

M I N U T E S
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, May 2, 2011
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

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

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Council President Cordts called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilman Porco to lead the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT -

Council President Cordts 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 24, 2010 to THE RECORD and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk".

ROLL CALL - Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts were present, Mayor Watkins was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Moscaritolo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of April 18, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Moscaritolo, seconded by Councilman Porco to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session of April 25, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone and Councilman Cordts voted yes, Councilman Cannon abstained.

PROCLAMATION & AWARDS -

Council President Cordts read the title of the Proclamation Declaring May 5, 2011 as "A Day of Prayer in River Edge" into the record.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made the laws of Nature and Nature's God the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in River Edge when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2011 to be designated as

A DAY OF PRAYER IN RIVER EDGE

and encourage the citizens of River Edge to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

May 2, 2011

Council President Cordts read the title of the Proclamation Declaring May 15, 2011 through May 21, 2011 as National Public Works Week into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Public Works services provided in our municipality are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public Works systems and programs such as sewers, streets, drainage, public buildings, recycling, leaf collection and snow plowing; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of Public Works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff Public Works Departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 through May 21, 2011 as:

"NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

in The Borough of River Edge and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issue involved in providing our Public Works and to recognize the contributions which Public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Dated: May 2, 2011

Council President Cordts read the title of the Proclamation Declaring May 15, 2011 through May 21, 2011 as Emergency Medical Services Week into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge do hereby proclaim

May 15 - 21, 2011

as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in River Edge, in recognition of all those engaged in emergency medical services activities and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Dated: May 2, 2011

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the resignation of Deborah Druskin as Deputy Registrar effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the resignation of Steve Cordts from the Historic Commission effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the promotion of Nancy Kennedy from Library Page at an hourly rate of \$7.25 to Library Assistant at an hourly rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective April 26, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve the hire of Rosemarie Garcia as a Library Page at an hourly rate of \$7.25 per hour, ten (10) hours per week, effective May 25, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts

voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the appointment of Joshua A. Nunez, to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded buy Councilman Bartelloni to approve the voluntary reduction in salary of Mayor Watkins from an annual salary of \$5,000.00 to \$4,000.00, effective January 1, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve the voluntary reduction in salary of Council members Alphonse Bartelloni, Sandy Moscaritolo, Johnny Porco, Edward Mignone, John Cannon and Paul Cordts from an annual salary of \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00, effective January 1, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter	-	Cablevision - 4/15/11 Re: TMC on Demand
Notice	-	River Edge Board of Education - 4/15/11 Re: Meeting - April 27, 2011
Letter	-	Arbor Day Foundation - 4/25/11 Re: Tree City USA Community for 2010
Letter	-	Deborah Druskin - 4/26/11 Re: Resignation as Deputy Registrar
Letter	-	Steve Cordts - 4/26/11 Re: Resignation from Historic Commission

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Historic Commission	-	March 2011
Fire Prevention	-	1/1/11 - 3/31/11
Planning Board	-	January 20, 2011

ORDINANCES - 1st Reading

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1731 as follows:

Ordinance #1731 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$205,000 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.

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve the first reading as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1731

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$205,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary

and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Replacement of the roof at the Public Library.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$135,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,800
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$128,200
Period of Usefulness	15 years
B. Undertaking of environmental remediation at Bogert Road Pocket Park.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 60,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 57,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years
C. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a thermal imaging camera for the use of the Fire Department.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 10,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 9,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$205,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,300
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$194,700

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$15,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$10,300, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$10,300 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$194,700 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$194,700 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of

such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 15 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$194,700 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

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

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

ORDINANCES - 2nd Reading

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1730 as follows:

Ordinance #1730 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 and 5 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE #1568 ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC

IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,030,000 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".

Ordinance #1730 was introduced by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni at the April 18, 2011 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1730

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 and 5 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE #1568 ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,030,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS".

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

Section 1. Section 4C of Ordinance #1568 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,030,000 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, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") on May 21, 2007 is hereby amended to add the words "Purchase and installation of a generator" authorized in Section 4C and shall hereinafter read as follows:

Section 4C. Construction/purchase and installation of a generator and repair of the Wayne Sanitary Sewer Pump Station.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$178,800
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 9,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$169,750
Period of Usefulness	40 years

Section 2. Section 4E of Ordinance #1568 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,030,000 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, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") on May 21, 2007 is hereby amended to add the words "Construction of a traffic signal and appurtenances" authorized in Section 4C and shall hereinafter read as follows:

Section 4E. Acquisition of real property in connection with the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Howland Avenue and Kinderkamack Road. Said property to be acquired is located at 325, 311 and 253-297 Kinderkamack Road and is designated at (i) Block 1004, Lot 25 (ii) Block 1004, Lot 26 and (iii) Block 1007, Lot 1, respectively, on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough. Construction of a traffic signal and appurtenances.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$81,300
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,350
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$76,950
Period of Usefulness	40 years

Section 3. Section 5 of Ordinance #1568 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,030,000 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, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") on May 21, 2007 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to increase the amount of statutorily permitted expenses included in the cost of the purposes authorized in the ordinance from \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00 (an increase of \$25,000.00) and shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 5. 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, as amended: the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$1,030,000, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$978,000, and (5) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$125,000 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 6. 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 7. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Attest:

Denise Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1730

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Ordinance #1730

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1730

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Porco to adopt Ordinance #1730.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #11-178 through #11-185.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#11-178 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public

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

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

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

1. That the public shall be excluded from the May 2, 2011 meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session</u> <u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory</u> <u>Reference</u>
11-5/2-1	Personnel - DPW Negotiations	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)
11-5/2-2	Personnel - PBA/SOA Negotiations	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)
11-5/2-3	Personnel - Crossing Guard Salaries/ Wages for Mary Sheehy, Pat Henry & Liz Biggar	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)

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

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

May 2, 2011

#11-179 Award Bid for Emergency Repairs and Maintenance of the Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:11-11(5) authorizing a contracting unit to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth is the Lead Agency for the purchase of work, materials and supplies for the Riverside Cooperative, RC-35; and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Borough of Haworth for Emergency Repairs and Maintenance of the Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer System on March 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received, the lowest being from Montana Construction Corp. Inc., 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644 in the amount of \$99,514.69; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth as the Lead Agency for the Riverside Cooperative, RC-35, has awarded a contract on behalf of the Riverside Cooperative, via Resolution #35-RC-11-01 dated March 2, 2011 to Montana Construction Corp. Inc., 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded on a unit price basis and may be considered an "Open Ended Contract" under N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.3, in which case certification of funds is not required until such time as the services are ordered and prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, certification of availability of funds will be made by the Chief Financial Officer, and it shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds from the Chief Financial Officer as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, does hereby award the contract for Emergency Repairs and Maintenance of the Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer System to Montana Construction Corp. Inc., 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644 as per the proposal on file with the Borough Clerk which shall be in effect from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough.

May 2, 2011

#11-180 Authorize Clerk to Go Out for Bid - Reconstruction of the Wales Avenue Outfall

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to go out for bid for the Reconstruction of the Wales Avenue Outfall.

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

May 2, 2011

#11-181 Grant Raffle License to St. Peter The Apostle Church

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to St. Peter the Apostle Church, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, 07661, License #627, I.D. 423-1-27855 to take place at Veteran's Memorial Park, Continental Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey on June 26, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk reporting all in order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control of the State of New Jersey.

May 2, 2011

#11-182 Authorize Clerk to Go Out for Bid - Wayne Avenue Pump Station Generator

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to go out for bid for the Wayne Avenue Pump Station Generator.

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

May 2, 2011

#11-183 Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer 1st Quarter 2011 Tax Overpayments to the 2nd Quarter 2011

WHEREAS, the 1st 2011 taxes were overpaid on the following properties, and the homeowners have requested the amounts to be transferred from their 1st quarter 2011 taxes to their 2nd quarter 2011 taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector adjusts her records by transferring the 1st quarter tax overpayment to the 2nd quarter 2011 taxes as follows:

Block/Lot	Owner/Property	from 1 st Qtr. 11	to 2 nd Qtr. 11
707/16	Keys, Roger C.	(taxes) \$3,017.72	\$3,033.12 (taxes)
	199 Voorhis Avenue	(interest) 15.40	
	River Edge, NJ 07661	\$3,033.12	
815/22	Jodlowski, Margaret 494 Windsor Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$ 8.98	\$ 8.98

May 2, 2011

#11-184 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund Duplicate 1st Quarter 2011 Tax Payment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate tax payment for the 1st Quarter 2011 taxes on the following property; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the homeowner to refund the overpaid amount directly to the homeowner.

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

Block/Lot	Name & Address	Refund Amount
1101/24	BENNY, JOSEPH 147 Valley Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$2,723.39

May 2, 2011

#11-185 Report Investments Pursuant to the Cash Management Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the following investments and deposits made pursuant to the Cash Management Plan of the Borough of River Edge are hereby confirmed and accepted by the Governing Body.

Months of January, February and March, 2011

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Earned Income</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>
N.J. Cash Management Fund	\$1,050,000.00	CMF	\$1,050,000.00	\$481.88	\$1,050,481.88	.16

May 2, 2011

Councilman Porco read resolution #11-186 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Cannon to approve resolution #11-186.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#11-186 Payment of Bills

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

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

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT TOTAL	\$6,611,665.73
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 207,985.00
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 6,936.13
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 3,859.30
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 1,053.40
SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$ 5,307.50

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.

May 2, 2011

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Janet Boyd, 167 Tenney Avenue-stated that last year when Governor Christie eliminated all state funding for River Edge schools the taxpayers overwhelmingly supported the school budget. She stated that she felt that for residents to support a budget that they knew would be a greater expense for them clearly indicated that our residents support and value education. She

asked the Mayor and Council to keep the budget as is because she feels that it's responsible and compliant and will only cost residents \$5.00 a month. She added that this is the lowest tax levy for schools in the history of the town.

Laurie Edelstein, 250 Concord Drive-is an educator in another town but has children in our school system. She stated that in the district where she works, their budget was defeated several years ago and after the Borough Council cut hundreds of thousands of dollars, several programs were cut. She continued by stating that once the programs were cut, they were never brought back and she would hate to see that happen in River Edge. She added that she felt the budget was defeated mainly because residents were confused with the referendum question. She asked that the Mayor and Council to leave the budget the way it is.

Wendy Walker, 369 Windsor Road-asked the Mayor and Council to restore the budget. She added that the burden of proof is on the Mayor and Council and that we need to maintain our level of education in River Edge. She added that the schools stayed within the 2% CAP and if any programs get cut most likely they won't be brought back. She also stated that 26 people do not have contracts and may lose jobs if the budget is reduced. She again asked the Council to give the budget careful consideration to insure that our children continue to get a quality education.

Ellen Busteed, 597 Bogert Road-said that her child flourishes in our school system and faced with tough economic challenges, the schools provide top notch education to our children. She continued by saying that she feels that the administration and Board of Education have worked tirelessly to create a budget that is fiscally sound while continuing to provide for our children. She asked that the Mayor and Council leave the budget in tact and not to act impulsively because cutting and eliminating is not always the answer.

Mary Anne Rush, 377 Windsor Road-stated that she knows that the current Mayor and Council understand the work that is involved in putting together a budget and explained that the Board of Education also worked long hours to get this budget where it is. She was disturbed to hear that the Council had commented that there was "fat in the budget". Mrs. Rush feels that the Borough should pay the deferred pension over 5 years which would reduce the municipal budget by \$95.00. She asked the Council to explore other options besides cutting the school budget.

Gregg Cariddi, 193 Wayne Avenue-stated that in the weeks prior to the Board of Education vote, there was a lot of confusion by the residents regarding the vote and asked why River Edge did not have a public meeting like Oradell did to discuss the budget and referendum?

Council President Cordts-explained that it was equally important to our Mayor and Council to get the word out about the referendum and legally they could not tell people how to vote.

Michelle Cariddi-193 Wayne Avenue-asked about the volunteer bank that was discussed in the work session. She wanted to know who takes care of it and can anyone volunteer?

Council President Cordts-told Mrs. Cariddi that this needed to be discussed further for the details.

Neal Carroll, 321 Wales Avenue-noticed that we are going out to bid for a generator for the pump station and was curious why the Police Department generator was not a priority due to the fact that they haven't had a backup generator for 7-8 years.

Alan Negreann-explained that all bids for the Public Safety Building generator were rejected after a period of time. He continued by saying that they are committed to studying the size and capacity that was first presented to the Mayor and Council and evaluating whether the size and capacity is appropriate for the configuration. After those discussions, most likely we will go out for bid again.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that the Police Department does have a generator and that this would be a replacement generator.

Mr. Carroll-said that during an emergency power failure the computer are down, telephones are down and the service is minimal and limited. He feels that the priority should be a generator for the Police Department.

Wendy Walker-asked the Borough Attorney what the legality of the Mayor and Council giving out information regarding the referendum and school budget was.

Sam Cereste-told Mrs. Walker that when it comes to public funding, the municipality cannot direct someone on how to vote. They can explain and educate the public on what the votes would mean.

Wendy Walker-asked if they were able to encourage or discourage someone to vote yes or no on the school budgets?

Sam Cereste-replied yes. He further stated that in his opinion, he thought the placement of the public funding issue on the same ballot as the budget was probably not a good idea and thinks that it's only natural that people could have gotten confused.

Tom Smith, 288 Manning-said that the school budget increase of \$68.00 is minimal and asked the Council to take a look at what the schools have done in the past to significantly lower costs to our residents. An example of that would be the New Bridge Center and how many of our children with special needs are able to attend school there versus being sent to other towns at a cost ranging between \$35,000 - \$50,000. He continued by stating that the class sizes are excellent, the school scores in the top 10 and we have a low cost

per student. He added that most of the Council members have not been in town a long time and encouraged them look back to see how the school system has improved over the years.

Kathleen Murphy, 741 Williams-encouraged everyone to go online and download the information from the state on the procedures for a defeated budget. She said that she believes the budget should not be cut and encouraged the school board to appeal if need be.

Peg White, 741 Center Avenue-stated that she was a poll worker and commented how busy it was. She agreed that the \$68.00 increase is well worth it.

Laurie Edelstein-asked if the Saturday morning meeting was open to the public and was told yes.

Alan Negreann-stated that the public can attend but it will be up to the chairs as to whether the public will be able to speak. He continued by saying that it will be open to the public to listen to the Councils discussion.

Mary Kay Buckley, 183 Greenway Terrace-stated that River Dell chose to put the referendum on the ballot and River Edge did not really rally around the school budget. She asked the Mayor and Council to educate themselves, leave their politics at the door and do what they truly believe is right. She asked the Mayor and Council to keep the budget the way it is.

Joanne Haggerty, 72 Bloomfield Avenue-said that she has 3 children and is very proud of our schools. She continued by saying that in these difficult economic times our schools are what keep the values of our homes and that if our schools are not kept at a high standard, our home values could decrease. She agreed that this is a difficult job and also asked the Mayor and Council to educate themselves and leave politics out of their decision.

Kelly Dent, 192 Woodland Avenue -said that she is also a teacher and has children in the school system and asked that the Mayor and Council focus on our children.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Councilman Mignone to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilman Bartelloni-attended Regal Opening Day, the Beautification Committee flower sale and the Arbor Day Celebration at Cherry Hill School. He addressed Mrs. Cariddi's question regarding the volunteer bank and stated that he will recommend that a list be maintained administratively at Borough Hall. His thought process is that if any department thought they needed help they could tap into that list and anyone who wanted to volunteer could do so but he also explained that more details needed to be ironed out. Councilman Bartelloni commended our armed services for making today a great day for our country. With regard to the school budget, he agrees that the ballot was confusing and informed everyone that they had no say in where the referendum question was placed on the ballot and his preference wouldn't have been for it to be placed either first or last. He does think that there was some confusion in that regard and to that extent he doesn't believe that the vote was a mandate for this Council to go and decimate the budget. He is interested in sitting down with the Board of Education members to go through the budget and have some of his questions answered. He hopes that the process will play out very quickly and put peoples minds at ease.

Councilman Moscaritolo-also attended REGAL Opening Day and the Beautification Committees plant sale over the weekend. With regard to the school budget, Councilman Moscaritolo stated that he is sorry that the budget was defeated by a few hundred votes but there were 1,800 people who voted against the budget. He continued by saying that the Council in addition to representing those who voted for the budget, also represent those who voted against it. They have to balance the interest of the people who voted down the budget, balance the interest of the school children along with the constitutional mandate to provide education for every student. Councilman Moscaritolo stated that going forward, he promises to educate himself about the budget by reaching out to the Board of Education. He stated that he has served on a Board of Education and feels right now that \$68.00 is a minimal increase compared to what the municipal increase will be. He feels confident that the Board of Education worked very hard on their budget and hopes that once they take a look at it they can maintain the same quality of education that they have in the past.

Councilman Porco-congratulated REGAL on a great opening day. With regard to the school budget, Councilman Porco stated that they will be looking at the budget and acknowledges that there is a lot to be done in a short amount of time. He feels that those who came to the meeting tonight are asking the Mayor and Council to pass the budget without really looking at it and he doesn't feel that that would be fair. He stated that the Mayor and Council have an obligation to take a look to see what would or wouldn't actually affect the children and in all fairness they haven't said they're going to cut anything yet. He feels that if the tables were turned and another group of people came up and asked the Council

just make cuts, that wouldn't be fair either. Councilman Porco again stated that the Mayor and Council are obligated to take a good look and ask questions about the school budget. With regard to the generator, Councilman Porco stated that it was one of the things that they did put off because it was very expensive. He continues to receive complaints from residents saying their taxes are too high but when they try to make cut people complain about it. He is frustrated by the fact that the Mayor and Council are constantly in a no win situation. Councilman Porco stated that if we don't stop increasing our budgets and stop making cuts our taxes are going to be exorbitant and he finds it hard to believe that our residents would be fine with that. He feels that cuts need to be made across the board. Councilman Porco commented on the statement that our schools are what bring people into town and feels that while that may be true, the high taxes are driving people out. He asked people not to get worked up before the Mayor and Council have had a chance to really look at the budget. Councilman Mignone-agreed that the Mayor and Council do have an obligation to look at the school budget and realizes that the Board of Education spent many hours putting their budget together. Councilman Mignone understands that high taxes are a problem but feels that they have to be rational and reasonable and get the best value for the money. He feels that it's not always about the dollar amount.

Councilman Cannon-thanked everyone for coming out this evening and appreciates the comments that were made. He also agrees that there was a lot of confusion with the vote and feels that it would be presumptuous of him to think in ten days they can truly understand a budget that the Board of Education spent months on. He stated that when he moved in to town over twenty years ago, it was because of the school system. He is very pleased with the education his children have received. Councilman Cannon feels that the issue of high taxes has more to do with a lack of revenue and not a spending issue. He feels that once the revenue side comes back it will really help things out and because we do pay high taxes, we have a standard of services that are expected. He stated that his vote is to maintain those services.

Council President Cordts-thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He understands that some residents may have been confused with the ballot but he feels that the Mayor and Council's main focus was the referendum question. He continued by saying that the school budget can be negotiated if it doesn't pass but if the referendum question passed, it would be binding and devastating blow to this community. Council President Cordts understands that many people would be upset if something was cut from the school budget but also stated that every other department in the Borough has had to deal with cuts. He also asked the school board not to jump to any conclusions before the Mayor and Council have had a chance to look at the budget. Council President Cordts grew up in River Edge and went through the River Edge and River Dell school system and understands the importance of a good school system. He explained that as elected officials they take the comments by the public and their decisions very seriously. He continued by saying that as much as they represent those who supported the budget, they also represent those who voted against it. He assured everyone that everything will be taken into consideration. He again thanked everyone for coming and voicing their concerns.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:05 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Cannon, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: