

M I N U T E S
Sine Die Meeting of the Mayor and Council
December 27, 2010
7:13 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

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

STATEMENT -

Mayor Watkins read the statement under the Sunshine Law and asked the Clerk to put it into the minutes. "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 24, 2010 to THE RECORD and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk".

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of December 20, 2010.

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

PROCLAMATION & AWARDS -

Mayor Watkins presented a plaque to Councilwoman Walker which read as follows:

WENDY WALKER
COUNCILWOMAN 2008 - 2010

IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
DEDICATED AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION
AND DESIRE TO SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS
OF ALL BOROUGH RESIDENTS

MAYOR MARGARET FALAHEE WATKINS
AND
COUNCIL
2010

Mayor Watkins presented a plaque to Councilman Smith which read as follows:

PRESENTED TO
TOM SMITH
COUNCILMAN 1996 - 2010
COUNCIL PRESIDENT 2002, 2003, 2004, 2010

FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND HARD WORK
UNQUESTIONABLE INTEGRITY AND
DESIRE TO SERVE IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF ALL BOROUGH RESIDENTS

GIVEN IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION
FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE

~~MAYOR MARGARET FALAHEE WATKINS~~
AND
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APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES - NONE

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter - Board of Chosen Freeholders
Re: Ordinances Passed

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Planning Board - October 21, 2010
Zoning Board of Adjustment - November 10, 2010
Library Board - November 2010

ORDINANCES - 1st Reading - NONE

ORDINANCES - 2nd Reading - NONE

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve resolution #10-450 through #10-455.

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

#10-450 Establish Accounts Payable

WHEREAS, there exists various encumbrances on the books of the Current Fund for the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding orders will lapse from the appropriation reserves unless established by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge as an accounts payable; and

WHEREAS, the various purchase orders and contracts creating these accounts payable have been investigated by the Chief Financial Officer and it has been determined that these should be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following accounts payable in the below listed amounts be and are hereby established on the balance sheet of the Borough of River Edge Current Fund.

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

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
21195	Northwest Bergen	\$ 460.00	Interlocal Agree./911 Services
21201	Robert Costa	\$3,635.00	Design Spill Control Measures
21405	Mason-Helmstetter Assoc.	\$1,000.00	Construct Traffic Lt./Kinder/Howland
21645	A. Nelessen Associates	\$4,836.50	Prof. Svcs for Bl 1413/L 1,2,01,4 & 5
21970	Valley Health Med. Group	\$ 375.00	Drug Testing
22058	Gainsborough Co-op Corp.	\$1,614.02	Reimbursement of Garbage Services
22379	Francis Campbell, Esq.	\$5,440.00	Oradell Petition to Commiss. of Educ.
22556	Moore Medical, LLC	\$ 78.72	Medical Supplies
22656	Real Time Consultants, Inc.	\$ 22.51	Convert Boro Computers to Opt on Line
22749	William Lindsley, Esq.	\$1,078.65	Legal Services
22811	Continental Gardens	\$4,130.39	Balance Due 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Qtr 2009
22884	Page Consultants Inc.	\$ 340.00	Traffic Pedestrian Study
22908	Galls, Inc.	\$ 59.98	Rain Suits
22912	Cross Match Technologies	\$ 800.00	Repair Fingerprint Machine

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#10-451 Cancel Unexpended Appropriations

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its books and records unexpended appropriations; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the following unexpended balances of the Current Fund of the 2010 Budget will not be required.

D) Municipal Debt Service

Interest on Bonds (45-9302)	\$1,037.24
Principal on Loan (45-9442)	\$5,170.51
Interest on Loan (45-9452)	\$6,169.57

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned unexpended balances be and are hereby ordered cancelled.

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

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#10-452 Refund of Excess Collection from Trust Other Fund-Municipal Public Defender

WHEREAS, the Public Laws of 1998, Chapter 256, require that if the amount of money in a dedicated fund established pursuant to the law exceed by more than 25, the amount which the municipality expended during the prior year providing the services of a Municipal Public Defender, then the excess amount shall be forwarded to the Criminal Disposition and Review Collection Fund administered by the Victims of Crime Compensation Board; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge in the year 2010 expended \$1,500 on the services of the Municipal Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, 25% of this amount equals \$375.00, the total of which equals \$1,875; and

WHEREAS, the balance in the Trust Other - Municipal Public Defender Fund on December 31, 2010 equals \$2,139.50.

WHEREAS, the Trust Other - Municipal Public Defender Fund exceeds the amount expended plus 25% by \$264.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby authorized the Accounts Supervisor to issue a check in the amount of \$264.50 payable to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board and forward to the Criminal Disposition and Review Collection Fund at P.O. Box 004, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625.

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

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#10-453 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 May, June, July, August, September and October 2010

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Earned Income</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>
N.J. Cash Management Fund	\$2,000,000.00	CMF	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,767.65	\$2,001,767.65	.23

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#10-454 Cancel Unexpended Appropriations

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its books and records unexpended appropriations; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the following unexpended balances of the Current Fund of the 2010 Budget will not be required.

8. General Appropriations

(A) Operations - Within "CAPS"

NJPDES Stormwater Permit	
Municipal Clerk	
Other Expenses (20-5104-100)	\$ 450.00
General Administration	
Other Expenses (20-5102-100)	\$ 90.00
Public Information	
Other Expenses (20-5106-100)	\$ 412.87

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned unexpended balances be and are hereby ordered cancelled.

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

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#10-455 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: Legal Services	20-1552-179	\$5,500.00
TO: Garbage & Trash Apts.	26-3053-100	\$5,500.00
FROM: Municipal Pros. O/E	25-2752-100	\$ 500.00
FROM: Public Defender O/E	43-4952-100	\$1,500.00
FROM: General Admin. O/E	20-1002-028	\$3,000.00
TO: Animal Welfare O/D	27-3402-100	\$5,000.00
FROM: Sanitation Landfill	32-4652-124	\$8,000.00
TO: Police Dept.	25-2401-014	\$8,000.00
FROM: Sanitation Landfill	32-4652-124	\$15,000.00
TO: Police Dept.	25-2401-011	\$15,000.00
FROM: Sanitation Landfill	32-4652-124	\$ 5,000.00
TO: Police Dept.	25-2401-003	\$ 5,000.00

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#10-456 Payment of Bills

Councilman Smith read resolution #10-456 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve resolution #10-456.

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

#10-456 Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, vouchers for the payment of goods and services rendered to the Borough of River Edge have been received; and

WHEREAS, each bill has been checked by the receiving department, approved by the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk and reviewed by the three members of the Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that bills as listed now be confirmed for payment from the appropriate funds as follows:

CURRENT ACCOUNT TOTAL	\$184,023.66
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 2,800.00
RECREATION COMMISSION	\$ 1,184.25
TRUST ACCOUNT	\$ 3.52
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 26,889.33
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 81.00

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 Walker, seconded by Councilman Cannon to open hearing of the public.

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

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Walker-wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Councilwoman Walker thanked the Borough employees for doing a fabulous job under one of the most stressful budget environments that we've ever had. She continued by stating that this year was extremely difficult for the employees with furloughs and all, and again thanked them for continuing to keep the town going. She thanked the DPW for doing an excellent job snow plowing and keeping our roads safe and clear. Councilwoman Walker hopes that the economy improves and the budget gets easier and again thanked each employee for the financial sacrifice that they made last year and for continuing to do their jobs in a professional manner. She stated that in the past, she has been on several committees and commissions and feels that the Pocket Park has been a divisive issue. She continued by saying that even though it was a divisive piece of political fodder, she still feels that it is the right thing for the town. Ten years from now when there is a beautiful park sitting between the church and the school, no one will be remembering any Council persons names, they will just be enjoying a park. She continued by saying that open space is very important to the people of our town and hopes that the Council going forward, will do the right thing by developing it and allow our volunteers to continue to be involved.

Councilman Porco-wished Tom and Wendy the best of luck in the future. He stated that although they didn't always agree, he acknowledges that being on the Council is not an easy job and thanked them for their commitment over the years.

Councilman Smith-reported that he was at the DPW on Friday and that they spent the afternoon preparing the vehicles for the storm so that there wouldn't be a delay when the storm hit. He further stated that at no point during the storm were the roads impassable and commended the DPW for their efforts in keeping the roads clear for our residents and emergency services. Councilman Smith has been the DPW liaison multiple times over the years and stated that they've always been an excellent group to work with and are always looking to do what's best for the community. He feels that the Borough should be very proud of the DPW because as many people will tell you, other towns do not clear their roads as quickly as River Edge. Councilman Smith also stated that at the same time, the Volunteer Fire Department members were in the fire houses early Sunday morning to make sure all vehicles were ready and operational before the storm. He further stated that many didn't leave their firehouses until the storm was over. He continued by saying that the Fire Department and Ambulance service had gone out on several calls during the storm and like so many of our volunteer groups, really make a significant difference in our town. He stated that the Borough employees have been wonderful to him over the past fifteen years and specifically thanked Alan,

Grace the previous Clerk, and Denise for always being professional and available to him. Councilman Smith stated that having been in a management position in Xerox for many years, the level of respect and professionalism was equal to or better than anything you would see on the outside and thanked them for that. He continued to say that he and the Mayor have been here the longest and acknowledged that although they didn't always agree on things, they always got along. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the plaque and is very grateful for his time with the Borough and feels proud that he was able to accomplish many positive things for the community. He stated that as an elected official the focus should always be about the community. One of the driving forces for him was that his entire family was in River Edge and he wanted the town to be the best in all aspects whether it be our underground systems, ball fields, parks, Police, Fire, Ambulance, DPW, etc. Councilman Smith stated that he has no regrets and hopes that people feel that he did the best for the community and will continue to be a member of the Fire Department and keep himself informed. He doesn't envy the new Council in the budget process this year but hopes that their decisions will be right for the community and encouraged them to work together. He again thanked everyone in the Borough.

Councilman Cannon-wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked Wendy for the passion and knowledge that she's demonstrated over the past few years and appreciates having the opportunity to work together. Councilman Cannon stated that he doesn't know if people really understand the depth of what Tom has given to the town over the years. He thanked him for the countless hours he's put in and hopes that he will continue to stay involved.

Councilman Cordts-thanked Wendy for her service and is glad he had a chance to work with her. He also commended Tom for his many years of service and thanked him for always having a level head and for his contribution to the town. He wished them both the best of luck in the future.

Mayor Watkins-thanked Wendy for her hard work and dedication and stated that they didn't always agree on things but it doesn't take away the fact that she always had the best interest of the town at heart. The Mayor also thanked Tom for his many years of service and appreciates the fact that they've always able to work together whether they agreed or disagreed. The Mayor stated that she will miss him and is sure that the DPW will also miss him. The Mayor stated that she feels much of Tom's success over the years was due to his wife Penny's support and she thanked her for that. The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Healthy and Blessed New Year.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:35 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: