: Meeting April 26, 2010
Letter	-	Board of chosen Freeholders - 4/26/10 Re: Ordinance
Letter	-	Board of Chosen Freeholders - 4/29/10 Re: Ordinance #10-08

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Tax Collector	-	March 2010
Beautification Committee	-	April 2010
Library Board	-	April 2010

ORDINANCES - 1ST Reading

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1704 as follows:

Ordinance #1704 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 384 "TREES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1704 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1704

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 384 "TREES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge Chapter 384 "TREES", Article I "Shade Tree Commission" be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section I: Add to 384-6(C): "Whenever the Department of Public Works Superintendent, or his designee, shall determine that a tree, or a part thereof, creates an imminent danger to public safety, the Department of Public Works may remove said tree, or part thereof, to eliminate the dangerous condition, without prior approval from the Shade Tree Commission. The Department of Public Works Superintendent, or his designee, shall make every reasonable effort practicable under the circumstances to communicate and consult with the Shade Tree Commission before removing a tree or a part thereof"

Section II: All ordinances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

Section III: If any provision of this ordinance are found to be invalid, for any reason, by the final judgment of a Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such portions shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall be severable therefrom.

Section IV: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor

Attest:

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

ORDINANCES - 2nd Reading

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1702 as follows:

Ordinance #1702 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1507) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE KINDERKAMACK ROAD NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE I), A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$581,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED AUGUST 1, 2005, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1535 ADOPTED ON MARCH 20, 2006

Ordinance #1702 was introduced by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilwoman Walker as the April 19, 2010 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
BOND ORDINANCE #1702

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1507) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE KINDERKAMACK ROAD NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE I), A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO

APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$581,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED AUGUST 1, 2005, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1535 ADOPTED ON MARCH 20, 2006.

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

Section 1. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 1507 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE KINDERKAMACK ROAD NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE I), A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$581,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS"

adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") on August 1, 2005, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 1535 adopted on March 20, 2006 (collectively, the "Prior Ordinance"), is hereby amended to increase the amount of the cost of said purpose estimated to be used for non-construction expenses from \$43,000 to \$58,000 (an increase of \$15,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$593,000, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$593,000, and (5) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$58,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law."

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

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

Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk
Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF PUBLIC - Ordinance #1702

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilwoman Rush to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF PUBLIC - Ordinance #1702

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1702

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Smith to adopt Ordinance #1702.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1703 as follows:

Ordinance #1703 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$40,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH GROUNDS

Ordinance #1703 was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cannon at the April 19, 2010 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1703

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$40,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH GROUNDS

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

SECTION I. The purchase of equipment for and improvements desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as improvements and purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment and the making of said improvements, there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$40,000.00 of which \$40,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund Balance.

SECTION II. The improvement and purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Purchase of equipment and repairs and improvements to Borough grounds, for the Department(s) of: Acquisition and installation of a permanent generator for the Wayne Avenue Pump Station, Public Safety Building/Borough Hall generator, purchase of mobile generators for use by Emergency Management, Fire and Police Department.
- b. Other Expenses, including but not limited to architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expense and other expenses to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

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

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

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF PUBLIC - Ordinance #1703

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Smith to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF PUBLIC - Ordinance #1703

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1703

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Porco to adopt Ordinance #1703.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve resolution #10-181 through #10-195 and resolution #10-197, #10-198 and resolution #10-200 through #10-202 and #10-204.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#10-181 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 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 May 3, 2010 meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
10-5/3-1	Personnel - PBA/SOA Negotiations	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)
10-5/3-2	Potential Litigation - Cell Tower	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)
10-5/3-3	Personnel - Sergeants Promotion	N.J.S.A. 10-4-12(8)

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.

May 3, 2010

#10-182 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public on May 17, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

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 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 May 17, 2010 meeting at 7:00 p.m. and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
10-5/17-1	Personnel-PBA/SOA Negotiations- Matthew Giacobbe, Esq.	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)

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.

May 3, 2010

#10-183 Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with the River Edge PBA Local #201

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has reached an agreement with the River Edge PBA Local #201 for one (1) year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

May 3, 2010

#10-184 Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with the River Edge Superior Officers Association

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has reached an agreement with the River Edge Superior Officers Association for one (1) year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

May 3, 2010

#10-185 Sale of Surplus Equipment

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is the owner of various surplus equipment which is listed on file with the Borough Clerk, which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to authorize the sale of this equipment at public sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, to the highest bidder.

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. The Borough of River Edge hereby declares the surplus equipment is no longer needed for public use.
2. The Borough of River Edge, its officers and attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to proceed with a public sale of said surplus equipment.
3. The notice of the date, time and place of the public sale together with description of surplus equipment and the conditions of sale, shall be published in THE RECORD, the official newspaper of the Borough of River Edge, with the sale being held not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen(14) days after publication of said notice. The surplus equipment will be sold on a cash basis to the highest bidder(s).
4. No limit shall be placed on the number of surplus equipment that can be purchased by one bidder.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

May 3, 2010

#10-186 Resolution to Establish a Change Fund for the Health Department

WHEREAS, the Health Department is responsible for the processing of animal control licenses; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to create a change fund to facilitate the payment of the animal control license fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby instructed to establish a change fund for the Health Department by disbursing a check to Trudy San Jose as custodian of the change fund not to exceed \$100.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Trudy San Jose as custodian of this change fund will re-deposit the exact amount to close the change fund no later than December 31, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority will expire at the close of business of December 31, 2010.

May 3, 2010

#10-187 Resolution to Establish a Change Fund for the Recreation Department

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department and Recreation Commission assist the July 4th Committee for the celebration of the July 4th holiday in the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the July 4th Committee has planned a large number of activities to be held in Veteran's Memorial Park on July 4th which will require the payment of fees to participate in the activity; and

WHEREAS, the committee anticipates an extraordinary participation in this event on the part of residents of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough and the July 4th Committee to create a change fund to facilitate the payment of these fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby instructed to establish a change fund for the July 4th Committee by disbursing a check to Bobbi Conway as custodian of the change fund not to exceed \$1,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bobbi Conway as custodian of this change fund will re-deposit the exact amount to close the change fund no later than July 8, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority will expire at the close of business of July 8, 2010.

May 3, 2010

#10-188 Rescind Resolution #10-40 Authorize Facsimile Signature to JP Morgan Chase Bank

WHEREAS, Chapter 326 Public Laws of 2009 amended the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUPTA) to protect local government banking deposits; and

WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase feels that it is not in the best of its banking institution to participate any longer in the GUPTA system as of June 16, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at a work session on April 19, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolution #10-40 dated January 4, 2010 is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor will adjust her records accordingly.

May 3, 2010

#10-189 Rescind Resolution #10-39 Designate Authorized Officials to Sign Checks, bonds and Legal Papers

WHEREAS, Chapter 326 Public Laws of 2009 amended the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUPTA) to protect local government banking deposits; and

WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase feels that it is not in the best of its banking institution to participate any longer in the GUPTA system as of June 16, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at a work session on April 19, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolution #10-39 dated January 4, 2010 is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor will adjust her records accordingly.

May 3, 2010

#10-190 Rescind Resolution #10-28 Authorize Facsimile Signature to JP Morgan Chase Bank

WHEREAS, Chapter 326 Public Laws of 2009 amended the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUPTA) to protect local government banking deposits; and

WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase feels that it is not in the best of its banking institution to participate any longer in the GUPTA system as of June 16, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at a work session on April 19, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolution #10-28 dated January 4, 2010 is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor will adjust her records accordingly.

May 3, 2010

#10-191 Enter Into Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer, for Professional Services Related to the 2010 Riverside Cooperative Road Resurfacing Design & Inspection

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services for the 2010 Riverside Cooperative Road Resurfacing Design & Inspection; 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 #04-2150-55-1693-100 of the Capital Fund not to exceed \$5,000.00; 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.

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, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting.....	\$ 75.00

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 Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 327 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; 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.

May 3, 2010

#10-192 Designate Authorized Officials to Sign Checks, Bonds and Legal Papers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following individuals be authorized to sign checks, bonds and other legal papers requiring three (3) signatures, effective May 3, 2010 for all accounts and legal documents in PNC Bank as follows:

Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor and if not, Thomas Smith, Council President, Alan P. Negreann, Borough Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, and if not Adriana Silla, Accounts Supervisor; Zenab Bachok, Tax Collector and if not, Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk.

May 3, 2010

#10-193 Authorize Facsimile Signature to PNC Bank

BE IT RESOLVED that PNC Bank, as a designated depository of the Borough of River Edge, be and is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in this Borough's name on the *Open Space Account; Self Insurance Account; Trust Other Account; Trust Other Developers Account; Community Development Block Grant Account; Accumulated Absences Trust; C.A.R.E. Account* and all other accounts (including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose names appear thereon as signer or signers thereof only if the original signature of the signer is other than the payee) when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signatures (3) of any six of the following:

MARGARET F. WATKINS
ALAN P. NEGREANN
ADRIANA SILLA
DENISE A. DONDIEGO
ZENAB BACHOK
THOMAS SMITH

PNC Bank shall be entitled to honor and charge the Borough of River Edge for such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purporting facsimile specimens from time-to-time filed with PNC Bank by the Borough Clerk or other officer of the Borough, effective May 3, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all authorizations for the signing and honoring of checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money drawn on the said PNC Bank of this Borough are hereby continued in full force and effective as amplified hereby.

May 3, 2010

#10-194 Amend Resolution #10-01 and #10-29

WHEREAS, Chapter 326 Public Laws of 2009 amended the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUPTA) to protect local government banking deposits; and

WHEREAS, governmental unit deposits subject to GUPTA include the Borough of River Edge as a municipality; and

WHEREAS, local government agencies have relied on GUPTA since its enactment over 40 years ago and there have been no losses of public funds under it; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the banking environment has changed and therefore, the legislature has amended the law to provide higher level of protection against possible losses in public funds; and

WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase a depository of Borough of River Edge Funds has indicated that the law should provide for banks to minimize risk by allowing banks to collateralize their own public deposits at or above 100%; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 326, Public Laws of 2009 does not allow this; and

WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase feels that it is not in the best interest of its banking institution to participate any longer in the GUPTA system; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at a work session on April 19, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolution #10-01 and #10-29 are amended to delete JP Morgan Chase as a legal depository of Borough of River Edge funds.

May 3, 2010

#10-195 Resolution Opposing a Rate Increase for United Water

WHEREAS the Borough of River Edge and other municipalities each received a bill from United Water for the cost of fire hydrant services for 2009; and

WHEREAS each town acted in good faith thinking the bill we received in January 2009 was what we were told it would be; and

WHEREAS the Borough of River Edge budgeted for the fire hydrants accordingly in February of 2009; and

WHEREAS in April 2009 without the courtesy of any notice from United Water towns were hit with an increase of roughly 14% on our hydrant bills; and

WHEREAS this caused an unexpected financial difficulty because our line item for hydrant services was severely under budgeted by thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS this rate increase supposedly approved by the BPU should have been calculated into the initial bill from United Water or at least should have been announced in a separate notice prior to the adjusted April 2009 bill that towns received; and

WHEREAS these exorbitant increases are an increasing burden on our municipal budget and our local taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that United Water be mandated to provide us with any future fire hydrant rate increases in a timely and appropriate manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge strongly opposes the 20% rate hike that United Water is currently requesting for fire hydrants in 2010 on top of the previous 14% increase and urges the BPW to reject any rate increase as an unnecessary and untimely tax increase.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Christie, the State Legislators of the 39th District, Bergen County Municipalities and the Board of Public Utilities.

May 3, 2010

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Rush to approve resolution #10-196 as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#10-196 Report Investments Pursuant to the Cash Management Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the following investments and deposits made pursuant to the Cash Management Plan of the Borough of River Edge are hereby confirmed and accepted by the Governing Body.

Months of January, February, March and April 2010

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Earned Income</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>
N.J. Cash Management Fund	\$1,000,000.00	CMF	\$1,000,000.00	\$698.79	\$1,000,698.79	.29

May 3, 2010

#10-197 Authorize Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. to Enter Into a Stipulation of Settlement

WHEREAS, Alan P. Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey will handle the litigation of 286 Kinderkamack Road Corp. v. Borough of River Edge, Block 1006, Lot 2, 286 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge; and

WHEREAS, Alan Spiniello, Esq. has recommended stipulation in the above stated matters; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered these recommendations at their work session of April 26, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge hereby authorize Alan Spiniello, Esq. to enter into a Stipulation of Settlement with a total assessment of \$240,000 for Block 1006, Lot 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to James Anzevino, the Borough's Tax Assessor and Alan Spiniello, Esq.

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Bill Lindsley-asked for a motion to table this resolution until he has a chance to look in to it further.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Rush to table resolution #10-198.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#10-198 Authorize Mayor to Deputize Former Mayor to Solemnize A Marriage

WHEREAS, former Mayor James Kirk wishes to preside over the ceremony of his niece and her fiancé in marriage; and

WHEREAS, per N.J.S.A 37:1-13 "any mayor or the deputy mayor, when authorize by the mayor, may solemnize a marriage between such persons as may

lawfully enter into the matrimonial relation".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins does hereby Deputize James Kirk to perform the wedding of Jacklyn Paul and James Timpone on September 19, 2010.

May 3, 2010

Councilwoman Walker-asked whether there would be a duplication in fees when one inspector performs multiple inspections. Alan Negreann-stated that they are putting this resolution into effect because the DCA requires it. He further explained that because of the furloughs this year it will allow us to meet the service requirements with cross coverage. He continued by saying that they will look into the fee structure as a separate issue.

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve resolution #10-199.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#10-199 Authorize Construction Code Department Inspectors to Conduct Multiple Inspections

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs requires that a resolution be passed allowing Construction Code Inspectors with multiple licenses to conduct inspections in other areas other than what they were originally hired for; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge Construction Code Department has several inspectors with multiple licenses; and

WHEREAS, due to economic and budgetary constraints and the requirements of the State that inspections be conducted on a timely basis, it is necessary to have inspectors with multiple licenses perform inspections other than that for which they were originally hired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge hereby authorizes:

- Mel Streeter - hired as a Building Inspector is hereby authorized to conduct inspections as an inspector under the Electrical Sub-code and Mechanical Sub-code;
- Leonard Herman - originally hired as the Plumbing Sub-code Inspector is hereby authorized to conduct inspections under the Building Sub-code, Fire Sub-code and Mechanical Sub-code;
- Mike Dalessio - originally hired as Electrical Sub-code Inspector is hereby authorized to conduct inspections under the Building Sub-code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these additional inspections shall be accomplished without any additional salary or compensation.

May 3, 2010

#10-200 Approval of Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement Between the Borough of River Edge and the Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch for the Provision of Fire Dispatch Services

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:17c-1 et seq., all municipalities of the State of New Jersey are required to provide telephonic access to an appropriate "PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT" serving the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, regionalized provision of such services is a concept specifically endorsed by the aforementioned statutory scheme; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is a municipality located in Bergen County and a body politic of the State of New Jersey authorized by law to enter into an agreement with another municipality to provide jointly for any lawful service to and for the residents of the respective municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the "INTERLOCAL SERVICE ACT" (N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch has offered the Borough of River Edge a new service entitled "FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this at their work session of May 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-25-2552-193 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Services Agreement on file with the Borough Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and the Agreement as executed by the Mayor and Borough Clerk, be forwarded to the Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch, 30 Garber Square, Ridgewood, NJ 07450, Attn: Skip Sherver.

May 3, 2010

#10-201 Resolution Referring the "Kinderkamack Redevelopment Area" Plan, prepared by A. Nelessen Associates, Inc., to the Planning Board for review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge commissioned the Borough Planning Board, by Resolution dated September, 2003, to conduct a preliminary investigation study of the southernmost area of the Borough, bound by Main Street to the North, Hackensack Avenue to the East, the City of Hackensack municipal border to the South and Route 4/Bogert Road to the West to determine if the area, or any part thereof, was in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board undertook an investigation of the subject area by commissioning Burgis Associates, Inc., of Westwood, New Jersey, Professional Planner, to conduct a Redevelopment Analysis; and

WHEREAS, based on the Redevelopment Analysis issued by Burgis and public hearings held in April and May, 2004, the Planning Board made certain findings and issued a report to the Mayor and Council memorialized by Resolution dated June 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated December 4, 2006 the Mayor and Council designated as properties "in need of redevelopment" those parcels identified as Lots 1, 2.01, 4, and 5 in Block 1413; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, in consultation with the property owner, commissioned A. Nelessen Associates, Inc. to prepare a Redevelopment Plan for said parcels; and

WHEREAS, On April 27, 2010 A. Nelessen Associates, Inc submitted the "Kinderkamack Redevelopment Area" plan; and

WHEREAS, The Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq, requires that the Borough Planning Board review any redevelopment plan prior to its adoption by the Governing Body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law the "Kinderkamack Redevelopment Area" plan be and hereby is referred to the River Edge Planning Board for its review. Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:12A-7 the Planning Board shall, within 45 days hereof, transmit to the Governing Body a report containing an identification of any provisions of the said plan which are inconsistent with the Borough's Master Plan and recommendations concerning any such inconsistencies and any other matters as the board deems appropriate.

May 3, 2010

#10-202 Change Order #4 Approval and Amendatory Contract to Trino Associates, LLC for the Kinderkamack Road Regional Revitalization (Phase 1B) Federal

Project Number STP-8443(107)

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.2 lists the requirements for all Change Orders;
and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge awarded a contract on August 3, 2009 to Trino Associates, LLC via resolution #09-316 in the amount of \$197,516.35 and amended via resolution #09-436 in the amount of \$8,300.00 dated December 7, 2009; amended via resolution #09-455 in the amount of \$6,450.00 dated December 7, 2009 and amended via resolution #10-75 in a total decreased amount of \$(22,494.90) dated January 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #4 reflects an increase of \$3,700.00 which represents reinforced concrete apron, re-grade & finish with 3" asphalt and labor and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney and the Borough Engineer have reviewed the above change; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1507-200 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$3,700.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge shall enter into a written amendatory contract with Trino Associates, LLC, 354 Verona Way, Paramus, New Jersey, 07652 for Change Order #4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exact form of this amendatory contract shall be at the discretion of the Borough Attorney and the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are authorized to execute said contract and Change Order #4 subject to the approval of the State.

May 3, 2010

Councilwoman Rush read resolution #10-203 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve resolution #10-203.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#10-203 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 TOTAL	\$6,387,055.10
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 48,714.00
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 5,047.83
TRUST OTHER - DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 500.00
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 2,579.50

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.

May 3, 2010

#10-204 Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Sign Municipal Alliance 2010 Grant

priority and is confident that they will do the same now. Councilwoman Walker also feels that it was unfortunate that the Huffman Koos building was taken down but they did not know the extent of the contamination. She feels that we have to hope that once they get the okay from the DEP that things will move forward. Mayor Watkins-invited all of the Council members to join her at the French Embassy to honor River Edge resident Robert Levine as he receives a French medal of honor for his service during World War II. The Mayor informed everyone that she will be attending a breakfast on May 14th sponsored by the Association of Municipal Assessors to discuss legislation regarding lost revenues, lost services and loss of home rule and invited the Council to come. The Mayor also informed everyone that the River Edge Historic Commission along with New Jersey Transit is receiving an award for their work on the River Edge Train Station this coming Thursday at the Church on the Green in Hackensack. The Mayor encouraged everyone to take advantage of the photo exhibit at the Cultural Center and thanked the Environmental Commission for another successful river clean up over the weekend. The Mayor attended REGAL opening day and also stopped by the fundraiser for the Beautification Committee on Saturday. Mayor Watkins thanked everyone for coming this evening and for showing an interest in our community.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:52 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant.

May 3, 2010

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Rush to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Judy Jaffe-297 Concord Drive-thanked Bob Costa and the DPW for coming to look at the debris and tree problems next to her property. She feels that there has been so much tree devastation in the wooded area next to her house because the town allowed a resident to have access to that land when they put a swimming pool in. She also feels that it's a disgrace that the town allowed the Huffman Koos building to be torn down and left the way it is.

Mayor Watkins-explained that because the building was in total disrepair, part of the plan was to knock down the building but the owners ran into problems when they learned the extent of the contamination from the dry cleaners. They hired a company to put monitoring wells in and start the clean-up but had to wait for the DEP to come and inspect. The DEP did contact the owner and told them they needed to do further work.

Bill Lindley-stated that there was a site plan that went to the Planning Board several years ago which was approved but then there was a change to the plan. He further stated that as with any other private property owner, you can take down a building without approval from the Mayor and Council or any of the Boards. He stated that that is what the owner chose to do.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Rush to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Walker, Councilwoman Rush, Councilman Porco, Councilman Smith, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilman Cordts-asked if the Shared Services Committee could share the information with the entire Council for their input also.

Councilman Cannon-had no comments.

Councilman Smith-stated that he feels encouraged that there are several properties included in redevelopment that are actually starting to happen. He hopes that once one developer puts a shovel in the ground it will hopefully encourage others to do the same. Councilman Smith responded to Jean Metzger's comment regarding taxes stating that the municipal portion of the tax bill is approximately 23%, 65% is for the schools, 10% for the County, and 2% for County and River Edge Open Space. Councilman Smith continued by saying that the Borough employees do not have dental, eyeglass or retiree medical coverage which many other towns in the County do. He also explained that the Police Officers have partial retiree medical coverage which the State provides to them. He stated that many residents, instead of calling the Fire Department for fire emergencies, have been calling neighbors and friends which is a little disconcerting. He urges residents not to hesitate to make the call if they think something is not right at their home or their neighbors home. He stated that all of our emergency services are ready and prepared to handle different types of emergencies. Councilman Smith explained to Mrs. Jaffe that when he and the Mayor reviewed the documentation regarding the property she has a complaint about, it indicated that the Borough Engineer and Shade Tree Commission had inspected the property and signed off on it. He's not sure if both of them had an opportunity to take a look at the property at this point in time.

Councilman Porco-stated that he is happy to see that the redevelopment project is going to the Planning Board and hopes that they will make it a priority.

Councilwoman Rush-informed everyone that she, the Mayor and Councilman Smith met with the Administrator and two Council people from Oradell to look at sharing services. She further stated that economic times are difficult for both Oradell and River Edge and they have started preliminary discussions to see where they can share services. The committee is looking for economic savings for both towns without hampering the level of service that each town has. She assured everyone that she, Tom and the Mayor are very tough and will not be taken advantage of.

Councilwoman Walker-was very pleased with Colin Quinn's report this evening and is hopeful that things will start to move forward. She stated that in the past when it came to redevelopment, the Planning Board has always given it top