

M I N U T E S
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, March 15, 2010
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

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

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

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

STATEMENT -

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session meeting of March 1, 2010.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council regular meeting of March 1, 2010.

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

PROCLAMATION & AWARDS - NONE

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Walker to approve the retirement of Michael Marion, General Foreperson, Department of Public Works, effective April 1, 2010.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman Smith to change the wording of the below Library employees to read as "to approve the recommendation of the Library Board by the Mayor and Council".

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

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the recommendation of the Library Board for the change in employment status for Maureen Sherger, Circulation Assistant in the River Edge Public Library, from full time to part-time, 20 hours per week, effective March 30, 2010.

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

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the recommendation of the Library Board for the change in employment status for Patricia Cali, Technical Services in the River Edge Public Library, from full time to part-time, 20 hours per week, effective March 31, 2010.

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

Motion by Councilman Cordts seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the recommendation of the Library Board for the change in employment status for Grace Ruiz, Clerical in the River Edge Public Library, from full time to part-time, 20 hours per week, effective March 31, 2010.

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

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the recommendation of the Library Board for the change in employment status for Margaret Churley, Adult Services/Ref in the River Edge Public Library, from

full time to part-time 10 hours per week, effective March 30, 2010.

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

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the recommendation of the Library Board for the reduction in hours for Jennifer Kelemen, Technical Services in the River Edge Public Library, from 16 hours per week to 10 hours per week, effective March 31, 2010.

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

CORRESPONDENCE -

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 3/1/10
Re: Meeting on March 1, 2010

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 3/1/10
Re: Meeting on March 3, 2010

Letter - Cablevision - 3/1/10
Re: Launch of ARTiO International

Letter - Susan Scavone, Millennium Strategies-3/1/10
Re: February 2010 Report

Letter - Bergen County JIF - 3/3/10
Re: Change to 2009 Safety Incentive Program

Letter - Cablevision - 3/3/10
Re: Potential Programming Change - WABC-TV
& WPVI-TV

Letter - Cablevision - 3/4/10
Re: Tariffs

Letter - Cablevision - 3/9/10
RE: Temporary Program changes

Notice - BCUA - 3/5/10
RE: Public Hearing Computation of Connection Fees

Notice - NJ Transit - 3/8/10
RE: Proposed changes to Bus, Rail, Light Rail
Access Link & Bus Contract

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 3/8/10
RE: Meeting 3/10/10

Letter - Donald W. Huggett, 283 Voorhis Ave. -3/9/10
RE: Thanks to DPW for snow removal

Letter - Cablevision - 3/11/10
Re: Change Moves in NJ

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Code Enforcement	-	February 2010
Library	-	February 2010
Building Department	-	February 2010
Tax Department	-	January 2010

ORDINANCES - 1ST Reading

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1692 as follows:

Ordinance #1692- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH GROUNDS

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1692 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1692

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH GROUNDS

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

SECTION I. The purchase of equipment for and improvements desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as improvements and purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment and the making of said improvements, there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$20,000.00 of which \$20,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund Balance.

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

- a. Repairs and improvements to Borough grounds, including but not limited to the relocation of the Recreation Office and energy efficient lighting for Borough Hall, Public Safety Building, Firehouse Co. #1 & #2, the Department of Public Works and the

Library.

- b. Purchase of equipment for the Department(s) of: Borough Clerk including but not limited to computer software, Police including but not limited to body armor, radio replacement and traffic signs, Fire and Public Works.
- c. Other Expenses, including but not limited to architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expense and other expenses to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

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

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

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

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

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1693 as follows:

Ordinance #1693 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 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 \$510,000 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.

Councilman Porco-asked why we are having a first reading on this ordinance because they may have to re-visit some of these items since the budget is not complete.

Alan Negreann-explained that the Council has decided on the capital program for this year and the down payment money has been placed in the temporary budget and is available for these items. He further explained that this is the introduction and there will be a hearing on the ordinance and if the Council wants to table the ordinance at the second reading before the adoption they could do that. He stated that traditionally, once the Council makes the decision on capital they try to move it along because there is lead time in getting the financing in place and then placing the orders for the various pieces of equipment.

Councilman Porco-was under the impression that once they went over salaries and wages that they would re-visit some of these items.

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1693 as follows:

ORDINANCE #1693

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 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 \$510,000 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 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. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a copier for the use of the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 12,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 11,400
Period of Usefulness	5 years

B. Installation of smoke detector upgrades at various public buildings.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 14,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 700
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 13,300
Period of Usefulness	5 years

C. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") consisting of (i) a dump truck and (ii) a small utility vehicle.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$229,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,450
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$217,550
Period of Usefulness	5 years

D. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a chipper for the use of the DPW.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) turnout gear, (ii) gas meters and (iii) air packs. Depending upon contract prices and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval of the Borough Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the preceding list.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 38,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,900
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 36,100
Period of Usefulness	5 years

F. Undertaking the 2010 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	\$159,800
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 8,490
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$151,310
Period of Usefulness	10 years

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

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 7,200
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 360
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 6,840
Period of Usefulness	7 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$510,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 26,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$484,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$10,000 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 \$26,000, 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 \$26,000 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 \$484,000 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 \$484,000 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 7.57 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 \$484,000 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.

Margaret Falahee Watkins

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

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

ORDINANCES - 2nd Reading - NONE

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilwoman Rush to approve resolution #10-115 through #10-125 and #10-127 through #10-129.

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

#10-115 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 March 15, 2010 meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
10-3/15-1	Personnel - Non Contractual Salaries & Wages	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)
10-3/15-2	Cell Tower Lease Agreement	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(5)

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.

March 15, 2010

#10-116 Resolution to Authorize the Submission of the New Jersey Environmental Commission (ANJEC) Smart Growth Planning Grant

WHEREAS, The Association of New Jersey's Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is offering a grant opportunity for the purpose of funding new and innovative projects that will lead to a more sustainable use of natural resources or help to establish the land use patterns envisioned in the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is applying for this grant for the

planning and design of the Bogert Road Pocket Park.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge have determined that the Borough should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned New Jersey Environmental Commission (ANJEC) Smart Growth Planning grant.

March 15, 2010

#10-117 Transfer of Funds in the Budget Appropriation Reserve

WHEREAS, various 2009 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by a purchase order number and/or recorded at the time of transfer between the 2009 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2009; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months on the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the transfer in the amount of \$1,400.00 be made between the 2009 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

FROM: Public Works Repair	26-2901-011	\$1,400.00
TO: Buildings & Grounds	26-3102-166	\$1,400.00

March 15, 2010

#10-118 Award Bid for Stream Stabilization Project at Veterans Memorial Park

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2010 twelve (12) sealed bids were received for the Stream Stabilization Project at Veterans Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid including Alternate #1 was received from ConQuest Industries, 32 Woodland Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey 07675 in the amount of \$61,805.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid has been reviewed by the Borough Administrator, Environmental Resolutions and the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the amount of \$21,805.00 from Account #09-105 MOE of the Municipal Open Space Fund and \$40,000.00 from Account #04-2150-55-1629-200 of the Capital Fund in a total amount not to exceed \$61,805.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid is hereby awarded to ConQuest Industries, 32 Woodland Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey 07675 in the amount of \$61,805.00 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

March 15, 2010

#10-119 Enter Into Agreement with Environmental Resolutions, Inc., 525 Fellowship Road, Suite 300, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054-3415 as Clerk of the Works for the Stream Stabilization Project at Veteran's Memorial Park

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to the construction management services for the Stream Stabilization project at Veterans Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual aggregate value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #09-105 MOE of the Municipal Open Space Fund not to exceed \$8,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

WHEREAS, Environmental Resolutions has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Environmental Resolutions has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Environmental Resolutions from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Environmental Resolutions; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

March 15, 2010

#10-120 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public on March 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-12, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain enumerated circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

1. That the public shall be excluded from the March 22, 2010 meeting at 7:00 p.m. and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session</u> <u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
10-3/22-1	Personnel-Non Contractual Salaries & Wages	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)

2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public within a reasonable time, the substance of which will be released after the Mayor and Council or the specific authorized public body has reviewed and specifically accepted the data.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

March 15, 2010

#10-121 Cancel Unexpended and Dedicated Balances

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Fund Balance and unused debt authorized may be canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Appropriation be canceled:

<u>ORDINANCE</u>	<u>UNFUNDED DEFERRED CHARGES</u>	<u>CAPITAL FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>
1591		\$6,235.00	

March 15, 2010

#10-122 Authorize Cancellation of Accounts Payable

WHEREAS, there exists various accounts payable on the books of the Current Fund; and

WHEREAS, the various purchase orders and contracts creating these accounts payable have been investigated and it has been determined that these should be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following accounts payable in the following amounts are hereby cancelled.

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
14297	Burgis Associates	\$2,044.44	Redevelopment
16794	Mason Helmstetter	\$1,750.00	Appraisal Compost Site
16459	Atlantic Cleaning	\$ 585.00	Clean DPW Building
16685	Landscaper Supply	\$ 349.99	Rotary Blade 2006
17833	Delford Flowers	\$ 13.00	Invoice #04895611
20917	PMK Group	\$ 300.00	PMK Plan

March 15, 2010

#10-123 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2010 Duplicate Tax Payments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate tax payment for the 1st quarter 2010 on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, written requests were received from the homeowners or their mortgage company to refund the overpaid amounts directly to the homeowners.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
310/8	Michael & Linda Nasissi 729 Fifth Avenue	\$ 46.40
615/7	Jose & Candida Arguelles 592 Bogert Road	\$ 526.25
707/21	Phil Whang 216 Kensington Rd.	\$2,461.54
1103/58	Diane Lanzone 70 Eastbrook Dr.	\$4,552.50
1209/44	Vito & Maria Acquafredda 166 Reservoir Ave.	\$2,750.92

March 15, 2010

#10-124 Emergency Temporary Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that (where any contract, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2010 budget) temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolution adopted in the year 2010 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$750,915.33.

WHEREAS, the line items and appropriation amounts listed below have been included in the budget as approved on introduction and will be included in the budget as finally adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S. 40:4-2:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION - 2010

<u>General Appropriation</u>	<u>Operations Within CAPS</u>	<u>Operations Excluded CAPS</u>
General Administration		

Other Expenses 20-1002	\$	2,000.00	
Mayor & Council			
Salaries & Wages 20-1101	\$	5,000.00	
Other Expenses 20-1102	\$	1,000.00	
Municipal Clerk			
Salaries & Wages 20-1201	\$	20,500.00	
Other Expenses 20-1202	\$	3,000.00	
Insurance			
Group Insurance 23-2202	\$	50,000.00	
Tax Assessment Administration			
Salaries & Wages 20-1501	\$	1,000.00	
Other Expenses 20-1502	\$	2,000.00	
Revenue Administration			
Salaries & Wages 20-1451	\$	6,000.00	
Other Expenses 20-1452	\$	1,000.00	
Financial Administration			
Salaries & Wages 20-1301	\$	50,000.00	
Other Expenses 20-1302	\$	9,000.00	
Planning Board			
Salaries & Wages 21-1801	\$	2,000.00	
Engineering Services			
Other Expenses 20-1652	\$	45,000.00	
Legal Services			
Other Expenses 20-1552	\$	25,000.00	
Public Buildings & Grounds			
Salaries & Wages 26-3101	\$	1,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance			
Salaries & Wages 26-3151	\$	18,000.00	
Other Expenses 26-3152	\$	8,000.00	
Construction Official			
Salaries & Wages 22-1951	\$	3,000.00	
Other Expenses 22-1952	\$	500.00	
Other Code Enforcement			
Salaries & Wages 22-2001	\$	2,000.00	
Other Expenses 22-2002	\$	100.00	
Uniform Fire Safety			
Salaries & Wages 25-2651	\$	6,400.00	
Other Expenses 25-2652	\$	200.00	
Police			
Other Expenses 25-2402	\$	10,000.00	
Public Works			
Repair & Maintenance			
Other Expenses 26-2902	\$	35,000.00	
Sewer System			
Salaries & Wages 31-4551	\$	1,000.00	
Bergen County Utilities Authority			\$40,000.00
Other Expenses 31-4552			
Public Health Services			
Other Expenses 27-3302	\$	4,000.00	
Recycling			
Salaries & Wages 26-3051	\$	45,000.00	
Recreation Commission			
Salaries & Wages 28-3701	\$	5,000.00	
Maintenance of Parks			
Salaries & Wages 28-3751-011	\$	16,000.00	
Other Expenses 28-3752-179	\$	1,000.00	
Maintenance of Free Public Library			
Salaries & Wages 29-3901			\$ 35,000.00
Other Expenses 29-3902			\$ 10,000.00
Utilities			
Petroleum 31-4472	\$	25,000.00	
Electricity 31-4482	\$	25,000.00	
Municipal Court			
Salaries & Wages 43-4901	\$	14,500.00	

Other Expenses 43-4902	\$	1,000.00	
Social Security System			
Other Expenses 36-4722	\$	36,500.00	
Police Communications			
Other Expenses 25-2502			\$ 5,000.00
Audit Services			
Other Expenses 20-1352	\$	23,350.00	
Bus			
Salaries & Wages 27-3311-011	\$	9,000.00	
Maintenance/Public Library			
Electric 31-4302-174			\$ 2,100.00
Water 31-4453-177			\$ 400.00
Telephone 31-4403-076			\$ 100.00
Gas 31-4463-177			\$ 600.00
Sewer System Stormwater 31-5108-100			\$ 3,000.00
Consolidated			
Police & Fire 36-4742-100	\$	13,390.20	
Public Defender			
Other Expenses 43-4952-100	\$	1,500.00	
Interest on Bonds 45-9302-103			\$ 98,000.00
NJEIT 45-9442-104			\$ 2,775.13
Recycling Tax			
Other Expenses 10-8010-100			\$ 1,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund			\$ 25,000.00
44-9012-100			
Total Operations Including			
Contingent Within "CAPS"	\$	527,940.20	
Total Other Operations			
Excluded from "CAPS"			\$222,975.13
Total Temporary General			
Appropriations	\$	750,915.33	

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#10-125 Temporary Capital Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey desires to establish the Temporary 2010 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting the items therein as shown on such budget for the following reasons:

- Purchase Fire Equipment
- Purchase Police Equipment
- Road Resurfacing
- Improve Public Buildings and Grounds
- Purchase Equipment for Clerk
- Purchase Computer Software for Clerk
- Purchase DPW Vehicles

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

Section 1. The 2010 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of River Edge is hereby established by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

Project #10-1
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
Projects Scheduled for 2010
Method of Financing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>	<u>Capital Improv. Funds</u>	<u>General Bonds</u>
Purchase Fire Equipment	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 36,100.00
Purchase Police Equipment	\$ 17,200.00	\$10,360.00	\$ 6,840.00

Road Resurfacing	\$150,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$142,500.00
Improve Public Buildings & Grounds	\$ 21,700.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 13,300.00
Purchase Equipment for Clerk	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 11,400.00
Purchase Computer Software for Clerk	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00	\$ -0-
Purchase DPW Vehicles	\$279,000.00	\$13,950.00	\$265,050.00

Section 2. The Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

Section 3. The Borough Clerk is instructed to advertise this resolution as required by law.

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Councilwoman Rush read resolution #10-126 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Rush, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve resolution #10-126.

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

#10-126 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	\$1,235,264.89
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 51,005.00
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 8,026.50
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 882.50
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 8,797.13
SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$ 8,507.89

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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#10-127 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2009 Duplicate Tax Payment

WHEREAS, a duplicate added assessment 4th 2009 quarter payment was received from the homeowner and their mortgage co.

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

Block/Lot	Name & Address	Refund Amount
409/50	Nancy & Mark Brown 784 Kinderkamack Rd. #4 River Edge, NJ 07661	\$280.32

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#10-128 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2010 Duplicate Tax Payments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate tax payment for the 1st quarter 2010 on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, a written requests were received from the mortgage company to refund the overpaid amounts directly to them.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
812/4	Jun Shi 175 Manchester Rd.	\$2,305.25

Please make check payable to:

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
1 Home Campus
MAC X2302-04D
Des Moines, IA 50328
Attn: Tax Refund Dept.

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#10-129 Acknowledge Receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases for Wind Storm of March 2010

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has certified that an emergency conditions exists in the Borough of River Edge due to a wind storm in March 2010; 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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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

Jim Claffey-445 Kinderkamack Road-expressed his concerns about the look of the town specifically Kinderkamack Road. He commented on the building next to the gas station with the white paper around it and the house next to Dante's. He feels that they have been eye sores for several years and doesn't understand why the town allows that.

Bill Lindsley-stated that the Planning Board has approved a site plan for the Pignatelli building. He further stated that the plan for Dante's deli to move in on the first floor and Joe Pignatelli Sr. will operate his air conditioning business on the second floor.

Jim Claffey-asked if Property Maintenance personnel go out on their own or do they only respond when there is a complaint.

Mayor Watkins-stated that he does follow-up on complaints but he also goes out on his own.

Bill Lindsley-informed Mr. Claffey that property maintenance complaints can be made on the Borough's website.

Neal Carroll-321 Wales Avenue-stated that the Police Department has been fielding hundreds of telephone calls regarding power outages over the past few days and he feels that there needs to be another way to get the information out whether it be via our website or cell phone text messages to the public to try and cut down on the volume of calls coming in. He feels that for future storms there needs to be a better plan to keep the residents informed.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilman Cannon-commended the Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works for working together and doing a great job during the recent storm.

Councilwoman Rush-echoed Councilman Cannons comments and also commended the Department of Public Works for working non stop during the storm and thanked the volunteer firefighters who also worked tirelessly and left their own homes to protect our residents. She thanked Neal Carroll for his help in answering the telephones at the Police desk and for his help in dispatching the Fire Department when calls came in.

Councilman Porco-also thanked everyone for their work during the storm. He stated that it is very difficult to keep our website current in emergency situations but agrees that there should be better contact information.

Mayor Watkins-also thanked Neal and all of the emergency workers for their professionalism during the storm and thanked those who assisted the Borough to try and keep some sense of normality. The Mayor stated that she is thankful that no one was injured.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:25 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Walker to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: