

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
Immediately Following Work Session

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 8:29 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 everyone to remember Annette Altamura, wife of our Risk Consultant Ezio Altamura who passed away last week. The Mayor asked Deputy Clerk, Judy O’Connell 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 23, 2016 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 Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting and Work Session Meeting of July 11, 2017 were unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS –

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring August 21, 2017 as National Senior Citizens Day into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on August 19, 1988 President of the United States Ronald Regan declared August 21, 1988 as “National Senior Citizens Day”; and

WHEREAS, this observance was established in honor of senior citizens in the United States who have made positive contributions in their communities; and

WHEREAS, this day was also created to bring awareness of social, health and economic issues that affect senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, with improved health care and more years of productivity, many older Americans are embarking on second careers giving the younger generation a fine example of responsibility, competence and determination.

WHEREAS, here in the Borough of River Edge, Senior Citizens serve a vital role as productive members of our community. Not only do we serve our Seniors, but our Seniors serve us. Many River Edge senior citizens serve our community as volunteers on advisory committees and independent boards and commissions. We have Seniors on our Recreation Commission, Green Team, Planning and Zoning Boards, Traffic and Safety Committee, Library Board, Beautification Committee, Fire Department, Citizens Budget Committee, Environmental Commission and

S.C.O.R.E. , Police Auxiliary and R.E.V.A.S. just to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim:

August 21, 2017

as

Senior Citizen's Day in River Edge

and ask that all River Edge residents honor our local senior citizens for their long and full lives and for their contribution to the successes to our community.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: August 15, 2017

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open public comments on any issue on the agenda was unanimously approved.

Stephanie Hartman-144 Monroe Avenue-said that she had been the Municipal Alliance Chairperson several years ago and now works at the County overseeing all of the Alliances and would like to make a few comments regarding the proposed Ordinance #17-21. She had spoken with the Mayor regarding someone who had expressed interest in becoming the chairperson and right now the chairperson does an excellent job but sometimes people like to rotate and get involved with other things. There was a discussion as to how people get appointed to the Alliance and become a chairperson because there is no historical data as to how this would happen. She thanked the Mayor for his time and effort putting this ordinance together. After reviewing it, she noticed that there are a few issues especially how it relates to the way the grant is set up. Mrs. Hartman read through the ordinance and made her recommendations for changes with some of the language. She also explained that the grant runs from June through July which is a conflict because Mayor and Council make their appointments on January 1st of each year.

Mayor Mignone-stated that this ordinance was the most logistical and simplest way to do it. The Mayor said that there's nothing in the statute that says you would have to appoint people on that kind of a basis.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-voiced his suggestions on how to change some of the language.

Mayor Mignone-stated that this ordinance was drafted based on the administrative code.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-agreed that they mirrored the state statute when they drafted this.

Councilwoman Busted-asked what's different between this ordinance that we're looking at and the committee that Mrs. Hartman was chairperson of previously and Mrs. Papaleo is chairperson of now?

Mayor Mignone-explained that we never had an enabling ordinance and there was no appointing authority in any resolution.

Councilwoman Busted-said "which is why it essentially was a committee of one".

Councilman Papaleo-agreed.

Mayor Mignone-said there were times where other people were appointed but this gives us the framework to make sure that it's an actual operating committee.

Councilwoman Busted-says that she supports that.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-feels that the ordinance can still be adopted this evening with the minor changes.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to close public comments on any issue on the agenda was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary change of Carol Byrne, Records Clerk from an annual Step I salary of \$35,493.00 to Step II - \$37,465.00, effective August 17, 2017 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to approve the salary change of Matthew Jung, part-time Police Dispatcher an hourly Step I rate of \$19.35 to Step II - \$20.42, effective August 17, 2017 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the salary change of Michael Shouldis, Patrol Officer from an annual salary of \$129,185.60 to \$131,577.93 due to an increase in longevity from 8% to 10%, effective August 1, 2017 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary change of Craig Casey, Sergeant in the Police Department from an annual salary of \$139,520.26 to \$142,103.97 due to an increase in longevity from 8% to 10%, effective August 1, 2017 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary change of Deborah Aiello, Police Department Secretary from an annual salary of \$48,213.00 to \$48,693.00 due to an increase in longevity from \$1,920.00 to \$2,400.00, effective August 5, 2017 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the hire of Matthew Lu as a Library Page, 9 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$8.44, effective August 8, 2017 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to approve the retirement of Robert Naprstek, Lieutenant in the Police Department, effective September 1, 2017 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the hire of Edwin Alter as part-time Land Use/Tax Assessor Clerk at an hourly B Scale Probationary Rate of \$16.00, for 25 – 29 hours per week with a six-month probationary period, effective August 16, 2017 was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter	-	River Dell Regional Schools – 7/17/17 Re: Thank you to DPW for Tree Removal
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, Admin/CFO – 7/19/17 Re: Damage to Public Property Report
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, Admin/CFO – 7/24/17 Re: Farmer’s Market Monthly Report
Notice	-	River Edge Board of Ed – 7/24/17 Re: Meeting Notice – July 26, 2017
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, Admin/CFO – 7/25/17 Re: Revenue Report
Letter	-	Board of Chosen Freeholders – 7/28/17 Re: Final Adoption of Ordinance #17-16 thru #17-20
Letter	-	Board of Chosen Freeholders – 7/28/17 Re: Introduction of Ordinance #17-24
Letter	-	Lieutenant Robert Naprstek – 8/3/17 Re: Letter of Retirement

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Tax Collector	-	June 2017
Historic Commission	-	June 2017
Fire Prevention	-	April – June, 2017

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING –

Judy O’Connell, Deputy Clerk, read the title of Ordinance #17-22 as follows:

Ordinance #17-22 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$479,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIVER EDGE

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER

On motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni the first reading of Ordinance #17-22 was unanimously approved as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #17-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$479,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIVER EDGE SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER

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

SECTION 1. The supplemental funding for the undertaking of various improvements to the River Edge Senior/Community Center desired in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized as purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said various improvements, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$479,000.00 of which \$479,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund Balance.

SECTION 2. The purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Supplemental funding for the undertaking of various improvements to the River Edge Senior/Community Center.

SECTION 3. The appropriation shall be made from the General Capital Fund and no debt is authorized.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

ORDINANCE – 2ND READING –

Judy O’Connell, Deputy Clerk read the title of Ordinance #17-19 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #17-19 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF RADIO EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$24,700 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 #17-19 was introduced by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinigo and unanimously approved at the July 11, 2017 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #17-19

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF RADIO EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$24,700 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 acquire new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of radio equipment for the use of the Fire Department in, by and for the Borough. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$24,700 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose 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 Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$24,700, and (4) \$1,200 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 \$23,500, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$1,000 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$1,200, 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 \$1,200 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$23,500 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 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$23,500 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 7. 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 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 \$23,500 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 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such 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 11. 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 12. 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 or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. 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 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #17-19

On motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open the public hearing on Ordinance #17-19 was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #17-19

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close the public hearing on Ordinance #17-19 was unanimously approved.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #17-19

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adopt Ordinance #17-19 was unanimously approved.

Judy O’Connell, Deputy Clerk read the title of Ordinance #17-20 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #17-20 BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1762) ENTITLED: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND ACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEM EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$158,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE

A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS,” ADOPTED APRIL 16, 2012.

Ordinance was introduced by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinigo and unanimously approved at the July 11, 2017 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #17-20

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1762) ENTITLED: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEM EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$158,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS,” ADOPTED APRIL 16, 2012.

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. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1762 entitled:

“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEM EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$158,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS”

adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Borough”) on April 16, 2012 (the “Prior Ordinance”) is hereby amended to (A)(i) increase the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.D. from \$12,000 to \$16,000 (an increase of \$4,000); (B)(i) decrease the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.B. from \$41,200 to \$37,200 (a decrease of \$4,000).

Section 2. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond 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, in on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #17-20

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open the public hearing on Ordinance #17-20 was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #17-20

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close the public hearing on Ordinance #17-20 was unanimously approved.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #17-20

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adopt Ordinance #17-20 was unanimously approved.

Judy O’Connell, Deputy Clerk read the title of Ordinance #17-21 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #17-21 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 63 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE

Ordinance #17-21 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni and unanimously approved at the July 11, 2017 meeting.

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #17-21**

**ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 63 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGAINST
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE**

63-1 Establishment and Membership

- A. There is hereby created and established in the Borough of River Edge a Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse Committee. The Committee shall include broad representation from the local community and shall be charged with creating a coalition of community leaders, private citizens, and representatives of public and private education, health and human service agencies who will make a comprehensive and coordinated effort to promote and support drug, alcohol and delinquency prevention and education programs and related activities.
- B. There shall be no limitation on the number of members who may be appointed to the Municipal Alliance Committee; fifty percent of the members, however, must reside in the municipality; and membership may include but not be limited to the following (NJAC 17:40-2.4(c)(d):
 - i. The Mayor
 - ii. Council Representative
 - iii. The Borough’s public health nurse and/or representative from the River Edge Board of Health
 - iv. The Chief of Police or designated representative
 - v. Representative from the River Edge Library Board of Trustees
 - vi. River Edge School District Superintendent or Board of Education representative
 - vii. Representative of the River Edge Parent-Teacher Organization for each elementary school
 - viii. River Dell Regional School District Superintendent or Board of Education representative
 - ix. Representative of the River Edge Parent-Teacher Organization for the River Dell Middle School
 - x. Representative of the River Edge Parent-Teacher Organization for the River Dell High School
 - xi. A student assistance coordinator
 - xii. Representative of Youth Services Organizations
 - xiii. Representative of local civic associations or volunteer groups

- xiv. Representative of local business community/Chamber of Commerce
 - xv. Representative of local faith-based organizations
 - xvi. Representative of public and private organizations involved in the prevention or treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse and/or the regional coalition.
 - xvii. Health and human service agencies/professionals especially health professionals including pharmacists, physicians or therapists, etc.
 - xviii. substance abuse treatment and prevention or representative from a substance abuse treatment organization
 - xix. A representative of the senior citizen community
 - xx. Individuals who have been impacted by substance abuse, including individuals who have been directly affected by their own, or family's member's abuse or addictions
 - xxi. Private citizens with interest or experience in issues concerning substance abuse
 - xxii. Any resident or other stakeholder at the discretion of the Mayor or Borough Council
- C. Appointment of Committee members that are not elected officials or identified as representatives or designees of specific municipal or public entities shall be made by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council.
- D. The Borough Administrator or his/her designee shall serve as Alliance Coordinator. The Coordinator is responsible for the administrative duties of the of the Alliance such as completing required reports and applications for alliance funding, scheduling consults and providing support to the Municipal Alliance Committee.

63-2 Terms of Office /Vacancies

- A. The terms of office for all committee members shall be for one year, commencing on January 1 and expiring on the December 31 each year.
- B. Appointments to the Committee shall be established by resolution annually. No committee member shall be limited in the number of successive appointments.
- C. A vacancy on the Committee occurring otherwise than by expiration of the term shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

63-3 Removal of Members

- A. Any member of the committee may be removed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel.

63-4 Compensation

- A. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation. If funds are appropriated towards the operation of the committee, the Mayor and Council may establish guidelines to reimburse members for approved expenses such as attendance at local meetings, conferences and itemized reimbursable expenses as permitted by Borough policy and appropriate statutes.

63-5 Officers

- A. The Chairperson of the committee shall be designated by the Mayor and can be chosen from any qualified committee appointee. A chair person shall not be limited in the number of successive appointments.

- B. A recording/corresponding secretary shall be chosen by majority vote of the committee from the entire membership excluding elected officials.

63-6 Conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act; minutes

- A. The committee shall conduct its regular meetings in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, JJSA 10:4-6 et seq. Accurate minutes shall be kept on file with the secretary of the committee and a copy provided to the Borough Clerk.

63-6 By Laws

- A. The Committee shall annually adopt by-laws and approve an annual calendar of meetings. Committee meetings shall be held regularly and no less frequently than once per month. A quorum shall consist of 50 percent of the duly appointed members plus one.

63-7 Functions

- A. The Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse Committee, in consultation with the Local (County) Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, shall identify alcoholism and drug prevention, education and community needs.
- B. The Committee shall implement the Alliance programs formulated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-8.
- C. The Committee may apply for funding through the procedures described in N.J.A.C. 17:40-1.1 et seq.
- D. The Committee shall cooperate with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the Alliance Steering Subcommittee of the County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to provide municipal data, reports or other information which may be required for the County Alliance Plan or needed to assist the Alliance effort.
- E. The Committee shall be responsible for:
- i. Organizing and coordinating efforts involving schools, law enforcement, business groups and other community organizations for the purpose of reducing alcoholism and drug abuse;
 - ii. In cooperation with local school districts, developing comprehensive and effective alcoholism and drug abuse education programs in grades K-12.
 - iii. In cooperation with local school districts, developing procedures for the intervention, referral to treatment and discipline of students abusing alcohol or drugs.
 - iv. Developing comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse education support and outreach efforts for parents in the community.
 - v. Developing comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse community awareness programs.
 - vi. Creating a network of community leaders, private citizens and representatives of public and private human service agencies who make a comprehensive and coordinated effort to promote and support drug and alcohol prevention and education programs and related activities with an emphasis on youth.
 - vii. Conducting an assessment of their community to determine the needs of the community in relation to alcoholism and drug abuse issues.
 - viii. Identifying existing efforts and services acting to reduce alcoholism and drug abuse.
 - ix. Coordinating projects within the municipality to avoid fragmentation and duplication.
 - x. Developing programs to be implemented at the municipal level or participating in regionally developed programs that accomplish the purposes of the Alliance.

63-8 Funds.

- A. The Committee is eligible to solicit and receive DEDR funding (Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction penalties described by N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15 et seq.) through Application to the Governor's Council. Receiving such funds requires that the Committee shall develop a comprehensive plan to provide matching funds as required.
- B. The comprehensive plan for providing matching funds may include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - i. The donation of the use of municipal property at a fair market value to the project.
 - ii. Time, as reflected by salary and wages, of the municipal and private sector employers who perform services in accordance with the project.
 - iii. Complimentary (public service) advertising on local media, such as newspapers, radio and cable television, above the level of standard public service requirements.
 - iv. Organized community benefits focused on the Alliance which utilize celebrities, sports figures or experts in the field of addictions who donate their services.
 - v. Door-to-door type of fundraising.
 - vi. Solicitations to business and industry for donations.
 - vii. Activities to raise funds which have potential for bringing a significant number of community persons together, such as runs, walks, bake sales and car washes.
 - viii. The donation of printing and other mass reproductions of materials to carry the anti-alcohol and drug abuse message to the community.
- C. The Committee is encouraged to fundraise and may establish a fundraising subcommittee. Such subcommittee shall be created and operated subject to and in accordance with applicable rules, regulations, ordinances and Borough policies.

63-9 Reporting

- A. The Committee shall submit periodic reports, no less than semi-annually, to the Borough Council regarding progress in obtaining matching funds and shall include as well a report detailing the progress made on accomplishing the purposes of the grant.
- B. The Alliance Coordinator shall submit to the appropriate authority on forms prescribed detailed and accurate accounts of all expenditures made under the grant and periodic reports of the progress made in accomplishing the purposes of the grant, and, at the end of each fiscal year in which any grant falls, the township must submit an audited financial statement explaining its use of funds and provide such other information as may be prescribed by the Governor's Council.
- C. The form of the within submissions must be consistent with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:40-3.4.
- D. In no event shall any funds from the grant be used to undertake any activity which is not in accordance with the purpose of the grant as approved by the Governor's Council. Funds either raised in excess of the required match or otherwise specifically appropriated by the Borough Council can be used to undertake to advance the objectives of the Committee and consistent with Chapter 100-8E.

63-10 This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #17-21

On motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open the public hearing on Ordinance #17-21 was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #17-21

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to close the public hearing on Ordinance #17-21 was unanimously approved.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #17-21

On motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to adopt Ordinance #17-21 as amended was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Councilwoman Busted-asked Alan Negreann to provide an explanation regarding resolution #17-272 and the cancelling of the grant fund.

Alan Negreann-explained that there was a small balance remaining and we're not permitted to expend beyond the end of the fiscal year which is June 30, 2017.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, resolutions #17-272 through #17-295 were unanimously approved.

#17-272 Resolution Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Grant Fund Receivable and Appropriated Reserve for the "Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse" Grant

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge received approval for a grant through the County of Bergen for a grant entitled "Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its books and records an account receivable of \$199.34 and an appropriated reserve of \$199.34; 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 "Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse" both in the amount of \$199.34.

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

August 15, 2017

#17-273 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Modified Plan

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #12-200 on June 4, 2012; 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 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 21, 2016 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 approved a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks via resolution #16-122 Maintenance of Lands – Other Expenses \$29,069.00 and Maintenance of Lands – Salaries & Wages \$4,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to modify these plans to provide for a reallocation of funds for a plan on file with the Borough Clerk to include drainage of Cherry Blossom Park; and

WHEREAS, this matter was discussed at a work session of the Governing Body on July 11, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Recreation Commission Plan as modified by this resolution and on file with the Borough Clerk, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body approves the addition of the above drainage of Cherry Blossom Park in the amount of \$5,304.50 Maintenance of Lands – Other Expenses from the \$5,304.50 previously allocated to KBG Lights for Development of Lands – Other Expenses.

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

August 15, 2017

#17-274 Donation of Surplus Assets

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is the owner of an estimated 200 Red Bud trees (saplings) which are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to authorize the donation of these surplus assets pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 to the Borough of Paramus and the County of Bergen; and

WHEREAS, the trees (saplings) were obtained free of charge and have a value of less than \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2) waives the advertising requirement when the transfer of assets is to the United States, the State of New Jersey, another contracting unit or to any body politic to which it contributes tax raised funds.

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

1. The Borough of River Edge hereby declares the surplus assets are no longer needed for public use.
2. The Borough of River Edge, its officers and attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to proceed with a donation of said surplus, the Governing Body hereby ratifies any actions taken to date to accomplish the donation of these assets.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

August 15, 2017

#17-275 Purchase of Ten (10) Executive Chairs Through State Contract

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to purchase ten (10) executive chairs from National Business Furniture, 770 South 70th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214; and

WHEREAS, the vendor, National Business Furniture is an approved State Contract participant, bearing the State Contract #81618; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1830-200 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$3,985.48; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 requires that any local contracting unit purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, must award the contract by a resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to accept the State Contract bid on ten (10) executive chairs as per the State's specifications in an amount not to exceed \$3,985.48.

August 15, 2017

#17-276 Enter into Agreement with Allan Rotto Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 1127, Syosset, New York, 11791 for an Audit of Telecommunication Bills

WHEREAS, there exists a desire to retain services related to a Telecommunication Audit for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Allan Rotto Consultants, Inc. has offered agent and consultant services under FCC/PSC CPNI guidelines, to audit and review of all of the Borough's telecommunication billing charges; and

WHEREAS, any compensation to Allan Rotto Consultants, Inc. will only be paid if the Borough's monthly billing charges can be reduced, the fee earned is 35% of the monthly reduction (including taxes) multiplied by 36 and payable in 36 monthly payments (starting with the first month reflecting savings); and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds equal to 35% of any overcharge found during the audit will be due and payable subject to funds being included in the 2017 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has recommended that this contract be awarded on a non-fair and open basis; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on July 11, 2017; and

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Allan Rotto Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 1127, Syosset, New York 11791; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded on a non-fair and open basis.

4. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

August 15, 2017

#17-277 Authorize Mayor to Sign Lease with Temple Avodat Shalom for Rental of Premises Located at 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey for the Recreational Needs of the Senior Citizens of River Edge

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is aware of, and recognizes that there is a need for greater concern for the good and welfare of senior citizens of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in River Edge for adequate facilities to conduct a meaningful and ongoing program as it relates to the recreational needs of the senior citizens of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey has agreed to make available to the senior citizens of River Edge such facilities that are deemed necessary to carry out a senior citizens recreational program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15(i), as well as N.J.S.A. 40A:48-9.4, permit the leasing and funding of facilities for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available from Account #01-2010-27-3602-100 of the Current Fund for 2018 in the amount of \$18,000.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds available in the year 2018 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed a lease agreement prepared by the Borough Attorney and reviewed by the Contracts Committee and have accepted the form of that agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said lease agreement on file with the Borough Clerk and the Borough Clerk is authorized to attest said signature for a lease period commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

August 15, 2017

#17-278 Authorize Mayor to Sign the Grant for the State and Local Cooperative Inspection Program

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Grant for the State and Local Cooperative Housing Inspection Program for \$1,000.00.

August 15, 2017

#17-279 Resolution to Ratify Standard Billing Rates for Costa Engineering Corporation

WHEREAS, resolution #17-02 dated January 2, 2017 was passed by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge hiring Costa Engineering Corporation for services as the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, this resolution had standard billing rates within it; and

WHEREAS, Costa Engineering Corporation has submitted standard billing rates for 2017 on file with the Borough Clerk, several of which have changed the staff descriptions and hourly rates to be charged; and

WHEREAS, various contracts have been awarded using the reorganization resolution rates of pay and bills paid using the new standard rates and other rates of pay; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to keep its records current and up to date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby ratify any and all awards of contracts or payments of bills that have utilized these new standard billing rates or other rates of pay retroactive to January 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk's office is instructed to utilize the standard billing rates for 2017 on file with the Borough Clerk for all future contracts to be awarded to Costa Engineering Corporation.

August 15, 2017

#17-280 Approval to Waive a Portion of the Police Outside Duty Rate for Bergen County Historical Society

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Historical Society will host an event celebrating Major General Baron Von Steuben at Historic New Bridge Landing on Sunday, September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Historical Society has requested one (1) uniformed officer for the duration of the event; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Historical Society has made an appeal to the Mayor and Council to waive the administrative fee portion of the \$135.00 per hour rate and be billed for the officer's overtime rate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at their work session of August 8, 2016 and have indicated that the outside duty rate of \$135.00 be waived and that the actual overtime rate of the police officer assigned to that duty be charged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Department and the Chief Financial Officer are instructed to adjust their billing accordingly and to notify the Bergen County Historical Society of the fee to be paid for the services provided.

August 15, 2017

#17-281 Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer the 2014 Homestead Rebate Credit Amounts from the 2nd Quarter 2017 to the 3rd Quarter 2017

WHEREAS, the 2014 Homestead Rebate Credits were received and revised billing for the 2nd Quarter 2017 was issued; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers paid the original 2nd Quarter Tax amount billed creating an overpayment in the 2nd Quarter; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received written requests from the following homeowner(s) and/or their mortgage companies to transfer the credit amounts to the 3rd Quarter 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to transfer the following amounts and adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
118/11	Talbot, Robert & Jo-Ann 819 Bogert Road	846.32

August 15, 2017

#17-282 Authorize Tax Collector to Adjust 4th Quarter 2017 Taxes for a Senior Citizen Deduction Disallowed

WHEREAS, the following homeowner was disallowed the \$250.00 Senior Deduction because they exceeded the \$10,000.00 income requirement to qualify for the Senior Citizen Tax Deduction for the year 2017 and/or has requested in writing to remove the deduction and/or has

passed away in 2016 and the property no longer qualifies for the deduction and/or the property was sold in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the deduction is listed in the 2017 Tax Duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to disallow the 2017 Senior Deduction and adjust the 4th quarter taxes for the following amount.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
612/2	Becker, Marvin & Deborah 125 Tenney Avenue	250.00
Total:		250.00

August 15, 2017

#17-283 Amend Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Services Related to a Topographical Study of Block 503, Lots 2 & 3

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to a topographical study of Block 503, Lots 2 & 3; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Robert Costa, Borough Engineer via resolution #17-139 dated April 3, 2017 in the amount of \$12,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services related to a topographical study of Block 503, Lots 2 & 3; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-100 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes, biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal/Project Engineer.....	\$ 65.00
Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting	\$ 75.00
Technical/Administrative Assistant	\$ 65.00
Field Inspector.....	\$ 80.00

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(l)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

August 15, 2017

#17-284 Amend Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Services Related to Fifth Avenue, Section 4 Design & Inspection

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to Fifth Avenue, Section 4 Design & Inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Robert Costa, Borough Engineer via resolution #16-267 dated July 11, 2016 in the amount of \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services related to Fifth Avenue, Section 4 Design & Inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1865-100 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes, biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal/Project Engineer.....	\$ 65.00
Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting	\$ 75.00
Technical/Administrative Assistant	\$ 65.00
Field Inspector.....	\$ 80.00

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with

Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00; and

2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(l)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

August 15, 2017

#17-285 Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Sign Application and Agreement for a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grant to Remove Debris and Emergency Protective Measures Including But Not Limited to Police and Fire as Well as Temporary Power Generator for Critical Facilities

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge applied for and obtained a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$39,003.77 to carry out a project to remove debris and emergency protective measures including but not limited to Police and Fire (Donated Resources) as well as temporary power generator for critical facilities.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

1. that the Borough of River Edge does hereby authorize the amended grant agreement for such a grant; and
2. recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of River Edge and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the amended grant agreement, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

(Signature)

Edward J. Mignone

Mayor

(Signature)

Alan P. Negreann

Borough Administrator, CFO

August 15, 2017

#17-286 Approve Borough of River Edge Policy and Procedures for the Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects Dated August 2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has prepared Policy and Procedures for the Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects providing an orderly explanation of operating policies and procedures which will aid in assuring compliance with Federal and Department of Transportation Local Aid regulations; and

WHEREAS, these Policy and Procedures for the Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects were prepared by a Consultant and the Borough Administrator and are on file with the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has received a Transportation Alternative Program Grant for the improvement of pedestrian and roadway improvements on Kinderkamack Road; and

WHEREAS, these Policy and Procedures for the Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects have been reviewed by the Mayor and Council on August 15, 2017 for both form and content.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said Policy and Procedures for the Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects is hereby approved and authorized for use by the Borough of River Edge and that any changes thereto shall not be made without approval by the Mayor and Council.

August 15, 2017

#17-287 Award of Cafeteria Plan Benefit (Flexible Spending Arrangement)

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge authorized the issuance of an RFP for the acquisition of a Cafeteria Plan Benefit (Flexible Spending Arrangement) via resolution #17-203 dated June 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, approval was given on May 30, 2017 by the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services to procure a Cafeteria Plan Benefit (Flexible Spending Arrangement) through competitive contracting; and

WHEREAS, resolution #17-235 dated June 20, 2017 authorized competitive contracting for the acquisition of a Cafeteria Plan Benefit (Flexible Spending Arrangement); and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2017 one (1) sealed proposal was received from RBA Benefits/Aflac, 142 Route 23, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444; and

WHEREAS, Alan P. Negreann, QPA along with a committee evaluated the RFP submitted and rendered a report and recommendation to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this matter was discussed at a work session meeting of the Governing Body on August 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for a three (3) year term; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1002-028 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$2,700.00 in the 2018 budget subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds in the 2018 budget; in the 2019 budget in the amount of \$2,700.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds in the 2019 budget; in the in the 2020 budget in the amount of \$2,700.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds in the 2020 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a contract is hereby awarded to Aflac/RBA Benefits, 142 Route 23, Pompton Plains, New Jersey 07444 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

August 15, 2017

#17-288 Purchase of Five (5) Body Armor Vests for the Police Department Through State Contract

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to purchase five (5) body armor vests from Atlantic Tactical, 14 Worlds Fair Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873; and

WHEREAS, the vendor, Atlantic Tactical is an approved State Contract participant, bearing the State Contract #A82102; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1856-500 of the Capital Fund in the amount of \$1,500.00; Account #04-2150-55-1711-500 of the Capital Fund in the amount of \$100.00; Account #01-213D-40-7130 of the Current

Fund in the amount of \$1,225.00 and Account #01-214F-40-7390 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,600.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$4,425.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 requires that any local contracting unit purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, must award the contract by a resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to accept the State Contact bid on five (5) body armor vests as per the State's specifications in an amount not to exceed \$4,425.00.

August 15, 2017

#17-289 Authorize Refund from the Recreation Dedicated Account

WHEREAS, a resident had signed her child up and paid in full for a Summer Playground Program trip; and

WHEREAS, the child was unable to attend due to an injury; and

WHEREAS, a refund will be made to the following:

Jeanine Springstead	\$18.00
200 Greenway Terrace	
River Edge, NJ 07661	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a total of \$18.00 be refunded from the Recreation Dedicated Account to the above listed resident.

August 15, 2017

#17-290 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Berkeley Road

WHEREAS, on or about August 15, 2017, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Patricia Rodio, 217 Berkeley Road, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Berkeley Road between Elm Avenue and Fifth Avenue on Saturday, September 16, 2017 starting at 1:00 p.m. (rain date September 17th) in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Rodio 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.

August 15, 2017

#17-291 Amend a Policy Requiring the Borough of River Edge Tax Assessor to Notify the Governing Body and Chief Financial Officer of all Tax Appeals Upon Filing

WHEREAS, the Borough adopted resolution #16-359, dated October 3, 2016 adopting a policy requiring the Borough of River Edge Tax Assessor to notify the Governing Body and Chief Financial Officer of all tax appeals upon filing; and

WHEREAS, the State of new Jersey has recommended a best practice which states that the policy should, at minimum, require the assessor's report to break down by property class the number of pending appeals, the current assessed value and the reduction in assessed

value if any appeals were successful. If there are appeals for which complete information is unavailable as of June 1, those appeals should be reported as information becomes available; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of River Edge that it's Governing Body have this additional information on a timely basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor is requested to follow this amended policy requiring that the Tax Assessor of the Borough of River Edge notify the Governing Body and the Chief Financial Officer of all tax appeals upon filing, but not later than June 1st of each year.

August 15, 2017

#17-292 Lease of Digital Postage Meter Through State Contract

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to a digital postage meter; and

WHEREAS, the vendor, Pitney Bowes, Inc., 2225 American Drive, Neenah, WI 54956 is an approved State Contract participant, bearing the State Contract #A75237; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1202-022 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$2,400.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 requires that any local contracting unit purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, must award the contract by a resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to accept the State Contact bid on a digital postage meter as per the State's specifications in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00.

August 15, 2017

#17-293 Award Contract for the Lease of Postage Meter

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service requires that analog meters must be phased out of use and replaced with digital postage meters.

WHEREAS, the Borough is currently using an analog postage meter; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (3) the Borough of River Edge privately negotiated for the lease with Pitney Bowes for a new digital postage meter machine as authorized by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement is for the term of 60 months at a monthly fee of \$200.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1202-022 of the Current Fund for 2017 for the period September 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$800.00; in the 2018 budget in the amount of \$2,400.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds in the year 2018 budget; in the 2019 budget in the amount of \$2,400.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds in the year 2019 budget; in the 2020 budget in the amount of \$2,400.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds in the year 2020 budget; in the 2021 budget in the amount of \$2,400.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds in the year 2021 budget; in the 2022 budget in the amount of \$2,400.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds in the year 2022 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with Pitney Bowes, Inc., Reserve Account, Attn: Ross Visocky, 2225 American Drive, Neenah, WI 54956 for a digital postage meter.

August 15, 2017

#17-294 Amend Agreement with Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, 169 Ramapo Valley Road, Upper Level 105, Oakland, New Jersey, 07436 for Professional Services as Labor Attorney for the Borough

WHEREAS, there exists a need to retain legal services for the purpose of Labor and Employment Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, 69 Ramapo Valley Road, Upper Level 105, Oakland, New Jersey 07436 on January 2, 2017 via resolution #17-04 in the amount of \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for legal services; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on August 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-168 of the Current Fund in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amended agreement with Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, 169 Ramapo Valley Road, Upper Level 105, Oakland, New Jersey 07436 in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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#17-295 Enter Into Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer, for Professional Services Related to SUEZ Paving – Commuter Parking Lot – Webb Avenue

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to the SUEZ Paving – Commuter Parking Lot – Webb Avenue; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$2,827.50; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have examined resumes, biographies, work experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed price and other factors when considering supporting reasons for awarding this contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal Engineer.....	\$ 65.00
Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting.....	\$ 75.00
Technical/Administrative Assistant.....	\$ 65.00
Field Inspector.....	\$ 80.00

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$2,827.50; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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Councilman Bartelloni read resolution #17-296 into the record.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo resolution #17-296 was unanimously approved.

#17-296 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	\$4,319,298.47
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 82,149.83
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 16,151.80
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 5.40

SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$ 6,958.20
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 39,469.01
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 10,759.52
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 4,699.91

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

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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

On motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to open hearing of the public was unanimously approved.

Cindy Katri-243 Van Saun Drive-said that she's been living in town since 1997 and Saturday is her second pick-up day for garbage. She complained that the garbage company comes around 6:30 a.m. and the noise wakes her up. She asked if there's anything the Council can do to change the schedule around? Mayor Mignone-explained that they don't have the discretion to change the route and he would have to go back and look at the contract. He thinks that the contract does have hours of operation but doesn't know whether that includes Saturdays because they only do that during the summer. The Mayor feels that if we ask them to start a little later we would probably get some accommodation.

Cindy Katri-asked if the contractor also decides which part of town is collected on Saturday?

Mayor Mignone-he thinks that the districts were set many years ago and is not sure if we would be able to change that. He doesn't think it will hurt to make the request.

Edward Mignone-244 Concord Drive-asked where the community center will be built?

Mayor Mignone-explained that the plan is to build off of the Library, taking the far 1/3 of the existing parking lot. The former American Legion would be demolished and depending on the parking scheme, it may either be used for parking or just a grassy area.

Councilman Bartelloni-said that if you look at the side of the Library where there's a door and steps right now, it would give you an idea of where the center of the building will be.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Acquafredda was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Chinigo-thanked Lieutenant Naprstek for his 30 years of service and wished him well in his retirement. Last month David Stucke and Rina Mishory resigned from the Fire Department and he thanked them for their service as well.

Councilwoman Davis-also thanked Lieutenant Naprstek for his service and informed everyone that for over 70 years, there's been a Naprstek in the Police Department in the town of River Edge. His grandfather was Chief, his father was a Lieutenant and his uncle was a police officer. She said that it's a tremendous loss to both the department and to the town of River Edge. He is a hard working professional who never got caught up in any of the politics going on and just did his job. She reported that there was no Health Department meeting this month. She reported that the Farmer's Market continues and is happy to see that many of the vendors are doing great. She thanked the Fire Department for helping SUEZ out this week and just received a report that all of the hydrants are back in service. She also thanked the Police Department for doing a great job with the work that's going on along Kinderkamack Road.

Councilman Acquafredda-said that there's been a lot of changes since he's moved into town and feels that there are many more to come. He feels that River Edge is a dynamic town and is proud to live here and serve on the residents behalf.

Councilman Papaleo-joined with the rest of the Council in thanking Lieutenant Naprstek on his retirement as well as the two firefighters who resigned. He reported that Beautification continues to work throughout the town doing a great job and Shade Tree will not be meeting until September. He has

been in contact with a few residents who will be attending their next meeting and thanked Liz for responding to their concerns. Councilman Papaleo reported that 4 DPW trucks were reviewed as John continues to meet with the committee and will be coming to the Council in January with a well thought out recommendation.

Councilman Bartelloni-also thanked Lieutenant Naprstek for his service over the last 30 years. He feels that it's a tremendous loss to the department to lose someone with his qualification, skill and passion. He is excited about the community center and thinks that it will be an excellent addition to the Borough when it's finally completed. He asked everyone to be patient and assured them that they are working hard and did have all the constituents in mind when they came up with the plan. He hopes everyone enjoys the rest of the summer.

Councilwoman Busted-also thanked Lieutenant Naprstek for his 30 years of service as is truly a valuable member of the force who will be terribly missed. She wished him and his family the best in the future. She thanked the residents and business owners for their patience over the last week and in coming weeks with the work that's being done along Kinderkamack Road. As the Mayor mentioned in one of his posts, there is never a great time to do this but the improvement will be worth it in the long run so she again thanked everyone for their patience. She acknowledged the River Edge Swim Club's Rockets who had another undefeated season and came in second during the county league tournament. She congratulated the coaches, the swim team and the swim club for another great season.

Councilwoman Busted shared an email with the Council from a resident encouraging the Council to harness social media as a communication tool for coordinating messages with our residents. She said that the Council did pass a social media policy in 2016 which provided the Borough and its departments, committees and commissions with that framework. She knows that Mr. Negreann will be working hard to see that we can coordinate a social media message in the future with the resources we have.

Mayor Mignone-also thanked Lieutenant Naprstek for his years of service to the town. He said that 30 years is a long time and being the son of a police officer, he understands what it's like when someone is on the job that long and that his retirement is well earned. He also feels that it's a big loss to the department and will be sorely missed especially coming from such a renowned family of police history. The Mayor also thanked the firefighters who previously resigned for all of their efforts and dedication to the town. He said that with regard to social media, they've been trying to upgrade technology for a number of years and what the general public doesn't understand is that when they're trying to hold the tax rates down, things that aren't absolutely necessary are the first things that get cut from the budget. Technology has suffered because they were not able to invest in certain things. We've finally gotten to a point this year where we were able to invest enough money to update our website, be able to view the meetings on local public access TV and have a Facebook presence. He also said that we were able to hire a part-time person who will be able to do that work for us. The Mayor said that hopefully by the end of this year we will see those things because, as they've all said, we need to make sure people get the information that they deserve. Whatever platform we can use to do that, he feels the Council is unanimous in wanting to work towards that end. The Mayor also echoed Councilwoman Busted's comments by thanking the residents and business owners for their patience and understanding during the construction work that is being done along Kinderkamack Road. He explained that the project was intended to start three or four years ago and all of a sudden we received notification that it was happening within two weeks which is what triggered SUEZ to decide that they had to make major upgrades before the road was paved. The Mayor said that despite some glitches between the Fire Department, Police Chief, Emergency Management Coordinator and the Borough staff, they've done a very good job in trying to deal with a very changeable situation based on information that wasn't always accurate and complete. He feels that the worst is behind us and hopes that all of the milling will be completed this week and the paving will be done soon thereafter. The Mayor said that last year the school hosted a new family festival at Memorial Park which was very well received but the venue became a little crowded. This year the PTO decided to host the event at each of the schools on the same night and was asked by the Superintendent to invite the Council as well as members of other departments who attended last year. Mayor Mignone believes that the Middle School has open house that night and the Borough has a Land Use Board meeting that night as well so he told Dr. Ben Dov that he will make it at some point. He did not promise that he could get two representatives from the Council but said that they'll do their best.

Councilman Acquafredda-asked when it will be?

Mayor Mignone-replied, Thursday, September 14th at 6 p.m. The Mayor feels that it's a good opportunity to meet new residents and gives new residents the opportunity to meet local officials and department heads. The Mayor was asked to speak at the annual naturalization ceremony on September 7th at 11 a.m. at New Bridge Landing and stated that last year, 26 new citizens from 25 different countries were sworn in. The Mayor said that it was a very impressive and moving ceremony and was also poignant because it was Kevin Wright's last speech. He is very proud that we're able to do something like this in River Edge. The Mayor offered congratulations to Recreation Director, Bobbi Conway whose daughter Shannon had her first baby named Brynn Grace. He wished her and her family a long life of love, happiness and good health.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:26 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: