



Borough of River Edge

Mayor and Council
Agenda October 7, 2019

Regular Meeting

Borough Hall
705 Kinderkamack Road

Immediately Following
Work Session Meeting

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1. Call to Order –
 2. Silent Prayer – Flag Salute
 3. Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act: This meeting complies with the Open Public Meeting Act by notification on December 21st of this location, date and time to the Ridgewood News and the Record and by posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Web Site and filing a notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk.
 4. Roll Call –
 5. Minutes
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Session of September 23, 2019.
 - b. Approval of the minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Session of September 23, 2019.
 6. Proclamations & Awards –
 - a. Proclamation Declaring October 6 – 12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week
 - b. Proclamation Declaring the Month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 7. Public Comments on any item on this agenda –
 8. Appointments & Personnel Changes –
 - a. Approve the salary increase of Jason DeCarlo, Laborer in the Department of Public Works from an annual Laborer II, Step 5 salary of \$45,371.00 to Laborer II, Step 6 - \$45,878.00 effective November 5, 2019.
 9. Monthly Reports –
 - a. Land Use Board - August 2019
 - b. Library Board of Trustees - October 2019
 - c. Environmental Protection Commission - September 2019
 10. RESOLUTIONS - By Consent
 - a. **#19-333** 159 Amend 2019 Budget
 - #19-334** Authorize Clerk to Go Out for Bid for the 2018 Municipal Aid Program for Bogert Road (Section 2) Howland Avenue (Section 7, Phase V) Road

- Improvement Project
- b. **#19-335** Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Monroe Court
 - c. **#19-336** Resolution Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Grant Fund Receivable and Appropriated Reserve for the "Community Development Block Grant – Wellness Program for Senior Citizens"
 - d. **#19-337** Amend Certification of Chief Financial Officer with Regard to the Contract with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Engineering Services to Install Flashing Crosswalk Signs at the Intersection of Kinderkamack Road and Wayne Avenue and Clarendon Court and Myrtle Avenue and Midland Avenue

11. **#19- 338** Payment of Bills

12. Public Comments

13. Council Comments

14. Adjournment

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

LAND USE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

August 21, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, James Arakelian
Lou Grasso
Thomas Papaleo
Ryan Gibbons

Brian Chewcaskie, Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chairman, Merhman
Eileen Bolan
Alphonse Bartelomi
Chris Caslin
Michael Krey

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas Behrens, Planner

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Arakelian- Adequate notice of this meeting is provided by posting on the bulletin board at Borough Hall to the news, the record into submissions by all parts of the town, the same as provided by law scheduling, including the date and time of this meeting. I would like to remind all members of the public that we have three fire exits, one here behind me, over there and one behind you. In addition, we're being recorded both audio and video for purposes of creating a record during the public portion, any member of the public wishing to speak, all they need to do is identify themselves for the record and give their name and address and you can make a formal statement.

Roll call please: James Arakelian, Chairman - here
Mr. Grasso - here
Mr. Gibbons - here
Mr. Papaleo - here

Mr. Chewcaskie – Roll call. You have a quorum Mr. Chairman for two out of the three.

Chairman Arakelian – Next we have two sets of minutes in front of us – are there any corrections or anything on the June 19th minutes – if not I'll take a motion to approve – Mr. Gibbons so moved – Mr. Grasso – second – all in favor – aye – any opposed any abstained?

Chairman Arakelian – next we have a Resolution for Michael Derosa, 264 Berkley Road, Block 902, Lot 27 that was a two story addition. You should have gotten them in the emails so we had an opportunity to look at that – any comments any questions? Good – a motion to approve that Resolution – Mr. Papaleoso moved, second – Mr. Gibbons – roll call on that. Councilman Papaleo – yes, Mr. Grasso, yes, Chairman Arakelian, yes, Mr. Gibbons, yes. Chairman Arakelian okay that passes.

Chairman Arakelian – Next up is the Resolution for 915 Poplar Avenue, Block 106, Lot 8 this was for the carport – I looked through this I didn't see anything in there – its not a requirement to tear it down if she moves – Correct. Mr. Gibbons – we did put in requirements not to tear down but there was some stipulation not to turn it into anything else. Chairman Arakelian – we good? Do we have a motion to accept this – Mr. Grasso – so moved, Second – Mr. Gibbons – roll call – Councilman Papaleo – yes, Mr, Grasso, yes; Mr. Arakelian, yes and Mr. Mr. Gibbons, Yes. Chairman Arakelian – motion passed.

Chairman Arakelian – okay next up is for the Bergen County Historical Society – I was notified by our engineer that there were some late changes that needed to be done by the County so I'm going to ask for a motion that we table this review until the first meeting in September. So Moved- Mr. Gibbons, Second- Mr. Papaleo- roll call Councilman Pappleo, yes; Mr. Grasso, yes, Mr. Arakelin, Yes, Mr. Gibbons, Yes. Chairman Araklein– okay we're moving right along.

Chairman Arakelian- okay Mr. Han come forward please. This is the completeness review for 382 Windsor Road, Block 809, Lot 38 proposed driveway expansion. Needs a variance for maximum coverage Right now all we are going to do is to make sure your application is complete. That's all we are going to talk about right now. We will go to Mr, Behrens who is our Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer.

Mr. Behrens – so the application for the expansion of the driveway – we have the proposed driveway delineated on the survey, calculation of impervious coverage has been provided, there's enough information to proceed, Chairman Arakelian – a motion for completeness – Mr. Chewcaskie – notice was fine Mr. Chairman – I'll take a motion of the completion – Mr. Gibbons – so moved. Mr. Grasso -second. Chairman Arakelian– roll call- Councilman Papaleo, yes; Mr. Grasso, yes; Mr. Arakelian, yes and Mr. Gibbons.

Chairman Arakelian- next is Brian and Ann Connor, 501 The Fenway, Block 813, Lot 4 – proposed renovation of existing dwelling – several variances are required.

Chairman Arakelian – okay so tell us who you are. I am Ann Connor, I am Brian Connor and I am Roger Schlicht an architect with RDS Architects. Chairman Arakelian okay so right now all we are doing is deeming that your application is complete and ready for a hearing. Mr. Behrens – I have a site survey of existing conditions and plans for the proposed conditions and everything seems to be accurate. Mr. Chewcaskie – I reviewed the notice earlier today and the notice is appropriate for the Board to review the case – you do have jurisdiction. Chairman Arakelian – any questions? Do I have a motion to approve this for completeness? Mr. Gibbons – so moved, Mr. Grasso -second. Roll call please – Councilman Papaleo, yes; Mr. Grasso, yes; Mr. Arakelian, yes and Mr Gibbons, yes.

Chairman Arakelian – Mr. Barrett if we had a quorum I would be calling you up for completeness – so I have not heard back from Mr. Krey he was the only one we were waiting for.

Chairman Arakelian – okay Mr. Han come on back up. Again this is the application for Yong Ki Han 382 Windsor Road, Block 809, Lot 38 for a driveway expansion. Good evening sir how are you? Mr. Chewcaskie – Mr. Han – will you be the only one testifying on behalf of your application? Mr. Chewcaskie – why don't we start with you and then we will decide if we need the contractor. Can you raise your right hand for me please. Do you swear that the testimony you are about the give is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? Thank you, so if you could state your name again for the record. Mr. Han – okay I am Yong Ki Han, I am a resident of 382 Windsor Road. Mr. Chewcaskie – so why don't you tell the Board what you are looking to do. Mr. Han – he is explaining that he cannot park his car so he needs to expand his driveway as it is very inconvenient to find parking on his street. I want to expand my driveway 18 feet.

Mr. Behrens – Okay so the situation is such like Mr. Han said he is looking to expand his driveway approximately 18 feet is as narrow as you are going to get in such a situation – he mentioned he has some type of hardship as to the street parking requirements. So basically the lot area he has is 6,000 square feet which is considered undersized because zoning calls for 7,500 feet so a driveway on a conforming lot would likely not need a variance. He has coverage now of approximately 2,655 square feet and he's looking for an additional 240 square feet to accommodate the expansion so he's going from 35% to 39% lot coverage. So in order for the Board to grant a variance in this case there would have to be some sort of hardship and he would have to explain to the Board related to the property why you need this and/or the public benefit which could be in this case for impervious coverage there may be a way to offset any additional runoff in the form of a seepage pit or otherwise the hardship itself could be reason enough to possibly grant the variance but those are two possible reasons. Mr. Han – I have one question (very hard to understand him) something about pavers – Mr. Behrens – its still looked at as impervious coverage in realty it might absorb a little more but because its compacted it still is considered the same thing per the ordinance. Its a good idea if you have another way to collect more rain water before it runs down the driveway it could be a benefit. Chairman Arakelian - I have two questions – one you said about the parking on the street is that because there's signage there directing people not to park there or is it because people just park there and just take up the space. Mr. Han – yes a lot of commuters and they just

park the car – there are signs on Windsor Road and the residents cannot park their car – Chairman Arakelian – my question is – can you park in front of your house between 9:00 and 11:00. Ms. Han – sometimes. Mr. Grasso – what the sign says does the sign say no parking from 9 to 11 in front of your house.? Mr. Han – yes. Chairman Arakelian – so the sign says you can't so if you were to park in front of your house between 9 and 11 there is a good possibility you'll get a summons from the police- is that correct? Mr. Han – yes – I have had some problems. Mr. Behrens - If I can add one more tidbit I'm looking at the dimensions of the driveway, it looks like you have a garage and the driveway is about 29 feet long – that would be pretty tough to even get two cars back to back, so there's a questions as to how many cars could you even fit on the site given the existing conditions – you might only be able to fit two at the moment without hanging over the sidewalk or out in the street so all these things considered. Chairman Arakelian – do you feel there would be any negative if were to approve this on water run off? Mr. Behrens – ideally you would try to mitigate it but at the same time I think there are some hardships that are warranting his request. I think an 18 foot wide driveway is probably consistent with that area of the Borough to in terms of having wider driveway, so I don't think its an uncommon condition. If the Board is able to entertain conditions if that's something they want to deliberate again he's over like 200 square there's the percentage and then there's the actual amount. Chairman Arakelian – Mr. Han is there anything else you would like to say? No sir that's it – I just want to expand my driveway. Chairman Arakelian – Board members any questions? Mr. Chewcaskie? Mr. Chewcaskie – nothing to add Mr. Chairman but for the Board's edification I don't believe the increase in coverage based upon the size that's being requested would require any real mitigation here based upon the characteristics of the area. Chairman Arakelian – I would like to entertain a motion to open to the public – Mr. Papaleo so moved – Mr. Grasso – second. All in favor – aye, any opposed any abstained? – this is just on Mr. Han's application – anybody in the audience that would like to speak- not hearing that I would like to entertain a motion to close to the public – Mr. Gibbons so moved, Mr. Grasso, second. All in favor – aye – any opposed any abstained? Okay – so at this point I will entertain a motion on this application. Mr. Gibbons – I would proposed that we grant the variance for Mr. Han and propose we vote on that. Mr. Arakelian – okay so if we approve tonight you will still have to go for a building permit – it will be reviewed by the Borough Engineer – if the Borough Engineer decides that you need some mitigation because of water you'll have to comply with whatever he tells you – do you understand that? Mr. Han so I should (inaudible) the Building Department right? Chairman Arakelian – correct. Mr. Chewcaskie – we need a second on the motion – Mr. Grasso, second. Roll call. Councilman, Papaleo – yes, Mr. Arakelian – yes, Mr. Grasso – yes and Mr. Gibbons. Yes. Chairman Arakelian – congratulations sir. Mr. Han – Thank you.

Mr. Barrett will return September 4th -no further notice. So next up is Brian and Ann Connor – 501 The Fenway. I believe they also have their architect with them.

Chairman Arakelian – just for the record this is Brian and Ann Connor, 501 The Fenway, Block 813, Lot 4 - proposed renovation and addition to existing dwelling. Several variances required. Mr. Chewcaskie - okay who is going to be speaking predominantly? So raise your right hand – do you swear the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? Mr. Arakelian – why don't we do them all. Mr. Chewcaskie – I'll do them together - do you swear the testimony you are about to give before this Board shall be the truth? Okay and sir can

you state your name and address for the record and also give the Board your qualifications. Roger Schlicht, RDS Architects 56 Walthrey Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey, a registered New Jersey architect for 33 years. Mr. Chewcaskie – Mr. Chairman as I indicated the notice was appropriate earlier during the completeness review and I believe we have a set of drawings from Mr. Schlicht which is dated May 17, 2019 with the last revision date of July 18, 2019 – there are no further revisions to those drawings? Mr. Schlicht – No. Mr. Chewcaskie – we will mark these drawings as A1. Chairman Arakelian – okay so why don't you tell us what you are trying to accomplish here.

Mr. Schlicht – I would first like to hand out two sets of photographs – I would like to walk you through the existing conditions of the site. Mr. Chewcaskie – before you do that Mr. Schlicht we'll mark the photographs, its a series of eight photographs on two pages, we'll mark that as A2 and who took those photographs. Mr. Schlicht – I did. Mr. Chewcaskie – and when did you take them? Mr. Schlicht – some today and some in the spring. Chairman Arakelian – so why don't you walk us through the photographs. Mr. Schlicht – the first set of photographs numbered 1 through 4 are of the subject property, the upper left is the front of the house- number 1. Number 2 is the rear of the house, number 3 is a mudroom entry steps that we want to modify they are not conforming as you can see and then number 4 is the front door of the home. The second page photographs 5 through 8, photograph 5 shows the subject property in the left and then the adjoining property on the other side of the arborvitaes that's were we're requesting side yard setback, I'll speak to that photograph when I go through that variance. Photograph number 6 is from our property looking down and it shows that the adjacent house to the left and their portico is closer to the street then ours – I'll be speaking to that we we talk about the front yard setback variance. Photographs 7 and 8 are just to show other homes in the adjacent properties that are of larger size then what we are proposing, so its just a visual. So photograph 7 is about 3 or 4 houses down the road to the left and photograph 8 is right next door to our property.

So I'd like to take you through the existing zoning and I'll walk you through the proposed architectural improvements and I'll go through each variance and try to put some hardship on testimony. So we have a single family residence in an R1 zone, it has six non-conforming site conditions presently today. The lot is undersized. It is 6,964 while 7,500 is required, the lot width is 60 feet wide- while 75 feet is required and those two will have an impact on all the variances. So we're 15 feet deficient in width. Right now the coverage is 25.1 while 25% is the max and the improved lot coverage presently today is at 39.6 while 35% is the max. Both of those are over the maximum coverage. The front yard setback to the steps today is 23.4 feet while 30 is required and we're going to be very similar to that within a tenth of an inch and then to the house itself presently its 26.43 feet versus 30 feet. And lastly if you look at the site plan and the survey we issued the left side yard setback presently today where the house is located is 5 feet while 6 feet is required because its a 60 foot wide lot. So you can see on the site plan how the house was built closer to the left on the right – the right actually has an enhanced setback today its like 13 feet while the left is 5 feet. So they placed the house not in the center. So we have an existing lot which is deficient in area and width with the structure being built to far to the left. So if we go to the floor plans on V2. The first floor plan basically – the first proposal is to rebuild the front steps. If you look at photograph number 4 which is the existing landing and then the steps are not as wide as the landing so we would like to – see you can see how the railing kind of pops out to the left outside of the roof so when we go through the elevations I show you the new roof that we're proposing but we

are also asking to rebuild the steps as wide as the existing landing. Essentially the front yard setback will be the same as it is today- its just a wider set of steps that's all. The main thrust of the project is in the rear of the house – you can see the dining room, kitchen and the family room, we're trying to recycle as much space as we can – in the middle of the house but the proposal is to build an addition off of the back of the house that is equal to the width of the house. Other than the fireplace enclosure we're not any wider or closer to right or left side yard setback and beyond that you can see in photograph 2 presently there's two sets of decks and then a walk down to a patio. What we're proposing is just a single deck to get out of the house because it is five or six feet off of the backyard, have some outdoor activity area and then step down to the backyard. We're not going to have two decks- we're not going to have a patio. Chairman Arakelian – so the patio's are going. Mr. Schlicht – yes – the upper deck is actually becoming what we're proposing the house and beyond that the lower deck will be removed but we want to rebuild it at the height of the first floor and then the patio would be gone. The last element that we are proposing is on the right hand side just a little covered entry and I'll show you in the elevation in a minute. But if you look at photograph 3 the steps that exist today are not compliant there's no landing when you step out the door for safety reasons the code requires you to have a three foot landing. So we'd like to rebuild the steps instead of protruding – having the steps go closer to the neighbor we turned them and faced them to the street so our landing and steps didn't get closer to the right side yard setback but we don't need a side yard setback for there its compliant – it has an impact on the coverages. But we are trying to remedy a non-conforming shown in photograph 3. So that's the first floor.

If you look at the second floor plan again primarily its equal to the width of the second floor – presently its a two bedroom one bathroom house on the second floor and we are proposing to build on top of the proposed rear addition an equal width the existing second floor – there really aren't any variances required for the second floor – the height is compliant, the setbacks are more than sufficient both sides, rear and front but I just wanted to show you – Chairman Arakelian – is that original piece coming off or just being added to the second floor? Mr. Schlicht – no we would leave it – behind on and on top of the garage – Chairman Arakelian – are you going to canalever the second floor or no? Mr. Schlicht – No its actually set in – in order to diminish just to kind of shape the house instead of a big box I'll go over that with the elevations on a minute. So you can see the dash line to the left of the second floor to the rear where it says roof below – those are all one story structures. Other than the right side the left side is set in and the rear is set in. Chairman Arakelian – so you're not adding to the side at all you're just going to the back Mr. Schlicht – except for that mudroom step and the the fireplace on the left on the first floor.

Mr. Schlicht – as we go to drawing (?) 3 – I'll walk you through the elevations- if we look at the front elevation with photograph number 1 the main change to the existing structure is to build on top of the garage and that does have a compliant front yard set back and a right yard set back so there are no variances for that particular addition that we are showing in the front elevation on top of the garage. The variances that we seek tonight is to build that new portico with the little gable roof over the front door and on the right hand side you can see the open covered steps and the landing that would be entering into the mudroom. So the house to the lay person is going to look similar – its going to be renovated – new siding – new roofing, but the brick and the stone and the bay window and that upper gable is staying and the left hand side is staying we're not building on

that that side. That's the side that's too close to the property line. If you look at the right hand side elevation, the only element we need a variance for is that mudroom entry that has that low peaked roof with the door and steps so its an open structure which I think minimizes impact and then the left hand side is the side that we are requiring variances and its a one story structure and you can see the low roof that happens at the mid point up. The second floor that's set back is complaint that has compliant dimensions – I'll go over those in a minute. What we really need is from the fireplace enclosure back just that one section of 10 foot 9 that has the square and rectangular window requires the variance. To the right of the fireplace enclosure -is existing and then when it steps in to the back its compliant – so its not the whole side- its just a small portion of the side. And then the rear elevation just shows the gable roofs, the stepping of the (inaudible) we like to break it up and have low roofs to diminish tall walls with the proposed second floor which is compliant in setbacks and height and you can see on the right hand side the fireplace enclosure – its not a chimney and its one story so its pretty diminimus in size but that does require a variance. Do you have any questions on the plans or elevations.

Mr. Beherens – I just have one question – you mentioned that some of the surrounding homes – that the homes are larger. Do you happened to have those images as in terms of coverages in comparison? Mr. Schlicht – no I spoke to the Building Department for the house that's being built – I forget the address – the one that's in photograph 7 – I'm just doing it from a visual standpoint and I'm just trying to exhibit that – you can see based on the photography that those buildings are going to extend further back then ours so its just a matter of standing in plane and looking to see the other home protrude further to the backyard than ours. I don't have any technical numbers on it. Nicole said it was permitted and it didn't need any variances but it still goes back further than what we are proposing. And the neighbors house which is photograph 8 that's to the left of our property – we're not going to go back as far as that addition goes. Mr. Gibbons – so just on that picture – I'm actually not on that picture – are you going back as about as far as the current low deck – Mr. Schlicht – yeah if you go to the first floor – Mr. Gibbons – I'm just looking at this picture to kind of get a visual about how far back you're going. And then one other question on the current mudroom steps – so that is paver patio of some sort now? Mr. Schlicht – yeah we're ripping that up if you look at the site plan – Mr. Gibbons – right but what's currently covering that space you're not stepping on grass, your stepping on pavers right now. That's already covered to some extent. Mr. Schlicht – right it goes from the the driveway to the back yard and we are just going to take it from the driveway to the proposed steps and rip it up from the steps back to the backyard – Mr. Gibbons that is covered surface – Mr. Schlicht – yes we are going to reduce that. Mr. Gibbons – that's it for me right now.

Mr. Schlicht – okay so I would like to go through the variances - the first variance we seek this evening is a front yard set back of 23.3 feet while 30 is required. As I said we're essentially the same. The existing is at 23.4 we're proposing 23.3 just because we're trying to make the treads safer 1 foot deep instead of 10 inches deep. So essentially what's there today – its an open structure, its not a wall, it wouldn't extend any closer then the neighbors as I mentioned in photograph number 6. The neighbors house is actually closer to the street and then they have a portico that sticks in front of their house, so we wouldn't be even as close as they are to the font of the street. The hardship here is the existing condition of the location of the house, its a legal residence but it was built too close to the property so we really don't have an alternative here, we want to create a

safe set of steps that has coverage – I think curb appeal as well, so I don't think there will be any negative impact from what we are proposing and then all other aspects of the proposal has proper setbacks. So the second floor addition over the garage does not require a variance so its simply that open portico. So that's the first variance. The second variance is the side yard set back on the left side – we're proposing five feet which is a continuation of a pre-existing nonconforming condition, while six feet is required. As I mentioned in reviewing the drawings its a one-story structure so its not two-story the second floor is set in quite a bit so I think that mitigates any impact that may be seen from the neighboring property. The enclosure requires a three foot setback – again that's a one-story structure. There are some arborvitaes that buffer the property you can see it in photograph 5- those are on the neighbors property but they seem to be pretty healthy and mature so that would mitigate any impact as well. The Connors did – I do believe they reviewed these drawings with the neighbors, they are on vacation but they can speak to that in a moment. So that's the second variance we require- side yard set back. The hardship here is that the pre-existing location of the legal structure and also the lot is 15 feet narrower than it should be. If the lot was the proper size we would not be require a variance so those are the two hardships with regard to this particular variance. The combined set yard setback is the third variance and that is at 12 feet while 18 feet is required and I would like to point out that those two dimensions that create the 12 feet is to the fireplace which is 3 and the open mudroom steps which is 9. So that's 12. But if you took the left dimension to the house the first floor wall and the right dimension to the house it would be 18.9 feet. So the structure itself actually has proper combined side yard effects – if that small chimney or fireplace box and open steps. So I think the massing is correct its just those two appendages on the left and the right that require the variance. I think that has a big on not having a negative impact to the neighbors. Again the hardship here is the narrow lot which is 15 feet deficient. If it were the proper size we wouldn't require that variance either, The fourth variance is the lot coverage of 33.5% while 25% is allowed. If you just took the house itself without the front steps, back steps, the deck and the side steps we're at 25% for building coverage. What causes the variance is the front steps, the mudroom steps, the deck and the existing sheds in the back. To me I look at that as kind of breaking down the components and looking at what people see as the house the main box is compliant all these appendages, these play sheds in the back that create the variance. Its a small lot so 100 square feet is a quick multiplier. The percentage goes up very fast because its only a 6,900 square foot lot. So the hardship here is the undersized lot - I think there will be minimal impact because of that reasoning. The smaller components caused the variance and I think the front facade the street scape isn't going to change much, is really in the back and I think its very consistent with other homes in the neighborhood. It's not as wide as other homes. So I think from the street its going to look close as it does today. It's not a knockdown and most of the bulk we're adding is on the back. And last is the improved lot coverage of 44.1% while 35% is allowed. And basically those are all existing elements that are staying. Its the driveway, and a walk from the driveway to the front steps, and then a walk from the driveway to the mudroom steps. We've ripped up the pavers and we are proposing to rip up the pavers from the driveway to the back yard which was 248. So those are existing conditions which we are actually reducing and they do need the double wide driveway because they have two cars in the family and its not a very deep driveway, similar to the last case. We've ripped up what we could and its helped but those are existing conditions there that are just going to remain. So that's how that variance is created. So there's the five variances and I think a lot of them have hardships based

on the lot width, the lot area and the existing location of the structure itself and now I'll be happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Arakelian – I have a quick question, you mentioned two sheds I didn't see them on the plans. Were they approved or were they just put up. Mr. Connor - the first one the larger one was approved, the smaller one a kids playhouse that I built for my children nine years ago that they have outgrown. So if you want it down we'll take I down. I think its 6 x 6. Chairman Arakelian – how high is the other shed? I want to say 10 x 10. Chairman Arakelian – and did you get a variance for that? Mr. Connor – there was one there when we brought the house and then we got a permit to replace it. Just if I can say one thing. The reason we added a double driveway is because there is a fire hydrant in or front yard and that prevents us from parking in front of our house. Again, we do have two cars, so that's the reason why. Mrs. Connor – we've lived in the house for thirteen years, we love the house, we love River Edge and we really want to keep the house in character with our neighbors who we like so much and we have two kids that are seven and eleven, a boy and a girl and we really need to get them their own rooms soon and we really need a bathroom on the main floor for when we have holidays with all of the relatives so they don't have to go up an down the stairs.

Chairman Arakelian – So before I go to the Board I'd like to go to our Planner. Mr. Behrens – So we got an overview of the variances so I'm going to run through those real quick. There's a front yard variance which has to do with really with the front steps and the portico. As Mr. Schlicht mentioned they are more or less remaining in the same position they are jut going to be covered. The covered area the top platform is basically (inaudible) with the existing garage protrusion and is set back further than the adjoining property. I don't really have an issue with this they are just covering the porch and replacing what they have and it would seem to be an aesthetic enhancement in that particular location and again consistent with the neighborhood. With regard to the side yard set back just to add a little more information to this. One is the aspect of the fireplace. So a 6 foot setback is required, the existing house is at 5 feet. And again, part of the addition is at 5 feet. So you have the addition extending 5 feet and then the fireplace is going to three feet. The ordinance does allow for fireplaces to extend two feet into a side yard. So the difference between six and two and four, again there are three with the fireplace. With regard to the side yard setback it is the function of the distance between the fireplace and side steps. If you took those side steps out of the equation it would be conforming with regard to the combined side yard setback requirement. And then we get to the various coverages. Mr. Schlicht do you happen to have the square footages of how much they are over by for both the lot coverage and improved lot coverage? Mr. Schlicht – well the actual diagrams are on the drawings – Mr. Behrens – so with the building coverage and correct me if I'm wrong your allowed about 1,749 square feet give or take and your proposing – Mr. Schlicht – 2,329 – Mr. Behrens – so that's a difference of what 600 – Mr. Schlicht – 588 that's what I have – Mr. Behrens – so that's building coverage. Mr. Schlicht – yes. Mr. Behrens – can we do the same for improved lot coverage? Mr. Schlicht – So you're allowed 2,437 and we're at 3,069, so its 631 and the driveway is 538 so its basically the driveway plus the front walk. Mr. Chewcaskie - Tom on improved lot coverage the existing lot coverage is 2,757, you propose 3,069 so the difference is about 300 square feet for the combined lot coverage from what's existing. Mr. Chewcaskie – and the testimony was that pavers and other the rear deck and lower deck

however it was on the drawings is going to be removed. Mr. Schlicht – yes the patio and the sidewalk would be removed.

Mr. Behrens – So for these two variances you go back to the tests. The tests are (1) hardship and (2) public benefit versus any detriments. So we've heard a little bit about the hardships about the undersized lot and we heard some bit about the proposed development consistent with some of the existing houses in the neighborhood. I don't know if there is a way to try to ask for any mitigating factors again for something like this we typically would require or ask for a seepage pit I think, subject to the review of the engineer. I say subject to because some properties the sub soil conditions – Chairman Arakelian – the first thing on my mind . Mr. Behrens – so that would be number 1. I think if you found ways like removing the playhouse, would be a good start to come closer to conformance. Mr. Schlicht – the shed is 45 square feet that's a lot that's like 25%. Mr. Behrens – looking at your one neighbor who has the extension into the back. It's not quite the width of the whole house. Mr. Schlicht – no its not. Mr. Behrens – and you didn't approximate how much the coverage was? Mr. Connor – we will get rid of the shed and seepage pit – our neighbor did add one themselves. Mr. Behrens – its a balance test do the hardships and public benefits outweigh any detriments this may case in terms of – Mr. Arakelian – so Tom if they put a seepage pit in and get rid of that shed would that mitigate the addition they are putting on the house? Mr. Behrens – I understand that some neighbors have some larger houses I don't know where they are at per say. Would it help, certainly to offset the. Chairman Arakelian – would it mitigate it? Mr. Behrens – entirely? Chairman Arakelian – let me use the word mostly. Mr. Behrens – I'm looking here to see if there's any opportunity to save some space here. What do you have for deck dimensions? 18 feet by its 12 feet and then it jogs into the kitchen another 2 foot. 18 x 12 and then its 18 x 14. Mr. Arakelian – 18 x 14 is the deck size correct? Mr. Schlicht - yeah were it hits the kitchen – the kitchen's set in from the dining room, so starting at the left the deck is 12 feet deep which we consider kind of minimal and then because the kitchen jogs in, the deck gets deeper by going into the house. Mr. Behrens – you can get rid of one of the stairways. Mr. Schlicht – that's 35 square feet. Mr. Grasso – how many feet approximately are you over for the lot coverage? Mr. Schlicht – the impervious or the lot? Mr. Grasso – impervious. Mr. Schlicht – we've increased it by 312 from what it is today to our proposal if you just subtract 2,757 but then we just removed the shed which was 45 and then 35 so that's 80. How wide is the driveway? Mr. Schlicht – its not straight its 20 at the house and at the road – Chairman Arakelian – so back to my original question Tom. If we approve this with the migrations that they are going to do for the water is it going to – is there a possibility it may impact the neighbors. Let me just say – this is a common issue we deal with, with just about very applicant that comes up here. Water runoff is a major issue in River Edge. The water table is very high to begin with, we all know that, the lot sizes are all small, we know that too, so its not like we want to make you unhappy but we want to make sure that whatever you are going to do is not going to impact your neighbors. Mr. Schlicht – so I would suggest with those concessions that we made if there is 250 square feet of new impervious we'll put in a 250 gallon seepage pit, so that will mitigate any additional impervious it would just neutralize it. Even if the engineer doesn't require it we would put it in just wash out the number.

Mr. Behrens -one I think would require (inaudible) I don't want to speak for him and don't know if it would just be covering the distance I'm looking for a little more in terms of seepage. Mr. Schlicht – yeah once you go and put it in between 250 and 500 its pretty much the same effort for

the contractor so – Chairman Arakelian – so Tom – 3 – 350 pick a number. Mr. Behrens – again the setback issues are what they are, the coverages are – I just want to be sure that they're consistent with what is there. Chairman Arakelian – I guess the questions that pops up on the back of my head is how important is that second shed? Mr. Connor – we have a single car garage and when it was built it doesn't like you can put a car in there – Chairman Arakelian – my garage looks like its full – Mr. Connor – its already full. The shed we use it for lawn care. We put everything for the wintertime in the shed from the patio because we have o room in the garage, so could we do it – yes, but I would rather reduce the deck if that's needed. Mr. Behrens – its a question of the deck versus the shed. I don't – I mean – Chairman Arakelian – so it sounds like the shed is more important than the deck – but the deck is going to really be a full displacement because you have the fall through. What are using Treks? Mr. Schlicht – yeah the water is going to go through anyway. Chairman Arakelian – are we happy with the – let's say we do a 350 gallon seepage – Mr. Behrens – subject to whatever the engineer – Chairman Arakelian – the minimum was 350 so lets just do a minimum of 30 so this way if the engineer misses it, we caught it. Is that good with you – Mr. Behrens – yes – Mr. Schlicht – yes. Chairman Arakelian – Board members? All right so think we have the water figured out. And you can keep your shed.

Chairman Arakelian – where else are we Tom? I know we have that side yard that's kind of shrunk down to almost nothing. Mr. Behrens – its 3 feet – I mean – there's a separate provision that talks about it and it has to do with light air, open space and fire safety and it talks about houses on undersized lots have to be at least 12 feet away from each other. I don't know what that measurement is here. Chairman Arakelian – one other concern I have – your HVHC is going to be on that side of the house? Mr. Schlicht – yeah – we eliminated that variance. We moved them from the Building Department denial submission, we moved to a compliant location. You can see them on the site plan. They are more than whats required. It's more than 5 feet. Chairman Arakelian – I don't want that waking anyone up during the middle of the night. Chairman Arakelian – okay so we're good with the HVHC so give the Board some input on this fireplace now. Mr. Behrens – again the the require side yard setback is feet and the ordinance allows for an extra 2 feet – they can have it up to 4 feet and they're asking for 3 – 1 more foot in the existing side yard spot. Chairman Arakelian – what does the Board feel about that? Mr. Gibbons – the way I look at it's only a foot – I don't know how wide that actually is - I guess by 3 feet – its not like its running the entire length of the fence line. Chairman Arakelian – Tom do you see any danger with a gas fireplace? Councilman Papaleo – when it's a gas fireplace is there a vent that's going to be feeding out like 6, 7 8 feet like sometimes happens with the gas and then would that vent be heating the arborvitaes and therefore drying them and out and setting them on fire? Mr. Schlicht – well you have a choice depending on what model you use. You vent horizontally or vertically. We haven't selected a fireplace but each one comes with a different configuration. Chairman Arakelian – so if we required a vertical vent would that be an issue? Mr. Schlicht – Tom would that be even better? (Bantering amongst them all about the fire issue) Mr. Behrens – the front yard no problem, the side yard again we just went over that issue – Chairman Arakelian - we have coverage taken care of we have the fireplace taken care of. Mr. Behrens – those were the five variances.

Chairman Arakelian – Any questions from the Board? So I should open it to the public since you have nothing to say. Motion to open it to the public – Mr. Gibbons – so moved, second Mr. Grasso. All in favor – aye. Any opposed any abstained? Okay I will entertain a motion to lose to the public

Mr. Gibbons- so moved, second – Mr. Grasso. All in favor – aye. Any opposed and abstained? Tom do you have anything to add? Sir no you have anything to add? Mr. Schlicht – No I think you heard me testify to the hardship – ya know there's a lot of hardships, trying to keep the house in the character of the neighborhood, we're not doing a knockdown with a big box and try to make it architecturally interesting. But I think there's benefits there and I think the hardships are there to allow approval. Chairman Arakelian – we're all your neighbors, we want you to be happy and I think with some of the tweaks that we did I think everybody will be happy in the long run. I would like to entertain a motion on this application. Councilman Papaleo – I would like to move the application with the two conditions – Chairman Arakelian – 350 on the pit and the vertical fireplace vent. Mr. Chewcaskie – you have four conditions, you have the 350 gallon seepage pit or larger if required by the engineer, removing the playhouse, eliminate one or two stairways on the deck and fireplace vent. Motion – Councilman, second – Mr. Grasso. Chairman Arakelian – I'll take a roll call on that. Mr. Chewcaskie – Councilman Papaleo – yes, Mr. Arakelian – yes, Mr. Grasso – yes and Mr. Gibbons - yes. Chairman Arakelian – Mr. and Mrs. Connor congratulations. Enjoy it.

Chairman Arakelian – just a few housekeeping notes. Number 1 – it goes without saying which is obvious today - if you can't make it to a meeting just shoot me an email so I know and secondly if you get an opportunity you can drive behind where the Asian Market was and you will see a big beautiful new fence back there and its a great improvement that is a testament to this Board looking out for the neighbors so I'm very happy and they also mitigated where the lift was as well so they took care of those two things we required during that last application with the pizzeria and its a much improved area back there – so with that I'll entertain a motion to close. Mr. Gibbons – so moved, second – Mr. Grasso. All in favor – aye. Any opposed any abstained? Beautiful – adjourned.

Agenda

Library Board Meeting – October 1st, 2019

1. Roll Call
2. Meeting Notification Statement

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the River Edge Public Library has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Library, mailed to the Bergen Record and the Ridgewood News and filed with the Borough Clerk.

3. Public Comment
4. Correspondence
5. Approval of the Minutes of the September 3rd, 2019 meeting
6. Old Business
7. Director's Report
8. Treasurer's Report
9. New Business
 - Holidays 2020
 - Staff Development Morning Wednesday, October 23rd 10 to 1
 - Friends Breakfast
 - Programming policy
10. Personnel
 - Sick time policy clarification
 - Minimum wage for juvenile employees

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 PM

**Board of Trustees
River Edge Free Public Library
Secretary's Report - September 3rd, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the River Edge Free Public Library was held at the Library on September 3rd, 2019 coming to order at 7:14 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Juliet Forte, Linda Smith, Julie Rabinowitz, Maxine Rumsby and Daragh O'Connor.
Absent: Cindy Katri, Lisa Guinta, Shawn Kucharski and Councilman Gautier.

Meeting Notification Statement

As required, the meeting notification statement of date, time and location was published in local papers, placed on the Library bulletin board and filed with the Borough clerk.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence

None.

Approval of the Minutes

Maxine Rumsby motioned to accept the minutes to the June 4th, 2019 board meeting with minor changes. Linda Smith seconded.

Old Business

Tile Mural Project. Daragh spoke with Elizabeth Emerson, who is taking over the tile mural project and has the ability to do both pictorial and text tiles. We will be drafting a new contract for her services. Linda suggested including a timeframe in the contract for completed tiles, which would prevent a delay in receiving tiles, with a reduction in her fee if they are not completed in a timely fashion.

Director's Report

Construction Issues. Overall, the parking lot construction went well, despite a lot of noise and dust. It is nearly complete and will create 78 more spaces. We need to find out when the lot will be available for the library patrons to use. The Borough Administrator spoke to Daragh and mentioned expanding and renovating our library bathrooms, which would be used for both the library and the community center. Daragh explained to him that the Library Board would need to be in this discussion, as we would need to give permission to do this. The board is suggesting that one Library Trustee should be a liaison on the Community Center planning committee.

HVAC Issues. The library has been working with 3 of 4 HVAC units, which are 25-30 years old and functioning very poorly. Over the summer, one of the units was replaced at a cost of \$13,900. Daragh will suggest increasing the DPW line in the budget going forward to \$15,000 in order to plan for replacing the other units.

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Work on Collection. Over the past 15 years, the library staff has weeded the collection considerably. In previous years there was very little weeding being done. As of 2018, there were 65,667 items in the library, consistent with many other libraries in the BCCLS system.

Hold Harmless Agreement Policy Change. The library will be implementing a hold harmless agreement which vendors and community groups must complete in order to hold programs in the library.

Countertop Project. Daragh received quotes to replace 10 countertops (in the meeting room, delivery/sorting room, and staff room) and chose a contractor to do the job in September.

W.T. Cox Quote for Magazines. Daragh invited the vendor W.T. Cox to give him a quote for magazines, however their price was similar to the current vendor, so he will not switch companies.

Shelving for Children's Area. A row of steel shelving has been ordered for the children's area, which will be very useful for housing the juvenile collection. The color will match the existing shelving.

Foreign Movie Programs. Julia Lee set up 3 foreign movie events over the summer on Thursday evenings. A total of 38 patrons attended the movies.

Meeting with River Edge Schools. Daragh and Julie met with Dr. Ben-Dov, Christine Moran and Anne Marie Spiegel on July 23rd. Several issues were discussed in order to create better relationships and communications between the library and the schools.

Daragh met with the media specialists from both elementary schools today. All 1st graders will be encouraged to register for library cards if they don't already have them. The legwork for applying for the cards will be done ahead of time. In October, 8 first grade classes will take a field trip to the library, in which they will get a tour of the library, as well as be able to check out a book. A bookmark contest will replace the poetry contest in the spring. Daragh requested that the library be notified of homework assignments so that the staff can be prepared ahead of time for the needs of the students. The library will also visit the schools in the spring to pitch the Summer Reading Program.

ALA Annual Conference. Daragh attended the ALA Conference in Washington D.C. from June 20th to 25th. He attended many valuable meetings and sessions and also visited 2 libraries, in which he got some good decorating ideas.

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Treasurer's Report

Audit Report. The Board tabled the audit report until next month.

Bequest from Ann Curley. Daragh received a letter from an attorney stating that the library will receive a \$10,000 donation from the estate of Ann Curley.

Tile for Linda Bogan. The staff collected money for a tile in memory of Linda Bogan, a devoted patron. Maxine made a motion that a tile be purchased in memory of Linda Bogan at a reduced rate, not less than cost. Julie Rabinowitz seconded the motion.

New Business

None.

Personnel

Maxine made a motion to go into closed session. Linda Smith seconded the motion.

Linda Smith made a motion to accept the policy made in closed session. Julie Rabinowitz seconded. All were in agreement.

With no further business, Julie Rabinowitz moved to adjourn, and Linda Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Rabinowitz, Secretary

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Closed Session Minutes:

A new personnel policy has been established, in which part-time employees who have worked for 12 or more years and at least 25 hours a week will be eligible for 2 weeks/10 days of paid vacation.

Linda Smith made a motion to go back into open session. Maxine Rumsby seconded. All were in agreement.

**Director's Report
Board of Trustees River Edge Public Library
October 1st, 2019**

Construction in Library Parking Lot

On Monday September 16th I arrived at work at my normal time of 9:30 to find our parking lot closed and under heavy construction. There was no advance warning or details provided to us and it took two hours to find out what was going on. Sewerage pipes were laid over the following 3 days. Staff, patrons, deliveries parked on Elm and Tenney avenues. There were numerous complaints.



New Shelving

On September 11th shelving for the children's area arrived. It will be used to house the collection of juvenile fiction, that is, chapter books. The result will be a collection that is more attractive and accessible. The DPW has kindly offered to assemble the shelving and also fashion an end panel from a spare one I saved, thus saving us hundreds of dollars.

Wifi Phone Installation

Earlier this year the Borough took the initiative to switch to Internet enabled phones. Implementation at the Library proved more problematic because BCCLS does not allow outside devices on its network for security reasons. The only way we could use the new phones was by using our wifi. This required having Optimum set up an access point that is dedicated to serving the new phones. Once this was established we were able to get the Verizon technician in to install the new phones to our specification. On September 17th most of the installation of our 11 new phones was achieved. We are still working on setting up the auto receptionist and staff voicemails before we remove the old phones.

The fact that the phones work on our wifi means that we will have no phone service when our wifi is down. I am concerned by this. But the opportunity to have better phones and save on the phone bill over rides this concern.

Countertop Project

I have made progress on this project though it proved very difficult to find vendors who are interested in submitting a quote. We now have 3 quotes and I have selected one. He will stop by next week to take final measurements and finalize some other details. The staff has been enthusiastic and very helpful by providing valuable feedback on the edge needed and selecting finishes.

School Visits

Dates have been set for visits by the 1st graders from River Edge Schools. This follows a meeting with both media specialists in early September and numerous emails between school and library staff. The dates are: 10/10, 10/16, 10/24. The students will get a tour of the Library, experience a story time and design their own book mark. They will also have the opportunity to check out a book with their library card. We will have a book for those who forget to bring their card, so that

no one is left out. The media specialists, Ms. Delpriore and Ms. Fox will be actively encouraging the students to get their library card, if they do not already have one, before the class visits. Since this is our first time taking on the challenge of class visits I fully expect some bumps. However, with Youth Services Librarian MaryAnne Guiliano and her assistant Rosemarie Garcia on our side I know that we will give the kids a valuable lesson. I give credit to Head of Circulation Dolores Kane who has been advising me on the various possibilities as we move forward with this work.

BCCLS Updates

The membership has voted to evenly disburse the Bergen County Grant funds to member libraries in Bergen County, rather than using it to reimburse net lenders, as has been the practice. This change was precipitated by the advent of BCCLS Delivery and the \$7,000 to \$9,000 charge to each library. If the Grant is \$150,000 this year it will mean \$2,419 for River Edge Public Library. These funds can be applied towards our BCCLS bill to offset delivery costs. Delivery is working well now with a typical turnaround of 1 to 2 days, down from 5 to 7 when run by the State.

A new strategic plan has been approved complete with a goal of rebranding BCCLS. I have brought copies for your examination.

A number of technology improvements are coming our way via BCCLS:

- Upgrade to Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 in November
- Faster and less expensive Internet by switching all member libraries over to Verizon
- "MyBCCLS" web page with tools to make statistics more accessible for library staff
- New PCs will be more energy efficient

On October 23rd BCCLS staff will give our staff a tailor made training program focusing on the most useful features of the BCCLS web page. This will be our Staff Development Morning. Eric, Joe and Michael will also roll out MyBCCLS web page. We hope that numerous staff members from other BCCLS libraries will join us.

Probation Case

I have accepted a case from Bergen Probation. Ryan will help with light cleaning for 180 hours total, it is hoped.

Respectfully submitted,

RIVER EDGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash Flow 1 - Current Month 2

9/1/2019 through 9/30/2019

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Category Description	9/1/2019- 9/30/2019
INFLOWS	
Born Acctoo	15,000.00
Fines	730.50
Historic Tile Murai	255.00
Lost Books	32.99
Lost Cards	46.00
Memorials	30.00
Photocopy	130.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	16,334.49
OUTFLOWS	
Audio Books	34.95
Audit	2,250.00
BOOKS Computer	405.00
Bldg Maint	113.50
Books AF	1,530.00
Books ANP	1,473.55
Books Inst AY	114.84
Books J E YA	1,249.12
Cleaning Maint	1,050.00
DVD VIDEO GAMES	351.50
Equipment	2,299.95
Equipment Maint	514.94
Kanopy	170.00
Photocopy Expense	132.50
Postage	15.01
Programs	75.72
Staff Developm	155.90
Supplies	423.50
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	12,715.08
OVERALL TOTAL	3,619.41

Memorial

Susan Mengers for
Linda Bogan \$30.00

Transaction Report - Current Month

9/1/2019 through 9/30/2019

9/27/2019

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Dir	Amount
9/1/2019	PNC Checking	3233	MUSICHOOD		Equipment M...		120.00
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3234	S Amazon		DVD /VIDEO ...		-351.00
					Supplies		-58.38
					Books ANF		-191.55
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3235	S Baker & Taylor		Books ANF		-919.77
					Books AF		-347.96
					Books Inst ANF		-258.37
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3236	Center Point ...		Books AF		-56.92
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3237	Demco		Equipment		-2,299.95
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3238	Cardio Comp		Equipment M...		-375.00
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3239	Ferracoli, Witel		Audit		-2,250.00
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3240	Sale/CENGA...		Books AF		-112.75
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3241	Kancon		Kanopy		-170.00
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3242	PROCOPY		Photocopy Ex.		-132.50
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3243	Peacock Printi		Supplies		-162.00
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3244	Ready Refresh		Supplies		-13.70
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3245	Baker & Taylor		Books Inst ANF		-1,249.12
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3246	S Baker & Taylor		Books Inst ANF		-156.47
					Books AF		-512.96
					Books ANF		-332.13
9/23/2019	PNC Checking	3247	Office Depot		Supplies		-131.17
9/25/2019	PNC Checking	3248	Clean Enteron		Bldg Maint		-113.50
9/25/2019	PNC Checking	3249	Blackstone Pu		Audio Books		34.95
9/25/2019	PNC Checking	3250	North-Pinkna		Books ANF		-30.00
9/25/2019	PNC Checking	3251	OPTIMUM M...		Equipment M...		-119.94
9/25/2019	PNC Checking	3252	S Daragh O'Con		Postage		9.79
					Staff Developm		-105.90
9/25/2019	PNC Checking	3253	S Daragh O'Con		Postage		-5.22
					Programs		-75.72
					Supplies		-12.75
9/26/2019	PNC Checking	3254	BOOKS Scho		BOOKS Demo		-405.00
9/27/2019	PNC Checking	3255	Guy's Mainten...		Cleaning Maint		-1,050.00
9/1/2019 - 9/30/2019							-12,715.08
TOTAL INFLOWS							0.00
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Attendance - 9/27/19 - 9/040

Budget1 - Current Year:2

1/1/2019 through 12/31/2019 Using Budget 13

9/27/2019

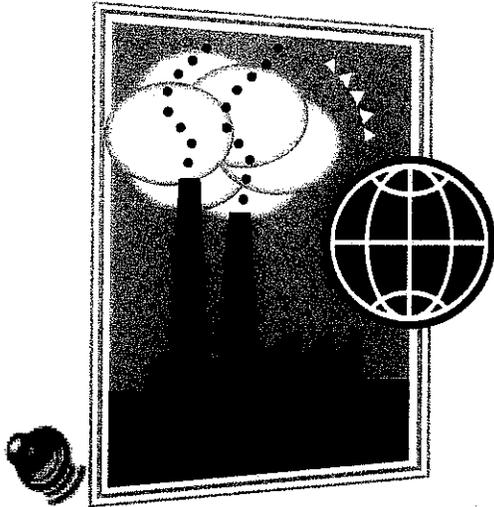
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Category Description	1/1/2019 Actual	Budget	12/31/2019 Difference
INCOME			
Boro Approp	118,168.87	132,410.00	-14,241.13
Donation	4,933.07	3,500.00	1,433.07
Fines	7,604.40	11,500.00	-3,895.60
Funds brought fwd	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
Historic Tile Mural	255.00	1,000.00	-745.00
Interest Earned	220.12	50.00	170.12
Lost Books	784.49	1,700.00	-915.51
Lost Cards	181.00	300.00	-119.00
Memorials	910.00	600.00	310.00
Multi Purpose Rm	0.00	0.00	0.00
Photocopy	1,802.43	3,000.00	-1,197.57
State Aid	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	134,859.38	169,060.00	-34,200.62
EXPENSES			
SEPTEMBER			
Audio Books	1,222.58	1,000.00	-222.58
Audit	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00
BCCLS Computer	32,561.61	42,875.00	10,313.39
Bldg Maint	1,868.62	3,000.00	1,131.38
Books AF	12,345.08	15,000.00	2,654.92
Books ANF	10,420.73	14,265.00	3,844.27
Books Foreign	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Books Inst AY	2,029.64	3,000.00	970.36
Books J E YA	12,109.54	18,170.00	6,060.46
Cleaning Maint	10,425.00	15,500.00	5,075.00
DVD VIDEO GAMES	4,438.66	5,500.00	1,061.34
Equipment	7,292.79	6,000.00	-1,292.79
Equipment Maint	3,884.20	2,300.00	-1,584.20
Historic Tile Mural Expense	514.35	500.00	-14.35
Kanopy	1,912.00	2,000.00	88.00
Multi Purpose Rm. Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00
Music CDs	34.86	0.00	-34.86
Periodicals	7,876.38	10,000.00	2,123.62
Photocopy Expense	1,325.00	1,800.00	475.00
Postage	557.20	400.00	-157.20
Programs	3,806.50	2,000.00	-1,806.50
Signage	101.78	1,000.00	898.22
Staff Developmt	2,237.50	2,500.00	262.50
Supplies	9,512.30	11,000.00	1,487.70
TOTAL EXPENSES	137,726.32	169,060.00	31,333.68
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,866.94	0.00	-2,866.94

Net Worth Report

As of 9/27/2019

Account	9/27/2019
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts:	
PNC Checking	\$ 13,388.13
PNC Money Market	5,960.03
Savings (Multi Purpose Room)	25,464.12
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	44,812.28
TOTAL ASSETS	44,812.28
OVERALL TOTAL	44,812.28



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

DATE/TIME/PLACE	<u>September 19, 2019</u>	
	Present	Absent
Laura Hoogstrate	<u>X</u>	
Eileen Boland		<u>X</u>
Mary Daly		<u>X</u>
Brian Mitchell	<u>X</u>	
Bonnie Stewart	<u>X</u>	
Patty Almberg		<u>X</u>
Pam Gould	<u>X</u>	
Councilwoman Busted		<u>X</u>
David Kraft, Alternate		<u>X</u>
Brandon Cho, Alternate	<u>X</u>	

AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

Name	Address
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<u>Jennifer Schneider NJWAP</u>	
<u>815 Winding Way, River Vale, NJ</u>	

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Asked Bonnie to discuss what is happening with Sustainable Jersey.

BONNIE STEWART: Advised there are different rounds you need to complete and you received the award in November. Stated presently they are at the second round, the first round they had 250 points, this round have 215 points but indicated they will pass, and you will not have to recertify for another 3 years.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Questioned if they should be looking at things to do to earn points during those 3 years and advised Councilwoman Busted mentioned about upping the level.

BONNIE STEWART: Stated it is very hard to move up another level, and to get to Silver you need 350 points and everything you do is only 10 or 20 points, plus it is very time consuming with the paperwork that needs to be done. Suggested concentrating on big projects that will get you more points.

MEMBER: Questioned what the Silver award provides the town.

BONNIE STEWART: Advised when you get certified, it enables you to go for Grants that aren't always advertised.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Asked Brandon to discuss his project.

BRANDON CHO: Stated he is currently working on his Eagle Project regarding the boat shed, which he will be replacing and he will also be making containers to dry and store life jackets.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated Brandon had a very successful fund raiser and believes his project will be under budget so he will have extra money and, by Scout protocol, the money has to go back to the group he is working for, which is this Committee, and that money will be used for new life jackets and paddles. Asked Pam to discuss the litter survey.

PAM GOULD: Stated they accomplished what they were asked to do and most of the litter they found were cigarette butts.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated Councilwoman Busted looked into Terra Cycling, who are now taking cigarette butts, as they can be recycled. Advised Councilwoman Busted will be going to the joint Oradell/River Edge Chamber of Commerce to see if businesses will be on board with having a collection bin in front of their businesses for the cigarette butts. Questioned Bonnie if she wants to discuss River Edge Day.

BONNIE STEWART: Stated the Green Team will be having a raffle, and they are thinking of having a whiteboard with ideas the town would like to see accomplished and they would also like to get ideas from the residents to put on the whiteboard.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Indicated they can also have people sign up for Recycle Coach. Stated the storm water board will be up but it needs to be updated, however there isn't enough time to do that this year. Advised the Terra Cycle flip flop bin is half full and they will put it out on River Edge Day, however they need to let people know about that. Advised Scouts from Brandon's troop are doing the decals on the storm water drains and asked Jennifer to discuss the storm drain art.

JENNIFER SCHNEIDER: Stated they do artwork and murals to show people in a visual way that everything that goes in the street eventually goes into the storm drain and that you only want water in the storm drain.

BONNIE STEWART: Questioned who designs the artwork and if there could be a contest to design them.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated that is a great idea. Advised they do not have a River Sweep for October and they may join another town doing a clean-up on the river this fall and stated not having the fall River Clean-up will give them time to work on their May clean up. Suggested they can start to add things during the River Clean-up, even if it's just giving out information to the public and eventually turn it into a fair. Stated they also are discussing having a paddle day where families come down and get on the river in canoes.

JENNIFER SCHNEIDER: Suggested making the new boat shed launch a big day to bring people down to the river. Questioned what is happening with the rain garden by the swim club.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised they have an area that does flood by the swim club, but is not sure if it is the right spot for the rain garden with the plants that are naturally already there.

JENNIFER SCHNEIDER: Stated she would need to look at the spot but it probably will sustain a flood from the river and the rain gardens are more designed to catch water runoff from impervious surfaces.

MEMBER: Questioned if there is any way to get more boats.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated you need the people first.

MEMBER: Advised during the River Clean-up people just sat there waiting to get on the boats.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated that is why you do not want to over advertise the Clean-up as a lot of volunteers show up and they get disgruntled because there are not enough boats, plus the boat shed does not have the capacity to hold more boats. Advised that during an event they can borrow boats from Suez.

MEETING ADJOURNED

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #19-333

Amend 2019 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion or increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such an item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion or increase of an item for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a grant award for Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$2,415.61.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby request the approval of the Director for the following:

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue – Section F

Unappropriated Reserve for Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant.....\$2,415.61

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$2,415.61 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from the “CAPS”
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant.....\$2,415.61

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough forward two (1) copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

October 7, 2019

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Busteed						
Chinigo						
Davis						
Gautier						
Kaufman						
Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of __ page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this day of 2019.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #19-334

Authorize Clerk to Go Out for Bid for the 2018 Municipal Aid Program for Bogert Road (Section 2) Howland Avenue (Section 7, Phase V) Road Improvement Project

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to go out for bid for the 2018 Bogert Road (Section 2) and Howland Avenue (Section 7, Phase V) Road Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has submitted plans and specifications for the project entitled 2018 Bogert Road (Section 2) and Howland Avenue (Section 7, Phase V) Road Improvement Project to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, these plans and specifications have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney at a work session held on October 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge desire to memorialize their approval of the plans and specifications and the design elements contained therein for the project entitled 2018 Bogert Road (Section 2) and Howland Avenue (Section 7, Phase V) Road Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for the project entitled 2018 Bogert Road (Section 2) and Howland Avenue (Section 7, Phase V) Road Improvement Project are hereby accepted and approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise in THE RECORD for the purpose of providing said service.

October 7, 2019

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Busteed						
Chinigo						
Davis						
Gautier						
Kaufman						
Papaleo						
Mayor Mignone						

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #19-335

Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Monroe Court

WHEREAS, on or about October 7, 2019, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Liz Serednicky, 291 Monroe Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Monroe Court on Saturday, October 12th starting at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

WHEREAS, Liz Serednicky has requested that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages be permitted in connection with said block party; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that persons age 21 and over be and hereby are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages at the block party described above, on the date and time specified herein.

October 7, 2019

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Busteed						
Chinigo						
Davis						
Gautier						
Kaufman						
Papaleo						
Mayor Mignone						

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that this is a true and compared copy of a resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the Borough of River Edge on _____, 2019.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #19-336

Resolution Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Grant Fund Receivable and Appropriated Reserve for the “Community Development Block Grant – Wellness Program for Senior Citizens”

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge received approval for a grant through the County of Bergen for a grant entitled “Community Development Block Grant – Wellness Program for Senior Citizens”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its books and records an account receivable of \$3,161.81 and an appropriated reserve of \$3,161.81; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to cancel the grant fund account receivable and appropriated reserve for the grant entitled “Community Development Block Grant – Wellness Program for Senior Citizens” both in the amount of \$3,161.81.

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

October 7, 2019

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Busteed						
Chinigo						
Davis						
Gautier						
Kaufman						
Papaleo						
Mayor Mignone						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of __ page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this day of 2019.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #19-337

Amend Certification of Chief Financial Officer with Regard to the Contract with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Engineering Services to Install Flashing Crosswalk Signs at the Intersection of Kinderkamack Road and Wayne Avenue and Clarendon Court and Myrtle Avenue and Midland Avenue

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2019 via resolution #19-328, the Borough of River Edge awarded a contract to Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for professional engineering services related to Install Flashing Crosswalk Signs at the Intersection of Kinderkamack Road and Wayne Avenue and Clarendon Court and Myrtle Avenue and Midland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract was for \$11,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer had certified that funds were available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$2,912.00 and \$8,088.00 from the Self Insurance Fund in a total amount not to exceed \$11,000.00; and

WHEREAS, an error was made in the certification of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby accept the revised certification of funds provided by the Chief Financial Officer which indicates that \$11,000.00 is available from Account #01-2010-1652-100 of the Current Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Clerk are hereby instructed to adjust their records accordingly.

October 7, 2019

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Busteed						
Chinigo						
Davis						
Gautier						
Kaufman						
Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of __ page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this __ day of _____, 2019.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #19-338

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	\$
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$
TRUT OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$

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.

October 7, 2019

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Busteed						
Chinigo						
Davis						
Gautier						
Kaufman						
Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 7th day of October, 2019.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk