

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Immediately Following Work Session

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

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

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Mignone called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilwoman Busted to lead the salute to the flag.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT -

Mayor Mignone 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 29, 2017 to THE RECORD 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 – Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Chinigo and Mayor Mignone were present; Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Papaleo and Councilman Acquafredda were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting of January 22, 2018 were unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS – NONE

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA –

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public comments on any item on the agenda was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA –

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to close public comments on any item on the agenda was unanimously approved.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT

The Mayor appoints Michael Krey to the Land Use Board, Class IV-2, for a four-year term from February 13, 2018, through 12/31/2021, effective February 13, 2018.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to hire Serap Alatas Gunhan as a Circulation Library Assistant, 20 hours per week, \$11.00 per hour with a six month probationary period, effective February 13, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to change the salary of Anthony Roman, Patrol Officer from an annual salary of \$81,255.00 to Patrol Officer 13th Grade - \$89,661.00, effective February 7, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to change the salary of Renata Sanches, Patrol Officer from an annual salary of \$81,255.00 to Patrol Officer 13th Grade - \$89,661.00, effective February 7, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo approving the separation of Ryan LaCast, Laborer in the Department of Public Works, effective February 5, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to hire Katia Minaya as part-time Accounts Payable Clerk at a probationary "B" Scale rate of \$16.00, 25 – 29 hours per week with a six-month probationary period, effective February 14, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to hire of Gabriel Colucci, as a part-time Police Dispatcher, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 with a six-month probationary period, effective February 14, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to hire of Ryan Magee, as a part-time Police Dispatcher, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 with a six-month probationary period, effective February 14, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to hire of Marc Vitello, as a part-time Police Dispatcher, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 with a six-month probationary period, effective February 14, 2018 was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Notice - Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, P.C – 1/29/18
Re: Notice of Fairness Hearing – Township of Teaneck & (FSHC) Fair Share Housing Center

Letter - State of New Jersey, DEP – 1/29/18
Re: Freshwater Wetlands of Interpretation – Bergen County Historical Society, Block 1304, Lot 2 and Block 1303 Lot 2

Letter - Board of Chosen Freeholders – 2/1/18
Re: Official County Map & Map of Bergen County Road Right-of-Way Widths

Letter - River Dell Regional School District – 2/5/18
Re: Thank you to John Lynch and DPW

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Annual Debt Statement - 2017
Beautification Committee - January 2018
Library Board of Trustees - February 2018

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #18-5 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #18-5 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni the first reading of Ordinance #18-5 was unanimously approved as follows:

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$387,158.77 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this Governing Body affirmatively concurring that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of River Edge shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$387,158.77 and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Borough of River Edge be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced by filed with the Director of the division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #18-6 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #18-6 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #18-3 TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2018

On motion by Councilwoman Busteded, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the first reading of Ordinance #18-6 was approved unanimously as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #18-3 TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2018

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge:

Section 1: The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2018 shall be as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	
	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Director of Recreation		\$16,150 - \$72,000

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

ORDINANCE – 2ND READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #18-4 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #18-4 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CURBS ON EXISTING SIDEWALKS AT PORTIONS OF RUTGERS PLACE AND OXFORD TERRACE (PHASE 3) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,800 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.

Ordinance #18-4 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis at the January 22, 2018 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #18-4

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CURBS ON EXISTING SIDEWALKS AT PORTIONS OF RUTGERS PLACE AND OXFORD TERRACE (PHASE 3) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,800 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 undertake the engineering design phase (hereinafter referred to as the "purpose" or the "improvement") of the construction and reconstruction of curbs on existing sidewalks beginning at the intersection of Rutgers Place and Bogert Road and proceeding (A) on the southern side of Rutgers Place approximately 1,000 linear feet to the intersection of Kinderkamack Road and Rutgers Place, and (B) continuing on the southerly curb line of Oxford Terrace approximately 200 linear feet along Lots 5 and 4 (partial) in Block 1301 on the Tax Map of the Borough (the "Tax Map"). The improvement shall be undertaken along and in front of the following described property locations as shown on the Tax Map:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lots</u>
1404	2.02, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04 (partial)
1301	5, 4 (partial)

It is hereby determined and stated that the construction phase of the project was authorized by Ordinance No. 17-28 adopted by the Borough Council on November 20, 2017.

Section 2. The sum of \$4,800 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance. Said sum so appropriated shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment made by this ordinance.

Section 3. The improvement shall be undertaken as a sidewalk improvement and the cost thereof not borne by the Borough shall be assessed in the following manner: an accurate account of the cost of the improvement shall be kept by an officer of the Borough and such cost shall be assessed upon the several properties fronting on the improvement in proportion to their respective frontage

thereon pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 65 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey. The portion of such cost which shall not be so assessed shall be paid by the Borough as in the case of a general improvement which is to be paid for by general taxation.

Section 4. Before making said sidewalk improvement or awarding any contract for such sidewalk improvement, the Borough Clerk shall cause notice of the proposed sidewalk improvement to be given to the owner or owners of all real estate affected thereby. Such notice shall be served in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 65 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, in particular Section 40:65-2 to Section 40:65-6, and the proof of service shall be filed with the officer of the Borough in charge of the records of tax liens of the Borough within 10 days after service thereof.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the improvement shall be assessed against the owners of the properties fronting on the improvement and (2) the Borough will not contribute any money to the cost of said improvement and (3) no sidewalk assessments for such improvement have been levied or confirmed and (4) such sidewalk assessments may be paid in five annual installments.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvement is not a current expense of said Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$4,800, and (4) \$300 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$4,500, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$4,800, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, 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 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$300, 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 purpose. The sum of \$300 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 8. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,500 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 9. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,500 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 10. 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 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of 10 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. 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 \$4,500 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 13. Any funds received from 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 purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. 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 15. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 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 and notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. 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 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

ATTEST

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #18-4

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to open the public hearing on Ordinance #18-4 was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #18-4

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to close the public hearing on Ordinance #18-4 was unanimously approved.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #18-4

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to adopt Ordinance #18-4 was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted, resolutions #18-75 through #18-84 and #18-86 were unanimously approved.

#18-75 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #17-144 on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 22, 2018 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$96,719.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Recreation Commission Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2018 of \$92,719.00 (Other Expenses) and \$4,000.00 (Salary and Wages) for the Maintenance of Lands is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Recreation Commission and Recreation Director.

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#18-76 Endorse Municipal Open Space Shade Tree Commission

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #17-144 on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2017 and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 22, 2018 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of municipal parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$19,285.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Shade Tree Commission Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2018 of \$14,285.00 (Other Expenses) and \$5,000.00 (Salary and Wages) for the Maintenance of Lands is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Shade Tree Commission.

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#18-77 Endorse Municipal Open Space Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #17-144 on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on

November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 22, 2018 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$9,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Department of Public Works Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2018 of \$9,500.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Public Works.

February 13, 2018

#18-78 Endorse Municipal Open Space Beautification Committee

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #17-144 on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 22, 2018 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Beautification Committee of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of various parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$5,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Beautification Committee Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2018 of \$5,500.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Beautification Committee.

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#18-79 Endorse Municipal Open Space 9/11 Memorial Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #17-144 on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 22, 2018 to provide the public

with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the 9/11 Memorial representatives of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for a 9/11 Memorial, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$5,250.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the 9/11 Memorial Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2018 of \$5,250.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the 9/11 representatives, the Library Board and the Library Director.

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#18-80 Endorse Municipal Open Space Green Team

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #17-144 on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 22, 2018 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Green Team of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of municipal parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Green Team Plan as submitted at the public hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2018 of \$1,000.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Team.

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#18-81 REA Tax Identification Statement

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River

Edge that River Edge hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, Chapter 311, in 2017 in the amount of \$10,917.36. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 705 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

REA Tax Identification Statement Certified by:

Name of Official:

Administrator/CFO

Title of Official:

Date:

February 13, 2018

#18-82 Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel the 2017 Added Assessment Taxes Due to a County Board Judgment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received an Added Assessment County Board Judgment for the year 2017 cancelling the Added Assessment assessed on the following property in error; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in assessed value has also reduced the total tax amount billed and due for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Added Assessment billed taxes for 2017 was not paid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector cancel the following taxes and adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Old Value</u>	<u>New Value</u>	<u>Cancelled Taxes</u>
1406/2	M&T Corporate Services 1068 Main Street River Edge, NJ 07661	60,000	0	\$1,528.03

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#18-83 Authorize Annual Payment for Animal Control and Services with the County of Bergen

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge entered into a five (5) year agreement from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020 with the County of Bergen for animal control services via resolution #16-54 dated January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this is year three of the said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-27-3402-100 of the Current Fund in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00 and from the Animal Welfare Account in an amount not to exceed \$2,602.80 for a total amount not to exceed \$16,102.80; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor is authorized to make payment for the annual fee in the amount of \$16,102.80 to the County of Bergen.

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#18-84 Authorize Severance and Accumulated Absence Payments to Joseph Maugeri

WHEREAS, Joseph Maugeri, Crossing Guard has separated as an employee of the

Borough of River Edge on January 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge adopted Ordinance #585, on September 9, 1973 and amended it via Ordinance #814 dated March 21, 1982 and Ordinance #1736 dated September 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #585 as amended provides for severance pay when an employee serves the Borough after twenty (20) years or more of continuous service; and

WHEREAS, Section V, Subject 1 of the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual of the Borough of River Edge states that the Municipal Governing Body shall approve all payments for accumulated absences and other severance payment; and

WHEREAS, a certification by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-15.4 has been received and is on file with the Borough Clerk in the amount of \$1,551.40.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Chief Financial Officer and the Finance Department are hereby authorized to make payment to Joseph Maugeri for any amounts due per Ordinance #585 as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

February 13, 2018

Councilman Bartelloni read resolution #18-85 into the record.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve resolution #18-85 was unanimously approved.

#18-85 Payment of Bills

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

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

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$6,727,681.99
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 14,830.34
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 771.08
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 199.80
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 15,155.00
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 8,835.00
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 350.00

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

February 13, 2018

#18-86 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #17-144 on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 22, 2018 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge desires to allocate funds from the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund for the Maintenance of AED's and Lightning Detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Appropriated Budget for 2018 of \$6,917.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Recreation Commission and Recreation Director.

February 13, 2018

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to open the hearing of the public was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mignone-explained that they'll have to adjourn because we're losing our quorum but they will still listen to Ms. Yoon's comments after adjournment.

Councilwoman Busted- exited the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:12 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: