

M I N U T E S
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, February 4, 2013
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 reflection and asked Councilman Bartelloni to lead the salute to the flag.

MISSION STATEMENT & OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS -

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Mission Statement into the record as follows:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and attend any meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with this act the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge have caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall and notices have been sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News.

The mission of this governing body is to provide essential services through the establishment and implementation of public policy that will safeguard our infrastructure provide honest, courteous and professional services; and establish a sense of trust and accomplishment with our residents. Through research and prudent planning we seek to minimize risks while improving our services. We are sensitive to the needs of our taxpayers while realizing that this governing body cannot be all things to all people within the revenue constraints imposed by state mandates, economic conditions and prevailing attitudes about taxation.

ROLL CALL - Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Cappola, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Moscaritolo were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the closed session minutes of the Mayor and Council of October 15, 2012, October 22, 2012, and December 17, 2012.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the closed session minutes of the Mayor and Council of December 3, 2012.

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

Motion by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of January 22, 2013.

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

Motion by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session meeting of January 28, 2013.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS - None

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the appointment of Joseph Herman, 557 Standish Road, Teaneck, NJ, to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department, effective February 5, 2013.

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

Motion by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the appointment of Tyler Aronoff, 175 Woodland Avenue, to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department Junior Auxiliary Squad, effective, February 5, 2013.

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

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by councilman Mignone to approve the salary change of Daniel Lee, Patrol Officer in the Police Department from an annual contractual base salary of \$75,590.00 to \$85,239.00, to Patrolman 3rd Grade, effective February 3, 2013.

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

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the salary change of Daniel Lee, Patrol Officer in the Police Department from an annual salary of \$92,123.69 (which includes \$6,885.00 in holiday base pay) to \$93,966.16 due to a 2% longevity increase, effective February 3, 2013.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the salary increase of Renata Sanches, Patrol Officer in the Police Department from an annual probationary 1st year salary of \$28,611.00 to 2nd year probationary annual salary of \$36,414.00, effective February 7, 2013.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the salary increase of Anthony Roman, Patrol Officer in the Police Department from an annual probationary 1st year salary of \$28,611.00 to 2nd year probationary annual salary of \$36,414.00, effective February 7, 2013.

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

CORRESPONDENCE -

Notice	-	River Edge Board of Education - 1/19/13
		Re: Meeting - 1/23/13
Letter	-	New Jersey Senate - 1/22/13
		Re: Gun Control - SR-97
Letter	-	Giselle Blasco - 1/24/13
		Re: Letter of Resignation
Letter	-	Cablevision - 1/28/13
		Re: Launch of Optimum Economy Package
Notice	-	River Edge Board of Education - 1/31/13
		Re: Budget Meeting Notice-2/2/13

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Zoning Board of Adjustment	-	October 2012
Library Board	-	January 2013
Beautification Committee	-	January 2013
Historic Commission	-	November 2012

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING -

Judy O'Connell, Deputy Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1779 as follows:

Ordinance #1779 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING CHAPTER 384, TREES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

Motion by Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1779 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1779

AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING CHAPTER 384, TREES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

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. Section II, Section III and Section V is hereby amended to add the following:

Section II

385-2 - Definitions

ADD:

Shade Tree Replacement Fund - means "Trust Other Fund - Dedicated Shade Tree Commission Escrow Account" and is the dedicated depository account of the Shade Tree Commission for tree permit fees, tree replacement fees, expert fees and cash landscape bonds.

Section III

385-3 - Tree Protection Permit Required

ADD:

c. All deposits from this section shall be deposited into the Shade Tree Replacement Fund.

Section V

385-5 - Fees

ADD:

C. All deposits from this section shall be deposited into the Shade Tree Replacement Fund.

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 affect 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.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego

Borough Clerk
Dated:

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

Judy O'Connell, Deputy Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1780 as follows:

Ordinance #1780 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1780 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1780

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE

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

SECTION II. The improvements are authorized as follows:

- a. The making of improvements to Borough grounds, for: the undertaking of (a) resurfacing of Howland Avenue from approximately 285 feet west of Kinderkamack Road to Bogert Road and (b) the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks, including, where necessary, curb and driveway apron construction and reconstruction, along and in front of the properties on such section of Howland Avenue as shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough.
- 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 Sandy Moscaritolo

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

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

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING -

Judy O'Connell, Deputy Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1777 as follows:

Ordinance #1777 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40:4-53

Ordinance #1777 was introduced by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Papaleo at the January 22, 2013 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1777

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 (Chapter 48, P.L. 1956 as amended by Chapter 144, P.L. 1965 and Chapter 38, P.L. 1969) the sum of \$3,000.00 is hereby appropriated for the

A. Preparation of a revision and codification of ordinances.

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

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

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

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1777

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

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

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1777

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

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1777

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to adopt Ordinance #1777.

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

Judy O'Connell, Deputy Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1777 as follows:

Ordinance #1778 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1741 CHAPTER 400, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE IV, SCHEDULES, 400-31 "SCHEDULE V: BUS STOPS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

Ordinance #1778 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by

Councilwoman Murphy at the January 22, 2013 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1778

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1741 CHAPTER 400, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,
ARTICLE IV, SCHEDULES, 400-31 "SCHEDULE V: BUS STOPS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

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

Section I: Schedule V: Bus Stops is hereby amended as follows:

B. Kinderkamack Road. Along Kinderkamack Road, southbound on the westerly
side thereof at:

Delete: Howland Avenue (near side), beginning at the southerly curb line of
Howland Avenue and extending 120 feet southerly therefrom.

Add: Howland Avenue (far side), beginning at the southerly curb line of
Howland Avenue and extending 160 feet southerly therefrom.

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.

Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, RMC
Borough Clerk
Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1778

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

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

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1778

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

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1778

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adopt
Ordinance #1778.

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

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #13-80 through #13-93.

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

#13-80 Cancellation of 4th Quarter 2012 Taxes - Block 1204, Lot 6

WHEREAS, 4th quarter 2012 taxes remain outstanding on the Borough of River Edge tax records; and

WHEREAS, the total 2012 taxes amount to \$15.05 as analyzed:

ASSESSED TO	PROPERTY LOCATION	BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT
Anthony J. Favorito	215 Mohawk Drive	1204	6	\$15.05

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the amount of \$15.05 from the tax records for the tax year 2012.

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#13-81 Enter Into Agreement with the Pascack Valley Cooperative Pricing System

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Westwood, hereafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2013, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System (#107-PVCPS) for the provision and performance of goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows, this resolution shall be known and cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of River Edge. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

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#13-82 Authorize Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. to Enter Into a Stipulation of Settlement with Newman-Kahn Realty, LLC, 788 Kinderkamack Road, Block 409, Lot 50

WHEREAS, Alan P. Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey will handle the litigation of Newman-Kahn Realty, LLC, for the premises located at 788 Kinderkamack Road, Block 409, Lot 50; 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 February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge hereby authorizes Alan Spiniello, Esq. to enter into a Stipulation of Settlement with an assessed value of \$250,000 for the calendar year 2011.

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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#13-83 Approval to Add Van Saun Drive to the 2011 Sanitary and Storm Water Sewer Improvement Program

WHEREAS, Capital Ordinance #1727 was adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge on April 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Section II A. of Ordinance #1727 allows the Mayor and Council by resolution to amend the list on file with the Borough Clerk as to any street to be improved; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has received a memorandum from the Borough Administrator requesting that Van Saun Drive be included as part of the 2011 Sanitary and Storm Water Sewer Program and therefore, would be allowed to be charged to the #1727 Capital Authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered this matter at their work session of February 4, 2013 and feel that it is in the best interest of the Borough of River Edge to include Van Saun Drive as part of the 2011 Sanitary and Storm Water Sewer Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby approve the inclusion of Van Sun Drive as part of the 2011 Sanitary and Storm Water Sewer Program.

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#13-84 Authorize Refund of Added Assessment 2012 Taxes Due to County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, the Tax Office has received an Added Assessment County Board Judgment for the year 2012 on the following property reducing the prorated assessed value from 6,700 to 5,500, which reduces the billed amount from \$206.89 to \$168.58 for 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 billed amount of \$206.89 has been paid.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>AA Refund</u>
908/36	Zhengrong & Jing J. Lu Kong 212 Beech Drive North River Edge, NJ 07661	2012	38.31

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#13-85 Tax Reimbursement Certification

WHEREAS, the Recycling Enhancement Act., P.L. 2007, Chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility; and

WHEREAS, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant

moneys received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that River Edge hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, Chapter 311, in 2012 in the amount of \$. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 705 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

Tax Reimbursement Certified by:

Name of Official:

Administrator/CFO
Title of Official:

Date:

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#13-86 Release of Data on the Closed Session

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered the release of the data and information of the below listed items at a work session dated January 28, 2013.

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

<u>Closed Session</u> <u>Docket #1</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>
07-9/17-1	Acquisition of Property-B 212, L 19.01	September 17, 2007
09-6/22-2	Acq. Of Land-Howland Ave. Traffic Light	June 15, 2009

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Councilwoman Murphy-asked for clarification on resolution #13-87. Alan Negreann-explained that this is an accounting or auditing standard which has been brought to our attention by the auditing firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins. They require that the Borough designate a vehicle of communication with the auditors. This resolution would designate the Chief Financial Officer as the representative of the Borough and the Finance Committee as the designated contact for the Governing Body.

#13-87 Designate Representatives for Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114

WHEREAS, the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts in December of 2006 has issued an update of Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (SAS 61) with the new Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114 (SAS 114) with regard to required communication with audit committees; and

WHEREAS, SAS 114 broadens the provisions of SAS 61 to apply to audits of financial statements to all entities not subject to the Sarbanes Oxley Act or the rules of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), including those without formal audit committees; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP and Certified Public Accountants and Registered Municipal Accountants to the Borough of River Edge has made a recommendation with regard to compliance with the auditing standard; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered this matter at their meeting of March 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator/Chief Financial Officer has made a recommendation that the position of Chief Financial Officer be designated as the Management Representative of the Borough of River Edge and that the Finance Committee of the Governing Body be designated as the point of contact for the auditor; and

WHEREAS, these designations do not relieve the Governing Body of their responsibilities with regard to the audit and financial statements of the Borough of River Edge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to improve communication between the Borough and its Auditor, the Governing Body does hereby designate the Chief Financial Officer's position as that of the Management Representative for the Borough and the Finance Committee as the designated contact for the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP.

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#13-88 Grant Raffle License to Cherry Hill School PTO

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an On Premise Tricky Tray Raffle to the Cherry Hill School PTO, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, New Jersey, 07661, License #635, I.D. 423-5-35890 to take place at Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road on March 23, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Clerk reporting all in order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control of the State of New Jersey.

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#13-89 Grant Raffle License to Cherry Hill School PTO

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an On Premise 50/50 Raffle to the Cherry Hill School PTO, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, New Jersey, 07661, License #636, I.D. 423-5-35890 to take place at Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road on March 23, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Clerk reporting all in order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control of the State of New Jersey.

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#13-90 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2012 Duplicate Tax Payment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate tax payment and/or tax overpayment for the 2012 taxes on the following property; 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 a check in the following amount and the Tax Collector to adjust her records accordingly.

Block/Lot	Name & Address	Tax Qtr.	Refund Amount
1207/37	Alberto and Merva Timen 171 Bogert Road River Edge, NJ 07661	4 th	1,970.08

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#13-91 Acknowledge Receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases - Sewer Break on Van Saun Drive

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has certified that an emergency condition exists in the Department of Public Works Buildings and Grounds Sanitary Sewer Break on Van Saun Drive; and

WHEREAS, the condition constitutes an emergency affecting the health, safety and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby confirm and acknowledge the receipt of the Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases for this emergency.

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#13-92 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money

WHEREAS, the following application has been made to the Planning Board for Site Plan approvals and has since received such approval; and

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following to:

Block/Lot	Name/Address	Amount
617/14	Yeong Fong Seng 606 Kinderkamack Road Application 2010-02	\$5,085.00

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#13-93 Approval to Waive the Police Outside Duty Fee for Herb Ouida, 591 Clarendon Court, River Edge, New Jersey

WHEREAS, Herb Ouida of 591 Clarendon Court, River Edge, New Jersey were assessed a Police Outside Duty fee of \$270.00 for an outside police duty to be present at a large tree removal project; and

WHEREAS, Herb Ouida made an appeal in writing to the Mayor and Council which was discussed at a work session held on January 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recommend that the \$270.00 be waived for the police outside duty services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \$270.00 fee for Police Outside Duty is waived and that the Police Department and the Chief Financial Officer are instructed to adjust their records accordingly and notify Herb Ouida of this action.

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Councilman Mignone read resolution #13-94 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #13-94.

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

#13-94 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	\$6,729,552.60
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 20,235.00
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 2,078.54
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 118.54
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 1,155.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that claims read and approved by the Governing Body at a Council meeting will be dated the day after the reading of those claims and will appear on the following bill list at the next public meeting of the Mayor and Council at which time claims would be paid.

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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

Colin Busted-597 Bogert Road-asked for an explanation on the proposed Howland Avenue curb and sidewalk project and also asked if it would affect traffic flow at Cherry Hill School.

Alan Negreann-explained that the work will be very similar to the work that has already taken place on Howland Avenue to the Paramus border which replaced curbs, sidewalks, aprons and resurfaced the roadway. He continued to say that Lieutenant Curran will be reaching out to the Board of Education at Cherry Hill School to inform them as to what will be taking place and when and make the appropriate arrangements to insure the safety of the school children.

Colin Busted-asked if there still will be the same number of lanes and also asked what the time frame will be.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that the number of lanes will stay the same.

Alan Negreann-stated that the reconstruction will start in several weeks away.

Mayor Moscaritolo-explained that the County will be reimbursing us for most of the money.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that she attended SCORE today and informed everyone that the nurse was there and saw 10 - 15 people in a private room to do blood pressure screenings and they look forward to seeing her there once a month. Councilwoman Murphy informed everyone that they are looking for help with activities and ideas on how to increase membership. She stated that Dr. Ouden also showed up and gave out information about county services that are available. Councilwoman Murphy announced that the Bantry Boys will be appearing at the Library on Sunday, March 10th.

Councilman Acquafredda-stated that he will be attending the Beautification Committee meeting this Thursday and anticipates further discussion on the Cherry Blossom Park project. He will provide a report at the Mayor and Council meeting. Councilman Cappola-stated that he also attended SCORE last week and he has arranged for a "night at the movies" which will be held next Monday in the afternoon.

Councilman Mignone-congratulated Joseph Herman and Tyler Aronoff on their appointments to the Fire Department. He also congratulated the Junior and Senior Webelos from Pack 95 who took third place in the Annual Klondike Derby and commended them for their hard work. He continued to say that the scouts are very active in town and commented how nice it is to see young people getting involved and volunteering at such a young age. He also informed everyone that Boy Scout Troop 184 is celebrating an anniversary this year and would like to see the Mayor and Council acknowledge them with a proclamation. Councilman Mignone acknowledged the retirement of Father Michael Gurman of St. Peters and thanked him for his 18 years of service to his parish and to the community.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that as the budget season starts winding down, he encourages the Governing Body to start thinking of ideas on what they want to accomplish this year, especially ideas on how to improve River Edge. He would like to utilize the Planner and Redevelopment Attorney that have been hired to take a look at the Kinderkamack Road corridor to see if changes need to be made to the master plan. He also feels that the emphasis should be bringing new businesses into town and hopes that they don't lose sight of their goals because it's the summer or election season. Councilman Bartelloni feels that it's important to stay consistent throughout the year.

Councilman Papaleo-also welcomed Joseph Herman and Tyler Aronoff to the Fire Department and commended the Fire Department for their commitment to the junior program. Councilman Papaleo also wished Father Gurman a happy retirement and thanked him for his many years of service. Councilman Papaleo was able to be involved in a conference call today with a group called "Save Our Schools". They are an organization who are looking for help in urging legislature to fund our schools fairly especially in the area of special education. They've found that this has a negative impact on municipal budgets especially because the school has to pick up the funding. He has reached out to Councilman Acquafredda with some of the information and suggested that the Governing Body may want to send a resolution requesting that they not underfund education because of the added burden to municipalities as well as the negative impact it has on our taxpayers.

Mayor Moscaritolo-thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening and also thanked Joseph Herman and Tyler Aronoff for volunteering for the Fire Department. The Mayor congratulated the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and commended the Boy and Girl Scout organizations for encouraging volunteerism and good citizenship at a young age. The Mayor informed everyone that he and the Council attended the River Edge Board of Education budget presentation and found it very informative.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:45 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Cappola to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: