

M I N U T E S
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, November 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Moscaritolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Public Safety Building.

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Moscaritolo called for a moment of silent prayer or reflection and asked Councilman Mignone to lead the salute to the flag.

MISSION STATEMENT & OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS -

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

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

In accordance with this act the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge have caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall and notices have been sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News. The mission of this governing body is to provide essential services through the establishment and implementation of public policy that will safeguard our infrastructure provide honest, courteous and professional services; and establish a sense of trust and accomplishment with our residents. Through research and prudent planning we seek to minimize risks while improving our services. We are sensitive to the needs of our taxpayers while realizing that this governing body cannot be all things to all people within the revenue constraints imposed by state mandates, economic conditions and prevailing attitudes about taxation.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded to Councilwoman Murphy to approve minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of October 20, 2014.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Moscaritolo presented a plaque to Chief Cariddi which read as follows:

AAA North Jersey
Outstanding Achievement
2014
River Edge
Presented by
AAA North Jersey
October 22, 2014
Community Traffic Safety Program

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Proclamation Declaring the Week of November 16 - 22, 2014 as New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Membership Week as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC was organized November 16, 1894 and has continued to exist as one of the largest and oldest nondenominational service organizations of volunteer women in the State of New Jersey, with more than 8,000 members in 226 local clubs; and

WHEREAS, members of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC have worked in their communities to assist in activities such as founding New Jersey College for Woman (Douglas College); Preserving the Palisades; Saving the New Jersey Highlands; supporting The Community Food Bank of New Jersey; providing annual funding for Special Olympics, Operation Smile, CARE, and UNICEF; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of River Edge, Inc., a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC is celebrating 83 years of service to this community through scholarships for our High School; as well as our Library, Police and Fire Departments, Ambulance Corp, Girl and Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC provides organizational structure and sponsored programming to enable women in their communities to have excellent resource materials in order to accomplish goals through volunteer service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge and on behalf of the Council do proclaim

The Week of November 16 - 22, 2014

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs

MEMBERSHIP WEEK

in recognition of the many hours of service to this community and o

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Dated: November 3, 2014

Marge Garafalo accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Women's Club.

Mayor Moscaritolo read the Certificate of Recognition to Celebrate Clara Stoll's 100th Birthday as follows:

Certificate of Recognition

CLARA STOLL

Member & Past President of the Woman's Club
of River Edge Since 1959

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge congratulate you on your 100th birthday, an important milestone in your life. We wish you all the happiness and continued good health, allowing you to continue all your daily activities, including your weekly game of canasta. We join your family and friends to congratulate you on this special occasion.

Date: November 3, 2014

Sandy Moscaritolo, Mayor

and Council

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

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

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

Paolo Cilia-685 Fifth Avenue-made reference to resolution #14-406 and asked who decides how the money is invested and is it possible to invest in something that would earn more interest.

Alan Negreann-explained that the State of New Jersey does have a listing of permitted investments and yes, we can buy certificates of deposit, treasury notes and bills and other types of paper but this particular fund has a great deal of liquidity to it which we require. He continued to say that we still have cash flow issues and as you know the surplus at the end of the year was a little over \$2,000,000 in which we used about \$425,000 in the budget this year, leaving about \$1,600,000. He's done cash flow analyses for the Council's going back several years which indicated that we need about \$3,000,000 in order to be fairly liquid and pay all of our bills on time. Mr. Negreann stated that we require a great deal of liquidity to make sure we can pay our bills on a timely basis. He stated that tonight for instance, we're paying over \$7,500,000 to the schools, county and other vendors, so to tie up the cash for a longer period of time means that we may have issues on paying our bills on a timely basis. We do what we can to try and get our money into something that is very liquid such as this cash management fund which is run by the State of New Jersey. Paolo Cilia-feels that \$3,000,000 seems like an exorbitant amount to pay out and would suggest looking into something that pays higher dividends.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to close meeting to the public on any issue on the agenda.

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the hire of Brenton Prisorf, as a Patrol Officer in the Police Department at an annual salary of \$29,183.00, with a two-year probationary period, effective November 3, 2014.

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

Mayor Moscaritolo-administered the Oath of Office to Brenton Prisendorf.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the appointment of Richard Berry to Chair the Annual Memorial 9/11 Service at the 9/11 Monument at Borough Hall, November 4, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the salary increase of Arthur DeRosa, Code Enforcement Officer from a Step I hourly rate of \$23.29 to Step II-\$24.57, effective November 21, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the salary increase of Anthe Siafflas, Deputy Registrar from a Step II hourly rate of \$20.74 to Step III - \$21.83 effective October 5, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the satisfactory completion of a six-month probationary period for Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk, effective October 28, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the hire of Jason DeCarlo, 41 Gunther Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey as a Laborer II in the Department of Public Works at an annual B scale salary of \$28,653.00, with a six month probationary period, effective November 4, 2014.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the change in position of Thomas Schick to Equipment Operator I, Appendix A, Step V at an annual salary of \$70,518.00, effective November 4, 2014.

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

Mayor Moscaritolo-publically acknowledged the people in the audience: New Milford Councilman Dominic Colucci, Judge Keith Bachmann and Mayor Ann Subrizi.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Notice - River Edge Board of Education-10/20/14.
Re: Meeting Notice - 10/22/14
Letter - State of New Jersey, DEP - 10/22/14
Re: Suspected Hazardous Substance
Discharge Notification-40 Elizabeth

Notice - R. E. Zoning Board Hearing- 10/27/14
Re: 186 Monroe Avenue
Letter - Board of Chosen Freeholders-10/17/14
Re: Adopted Ordinances #14-30, #14-31, #14-32,
#14-33

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Beautification Committee - October 2014

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING

Judy O'Connell, Deputy Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1816 into the record.

Ordinance #1816 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4A AND 4B OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1731) ENTITLED: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$205,000 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," ADOPTED MAY 16, 2011.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1816 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1816

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4A AND 4B OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1731) ENTITLED: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$205,000 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," ADOPTED MAY 16, 2011.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1731 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$205,000 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"

adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") on May 16, 2014 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to (A) (i) increase the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.A. from \$135,000 to \$195,000 (an increase of \$60,000); (ii) increase the down payment appropriated in Section 4.A. from \$6,800 to \$9,800 (an increase of \$3,000); and (iii) increase the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.A. from \$128,200 to \$185,200 (an increase of \$57,000); and (B) (i) decrease the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.B. from \$60,000 to \$-0- (a decrease of \$60,000); (ii) decrease the down payment appropriated in Section 4.B. from \$3,000 to \$-0- (a decrease of \$3,000); and (iii) decrease the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.B. from \$57,000 to \$-0- (a decrease of \$57,000); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"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 roof at the Public Library.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$195,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 9,800
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$185,200
Period of Usefulness	15 years
B. Undertaking of environmental remediation at Bogert Road Pocket Park.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ -0-
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ -0-
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ -0-
Period of Usefulness	15 years
C. 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	\$ 10,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 9,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$205,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,300
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$194,700"

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

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

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

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

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING - NONE

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #14-406 through #14-410.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and

Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#14-406 Report Investments Pursuant to the Cash Management Plan

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

Months of August, September and October, 2014.

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Earned Income</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>
N.J. Cash Management Fund	\$750,000.00	CMF	\$750,000.00	\$113.10	\$750,113.10	.06

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#14-407 Approve the Appointment of a Representative to the Open Space Trust Regional Committee

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:8A-1 et seq. to participate in the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that one Municipal Representative be appointed by the Governing Body of the community to be part of the Open Space Trust Regional Committee for the term of one year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing body of the Borough of River Edge hereby appoints Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo as its representative to participate on the Open Space Trust Regional Committee.

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#14-408 Acknowledge Receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases - Repair of Tub Grinder

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works and Borough Engineer have certified that an emergency condition exists in the Department of Public Works for the emergency of the tub grinder at an estimated cost of \$8,000.00; and

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

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

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Councilman Acquafredda-stated that although this resolution has a zero value it still needs to be called a change order even though it does not imply a change in value that would cost the Borough money.

#14-409 Change Order Approval and Amendatory Contract for the HVAC

Replacement at Borough Hall to Falak Construction, Inc., 836 Ridgewood Avenue, North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge awarded a contract to Falak Construction, Inc. on June 16, 2014 via resolution #14-250; and

WHEREAS Change Order #1 reflects an increase of \$3,000.00 for extra work performed for interior concrete walls core drilling and pipe covers and a decrease of (\$3,000.00) for exterior equipment concrete pads resulting in a zero increase in the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Mechanical Engineer and Borough Attorney have recommended the above change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge shall enter into a written amendatory contract with Falak Construction, Inc., Change Order #1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exact form of this amendatory contract shall be at the discretion of the Borough Attorney and the Mayor and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute said contract, and Change Order #1.

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#14-410 Transfer of Funds -

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 49:4-59 permits the transfer of appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year from accounts showing unexpended balances to accounts in which commitments may exceed the original budgeted appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be authorized:

FROM: BUS S/W	27-3311-011	\$1,415.00
TO: GARBAGE & TRASH REML	26-3050-100	\$1,415.00
FROM: BUS S/W	27-3311-011	\$ 250.00
TO: OTHER CODE ENF. O/E	22-2002-100	\$ 250.00
FROM: BUS S/W	27-3311-011	\$1,050.00
TO: PUBLIC INFORMATION O/E	20-1012-128	\$1,050.00
FROM: BUS S/W	27-3311-011	\$1,000.00
FROM: ZONING BD O/E	21-1852-169	\$1,000.00
TO: PUBLIC EMPL RETIRE SYS	36-4712-100	\$2,000.00
FROM: BUS S/W	27-3311-011	\$ 285.00
FROM: PLANNING BD O/E	21-1802-028	\$ 265.00
TO: MAINT PUB LIB TEL	31-4403-076	\$ 550.00

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Councilman Mignone read resolution #14-411 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #14-411.

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

#14-411 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	\$7,673,257.61
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 108,227.99
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 3,075.81
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 33,140.63
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 860.00
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 916.67

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 Cappola, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Acquafredda and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Paola Cilia-asked what the additional cost of \$60,000 for the Library roof represents?

Alan Negreann-explained that because the bid was higher than expected, some of the money will cover the cost of the award of the bid and the additional money is there in case there is a need for a roof replacement or asbestos testing that needs to be done. These funds are contingent and not necessarily part of the original bid and award.

Paola Cilia-stated that because we accept the lowest bid, if there are additional costs, does the vendor get penalized or does the Borough just take a loss? He asked why an examination inspection wasn't done prior to the bid specs being drawn up to figure out if there was asbestos there so it could have been properly priced?

Alan Negreann-explained that the Local Public Contracts Laws requires that we make an award to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and in this instance, we went with the low bidder as long as they were responsible and responsive. The Local Public Contracts Law also allows for change orders under certain circumstances for unforeseen events or things that could not be predicted at the time when specifications were drawn and the award was made.

Paolo Cilia-asked if we knew there was asbestos before the plans were made?

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that Peter Pulice, our architectural expert, had indicated that based upon the age of the building, there may be asbestos. We wanted to budget enough money, in case we discover asbestos during the roof repair job, to remediate it.

Paolo Cilia-asked how and who came up with the \$60,000 assessment amount?

Mayor Moscaritolo-replied that it was based upon what Mr. Pulice has told

us.

Councilman Mignone-explained that we rely on professional estimates for project costs and sometimes they come in on the money and sometimes they're within 10%. He continued to say that he gave us a budget number and once we received the bids, they were a little higher than what was budgeted so that's why we have to allocate the extra money.

Paola Cilia-stated that he noticed the same thing with the HVAC project. Councilman Mignone-stated that Councilman Acquafredda just explained that it was a zero increase change order with no extra costs to the Borough.

Councilman Acquafredda-stated that he went through the effort to explain resolution #14-409 because people see the word change order and automatically assume that it's an increase.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that although many change orders go up, he has seen some go down.

Councilman Acquafredda-explained that even if there is a change in the schedule, you still have to issue a change order.

Beth Higgins-696 Center Avenue-stated that she wrote a letter to the Mayor and Council requesting a handicapped parking spot in front of her home as well as a waiver for construction fees. She received a letter from Alan Negreann stating that he would ask the Traffic & Safety Committee to discuss the topic of the handicapped spot.

Alan Negreann-suggested that the request for the handicapped spot be referred to the Traffic & Safety Committee which the Police Chief is a part of. They would make a recommendation back to the full Mayor and Council whether that change should be made. He continued to say that with regard to the waiver of construction fees, we haven't received a recommendation from the Construction Department. We have in the past, received requests for a waiver of building fees from various homeowners which have been denied because of the precedent that it sets going forward.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he and Councilwoman Busted are members of the Traffic & Safety Committee and asked Ms. Higgins to explain the reason for her request for the handicapped spot.

Beth Higgins-stated that Center Avenue is very busy and very narrow and parking is very limited. Ms. Higgins explained that her mother had a stroke and it would be a lot easier to get her out of a wheel chair into the car if there was a designated spot.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if she has applied for the handicapped placard through Motor Vehicle?

Beth Higgins-replied yes, she has the placard already.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked how many handicapped parking spots do we have?

Alan Negreann-stated that he only knows of one that has been granted in the past and that was on Green Street.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that the Police Department doesn't favor them because they're hard to enforce. He continued to say that if her Mom stayed with her for a while and then moved to an assisted living facility, the Police Department would not know unless she notified them.

Beth Higgins-stated that if that was the case, she would notify the Police Department.

Councilwoman Murphy-agrees that Center Avenue is a very congested and is used heavily by commuters and motorists from Yeshiva.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Murphy-encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow and stated that there is a volunteer who has offered to drive anyone that needs a ride to the polls. Councilwoman Murphy suggested that if anyone is interested or knows someone who needs a ride to contact her.

Councilwoman Busted-also encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote tomorrow.

Councilman Papaleo-thanked Bobbi Conway for putting together another great Halloween Parade.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:45 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: