

M I N U T E S
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
April 16, 2012
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

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

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Moscaritolo called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilwoman Murphy 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 effecting 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 Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Moscaritolo were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the closed session minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of January 23, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Porco to approve the closed session minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of February 21, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy abstained.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve the closed session minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of March 5, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve the closed session minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of March 19, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of April 2, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Proclamation Declaring the Week of April 29 - May 5, 2012 as Municipal Clerks Week as follows:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of the neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

Whereas, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, country and international professional organizations; and

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore I, Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of River Edge do hereby recognize the week of April 29 - May 5, 2012, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Denise Dondiego and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Dated: April 16, 2012

Mayor Moscaritolo presented the proclamation to Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk.

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Proclamation Designating May 1st through May 31, 2012 as Annual Poppy Sale Days into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Annual Poppy Sale by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been officially recognized and endorsed by the Government leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of

this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize their merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Poppies from May 1st through May 31st, 2012, the designated Annual Poppy Sale days in the Borough of River Edge, and do further urge all citizens to support the American Legion Auxiliary of the Sgt. Walter Scott Brown Unit #226, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of the Caldorney-Klaiber-Frost Post NO. 876 of River Edge by buying and wearing a Poppy.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Dated: April 16, 2012

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Proclamation Declaring May 1, 2012 as Loyalty Day in River Edge as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of this community are extremely proud of this Nations more than 200 year Heritage of Freedom and are loyal to the ideals, traditions and institutions which have made our nation so great; and

WHEREAS, many Americans display their loyalty through careers in public service. Members of our Armed Forces ensure that our Nation remains strong and secure, as well as defend democracy around the world. Many citizens give their time to causes greater than themselves through charitable, civic or church activities to demonstrate their loyalty by working to improve our country and the lives of its people; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty Day recognizes the solemn bond between America and its citizens. It provides an opportunity to recognize those who demonstrate their loyalty every day and challenges all of us to find more ways to contribute to the greater good of our country; and

WHEREAS, this glorious occasion will serve as a reminder of the loyalty of the members of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars throughout the United States, a loyalty they displayed while serving in our armed forces during war times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2012 as:

LOYALTY DAY IN RIVER EDGE

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of River Edge to be affixed this April 16, 2012.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Dated: April 16, 2012

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Proclamation Declaring April 27, 2012 as National Arbor Day into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called ARBOR DAY was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, ARBOR DAY is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

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

April 27, 2012

AS

ARBOR DAY

in the Borough of River Edge, and I urge all citizens to celebrate ARBOR DAY and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and further generations.

Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor

Dated: April 16, 2012

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the separation of James Arakelian as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, effective April 1, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the salary increase of Maria Pomerantz, Records Clerk in the Police Department from an annual salary of \$39,857.00 to \$40,337.00 due to an increase in longevity from \$960.00 to \$1,440.00, effective April 18, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve the appointments to the Beautification Committee as follows:
Gregg Cariddi, 193 Wayne Avenue to finish the unexpired term of Ann Ramos to 12/31/13; Dan Buren, 581 Clarendon Court to finish the unexpired term of Evergisto Ramos to 12/31/13 and Bob Dondiego, 264 Continental Avenue to finish the unexpired term of Delia Carroll to 12/31/13.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE REGULAR MEETING - 8:13 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Mignone to close the regular meeting and go back into work session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

RE-OPEN REGULAR MEETING - 8:46 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Cordt to re-open the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m.

PRESENTATION -

Senator Robert Gordon - stated that one of the things that legislators can do to try to reduce the tax burden is to bring state aid to our communities. He and his colleagues are trying to bring as much money as they can back to the community because every dollar that comes from Trenton is a dollar that doesn't have to be raised locally. Senator Gordon presented a symbolic check in the amount of \$146,500 from the Department of Transportation to the Mayor and Council for the financing to resurface Howland Avenue. He stated that at a time of 2% tax caps and great fiscal pressures facing municipalities in New Jersey, it's more important that ever before to try and get this type of funding. He had asked to be assigned to the Senate Transportation Committee so that he could get as much money as he could back into Bergen County and hopes that this will be the first of many checks.

Assemblyman Timothy Eustace-stated that he was the Mayor of Maywood last year and understands what River Edge is going through with the reassessment. He stated that Maywood had a reassessment last year and agrees that this check is one of the small ways that the State can give back to communities.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated the check doubles the amount of money that the Borough has for resurfacing this year as they have been putting approximately \$150,000 into the general capital fund for that purpose.

Councilman Papaleo-suggested making minor adjustments for video purposes so that the public can see and hear everything that is going on at the meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter	-	State of New Jersey - 4/2/12 Re: Pension and Health Reforms
Letter	-	Women's Club of River Edge - 4/2/12 Re: Town-wide Garage Sale - June 2 nd
Notice	-	River Edge Board of Education - 4/2/12 Re: Meeting on April 4, 2012
Report	-	River Edge Swim Club - 4/5/12 Re: Financial Statement Year End 10/31/11
Notice	-	River Edge Board of Education - 4/13/12 Re: Meeting - 4/17/12

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - Local Assessments - Howland Avenue Curb & Sidewalk Reconstruction Project, Phase III from Fifth Avenue to the Paramus Border

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - Local Assessments - Howland Avenue Curb & Sidewalk Reconstruction Project, Phase III from Fifth Avenue to the Paramus Border

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

LIAISON REPORTS -

Councilwoman Murphy - Liaison to Shade Tree Commission, Library, Senior Citizens co-liaison, Technology Committee, July 4th Committee, New Milford/River Edge Shared Services Committee - reported that on April 18th at 12 noon the Library will be showing the movie War Horse and on April 25th at 1 p.m., in conjunction with the Cultural Center and River Dell Hadassah they will show an award winning Holocaust documentary called Only a Number. She also reported that the Shade Tree Commission as well as the Library Board will be meeting this week. Councilwoman Murphy attended the SCORE meeting today and received several complaints that the nurse has not been coming to do blood pressure screenings and also received complaints regarding afternoon senior bus service. Councilwoman Murphy will reach out the Arlene Faustini to try and get this organized again. Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he is working on the Shade Tree ordinance and asked Councilwoman Murphy if she will be attending the meeting? The Mayor stated that the senior citizens want the nurse there one hour per month for blood pressure screenings and explained that the meetings are well attended.

Councilman Cordts - Liaison to DPW, Beautification Committee, Traffic & Safety Committee, New Milford/River Edge Shared Services Committee, Oradell/River Edge Shared Services Committee - had no report.

Councilman Porco - Chairman to the Technology Committee - had no report.

Councilman Mignone - Liaison to Police Dept., Environmental Protection Commission, Green Team- reported that the Planning Board approved the Now Atkins application last week and looks forward to that project getting started. He also reported that there was an Environmental Commission meeting last Thursday that he was unable to attend because a death in the family and asked Peggy White to fill them in with any information that the public needs to know. He thinks that they continued discussions regarding the river clean-up which will be held on Sunday, May 20th at 8 a.m. He was happy to report that he was in touch with Bonnie Stewart and is looking forward to re-starting the Green Team. They will meet on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:30 and invited the Environmental Commission members to attend also so they can get some projects going. Councilman Mignone reminded everyone that the PBA will be hosting a fundraiser this week for the 9/11 Memorial on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in St. Peter's gym and gave the public the contact information. He encouraged everyone to come out and support this fundraiser.

Councilman Bartelloni - Liaison to Recreation Commission, River Edge and River Dell Schools, July 4th Committee - reported that Little League Opening Day will take place on April 28th at 10 a.m. and also reported that REGAL Opening Day will take place on April 29th at 1 p.m.

Councilman Papaleo - Liaison to Fire/Fire Prevention, Construction Code Official, Property Maintenance, Senior Citizen co-liaison, River Edge Alliance Against Alcohol & Drugs - had no report.

Councilman Bartelloni asked if the Shade Tree Commission was doing anything for Arbor Day this year because in years past they usually had a pageant with the schools involved.

Councilwoman Murphy-responded that she believes that they are looking into getting seedlings but she will find out more details when she attends their meeting on Thursday.

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Board of Health - March 26, 2012
Fire Prevention - 1/1/12 - 3/31/12
Tax Collector - March 2012

ORDINANCES - 1ST Reading

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1764 as follows:

Ordinance #1764 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE #1567 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$68,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDING AND GROUNDS".

Mayor Moscaritolo gave a brief explanation of Ordinance #1764.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1764 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1764

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE #1567 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$68,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND 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 1. Section 2 of Ordinance #1567 is hereby amended to increase the scope of the ordinance as authorized below:

Add:

- f. Purchase of rose topiaries (steel obelisks) for use by the Beautification Committee.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego
Borough Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ORDINANCES - 2ND Reading

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1761 as follows:

Ordinance #1761 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

Mayor Moscaritolo gave a brief description of Ordinance #1761.

Ordinance #1761 was introduced by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy at the April 2, 2012 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1761

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

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 1. The purchase of equipment desired in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized as purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$6,000 of which \$6,000 is from the Capital Improvement Fund.

SECTION 2. The purchases are authorized as follows:

a. Purchase of traffic signs for the Police Department

SECTION 3. The appropriation shall be made from the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Fund and no debt is authorized.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1761

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1761

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1761

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to adopt Ordinance #1761.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1762 as follows:

Ordinance #1762 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$158,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Mayor Moscaritolo gave a brief description of Ordinance #1762.

Ordinance #1762 was introduced by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo at the April 2, 2012 meeting ad follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1762

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$158,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment and new communication and signal systems equipment in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of an environmental study of the former American Legion property owned by the Borough.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 10,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 9,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

2. B. Acquisition and installation of a generator at Fire Company No.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 41,200
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,060
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 39,140
Period of Usefulness	15 years

C. Acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of a computerized fuel management system for use at the Department of Public Works Yard.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 13,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 675
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 12,825
Period of Usefulness	7 years

D. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a thermal imaging camera for the use of the Fire Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 12,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 11,400
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of turnout gear for the use of the Fire Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 20,000
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Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 18,900
Period of Usefulness	5 years

F. Acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of a patrol car mobile computer for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 6,800
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 340
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 6,460
Period of Usefulness	7 years

G. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of narrow band compliance radio equipment for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 9,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 475
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 9,025
Period of Usefulness	10 years

H. Planting trees at various locations in the Borough.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 45,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 42,750
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$158,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 8,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$150,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$12,200 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$8,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$8,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$150,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$150,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for

said purposes, is a period of 12.41 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$150,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. 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 14. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1762

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Gregg Cariddi-193 Wayne Avenue-stated that in Section H it says planting trees and asked if the wording should be changed to say planting and acquisition instead of just planting trees?

Alan Negreann-stated that they are okay with this language.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1762

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1762

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Cordts to adopt Ordinance #1762.

Councilman Porco-voiced his concerns with this ordinance because there are several capital items that he was hoping they would re-prioritize because he doesn't feel they are necessities for this year and could be put off another year.

Councilman Cordts-agreed with Councilman Porco and feels that they should re-visit some of the capital items that are included in this ordinance.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked Alan to explain what's included in this \$158,000. Alan Negréann-explained that this includes the undertaking of the environmental study for the American Legion property, acquisition of a generator for Fire Company #2, fuel management system for the DPW, thermal imaging camera and turnout gear for the Fire Department, mobile car computers for patrol officers, narrowband radio equipment for use by the Police Department and planting of trees at various locations around the Borough.

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that all of the items were discussed during budget meetings with the Mayor and Council and Citizens Budget Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Cordts and Councilman Porco voted no.

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1763 as follows:

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

Mayor Moscaritolo gave a brief description of Ordinance #1763.

Ordinance #1763 was introduced by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy at the April 2, 2012 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
Ordinance #1763

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

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Replacement of the HVAC system at the Municipal Building.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$320,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 16,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$304,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a forestry truck for the use of the Department of Public Works.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$253,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,900
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$240,100
Period of Usefulness	5 years

C. Undertaking the 2012 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program (including curbing and sidewalk improvements, where necessary) in, by and for the Borough, as set forth on a list prepared by the Borough Engineer and approved by the Borough Council and directed to be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during normal business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that (i) the Borough Council may, by resolution, amend such list from time to time within the appropriation made hereby and (ii) such roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$159,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,975
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$151,525
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Undertaking storm water drainage improvements in the vicinity of Voorhis Avenue and at Elm Avenue.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$112,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,625
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$106,875
Period of Usefulness	40 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$845,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 42,500
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$802,500

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$45,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$42,500, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$42,500 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$802,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$802,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and

may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 14.39 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$802,500 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes; or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. 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 14. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk
Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1763

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Paolo Chilia-685 Fifth Avenue-asked what the cost is on a 30 year basis to finance the bond and what is the cost if we don't do anything.
Alan Negreann-replied that the interest rate on the bonds or notes could vary depending on when we go out, it could be anywhere from 1 to 3%.
Paolo Chilia-asked if that is fixed cost?

Alan Negreann-explained that if it was a note, it would be fixed for a one-year term and if it was bonded we might receive variable rate over a 10 or 15 year payment schedule. On average it could be approximately 3% in today's market. Paolo Chilia-asked if there are any servicing costs for the bond or note. Alan Negreann-stated that he does not have that information with him tonight but it was provided to the Mayor and Council as part of their deliberations and they came up with a projected bonded course over ten years at a rate of 3%. Paolo Chilia-asked if there is a cost if we do nothing? Alan Negreann-explained the need to replace the HVAC system at Borough Hall because we've been having trouble with the existing system as it creates condensation and likewise with the heating during the winter months; the roads that are not repaired would continue to deteriorate; the Voorhis Avenue residents would experience continued flooding because of the lack of drainage and other ramifications depending on what project you're talking about. Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that we would have a wildly fluctuating budget year to year if we couldn't bond the cost over ten or fifteen years for the HVAC system which could cost \$300,000. The Mayor explained again the reasons why the Mayor and Council chose to approve specific capital items this year.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1763

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1763

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to adopt Ordinance #1763.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked what 40 years for Stormwater drainage means. Alan Negreann-explained that for some of these improvements in the bond law there is a useful life schedule and that will give you a period of time for different items, such as a roadway might have a 40 year life, a building might have a 30 year life, a truck might have a 10 year life, etc. When you get to an ordinance like this one, which is complex, the average weighted useful life has to be determined. Councilwoman Murphy-asked if we apply for and receive grants, how will that work in adjusting those numbers. Alan Negreann-explained that Section 12 of the ordinance has a provision whereby if we receive any donations from private sources or money from the County or State of New Jersey it will reduce the deferred charge unfunded. These ordinances anticipate that we might receive funds from another source which would reduce these costs. Councilman Porco-voiced his concerns because between the two ordinances, they're bonding approximately \$1,000,000 and feels that it's too much this year. He continued by saying that although the money will not be spent immediately, we keep inching it along through the process and eventually the money gets spent or reallocated to something else and never gets back to the taxpayer. Councilman Mignone-asked Alan if we put up a down payment before a project is approved or is this the approval? Alan Negreann-explained that upon adoption of the ordinance the down payment money is committed to the ordinance which is 5%. Councilman Mignone-asked what happens if the project doesn't go forward? Alan Negreann-stated that the down payment money would be returned to the source from where it came which in this case, was the capital improvement fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilman Porco voted no.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #12-156 through #12-165 and #12-167.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#12-156 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 January 23, 2012 meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
12-4/16-1	Permanently & Totally Disabled Tax Deduction for a Resident	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(3)

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.

April 16, 2012

#12-157 Confirmation of Local Assessments for Curbs, Sidewalk and Driveway Aprons for the Howland Avenue Reconstruction Project, Phase III from Fifth Avenue to the Paramus Border

WHEREAS, reconstruction of curb, sidewalk and driveway aprons on Howland Avenue from Fifth Avenue to the Paramus border were made in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons are local improvements, the value of which is assessable to owners of the adjacent property; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1732 authorized the construction of curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons as a local assessment to adjoining properties and such work has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has received a grant from the Department of Transportation for the construction of the curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have indicated at a work session that the residents shall only be assessed for the engineering portion of the cost of the curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons on Howland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, James Anzevino, Tax Assessor has been appointed as the Local Board of Assessor on this project and has certified a list of properties to be assessed on Howland Avenue for the engineering and administrative portion of the cost of curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk on April 2, 2012 has certified to the Tax Assessor that all of the residents on the list have received notice of a public hearing and report on the Howland Avenue assessments.

WHEREAS, a hearing on these assessments was held by the Mayor and Council on April 16, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following list of local assessments prepared by James Anzevino, totaling \$660.85 is hereby confirmed and approved and shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector for billing and collection in accordance with Ordinance #1732 and the laws of the State of New Jersey.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
905/17	Michael & Maria Greco 348 Howland Avenue	\$145.72
905/18	Bertito & Rina Jaico 356 Howland Avenue	\$ 78.20
1103/11	Kathy Joana	\$131.40

	375 Howland Avenue	
1103/12	Wookyung Kim & JinYoung Lee 371 Howland Avenue	\$ 95.93
1108/3	Mary Carter 357 Howland Avenue	\$ 78.20
1108/4	Marilyn Relinger 349 Howland Avenue (mailing address: 31 Harding Avenue, Dumont, NJ)	\$131.40

April 16, 2012

#12-158 Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund - Emergency Management

WHEREAS, Richard Berry was custodian of the Emergency Management Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Borough of River Edge is changing custodians to Thomas Smith; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Smith, Emergency Management Coordinator, is bonded in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 by virtue of a surety bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

April 16, 2012

Councilwoman Murphy asked Alan to explain resolution #12-159.
Alan Negreann explained that this is a grant for the Municipal Alliance from last year and we had unspent funds of \$4,150.74 as well as a receivable due from the County. He continued to say that since we did not spend these funds by the end of the grant period, it has to be cancelled on our books. We have no authority to spend money this year for a grant from last year.
Councilwoman Murphy asked if it goes back to the County?
Alan Negreann replied yes, it goes back to the County.
Councilman Papaleo asked why it wasn't spent?
Alan Negreann replied, no I can't. Although he doesn't have a detailed answer, he feels that the programs didn't move forward as planned.
Councilman Papaleo hopes that this will not happen again this year.

#12-159 Resolution Authorizing Chief Financial Office to Cancel Grant Fund Receivable and Appropriated Reserve for the Municipal Alliance on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grant

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge received approval for a grant through the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a grant entitled "Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its books and records an account receivable of \$4,150.74 and an appropriated reserve of \$4,150.74; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has investigated the account receivable and appropriated reserve balance and has recommended that they be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to cancel the grant fund account receivable and appropriated reserve for the grant entitled "Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse" both in the amount of \$4,150.74.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby instructed to adjust the records accordingly.

April 16, 2012

#12-160 Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer 1st Quarter 2012 Tax Overpayments to the 2nd Quarter 2012

WHEREAS, the 1st quarter 2012 taxes were overpaid due to a duplicate payment or homestead rebate credits on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, homeowners have requested in writing that their credits be applied to their 2nd quarter 2012 taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector adjusts her records by transferring the 1st quarter tax overpayments to the 2nd quarter 2012 taxes as follows:

Block/Lot	Owner/Property	From 1 st Quarter 2012	To 2 nd Quarter 2012
409/32	Antoinette Kofler 42 Tenney Avenue	480.66	480.66
412/1	James L. McIlwain 704 Center Avenue	581.72	581.72
605/28	Palma Morgan 184 Manning Avenue	2,754.47	2,754.47
618/3	Timothy & Catherine Brosnan 15 Madison Avenue	696.38	696.38
906/28	Brijesh Gulati 254 Wayne Avenue	4,845.20	4,845.20

April 16, 2012

#12-161 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 1st Quarter 2012 Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate tax payments and tax overpayments due to homestead rebate credits for the 2012 1st Quarter taxes on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the homeowner to refund the overpaid amount directly to the homeowner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Account Supervisor is hereby authorized to issue checks in the following amounts and the Tax Collector to adjust her records accordingly.

Block/Lot	Name & Address	Refund Amount
507/1	Stephen & Amy Forman 305 Jefferson Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	34.73
814/20	Rose Commorata 441 Bogert Road River Edge, NJ 07661	997.76
901/22	Thomas & Mary Cadley 226 Manchester Road River Edge, NJ 07661	779.65
1103/35	Ronald & Judith Loeb 199 Valley Road River Edge, NJ 07661	935.98

April 16, 2012

#12-162 Authorize Refund of 2010 and 2011 Taxes Due to New Jersey Tax Court Judgment

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered 2/29/12 and the same was received by the tax office reducing the Assessed Value on the property owned by Kevin & Carla Twardzik known as Block 707, Lot 33, located at 464 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 and 2011 taxes are paid in full.

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

Tax Year	Old Value	New Value	Refund
2010	480,500	450,000	782.33
2011	480,500	450,000	814.66
Total Refund:			\$1,596.99

Make check payable to: Kevin & Carla Twardzik/William S. Winters
 Mail to: William S. Winters
 199 State Route 18
 East Brunswick, NJ 08816-9953

April 16, 2012

#12-163 Amendment to the Approved Budget of 2012

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2012 was approved on the 5th day of March, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget was held as advertised on April 2nd, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen that the following amendments to the approved budget for 2012 be made:

<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>		
General Revenues			
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section D: Shared Service Agreements			
County of Bergen Interlocal - Snow Removal	\$ 5,000.00	\$	1,520.00
Total Section D: Municipal Service Agreements	\$ 5,000.00	\$	1,520.00
Summary of Revenues			
3. Miscellaneous Revenues			
Total Section D: Shared Service Agreements	\$ 5,000.00	\$	1,520.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 1,722,747.93	\$	1,719,267.93
5. Subtotal General Revenues	\$ 2,522,747.93	\$	2,519,267.93
7. Total General Revenues	\$14,262,064.93	\$14,258,584.93	
8. General Appropriations			
(A) Operations - within "CAPS"			
STREETS AND ROADS			
Buildings and Grounds Other Expenses	\$ 93,191.00	\$	93,551.00
Vehicle Maintenance (including Police Vehicles) Other Expenses	\$ 89,100.00	\$	95,100.00
Total Operations - within "CAPS"	\$ 8,854,897.00	\$	8,861,257.00
Total Operations Including Contingent within "CAPS"	\$ 8,854,902.00	\$	8,861,262.00

Detail: Other Expenses	\$ 3,505,429.00	\$ 3,511,789.00
(E) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures- Municipal within "CAPS"		
(2) STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:		
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	\$ 360.00	\$ 4,700.00
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures- Municipal within "CAPS"	\$ 1,206,588.00	\$ 1,210,928.00
(H-1) Total General Appropriations - within "CAPS"	\$10,061,490.00	\$10,072,190.00
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Hackensack/Paramus Sewer Charges Contractual (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3(LL))	\$ 204,000.00	\$ 193,300.00
Total Other Operations - Excluded "CAPS"	\$ 1,974,776.00	\$1,964,076.00
Shared Service Agreements		
County of Bergen Snow Removal Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,520.00
Total Shared Service Agreements	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,520.00
Total Operations - Excluded "CAPS"	\$1,991,114.00	\$1,976,934.00
Detail: Salaries & Wages	\$ 390,006.00	\$ 386,526.00
Other Expenses	\$1,601,108.00	\$1,590,408.00
(H-2) Total General Appropriations - Excluded "CAPS"	\$3,628,389.84	\$3,614,209.84
(O) Total General Appropriations - Excluded "CAPS"	\$3,628,389.84	\$3,614,209.84
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-1) and (O))	\$13,689,879.84	\$13,686,399.84
9. Total General Appropriations	\$14,262,064.93	\$14,258,584.93
8. General Appropriations		
Summary of Appropriations		
(H-1) Total General Appropriations - within "CAPS"	\$10,061,490.00	\$10,072,190.00
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Other Operations	\$1,974,776.00	\$1,964,076.00
Shared Service Agreements	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,520.00
Total Operations - Excluded "CAPS"	\$1,991,114.00	\$1,976,934.00
Total General Appropriations	\$14,262,064.93	\$14,258,584.93

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby approve this amendment to the approved budget for the year 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the 2012 local municipal budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be advertised in THE RECORD on April 19, 2012 and that a hearing will be held on this amendment on April 23, 2012, at Borough Hall at 6:45 P.M.

It is hereby certified that the approved Budget Amendment annexed hereto is an exact copy of the original on file with the Clerk of the Governing Body, that all additions are correct, all statements contained herein are in proof and the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations.

Certified by me, this _____ day of _____, 2012

Gary J. Vinci
Registered Municipal Accountant

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Mayor
Dated:

April 16, 2012

#12-164 Authorize the Release of a Maintenance Bond for Charles Springstead, 251 Bradford Circle, Batavia, IL 60510 for 910 & 912 Summit Avenue, River Edge, Block 203, Lot 9.01, 9.02

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge entered into a developer's agreement dated December 1, 2005 with Charles Springstead, 251 Bradford Circle, Batavia, IL for the property located at 910 & 912 Summit Avenue, River Edge, Block 203, Lot 9.01, 9.02; and

WHEREAS, the Developers Agreement paragraph 34 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 \$11,670.40 for the above subject property; and

WHEREAS, a work session was held before the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge on April 16, 2012 at which time a review of the project took place; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have recommended that the bond be released.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maintenance Bond on file with the Borough of River Edge in the amount of \$11,670.40 be released to Charles Springstead, 251 Bradford Circle, Batavia, IL 60510.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Charles Springstead, 251 Bradford Circle, Batavia, IL 60510.

April 16, 2012

#12-165 Authorize Refund of 2010 and 2011 Taxes Due to NJ Tax Court Judgment

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered 2/29/12 and the same was received by the tax office reducing the Assessed Value on the property owned by Ruslans Balabanov known as Block 403, Lot 3, located at 809 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 and 2011 taxes are paid in full.

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

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Old Value</u>	<u>New Value</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2010	394,500	380,000	371.93
2011	394,500	380,000	387.30
		Total Refund:	759.23

Make check payable to: Ruslans Balabanov/William S. Winters
Mail to: William S. Winters
199 State Route 18
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April 16, 2012

Councilman Porco read resolution #12-166 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #12-166.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#12-166 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	\$533,820.15
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 88,566.24
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 3,024.30
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 864.76
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 6,317.50

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.

April 16, 2012

#12-167 Resolution to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation Discretionary Grant for the Oak Avenue Drainage Improvement

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Capital Alternatives is hereby authorized to submit the above stated grant application on behalf of the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of River Edge and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

April 16, 2012

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Porco to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Peggy White-741 Center Avenue-thanked the Borough for the money that the Environmental Commission received for new life vests which will be used during the river clean-up in May. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation for poppies and wants to remind everyone that just because the American Legion is closed the organization is still very active.

Paolo Chilia-685 Fifth Avenue-asked if there are any unfunded liabilities in the budget such as pension.

Alan Negreann-explained that the pension system is that of the State of New Jersey so the local portion that is due to the State is always paid locally. He advised Mr. Chilia to check out the State's website for information on the pension system. He continued to say that what you will find is that the local portion is probably paid in the range of 70-80% and it's the State funded side where the payments have not been paid which is the majority of where the liability exists. With regard to any unfunded liability of the Borough, there is a schedule in our budget which goes to compensated absences which details an unfunded liability of what would be theoretically paid out if all of our employees were paid for their vacation leave or any other time that was due upon termination. This Borough, unlike other municipalities, does not compensate its employees for sick leave and has never had that policy but will compensate employees for any vacation time or other time that is due them. Other than that you can consult with our audit report for 2011 which will explain any other liabilities on the books and that can be viewed on our website for inspection.

Paolo Chilia-suggested that after looking at the fuel costs in last years budget, the Mayor and Council should consider looking at other types of vehicles that don't use regular gasoline. He asked if River Edge has a bio-diesel program in place. He suggested that solar panels be put on unused properties to generate electricity and lower homeowner costs.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that River Edge does not have a bio-diesel program and explained that it is more involved than just collecting waste.

Councilman Porco-explained that a company did come in a while ago to do an analysis for solar panels and what they found was that many of our buildings are not eligible because of the type of roof or material they have.

Councilman Bartelloni-explained that River Dell looked into putting solar panels on the High School and found that it was not cost effective because this area doesn't get the amount of direct sunlight that is required to make solar panels a viable alternative.

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that the Mayor and Council had considered going geo-thermal when they discussed the HVAC system, but found that it was too expensive. He thanked Mr. Chilia for his ideas and hopes that as technology changes things will become more cost effective.

Paul Revegno-stated that he was a formal council person and a member of the Zoning Board for many years and has come back to visit. He said that he now lives in North Carolina but misses River Edge and keeps up with many people on facebook. He said that he and Ron Hardiman ran together and they made up a song for their campaign. He also stated that he lived in River Edge for 16 years and was a member of the Fire Department.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked Mr. Revegno how long he will be in town because there is going to be a fundraiser this Wednesday for the EMS Memorial Monument sponsored by the PBA in case he's interested in attending.

Ray Frost - 160 Lozier Terrace-understands that the main reason the Mayor and Council voted for the reassessment was because there were a large number of tax appeals and asked how many appeals there were from 2002 through 2008.

Mayor Moscaritolo-gave his opinion as a tax appeal attorney that when we had the revaluation in 2005, in the ensuing years, large commercial owners typically file appeals and the typical single family homeowner does not. Those appeals take years to work through the system so in 2009/2010, the Borough was hit with large refunds that had to give back to property owners who were successful in appealing their taxes. Sometimes what that does is skew the tax rate so that the assessed value on commercial property goes down, the tax rate goes up and more of the tax burden gets shifted to the residential properties. He continued by saying that in later years there was a larger number of single family homeowners filing appeals bringing the number from approximately 20 - 30 appeals to 50, 60, 80 and 100. He continued by saying that that's where we were historically when the Council made the decision to do the reassessment in order to level the playing field.

Ray Frost-asked who made the decision to decrease the land value on the assessments.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that when he asked that question, his understanding is that when they perform a reassessment, the goal is to get true market and to get to that, they play with a percentage to decide if the land or structure is worth more.

Ray Frost-stated that Mr. Del Guercio, from Appraisal Systems said that back when real estate was doing well, people were moving because of location so land was deemed higher. He asked if that still holds true?

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that what they meant by that statement was if someone paid \$520,000 on a 1,300 square foot home to justify the cost of the \$520,000 that was spent is not in the building because to rebuild 1,300 square feet doesn't cost that much. That cost would be approximately \$100.00 per square foot and to get to the \$520,000, the value has to be in the land because that's the only thing left over. Councilman Bartelloni also explained

that another explanation that was given by Appraisal Systems was that in recent years, construction costs have gone up, so what it was in 2005 to build is not what it is today in 2012. As those costs go up, land value has to come down and you still have to get to the fair market value assessment.

Ray Frost-feels that you shouldn't be backing into numbers and doesn't feel that it was the correct way of doing things.

Councilman Mignone-stated that if its only valued based on the replacement cost which is half of the amount, they have to make up the value somewhere else.

Ray Frost-doesn't feel that the land has decreased that much and still believes that people still move here because of location.

Councilman Mignone-stated that it's a lesser part because the sale prices are coming down and the replacement cost is a greater percentage of the overall costs where the difference is only a smaller amount which goes to the land value.

Ray Frost-feels that after doing some research he feels that his house was never reassessed correctly. Mr. Frost understands that approximately 65% of the taxes are for the schools and wondered why last year when the budget was defeated and brought the Council that there were no cuts made especially since they encourage people to get involved with the school board. He feels that the Council had a chance to do something last year and didn't.

Neal Carroll - 321 Wales Avenue-asked if the plan for Huffman Koos will have retail and residential units and asked if they've thought about the impact on the schools?

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that the answer is zero, it will be a retail project.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that the only approvals that are on the books for the Huffman Koos property include commercial retail, there's no resident component at all.

Councilman Mignone-reminded Mr. Carroll that previous Council's have approved three development that will total in concept 350 units. The Planning Board would not be able to change that if those plans come before them. There were 75 units for Let It Grow, up to 130 on Johnson Avenue and at least 130 in the original proposal for New Jersey Transit.

Neal Carroll-was under the impression that we still have on the books that up to twelve stories can be put up south of Main Street.

Councilman Mignone-replied no, that was only for the redevelopment areas. The Johnson Avenue property was approved for 11 stories, 130 units and Let It Grow was approved for 7 stories, 75 units.

Neal Carroll-stated that the State gave money back to both the local and regional schools. He was disappointed to hear that River Dell, instead of giving back to the residents and help reduce the taxes, used that money to hire more people. He's concerned about what will happen in years to come.

Paolo Chilia-informed everyone that he has set up a webpage called River Edge First to deal with issues in town in a positive way and help people understand what's going on and allow the Mayor and Council to communicate with the citizens.

Eileen Tumino-293 Jefferson Avenue-was told that if a store is vacant for over a year, they can apply for tax relief and the other homeowners would have to absorb that. She asked if that was true?

Sam Cereste, Esq.- replied, no that is not true.

Eileen Tumino-asked where the tax money comes from when a store is vacant? She asked if the landlord or owner have to pay?

Sam Cereste, Esq.-explained that the landlord still pays taxes as long as its on the tax rolls.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that we do have some new stores opening up such as a yoga studio, Scoops Ice Cream, a dental and eyeglass practices and there is an application before the Planning Board for a Seven Eleven.

Paola Chilia-stated that the Chamber of Commerce website is not working and wondered how residents are supposed to communicate with them. He asked what the Council is doing to market the town.

Councilwoman Murphy-explained that we are reaching out to the businesses to see if they can link to the Borough website.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he wishes that we had a more active Chamber of Commerce and is disappointed that they have never reached out to become interactive with the Borough or its website.

Councilwoman Murphy-agreed that it is important to reach out and encourage businesses to come to River Edge. She was told that on the New Jersey State Business Forum, River Edge is considered unfriendly to businesses and feels that they need change that.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that prior Councils were very unfriendly to businesses.

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that this is a new Council and hopefully things can change.

Councilman Mignone-stated that we can't overlook the infrastructure problem on Kinderkamack Road and a lack of parking. He continued by saying that most businesses will tell you that it's one of the major drawbacks of having a business in town.

Robin Baron-569 Clarendon Court-stated that most of the larger homes in town were built in 2007 and 2008 and were not part of the last revaluation. She feels that they were part of a job that someone else should have been doing.

As a real estate agent she feels that because of the exorbitant tax increases on the larger homes it will have negative effect on real estate sales and won't attract younger families.

Jim Anzevino-Tax Assessor-stated that the last revaluation took place in 2004 and we have to adjust all the standards for all new construction in 2004; hence the value came in at around \$600,000 to \$700,000. The State requires that you use certain steps and parameters. He continued by saying that the object of this reassessment was to get to 100% value and statistics show that values have decreased.

Robin Baron-stated that after doing research, she found that there were many discrepancies in taxes being paid by homeowners with the larger homes that are very similar but some were paying significantly more or less. She said that these discrepancies existed well before the reassessment and if there is a formula that is used, most of these homes should be paying relatively the same amount of taxes and they are not.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Cordts to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Murphy-thanked everyone for coming to the Library for the first Volunteer Appreciation Day and reminded everyone that Saturday is the River Edge Run. She also thanked Triple Platinum Entertainment, Fresh 'n More, La Toscana, Sanducci's and A Taste of Greece for supporting River Edge Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Councilman Porco-thanked everyone for coming up and totally understands why residents are so upset with the rapid tax increases. He explained that one of the reasons that he voted for the reassessment was because he thought it would finally get everyone on the same page and to also try and eliminate some of the appeals that have been going on. He said that unfortunately some residents have been hit hard by that but strongly feels that the focus needs to be on stopping the spending and looking at things differently to save money. He is frustrated by the fact the Council approved over a \$1,000,000 in bonds tonight knowing how upset people are with their taxes. He feels that people need to rally their neighbors, fill up the Council Chambers and finally say enough is enough. He feels that the only way things will change is if they stop doing things the way they've been doing them, restructure and look to outsource services.

Councilman Bartelloni-agreed with Councilman Porco's comment that taxes are way too high in River Edge. He also stated that from 2000 to 2010 taxes in River Edge doubled on the average home and went from \$6,000 to \$11,500. Councilman Bartelloni addressed the issue of River Dell hiring 8 teachers and admits that he was very upset about that and feels that it's just going to put you back in the same situation that they were before and will create problems. He feels that a \$32,000,000 budget for the high school is way too high. He continued to talk about River Edge schools and stated that last year the Council did have an opportunity to look at their budget and in retrospect he feels that he would still vote the same way. He stated that although the Council didn't cut their budget last year, they did receive increased aid last year and did return it to the district in the form of a tax break. Councilman Bartelloni stated that the Council was looking at approximately \$50,000 in cuts and they returned \$132,000 back to River Edge and feels that they did the right thing. After attending some of the school board meetings he's not sure that they needed to go to the 2% cap but it is what it is. He continued by saying that they're trying to come up with a stable budget, stable tax increases and look forward to trying to bring any additional revenue in that they can. He explained that the Borough didn't get into this situation overnight and we're not going to get out of it overnight and welcomes any ideas that people have to try and work through it.

Mayor Moscaritolo-thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and voicing their concerns. He also thanked those who came to the first Volunteer Appreciation Day, the local businesses who provided refreshments and Anthony Capolla's company who provided music. The Mayor reminded everyone that next Saturday is the River Edge Run and also informed everyone that there will be a fundraiser on Wednesday evening for the EMS Memorial at St. Peters and encouraged everyone to come out and support these worthwhile events. The Mayor suggested combining the July 4th Committee with a new committee called Public Events Committee and feels that there needs to be one committee set up for all public events. Mayor Moscaritolo asked Sam Cereste to look at an ordinance to create a business improvement or special improvement district and suggested that he look at Tenafly's ordinance to see what they did. He hopes that by adopting this type of ordinance it will draw interest in the business community to partner with the town to create a website and create interest in the business district. Mayor Moscaritolo personally thanked Councilwoman Murphy for all of her hard work at Volunteer Appreciation Day.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:20 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cordts, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: