

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2017**

PRESENT:

Council President	Thomas Papaleo
Councilman	Alphonse Bartelloni
Councilman	Dario Chinigo
Councilwoman	Mary Davis

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Anthony Bocchi
Borough Administrator	Alan Negreann
Borough Clerk	Stephanie Evans

ABSENT:

Mayor	Edward J. Mignone
Councilman	Vito Acquafredda
Councilwoman	Ellen Busted

Council President Papaleo called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM by reading the Open Public Meetings Act.

OATH OF OFFICE-

Sergeant Michael McGinty takes his Oath and Police Chief Cariddi presents the Sergeant's emblem.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC TRUST.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Davis to Open Public Hearing.
All in favor 4-0

Seeing no comments from the public Mr. Negreann asked Councilman Papaleo if Bobbi Conway, Recreation Director, and the Recreation Commission, could be given the opportunity to say a few words about the application and answer any open questions. Bobbi Conway came forward with Carol Rebosio, a member of the Recreation Commission. Ms. Conway stated that she left a summary on the dais showing previous projects that have been before Mayor and Council requesting (inaudible) and receiving approval of the Declaration and Intent to request the funding from Bergen County Open Space. At that time we referenced these projects that are listed as you can see and also the descriptions of the projects, the total cost of \$110,780.00 and the grant fund we requested was \$55,390.00. We did receive an email from Mr. Abbatomarco confirming our declaration, did confirm our project was eligible, and did confirm there are funds available for the projects. The application is due on June 30th, and we are here tonight to request approval for the application of these projects at the amount of \$55,390.00 for the grant with the understanding that the Mayor and Council does know that this is a matching grant, and that the match amount would be \$55,390.00. In our 2015 River Edge Open Space we do have the amount of \$21,068.93 which had been allocated to repair one of the courts and also for maintenance. It is a balance that has not been allocated to any other project or is in need of any other project. It has been suggested that use that amount before the match leaving a balance of \$34,321.07 for the allocated fund depending on what the Mayor and Council would like to do.

It could be unallocated Open Space since we have (inaudible), since apparently it is or the 2018 Budget or 2018 under Open Space. She wanted to acknowledge that there is that outstanding budget that is required for the match, and that is where we stand with the application. Mr. Negreann explained that we have from the 2017 Municipal Open Space a remaining balance that is unallocated of \$23,000.00 roughly, which you could put that towards it. In 2018 it could certainly be an operating expense, but he wouldn't recommend that. It could also be a "Capital" of the remaining \$10,000.00 as a capital expense, also a capital ordinance you would only need 5% down payment on that \$10,000.00 to make that work. Mr. Negreann's recommendation was to use the 2017 Municipal Open Space and any other unallocated monies from prior years first then do a capital ordinance for the balance if necessary.

Council had no questions or comments on the Open Space application.

There were no questions or comments from the public regarding the Open Space application.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING -OPEN SPEACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORICK PRESERVATION TRUST

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Davis to close public hearing.

All in favor 4-0

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S TOPICS

- 1. Re-appropriation of Ordinance to Community Center** – Mr. Negreann explained that in front of the members they will find a memorandum dated January 7, 2016 which listed certain funding sources for the Community Center. At the page bottom is listed back than Ordinances 1656, 1763, 1804, 1806, and 1829 that had available balances totaling \$707,000.00. The current available balance on these ordinances is \$683,250.31. He is recommending tonight that if you are still inclined to re-appropriate these ordinances which have available funds which have projects that are stalemated or closed out we re-appropriate \$659,000.00 from these old ordinances to the Community Center purpose. On the right hand he listed projects that make up these ordinances. The first one is Hackensack Ave., the widening of Hackensack Ave. and hasn't moved forward maybe in the last 15 years and he would use those funds for the Community Center at this time. The DPW tree truck has already been purchased and we had \$11,000.00 left over from that which is available. The DPW roof and HVAC for the Library and the Library roof, the DPW has postponed any work on their roof. The Library roof has been completed and the HVAC work is to be considered as part of the Community Center project. Finally on Ordinance #1806 we had curb cuts and Municipal Parking Lot, and again the HVAC for the Library we are holding back about \$20,000.00 out of that ordinance for any needs with regard to HVAC for the Library but the rest of the money would be free. That would be \$659,000.00 that you could put towards project, but he needs direction from the council to do that, he would need to contact Bond Counsel to make up the appropriate ordinance for introduction at a future meeting.

Councilman Bartelloni asked Mr. Negreann how much did we put in the budget this year, Mr. Negreann replied he thought it was \$500,000.00. Councilman Bartelloni said he would make the motion to list the ordinance, but first we have to go out Bond Counsel. Mr. Negreann explained that the Bond Counsel would draft the ordinance first. A motion was made to have the Bond Counsel draft an ordinance re-appropriating the sum of \$659,000.00 from the various ordinances set fore here Ordinance 1656, 1763, 1804, 1806, and 1829. Mr. Negreann mentioned that 1829 only had \$21.00 and he left that one out. Councilman Bartelloni amended his motion to delete Ordinance 1829.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, second by Councilwoman Davis to approve.
All in favor 4-0

- 2. Request to Establish a Change Fund in the Borough Clerk's Office not to exceed \$50.00** – Mr. Negreann explained that currently we have 3 change funds, 1 each in the Health Dept., Finance, and Court. This is a request that from the Borough Clerk's Office to have a \$50.00 change fund in their office so they can make change for garage sales permits and other types of fees and permits that they do at the counter. They are required to return the money at the end of the year and then we reopen it each to determine there are no missing funds. This is not petty cash, it is simply to make change. A motion was made to establish a Change Fund in the Borough Clerk's Office.

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, second by Councilman Bartelloni to approve.
All in favor 4-0

- 3. Repair of Concrete Apron at KGM Park** – Mr. Negreann explained that he sent a memo dated May 26, 2017 to the Mayor and Council stating as part of the KBG Lighting Improvement Project we had an apron that had to be deconstructed. The apron has been used as an entrance point for our ramp that goes up to the concession stand. It is a priority to reconstruct so that we have proper access. We do have \$10,000.00 available out of Ordinance #1710 which was meant to be a pilot project for sidewalk repair. The ordinance's language is general enough for the improvements to public buildings and grounds that he feels we could charge this driveway apron to that ordinance. We have a couple of quotations in the range of about \$6,000.00. He would ask the Borough Engineer to check the cost estimate to make sure it is adequate to do this. It will still leave us with \$4,000.00 to do the pilot project if we wanted to try different ways to cure the sidewalks slabs from raising up. The other options would be the operating budget of Public Grounds but John Lynch is using that this year and he doesn't have room for it. Then we have Ordinance 1806 with \$20,000.00 that we were reserving for the HVAC for Library. He wouldn't suggest using that money at this point and the options is the \$10,000.00 from Ordinance #1710. A motion was made to approve this request from the Borough Administrator based on taking from Ordinance #1710.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Davis to approve.
All in favor 4-0

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Report on River Edge Car Show** – Police Chief Cariddi stated that the Cultural Center submitted an application for the Car Show with a few requests this year that were made previously. One they wanted to close Elm Ave., south of Continental Ave. in order to have extra space for overflow parking from the Library. Additional they wanted to park cars on the lawn, that request has come up in the past and there have been some issues in prior years about parking on lawns and etc. Just based on the current ordinance and in the way that area that is zoned residential 1, the parking on the grass was denied and the closure of Elm Ave. south of Continental was denied as well. Peter Dunsay on behalf of the Cultural Center came before council and he also called headquarters over these items and they have been explained to him why there was a denial. Chief Cariddi told Mr. Dunsay that the Code Official didn't have any problems with parking on the lawn, along with the Mayor and Council. But in his discussions with the Mayor he did have an issue with closing Elm Ave. because of it being a safety concern. The car show has been growing every year and we have asked Mr. Dunsay to take certain steps to cap the number of vehicles there so that they could fit. We have encounter problems for the

officers that are working the details for the past 3 years, concerning both parking locations at the Library, traffic concerns that officers have to address and traffic being backed up from Elm Ave. and Continental all the way to Kinderkamack trying to get into the car show area. Mr. Dunsay has repeatedly stated he can't do anything to cap the number of cars because cars come and go and that is the nature of car shows. We asked about looking for different venues for it, either still in River Edge or in the immediate area, he has declined to do that stating that the park-like environment makes this car show special. We have tried on many occasion to accommodate this. He previously stated to the council that there is one driveway that would be affected on Elm Ave. south of Continental; in fact that isn't the case there are two homes there, 706 and 708 would have their driveways blocked as a result of this. The more overriding concern is traffic for our traffic detour even for an event as big as River Edge Day we may only close that area from Continental and Elm up to Continental and Fifth. We have a (inaudible) system that we have used for decades now, anytime you try to deviate from the route the greater the impact not only on traffic and pedestrians concerns but on the residents that live there. There really is no other safe alternative then to use Elm Ave. as a detour route for east and west bound traffic on Continental. Traffic going eastbound detoured on Fifth to Adams as far as Elm back to Elm Ave. and Continental, the same thing in reverse westbound. This again has been explained to Mr. Dunsay on repeated occasions and the Chief just wanted to come tonight before the Council and state there is no intention of changing our position in the future. Chief Cariddi stated that he will notify Mr. Dunsay tomorrow about parking on the grass at the Cultural Center itself, if he desires to park a few cars there. Councilman Bartelloni stated he had objection with parking on the grass, he believes it's another town's antique fire truck is usually there on that corner. He knows the ordinance the Chief is referring to but he doesn't know if it was intended for that or for residents parking on their lawn as opposed to something like this. He has no concerns with that since it is the Cultural Center's lawn. Councilman Chinigo asked which patch of grass was it, Chief Cariddi answered just on the Cultural Center side just (inaudible) past these areas of the park itself that have caused problems, this time he guesses they will only be using the lawn between the sidewalk and street and also (inaudible) itself which is just south of the sidewalk on Continental. He indicated up to 4 vehicles. Again the Chief doesn't have any real concern with that. Councilwoman Davis asked how much of Elm does he want to close, Chief Cariddi replied he wants to close it between Continental and Adams, which would cause us to detour traffic all the way down Adams Ave. causing a no parking zone for all the residents on either the north or south side of Adams Ave. all the way to Bogert Rd. That is why we use the shortest block available between Continental and Bogert to detour them back along Adams going all the way down back to Bogert. You are detouring people who may otherwise want to get as far as Continental to get to Oak or the northern side Elm. Councilman Papaleo added that the Zoning Officer has sent Mayor and Council a letter stating he does not object in which the Chief was referring to. He agrees with Councilman Bartelloni and feels that the council wouldn't object and appreciate the Chief allowing the Cultural Center using their property and we do understand the Chief's safety concerns and we support those concerns. A motion was made to accept parking on the Borough property but no the closing of Elm Avenue.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilman Bartelloni to approve.
All in favor 4-0

2. **Modify Resolution #17-109 for Batting Cage** – Mr. Negreann stated he would start this topic off and would turn it over to Councilman Bartelloni who is much more versed on

this. He explained this resolution was passed by the Mayor and Council as part of your Open Space review and it provided money to the Recreation Commission in the total amount of \$79,551.00 for variety of purposes, one of which was a shed to be located on Board of Education property, and we had \$10,000.00 for that. He was informed that in addition to the shed the batting was also being contemplated and if the Mayor and Council would like to reallocate some of that shed money, \$10,000.00, towards the batting cage that would be fine, you would just have to authorize him to place before the council a resolution to modify the plan by the Recreation Commission to include that. He asked that Councilman Bartelloni be given the opportunity to talk about need for this. Councilman Bartelloni began by saying as Alan stated we had appropriated \$10,000.00 out of the Open Space money for the building of a shed at Roosevelt field. Through various discussions between sub-committee, the Mayor, and members of the Board of Education the size and scope of that shed has been scaled back from what was originally proposed. The cost of that shed has decreased dramatically and at the same time there was also a discussion of having a batting case placed on Roosevelt field. In discussions with the new Chief/Head of Grounds for the River Edge School District what they are proposing is a sufficient structure as opposed to wire or mesh batting cage if they want a permanent structure that includes some type of asphalt base, they want the netting enclosed within a chain linked fence. Their concerns were students having access to it during the day and also maintenance in terms of trimming/mowing the grass, they are proposing a significant structure the cost of that from various towns we looked into is somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$15,000.00 because of the fencing and the asphalt versus what really a batting cage in of itself is a couple of thousand dollars just for the netting, so the thought was to re-appropriate money from the shed which isn't going to cost us anywhere near \$10,000.00 and use that towards the permanent structure of a batting cage. Councilwoman Davis asked first which field and if only certain people were able to use it. Councilman Bartelloni replied its Roosevelt field and it gets used by K-8th grade. The field is also used by the Black Hawks, soccer in the fall and they would have access to the shed. The batting cage itself would be pretty much for the use of Regal, Little League has a similar structure. Mr. Negreann explained that he did take the liberty of drafting a Shared Service Agreement which he distributed to the school, Borough Attorney, Mayor and Council which thought would save some time and money, which is out there as a discussion draft. He did send it to the Recreation Commission because he felt they deserved the opportunity to be heard on this as well. If you do approve the modification of the money or give him the amounts they would always have the opportunity to come back at another meeting to discuss this with you. Councilman Papaleo stated that he was a little confused asking if Regal has been a part of this discussion for the batting cage and the reduction in the shed. Councilman Bartelloni said they were not at the table but he has discussed it with them. They are in support of this and they know they would have to contribute funds to the batting cage project because the available monies wouldn't cover and they seem receptive to them. Councilman Papaleo wanted to understand correctly that it's the Board of Education who is requesting that we build the more expensive batting cage. Councilman Bartelloni said yes it not what was originally proposed or thought of Regal who originally was just looking to up netting and it was the Board of Education, particularly their new Head of Grounds wanted this structure because he felt as though if it was just netting it would be an impediment to their maintenance and they were concerned with how to mow around it if they had to lift up the netting to get the lawn mower in there and they were worried that kids would go in there. They wanted something that was lockable so that students could not get in. Councilman Papaleo wanted to confirm that we were going from about a \$2,000.00 structure to about a \$15,000.00 one, has the Board of Education indicated if

they would be putting any money towards a \$13,000.00 structure increase. Councilman Bartelloni replied they wouldn't be putting any money towards it, it would be Borough owned, even though it is on their property with the Shared Service Agreement. Councilman Papaleo stated it would be Borough owned but it would be on their property and you can't pick it up and move it. Mr. Negreann said there is precedence for that, we constructed a bathroom adjunct to the Roosevelt building so that our athletic leagues could access that bathroom without having to go into the building itself. Councilman Bartelloni clarified by saying the students don't have access to them, it's just for athletic activities and not for the school. This batting cage would not be used by the students at either school. Councilman Chinigo asked if the one at Memorial had the fencing and the asphalt. Councilman Bartelloni replied he didn't know about the asphalt but it doesn't have the fencing. Councilman Chinigo asked if we faced whatever problems the Board of Education and the Advisory Committee has foreseen with the boy's structured memorial that we are spending so much money to make a girl's structure. Councilman Bartelloni replied he didn't believe so but there is a batting cage down at KGB which he understood they lift the net up when they mow it. Councilman Papaleo asked if the request was coming from a full vote from the Board of Education or is this coming from Superintendent, the Board President, or is it simply coming from a committee of the Board of Education. Councilman Bartelloni stated it came to him, but he doesn't know if it was a full vote or not, through a meeting with Mr. Hensel, the Superintendent, and he apologizes he forgets the gentleman's last name, his first name is Stuart, he is the new head of Grounds. Councilman Papaleo stated so no actual member of the Board of Education, Councilman Bartelloni replied they were not there, but we do have another committee meeting on June 29 to discuss it again. Councilman Papaleo commented that he was a tad bit disappointed that we are being asked to spend \$12,000.00 more and the Board has not even asked to chip in, the Board may or may not be aware of it as a whole, and it's not an invincible problem that the Superintendent has claimed that we need to spend another \$12,000.00. It sounds more like a convenience problem, the Superintendent has a safety issue but we have a structure down in KGB that doesn't seem to have, Alan is there any acknowledge of any insurance claims made against our batting cage at KGB. Mr. Negreann replied not to his acknowledge. Councilman Papaleo went on to say so another \$12,000.00 because the Superintendent doesn't want to cut the grass is what he guesses he is hearing, he might be wrong, maybe he is characterizing it incorrectly. Councilman Bartelloni believed they didn't want the maintenance issue, they characterize it as a safety issue for the students. Councilman Papaleo agreed and said that anything could be characterized as a safety issue. For the record this hasn't come through a written request, it came through as a verbal request. The Superintendent of the River Edge Board of Schools and the Superintendent of the fields have asked this council to spend \$12,000.00 and they haven't brought it before the Board of Education, Councilman Bartelloni stated he didn't know if they did or didn't. Councilman Papaleo said we have no acknowledge they have done that. He thinks our girls deserve everything they should get but he doesn't believe this is the process by which we should get it. He thinks that if the Board wants to spend an extra \$12,000.00 he thinks we need to have a formal letter from them. They should also incur some of the cost even though it would be ours but on their property and we can't pick it up and move it. Councilman Papaleo thinks we should absolutely do this but he doesn't think we should do it tonight. A process needs to be put in place, a process that is equitable to the tax payers of River Edge, and will give the girls what they need and we know that the Board of Education, we can say with confidence, the Board is asking us to do. Councilman Bartelloni mentioned again that there was a meeting on the 29 where we, the Mayor, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteded, Superintendent Ben Dov, Jim Teehen, Bobbi Conway, Paris Myers, and the President of

the Board of Education will be in attendance for discussions. Councilwoman Davis asked if it was a normal meeting or was it just about this, Councilman Bartelloni replied it's primarily about this and also about getting the fields reseeded and resized at Cherry Hill, and they have so ongoing issues with parking they want to discuss in and around the school. Councilman Chinigo wanted to know if Regal was going to be asked to pay for part of this shouldn't they be part of this meeting as well. Councilman Bartelloni believed they were being represented through the Recreation Commission. Councilman Chinigo said the Rec. Commission isn't pay for a part of this, it's not coming from their budget, its Regal who should have a voice. Mr. Negreann mentioned that the Recreation Commission would probably be responsible for the maintenance of this site. Councilman Bartelloni agreed they would. Councilman Chinigo wasn't saying the Rec. Commission shouldn't be a part of it, they absolutely should be a part of it, but if Regal is paying for it they should be invited to the table so that they could at least listen to what is going on and voice whatever concerns they have. If this is a Regal batting cage that is being put up than the people who run Regal should be listened to. Councilman Bartelloni said that what he thinks will ultimately happens is the Borough may pay for the structure but Regal would pay for the netting that goes inside the structure. So to that extent it is the same either way from Regal's perspective. Councilman Chinigo's concern is that benefit of this project is for the Regal organization. He is a big supporter of Regal and he wants this to move forward and is a little nervous about shelving any amount of time because it is going to kick everything back and he knows Regal has been wanting something for a long time but he just wants to make that they are being kept in the loop about all this especially if they are going to contribute a significant amount of money, a couple of thousand, and it's a small organization for the girls' sports. Councilman Bartelloni said the only thing he could tell them was that he does regularly speak with Ken Krautheim, President of Regal, and I keep him abreast of any developments. Councilman Papaleo has a question for Mr. Negreann asking if we vote yes to modify this resolution #17-109 that doesn't actually modify it, that just gives him the ability to move forward with the resolution or are we actually modifying it tonight. Mr. Negreann explained that we are not doing tonight, there is no resolution listed tonight. He would present the resolution which would allocate some of that money from the shed which he considers to be maintenance because it's going to be used for maintenance tools and equipment. Also what they call development of lands for this batting cage we would segregate that amount of money out under the development of grants. This is terminology that the State of New Jersey uses to classify Open Space money, maintenance of lands and development of lands. Councilman Bartelloni thought before we, you have an opportunity to vote on any modified resolution whether to adopt or not we would have already met with the Board of Education and maybe be able to address some of the issues. At the end of the day the problem is as much as you would like them to say sure we'll chip in its not going to happen. Councilman Papaleo said it's not going to happen if we don't ask. We plow their driveways and they don't have to have a plow or pay a maintenance man. At every winter storm regardless of the amount the Borough is already contributing to their budget but without recognition. He thought it wasn't too much to ask, if they say no they say no, but since he won't be there he isn't one of the members of Council that attend, that you do and the Mayor does, he thinks that should at least be a request and it should be brought to the Board of Education as a whole. He has no problem voting yes to this discussion item if that at least would be done. Councilwoman Davis agreed that we didn't get a formal request. Councilman Papaleo said all that we are doing is giving Mr. Negreann the ability to move forward with the paperwork. Councilman Bartelloni stated it was just simply modifying the prior resolution for development of land as opposed to maintenance. Councilman Papaleo reminded everyone that they were not voting on that,

we are just giving Mr. Negreann the ability to move forward. But he would expect a formal request from the BOE and the formal request to include whether or not they wish to contribute to this additional \$12,000.00 cost. He would expect as a Councilman Chinigo mentioned that Regal be at the table and represented and he thinks these are reasonable requests for a process that is transparent. Councilman Papaleo wanted to make it clear that what Councilman Bartelloni has done tonight is a good thing. He has brought to us a way of improving our field for our girls' athletic leagues and that is a priority of this council. He thinks it's a great thing but he isn't comfortable with the process and he is assuming all this will take place prior to us considering the resolution and that is what he is bring before the council as a member. Councilman Bartelloni stated again that there was a meeting scheduled for the 29th and he is certainly happy to ask them to contribute to structure and await their response. Hopefully he can answer any additional questions before the next time we meet. Councilman Papaleo had a personal request not knowing if there was consensus here, please convey to them that the batting cage at KGB has had no claims against it, no known injuries, so even though it is important we be as safe as possible there doesn't seem to be grounds to suggest that a normal batting cage would be unsafe. Councilman Bartelloni said he will absolutely convey that. Again they operate out of an overabundance of caution. That seems how they operate, but he will bring that to them. Councilman Chinigo was looking a clarification we have \$10,000.00 set a side and the shed was going to how much. Councilman Bartelloni said the shed had to be priced but in his unscientific research it's probably about \$3,000.00. Councilman Chinigo asked if we were talking about one of those corrugated metal. Councilman Bartelloni said it most likely will be vinyl like the ones at the middle school alongside the basketball courts near the soccer, probably something like that that is very easy to maintain, not metal so there isn't a rusting issue or sharp edges. The original size that was discussed was significantly bigger, the ultimate number the Board of Education was willing to consider was 10x15 versus the original he thinks was 24x12 so the size has come down and the concrete pad it would go on has been scaled down as well that is where the cost is. Councilman Chinigo asked if the shed was going to go in the same location as the batting cage. Councilman Bartelloni replied what we discussed was putting the batting cage along Continental right behind where you have the pen for the garbage along that line there. The shed would go on the other side. Originally the Board of Education was asking for the batting cage to be in the area alongside near the residents. The ground is significantly unlevel which would add to the excavation cost and also he thinks that maybe a drain line in that area, and there were concerns about the noise with the residents such as metal bats and balls make a very distinct pinging should. To avoid that Continental has less traffic, its level, and it's used area. Councilwoman Davis as Councilman Bartelloni a question as a coach what is your feeling on this expensive batting cage as opposed to, she feels it's not good enough to have this just because of mowing the lawn or... Councilman Bartelloni said as a coach if you can restrict access, especially to something that Regal maybe buying, would be all the better so you don't have kids going in there and damaging it or whatever, he thinks that's more the concern than having students going in and damage the facility. To that extent he thinks that is a good idea. Does it matter to performance, no not at all as long as the netting is there that is all you really need. Again this is a net inside a cage and the cage is just for keeping people out essentially and it doesn't have an effect on performance. He has seen them at other fields that he has gone to so it's not abnormal they are fairly common to have that type of facility. Regal did seem happy about being able to keep it locked and onboard with that type of situation. A motion was made to consider the modification of resolution #17-109 with the understanding there are several process elements that we would be looking for before we did a final vote and a

justification in writing from the Board of Education and a request from the Board of Education for us spending this extra amount. Councilman Papaleo also added since they are asking us to spend another \$12, 0000 to \$13,000 they would consider chipping in, but if they don't that's ok to we want to do well by our girls but he thinks we should ask.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilman Bartelloni
All in favor 4-0

Councilman Bartelloni felt it was actually not spending any more really than we already appropriated. Obviously the shed is coming in cheaper and there might have been a savings there but anything above that \$10,000 we haven't encumbered any funds or put any funds aside for that so we wouldn't really be spending any additional money over that initial \$10,000. Councilman Chinigo said that we going to have to come up with that money if the Board of Education does not. Councilman Bartelloni replied we will have to see what the cost comes in at. There are some ways we might be able to when we have road paving done perhaps we can some asphalt base done at the same time which could be a cost savings there as well. There may be ways to save some money in getting it done

3. **Resolution to Support Legislative Action to Re-authorize and Extend the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program)** – Mr. Negreann explained that the League of Municipalities is asking us to consider a resolution of support since the Flood Insurance Program is set to expire on September 30th. States along the east coast have more exposure to storms and flooding than many of the states in the central part of the country. There is an effort to have this type of insurance to facility the ability of people to get back in to their homes or take care of damages thereafter. He doesn't see a downside to this by asking the council to support the League program. Councilwoman Davis said she absolutely supported it. As a realtor we go to Washington, D.C. to fight to get the extension. Councilman Chinigo felt that we have gotten ravaged in the past. Sandy just destroyed the State while we have sent a lot of money to Washington and other states that have taken advantage over the years. We need the help and this state deserves it. A motion was made to Support Legislative Action Re-authorize and Extend NFIP.

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, second by Councilman Bartelloni to approve.
All in favor 4-0

WORK SESSION CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Adopt an Updated Stormwater Pollution Plan for the Borough of River Edge.**
2. **Approval of 2017 Clean Communities Budget.**
3. **Approval for Chief Financial Officer to Proceed with \$4,900,000 Bond Sale.**
4. **Approve Purchase of ADA Assisted Listening Devise and 2 Astatic microphones in the amount of \$1,900.00 from Ordinance #17-11.**
5. **Approve Request from Recreation Commission to Place July 4th Banner at 140 Kinderkamack Road from June 22nd to July 4th.**

Councilman Bartelloni asked that #3 be pulled.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilman Bartelloni to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 4, & 5
All in favor 4-0

Councilman Bartelloni just had a question and wanted to make sure that the \$4.9 million in the bond sale doesn't include any capital ordinances for the Safe Streets or the TAP

Grant. Mr. Negreann replied that those two ordinances were projects that were not included. We haven't started really those projects so it will be so time before we provide financing for them. Councilman Bartelloni wanted to know why he was asking, he just wanted to make sure it didn't include monies that we may potentially get back in grants. If and when we do get the money that goes to surplus, it doesn't go to paying off the debt. A motion was made to approve for the Chief Financial Officer to proceed with the \$4,900,000 bond sale.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, second by Councilwoman Davis to approve.
All in favor 4-0

ORDINANCE – 2ND READING (By Deputy Clerk)

Ordinance #17-18 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT CONSISTING OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND ITS INSTALLATION FOR USE OF VARIOUS BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE #17-18
MOTION BY COUNCILMAN CHINIGO, SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS
ALL IN FAVOR 4-0**

No public comments

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE #17-18
MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CHINIGO**

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #17-18
MOTION BY COUNCILMAN CHINIGO, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BARTELLONI
ALL IN FAVOR 4-0**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Nothing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Borough of River Edge Senior/Community Center – No update.

Shade Tree Commission – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

RESOLUTIONS

#17-226 Trust Fund Application Municipal Endorsing Resolution

#17-227 Acknowledge Receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases – Data Breach in the Fire Department

#17-228 Amend 2017 Budget

#17-229 Emergency Appropriation

#17-230 Report Investments Pursuant to the Cash Management Plan

#17-231 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to Marti Realty Limited, 222 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey for the Property Located at 10160 Main Street, 7 Eleven (aka 125 Kinderkamack Road) Block 1406, Lot 3

#17-232 Enter into Agreement with Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC as Special Counsel for Personnel Matter

#17-233 Authorize Refund from Recreation Dedicated Account

#17-234 Resolution to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation Discretionary Grant for the Borough of River Edge Howland Avenue Road Improvement Project Section 7

#17-235 Authorizing competitive Contracting for the Acquisition of a Cafeteria Plan Benefit (Flexible Spending Arrangement)

#17-236 Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer the 2014 Homestead Rebate Credit Amounts from the 2nd Quarter 2017 to the 3rd Quarter 2017

#17-237 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2nd Quarter Tax Overpayments Due to the 2014 Homestead Benefit Credit.

#17-239 Purchases Through State Contract

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, second by Councilman Chinigo to approve.

All in favor 4-0

#17-238 Payment of Bills

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, second by Councilman Papaleo to approve.

All in favor 4-0

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilman Bartelloni

All in favor 6-0

Peter Dunsay, 446 Oak Avenue – asked what was discussed regarding the car show earlier during the meeting. Councilman Papaleo explained that Chief Cariddi appeared before the council to state he had no objection if the Zoning Officer had no objection. The Zoning Officer did send a letter to the council earlier this week saying he had no objection to having cars on the grass around the Cultural Center. The council concurred with the Zoning Officer and supported that idea and the Chief will be sending you a letter telling you can park grass. Chief Cariddi then presented for about 5 minutes or so the safety hazards of closing Elm and redirecting traffic and how traffic would move. He also said that we have a history of detour route, we have a history of changing the detour route slightly on occasion and the issues that occur with it. He also stated that he had informal conversations with the officers that were detailed over the years and it is his opinion that this would be a major issue and he wasn't inclined to approve this though he did review it. He did speak with council and we're not quite sure whether the council, even if we wished to and we did not wish to, have the authority to override the Chief in this regard. So the council agreed with the Chief, he knows he agreed with the Chief, and he doesn't want to speak for the rest of council but he believes that they agreed with the Chief's assessment about public safety. We approved parking but did not approve the closing of Elm for the reasons just stated. Mr. Dunsay stated that he received the Zoning Officer's recommendation today. He called up on several occasions on every third day since we first met to speak with the Chief he didn't return the phone call. It suggested that he speak with a Lieutenant which he did, and was told by the Lieutenant that he hadn't been asked anything. This was the first he knew it was under reconsideration by my conversation with him. Mr. Dunsay stated he could understand if there was a rational reason for what's been intended but it has been glossed over. It is kind of similar to Board of Education's concerns regards to the batting cage, better to error on the safety side which covers a very broad stroke but it didn't have any detail and this is the same. We have a plan which we will be willing to discuss, but the opportunity wasn't given to us because he didn't have the courtesy of returning a phone call. He respected it to the

extent that they don't want to do anything that creates a problem. He has a lot of difficulty that there was no dialogue and he is asking that take place directly. He doesn't think that is too much to ask. We have investments to decide on what to do in order to do it. We need to purchase sound equipment, test it out, we may have to modify it, and we lost 2 weeks in the interim. Councilman Papaleo said that because Mr. Dunsay asked, he checked with the Borough Administrator that the next council meeting was July 11th and apologized for the interruption. Mr. Dunsay continued by saying the car show is July 9th. He felt a message saying he didn't want to take up the time with Mayor and Council or his own time to do this over and over again. But he is willing to sit down once and discuss it direct with the Chief. Years past we use to sit with Lieutenant Walker, we had a detailed conversation so everybody knew what was going on. In the last several years that hasn't taken place, so little things that are unforeseen by everybody crop up. Not having dialogs is not a good thing. Councilman Chinigo stated he was having trouble following, Councilman Bartelloni agreed with this statement. Councilman Chinigo asked what it was that Mr. Dunsay needed the dialog for. Mr. Dunsay's reply was that they wanted to talk about the plan they would like to do and what it involved and have a discussion. Councilman Chinigo asked by plan you mean the parking on Elm, Mr. Dunsay confirmed the parking on Elm, the instituting it, the planning of it, the direction of flow the cars are being purged to go, the dismissal, and everything associated with it. The safety walk of the areas, and how to maintain it. There is a detour at Continental and Elm as part of shutting down Continental, so there is a detour there already and a detour at Fifth coming down to Continental, so it is really the added item of shutting down Adams and Continental. We were requesting from 10 a.m. to the end of the show as opposed to Continental shut down at 7^o'clock. At that point in time we know how the flow of cars are going and coming. We received extraordinary feedback this year on shows and there have been a lot of rainy weekends. Which translates to our benefiting people who haven't had an opportunity to go to shows now will be coming to our show. We have the support of approximately three businesses in River Edge and it's mutual. We spend money here on items to take care of the show and it's not just us, it's all those businesses in town that participate and have their names associated with it. One way or the other we see a mutual benefit. Councilman Papaleo addressed Mr. Dunsay by first saying he didn't mean to interrupt him, but because we don't have a council meeting until the 11th this makes the question a little bit moot, he thought he heard Mr. Dunsay say that in years past you sat down with Lieutenant Walker, which Mr. Dunsay agreed. Councilman Papaleo continued with he thought he also heard him say that when you called to speak with the Chief they offered you to speak with Lieutenant Walker. Mr. Dunsay replied no, he was sorry there was that impression. I called every third day, starting with day I received the assignment because I wanted to know what was happening with the closure. He (inaudible) to Tom and she said she gave him the message and there was no return call even through the secretary. Councilman Papaleo questioned if he asked to speak with Lieutenant Walker since you had done that in the past or Lieutenant Naprstek on any of those calls. Mr. Dunsay replied not at the start, and she suggested (inaudible) and when I spoke with Naprstek he didn't know anything it and the Chief didn't speak with about it. Naprstek didn't know it was under consideration. Councilman Bartelloni asked who would normally start the dialog in years past. Mr. Dunsay said normally a (inaudible) officer and I would speak years past. Last year he spoke with Naprstek and this year. He made the application in January and he called me the beginning of February and we had a dialog at that time. It wasn't until late April early May that we actually got the response. Then he came here a few weeks ago. Councilman Bartelloni asked what that response said. Mr. Dunsay stated the response was that we were granted permission to the request to shut down Continental but not to

shut down Elm. So he came here for reconsideration. When he spoke with Naprstek he said I could always go before the Mayor and Council, so I came before Mayor and Council. Councilman Papaleo informed Mr. Dunsay that it was Lieutenant Naprstek. Councilman Bartelloni asked who locks down the final details, it's still three weeks away, details in terms of closings, what is the normal procedure for that. Mr. Dunsay replied that is what he is talking about, that's all the plan of what to do and we all know what to do. The police move the barricades, which under their control, it's just that we were informed because when we are interacting our parking crews they know we are all connected by walkie-talkies so everybody is on the same page. Councilman Bartelloni stated if his contact is Lt. Naprstek and you have been dealing with Lt. Naprstek, why you reached out to the Chief if that is not the normal procedure. Mr. Dunsay's reply was because in this instance he reached out there with the presumption they would direct him, which the secretary evidentially did. He did feel it was approximate to bypass and go direct to the Naprstek. Councilman Bartelloni asked because you wanted to appeal the decision on the closure of Elm. Mr. Dunsay said he wanted to get the decision and have a dialog. Councilman Bartelloni asked about the closure of Elm. Mr. Dunsay replied Elm. Councilman Bartelloni asked if that was why he called the Chief, basically to ask him to appeal his decision about the closure of Elm. There were no other issues regarding the overall operation of the car show, it was just that specific issue. Mr. Dunsay answered yes regarding calling the Chief, and to ask for a reconsideration on it because he was the one who sent out the notice in the first place. Then it is normally delegated (inaudible) the park and go through the details. His difficulty is that we are going to have people that are going to come to the show and they are going to be turned away, which next year they are not going to bother. Councilman Papaleo said unless the show is so successful they are going to want to get in earlier because you do ask for a pre-registration. Mr. Dunsay said they offer early registration at a discount to encourage people. It also indicates to us that this we are right on track with last year, which was 230 cars putting at the absolute maximum. We surveyed it and figured out how many cars could do by park along the street. He had a conversation with the Fire Dept. and told them that this year they are not going to be entertain having the fire trucks on the lawn because he can't give up that much space. What we are trying to do is put on a good show that people enjoy and works for everybody. We are not even having a dialog and he is finding it really objectionable. Councilman Papaleo said he thinks that's an unfair characterization. First of all you came to us, we brought to the Chief and Zoning. Second of all you had dialog with Lt. Naprstek and you could have continued that, but for reasons you think are priority you chose not to. Should the Chief have called you back in his opinion, yes, but that doesn't mean you were denied a hearing. You could have talked to Lt. Naprstek, and pretty much all of us have given you our cell phones, I know you have mine. Yes he thinks it would have, I wish the Chief had spoken to you, but you made a request, it was reviewed by the Police Dept. You had a contact with the Police Dept., they made a decision, and you came back to us. We were open to discussing it. Councilman Papaleo understands Mr. Dunsay's frustration because it is a phenomenal show and you do a great job. We are all very proud of it and we agree with you the bigger it is the better it is. But he thinks there are constraints. At this point one of our constraints is on the 9th and the council meets again on the 11th. The Chief has made, he thinks a cogent agreement, and he disagrees with Mr. Dunsay's characterization that it was the same claim that the Superintendent of the fields from the Board of Education made that it was public safety. He thinks it is a very different situation to talk about traffic flow. He is not an expert on flowing and neither is anyone on this council and nether are you Mr. Dunsay that I am aware of that is on the Cultural Committee or on the car show committee. He thinks that we have to rely on our experts. He thinks Mr. Dunsay is free to reach out to Lt. Naprstek,

and you are free to call us if no one will speak to you, but he thinks Lt. Naprstek is the appropriate person at this time. Councilman Papaleo thinks though the Chief's decision will probably stand because he doesn't think, he didn't get the impression the Chief was going to change his mind because he had good reason based on history, based on a level of expertise we do not. He doesn't think with the exception of the Chief not getting back to you or at least directing Lt. Naprstek to get back to you, you could have called him on your own. He doesn't think Mr. Dunsay had been shut out and he wished the Chief had call him back, but we have a process here and we are really treating it fairly. Councilman Papaleo asked if any member of the council thinks he is incorrect on that, there were no council responses. Councilman Bartelloni said the car show is a victim of its own success because he knows this comes up every year. Mr. Dunsay pushes to expand the area and either the Recreation Commission or someone else says hold on, but he guesses there is an area Mr. Dunsay has to operate in and that's the area at this point. Councilman Chinigo said he imaged the car show attracts a lot of people from outside so there is a greater number of people that the police have to deal with in River Edge. They have to take into account what if something happens, something crazy, or if someone gets sick how are going to get traffic in and out for ambulances and so forth, all these things when you close even a small section the Chief was concerned about what that would mean for any emergency, detours, procedures, and so forth. That was part of what he spoke to and he is probably extrapolating a little bit as to the things he didn't tell us. We have to look at him and say he is the expert in these things and he doesn't see him as being an obstructionist and saying no simply because he wants to say no. The Chief made agreements to us and told us these are the things he is considering and this is the reason why so. From what Councilman Chinigo has seen at least it all seems very fair and certainly he appreciates everything Mr. Dunsay is doing. We have to listen to what our Police Chief says, that is why we hired him and why we have him here, we have to trust him with some of these things. Mr. Dunsay thanks the Mayor and Council for the support they have given the show over the years, along with the numerous businesses and we support the organizations that work with us. The police and fire departments we thank them also. Mr. Dunsay said all this though doesn't mean to involve the Mayor and Council, but it would have been appropriate to involve the Cultural Center in the discussion of what was being done (inaudible) being stalled and need to have the last 20 minutes. Councilman Papaleo thank Mr. Dunsay for coming.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, second by Councilman Chinigo

All in favor 4-0

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Davis – She went to SCORE yesterday and Arlene Faustini, the Borough Nurse, did job holding a Senior Olympics' where everyone was up throwing beach balls into baskets, throwing hoola-hoops around cones. She arranged lunch from Blimpie's, and a cake for them. They had very good time doing trivia. It was a great event and she deserves a little thanks. She did tell her what a great job she did. Today was the Farmers Market and we had three new vendors in addition to our other vendors. We have Fresh and Fancy from New Milford with plants, Heaven sent which is soaps, and sprays, and Squeeze, who goes to the swim club and does juices and all that.

Councilman Chinigo – He wanted to Michele Cariddi for all the work that was done throughout River Edge and he appreciates all the time.

Councilman Papaleo asked Michele Cariddi to speak about the orange bows. Ms. Cariddi

explained that Councilwoman Busted contacted her because Tuesday was recognized as "Gun Awareness Day". Councilwoman Busted asked her to make bows to put around borough hall to make people notice.

Michele Cariddi mentioned that she was at Cherry Blossom Park today and she noticed that a lot of kids get out of school and flip over the fence. Councilman Papaleo asked that Mr. Negreann inform the school so they are aware of this. Mr. Negreann said he will let them know someone observed this. Councilman Bartelloni wanted to remind the council that it was the school's fence, and to keep that in mind. Ms. Cariddi referred to (inaudible) and Councilman Bartelloni told her actually we gave it to them and they put it on themselves, Councilman Papaleo corrected by saying the DPW actually put it on for them. We purchased it thinking the fence was ours, the Mayor directed the purchase, and then we realized the fence was not on our property. There was informal discussion among the council and the Mayor had a discussion with the Board of Education or at least with the Superintendent of Schools and it was requested we donate that to them and have DPW put it up. We did it at their request. Ms. Cariddi said (inaudible) and the Councilman Papaleo said because if it wasn't it would be down and a new fence would be up. She was thinking about going to the Principle and saying do you know kids and adults were flipping over the fence. Adults are actually climbing up on the stumps and flipping over the fence. Councilman Papaleo thought that was a great idea. Also Mr. Negreann will communicate with the Superintendent of Schools in River Edge, and to our Chief this was occurring. If a resident would communicate that, especially an eye witness that would go a long way towards them recognizing a possible liability.

Councilman Bartelloni – He just wanted to say one thing he didn't get a chance to say at the last meeting. The 3rd grade class from Roosevelt came up and he gave them a tour. They got to see this the fire department, police department, and borough hall and he gave them a little power point presentation. They really enjoyed sitting at the dais and the tour. This is the 2nd year he has done it and he hopes this is something the council can keep doing because they do study civics and around this time of year it ties in to their lessons. It was fun and he enjoyed it and hope to keep it going.

Councilman Papaleo – He commented that with going last pretty much everything has been cover and he concurs.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE WORK SESSION AT 8:35 PM

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, second by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn.

All in favor 4-0

Stephanie Evans. RMC
Borough Clerk