

M I N U T E S
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, March 21, 2016
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 8:17 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 Councilman Acquafredda to lead the salute to the flag.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT -

Mayor Mignone read the statement under the Sunshine Law as follows: "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 18, 2015 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 Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of March 7, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy abstained.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

❖ Gold Certificate Received for Bergen County JIF 2015 Safety Awards

Councilman Papaleo-announced that they are in possession of a Gold Certificate Award and asked John Lynch, Superintendent of Public Works to come forward to accept it. This award is a recognition of our safety and our work to provide the residents with the best possible DPW. Some of the criteria is lost time frequency which we were 6th out of 38 among Joint Insurance Fund members; safety meetings, training for the MEL Safety Institute, self-inspections, quarterly training and loss time accident frequency. In past years, the Borough has received bronze and silver awards. In 2013 we won the Bronze Award and in 2009, 2010 & 2012 we won the Silver Award. In addition to this recognition of the Gold Certificate based on 107 points achieved on the Safety Incentive Program, is a \$2,000 monetary award that is made to River Edge. Councilman Papaleo feels that this is emblematic of what John Lynch and our DPW bring to our town and it is something that we all should be incredibly proud of. Councilman Papaleo asked Mayor Mignone to present the award to Superintendent John Lynch.

Mayor Mignone-congratulated John Lynch for always doing an excellent job and commended him and his department for being awarded the Gold Certificate for the first time. The Mayor said that it's quite an achievement and a testament to the way John runs his department and his insistence that other Borough departments maintain the safety record that we have.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to open public comments on any issue on the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to close public comments on any issue on the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the resignation of Judi Sussman from the Historic Preservation Commission effective March 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the change in liaison for the Department of Public Works from Councilman Bartelloni to Council President Papaleo.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the change in liaison for the Police Department from Council President Papaleo to Councilman Bartelloni.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the committee appointment change for the Sewer Sub-Committee from Councilman Bartelloni to Council President Papaleo.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the salary increase of Eric Schultz, Equipment Operator II in the Department of Public Works from an annual Step I salary of \$61,617.00 to Step II - \$61,939.00, effective April 6, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve the disability status of Jose Cornelio, Laborer I in the Department of Public Works per Article 15, Paragraph 3 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of River Edge and Local 108, Public Employee Division, RWDSU, Blue Collar Unit, effective February 10, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Email - Judi Sussman - 3/7/16
Re: Letter of Resignation from
Historic Commission

Letter - Lapatka Associates, Inc. - 3/10/16
 Re: Flood Hazard Area Verification-
 Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit,
 Block 902, Lot 3, Paramus, NJ

Letter - Board of Chosen Freeholders - 3/10/16
 Re: Introduction of Ordinance #16-05,
 Golf Fee Schedule for County Courses

Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 3/14/16
 Re: Meeting Notice - March 16, 2016

Memo - Bergen County Municipal JIF - 3/15/16
 Re: River Edge Recipient of Gold
 Certificate at 2015 Safety Awards

Report - Alan P. Negreann - 3/17/16
 Re: Damage to Public Property Report

Letter - State of New Jersey DEP - 3/17/16
 Re: Remediation of Underground Storage Tank,
 786 7th Avenue

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Tax Collector - February 2016

Recreation Commission - January & February 2016

Planning Board - October, November, December 2015,
 January 2016

Zoning Board of Adjustment - December 2015, January & February
 2016

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1855 as follows:

Ordinance #1855 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$21,751.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

Alan Negreann-explained that this is the first of three ordinances that will fund our capital program for 2016. This ordinance will assist us in repairing the gutters on Borough Hall, improve public sidewalks, purchase a gas engine for the Department of Public Works, purchase of AED's and various fire equipment.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1855 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1855

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$21,751.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

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 purchase of equipment desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$21,751.00 of which \$21,751.00 is from the Capital Improvement Fund.

SECTION 2. The purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Repairs and improvements to public buildings and grounds.
- b. Purchase of equipment for the Departments of: Public Works, Fire Health and Recreation.
- c. Other Expenses, including but not limited to architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expense and other expenses to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The appropriation shall be made from Capital Improvement Fund of 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:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1856 as follows:

Ordinance #1856 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1856 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1856

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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 purchase of equipment for improvements desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as improvements and purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment and the making of said improvements, there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$25,000.00 of which \$25,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund Balance.

SECTION 2. The improvement and purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Repairs and improvement to public buildings and grounds.
- b. Purchase of equipment for the Departments of: Public Works, Fire and Police.
- c. Other Expenses, including but not limited to architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expense and other expenses to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

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:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1857 as follows:

Ordinance #1857 - AMEND ORDINANCE #1819 "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2015"

Alan Negreann-explained that there are two ordinances on for introduction tonight, #1857 and #1858 which are necessary in order to implement the contracts with the PBA and Superior Officers Bargaining Units. Mayor Mignone-asked if this was the conclusion of negotiations with PBA/SOA? The Mayor is glad that they were able to get this accomplished and move forward.

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1857 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1857

AMEND ORDINANCE #1819 "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2015"

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

Section 1: The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hire before October 1, 2007 for the year 2015 shall be as follows:

2015

Annually

POLICE

Captain	\$125,779 - \$127,037
Lieutenant	\$124,373 - \$125,617
Sergeant	\$115,160 - \$116,312
Patrolman 1	\$106,630 - \$107,696

The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hired on or after October 1, 2007 but before July 1, 2011 for the year 2015 shall be as follows:

2015

Annually

Captain	\$125,779 - \$127,037
Lieutenant	\$124,373 - \$125,617
Sergeant	\$115,160 - \$116,312
Patrolman 1	\$106,630 - \$107,696
Patrolman 2	\$ 96,785 - \$ 97,753
Patrolman 3	\$ 86,944 - \$ 87,813
Patrolman 4	\$ 77,102 - \$ 77,873
Patrolman 5	\$ 67,261 - \$ 67,934
Patrolman 6	\$ 57,420 - \$ 57,994
Patrolman Probationary (second 6 months)	\$ 47,578 - \$ 48,054
Patrolman Probationary (first 6 months)	\$ 37,738 - \$ 38,115

In addition to the salaries set forth above, all full time employees holding these positions listed herein shall have added to base pay the following percentage computed on the basis of the prevailing salary:

During: 5 - 8 years of service - 2%
9 -12 years of service - 4%
13-16 years of service - 6%
17-20 years of service - 8%
21 Plus years of service-10%

The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hired on or after July 1, 2011 for the year 2015 shall be as follows:

Captain 1	\$138,356 - \$139,740
Captain 2 thru Captain 5	\$135,841 - \$137,199
Captain 6 thru Captain 9	\$133,325 - \$134,658
Captain 10 thru Captain 13	\$130,810 - \$132,118
Captain 14 thru Captain 17	\$128,294 - \$129,577
Captain 18 thru Capital 19	\$125,779 - \$127,037
Lieutenant 1	\$136,810 - \$138,178
Lieutenant 2 thru Lieutenant 5	\$134,322 - \$135,665
Lieutenant 6 thru Lieutenant 9	\$131,835 - \$133,153
Lieutenant 10 thru Lieutenant 13	\$129,347 - \$130,640
Lieutenant 14 thru Lieutenant 17	\$126,860 - \$128,129
Lieutenant 18 thru Lieutenant 19	\$124,373 - \$125,617
Sergeant 1	\$126,676 - \$127,943
Sergeant 2 thru Sergeant 5	\$124,373 - \$125,617
Sergeant 6 thru Sergeant 9	\$122,070 - \$123,291
Sergeant 10 thru Sergeant 13	\$119,767 - \$120,965
Sergeant 14 thru Sergeant 17	\$117,463 - \$118,638
Sergeant 18 thru Sergeant 19	\$115,160 - \$116,312
Patrol Officer 1	\$117,293 - \$118,466
Patrol Officer 2	\$116,108 - \$117,269
Patrol Officer 3	\$114,922 - \$116,071
Patrol Officer 4	\$113,738 - \$114,875
Patrol Officer 5	\$112,554 - \$113,680
Patrol Officer 6	\$111,369 - \$112,483
Patrol Officer 7	\$110,184 - \$111,286
Patrol Officer 8	\$108,999 - \$110,089
Patrol Officer 9	\$107,814 - \$108,892
Patrol Officer 10	\$106,629 - \$107,696
Patrol Officer 11	\$100,815 - \$101,823
Patrol Officer 12	\$ 92,856 - \$ 93,785
Patrol Officer 13	\$ 84,897 - \$ 85,746
Patrol Officer 14	\$ 76,938 - \$ 77,707
Patrol Officer 15	\$ 68,979 - \$ 69,669
Patrol Officer 16	\$ 61,019 - \$ 61,629
Patrol Officer 17	\$ 53,060 - \$ 53,591
Patrol Officer 18	\$ 45,101 - \$ 45,552
Patrol Officer Probationary (1 st year)	\$ 29,183 - \$ 37,513

Employees hired as Police Officers after July 1, 2011 shall not be entitled to longevity pay in addition to the salaries set above.

In addition to the salaries set forth above, Police Officers of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge PBA, Local 201 and the River Edge Superior Officers Association January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall have added to the base pay holidays.

Section 2. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, Police Officers of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge Police Benevolent Association Local 201, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with River Edge PBA Local 201, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

Any difference in terms between the above Agreement and Ordinance, the Agreement will be deemed dispositive.

Section 3. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, Police Officers of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge Superior Officers Association, for the years January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SOA, for the years January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

Any difference in terms between the above Agreement and Ordinance, the Agreement will be deemed dispositive.

Section 4. The salaries, wages or compensation of all officers and employees shall be paid in twenty-four (24) installments, or upon presentation of duly executed vouchers as required by law.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 2015 when passed and published as required by law.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1858 as follows:

Ordinance #1858 - AMEND ORDINANCE #1849 "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016"

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1858 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1858

AMEND ORDINANCE #1849 "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016"

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

Section 1: The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hire before October 1, 2007 for the year 2016 shall be as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>Annually</u>
<u>POLICE</u>		
Captain		\$127,037 - \$128,307
Lieutenant		\$125,617 - \$126,873
Sergeant		\$116,312 - \$117,475
Patrolman 1		\$107,696 - \$108,773

The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hired on or after October 1, 2007 but before July 1, 2011 for the year 2016 shall be as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Captain		\$127,037 - \$128,307
Lieutenant		\$125,617 - \$126,873
Sergeant		\$116,312 - \$117,475
Patrolman 1		\$107,696 - \$108,773
Patrolman 2		\$ 97,753 - \$ 98,730
Patrolman 3		\$ 87,813 - \$ 88,692
Patrolman 4		\$ 77,873 - \$ 78,652
Patrolman 5		\$ 67,934 - \$ 68,613
Patrolman 6		\$ 57,994 - \$ 58,574
Patrolman Probationary (second 6 months)		\$ 48,054 - \$ 48,534
Patrolman Probationary (first 6 months)		\$ 38,115 - \$ 38,497

In addition to the salaries set forth above, all full time employees

holding these positions listed herein shall have added to base pay the following percentage computed on the basis of the prevailing salary:

During: 5 - 8 years of service - 2%
9 -12 years of service - 4%
13-16 years of service - 6%
17-20 years of service - 8%
21 Plus years of service-10%

The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge hired on or after July 1, 2011 for the year 2016 shall be as follows:

Captain 1	\$139,740 - \$141,137
Captain 2 thru Captain 5	\$137,199 - \$138,571
Captain 6 thru Captain 9	\$134,658 - \$136,005
Captain 10 thru Captain 13	\$132,118 - \$133,439
Captain 14 thru Captain 17	\$129,577 - \$130,873
Captain 18 thru Capital 19	\$127,037 - \$128,307
Lieutenant 1	\$138,178 - \$139,560
Lieutenant 2 thru Lieutenant 5	\$135,665 - \$137,022
Lieutenant 6 thru Lieutenant 9	\$133,153 - \$134,485
Lieutenant 10 thru Lieutenant 13	\$130,640 - \$131,947
Lieutenant 14 thru Lieutenant 17	\$128,129 - \$129,410
Lieutenant 18 thru Lieutenant 19	\$125,617 - \$126,873
Sergeant 1	\$127,943 - \$129,222
Sergeant 2 thru Sergeant 5	\$125,617 - \$126,873
Sergeant 6 thru Sergeant 9	\$123,291 - \$124,524
Sergeant 10 thru Sergeant 13	\$120,965 - \$122,174
Sergeant 14 thru Sergeant 17	\$118,638 - \$119,824
Sergeant 18 thru Sergeant 19	\$116,312 - \$117,475
Patrol Officer 1	\$118,466 - \$119,651
Patrol Officer 2	\$117,269 - \$118,442
Patrol Officer 3	\$116,071 - \$117,232
Patrol Officer 4	\$114,875 - \$116,024
Patrol Officer 5	\$113,680 - \$114,816
Patrol Officer 6	\$112,483 - \$113,608
Patrol Officer 7	\$111,286 - \$112,399
Patrol Officer 8	\$110,089 - \$111,190
Patrol Officer 9	\$108,892 - \$109,981
Patrol Officer 10	\$107,696 - \$108,773
Patrol Officer 11	\$101,823 - \$102,841
Patrol Officer 12	\$ 93,785 - \$ 94,722
Patrol Officer 13	\$ 85,746 - \$ 86,603
Patrol Officer 14	\$ 77,707 - \$ 78,484
Patrol Officer 15	\$ 69,669 - \$ 70,365
Patrol Officer 16	\$ 61,629 - \$ 62,245
Patrol Officer 17	\$ 53,591 - \$ 54,127
Patrol Officer 18	\$ 45,552 - \$ 46,008
Patrol Officer Probationary (1 st year)	\$ 37,513 - \$ 37,889

Employees hired as Police Officers after July 1, 2011 shall not be entitled to longevity pay in addition to the salaries set above.

In addition to the salaries set forth above, Police Officers of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge PBA, Local 201 and the River Edge Superior Officers Association January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall have added to the base pay holidays.

Section 2. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, Police Offices of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge Police Benevolent Association Local 201, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with River Edge PBA Local 201, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

Any difference in terms between the above Agreement and Ordinance, the Agreement will be deemed dispositive.

Section 3. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, Police Officers of the Borough of River Edge covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the River Edge Superior Officers Association, for the years January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SOA, for the years January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

Any difference in terms between the above Agreement and Ordinance, the Agreement will be deemed dispositive.

Section 4. The salaries, wages or compensation of all officers and employees shall be paid in twenty-four (24) installments, or upon presentation of duly executed vouchers as required by law.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 2016 when passed and published as required by law.

Edward Mignone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1854 as follows:

Ordinance #1854 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CURBS ON EXISTING SIDEWALKS AT A PORTION OF OXFORD TERRACE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,400 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

Alan Negreann-explained that we will be doing reconstruction of curbs on Oxford Terrace through a Community Development Block Grant that we received. This ordinance will allow us to special assess the apartment owner for his appropriate share of the design costs for the project.

Ordinance #1854 was introduced by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni at the March 7, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1854

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CURBS ON EXISTING SIDEWALKS AT A PORTION OF OXFORD TERRACE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,400 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to undertake the engineering design phase (hereinafter referred to as the "purpose" or the "improvement") of the construction and reconstruction of curbs on existing sidewalks at Oxford Terrace beginning at the intersection with Bogert Road and proceeding (A) on the northern side approximately 1,200 linear feet to the division line of Lot 1 and Lot 5 in Block 1301 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough (the "Tax Map") and (B) on the southern side approximately 600 linear feet along Block 1401, Lot 1 on the Tax Map. The improvement shall be undertaken along and in front of the following described property locations as shown on the Tax Map: Block 1301, Lot 1;

and Block 1401, Lot 1. It is hereby determined and stated that the construction phase of the project was authorized by Ordinance No. 1843 adopted by the Borough Council on September 21, 2015.

Section 2. The sum of \$5,400 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance. Said sum so appropriated shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment made by this ordinance.

Section 3. The improvement shall be undertaken as a sidewalk improvement and the cost thereof not borne by the Borough shall be assessed in the following manner: an accurate account of the cost of the improvement shall be kept by an officer of the Borough and such cost shall be assessed upon the several properties fronting on the improvement in proportion to their respective frontage thereon pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 65 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey. The portion of such cost which shall not be so assessed shall be paid by the Borough as in the case of a general improvement which is to be paid for by general taxation.

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

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

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvement is not a current expense of said Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$5,400, and (4) \$300 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$5,100, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$5,400, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$300, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$300 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 8. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,100 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,100 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by

the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of 10 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$5,100 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 15. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds and notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1854

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Ordinance #1854.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1854

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close public hearing on Ordinance #1854.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1854

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed to adopt Ordinance #1854.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #16-141 through #16-150 and #16-153 and #16-154.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#16-141 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 will or 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 April 4, 2016 work session meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

Closed Session Docket #	Item Title or Description	Statutory Reference
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To be determined by reference to the Borough Clerk's Agenda for the above meeting.

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.

March 21, 2016

#16-142 Enter Into Agreement with Canzani Associates Architects, 80 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 for Architectural Services for the River Edge Community Center

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional architectural services for the River Edge Community Center; 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 the Trust Other Account not to exceed \$12,000.00.

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, Canzani Associates Architects has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Canzani Associates Architects 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 Canzani Associates Architects 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 Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at their work session of March 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, that rate of pay shall not exceed the following:

Principal Architect	\$145.00 per hour
Staff Architects	\$125.00 per hour
Designer/Draftsman	\$ 90.00 per hour
Secretarial	\$ 45.00 per hour
Consultants	1.15% at cost billed to architect

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 Canzani Associates Architects, 80 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00; 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(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.

March 21, 2016

#16-143 Enter Into Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer, for Professional Services Related to Design and Inspection of the Hackensack Avenue Parking Lot

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to the Design and Inspection of the Hackensack Avenue Parking Lot; 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 \$2,000.00; 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 Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting.....	\$ 75.00

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(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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#16-144 Transfer of Funds in the Budget Appropriation Reserve

WHEREAS, various 2015 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by a purchase order number and/or recorded at the time of transfer between the 2016 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2015; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months on the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the transfer in the amount of \$15,000.00 be made between the 2016 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

FROM: General Administration O/E	20-1002-028	\$ 1,000.00
FROM: Municipal Clerk S/W	20-1201-011	\$ 1,000.00
FROM: Financial Administration S/W	20-1301-011	\$ 1,000.00
FROM: Revenue Administration S/W	20-1451-011	\$ 1,000.00

FROM: Tax Assessment S/W	20-1501-011	\$ 1,000.00
FROM: Other Code Enforcement S/W	22-2001-011	\$ 2,000.00
FROM: Emergency Management S/W	25-2521-011	\$ 1,000.00
FROM: Recycling S/W	26-3051-011	\$ 3,000.00
FROM: Bus S/W	27-3311-011	\$ 2,000.00
FROM: Municipal Court	43-4901-011	\$ 2,000.00
TO: Accumulated Absence O/E	27-3321-100	\$15,000.00

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#16-145 Resolution to Amend the Eligibility List for Promotion to the Police Department for the Rank of Sergeant

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge established a Police Promotional and Recruitment Policy via Ordinance #1332 dated April 16, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge established a promotional list for the position of Sergeant in the Police Department via resolution #15-125 dated March 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this promotional list was effective until March 16, 2016 midnight; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to amend this promotional list to extend the effective date to March 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this matter was discussed at the work session of the Mayor and Council on March 21, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the promotional list for the position of Sergeant in the Police Department of the Borough of River Edge and is hereby established from the candidates who participated and passed the promotional procedures, and that this promotional list shall be effective until March 16, 2017 midnight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the candidates shall be offered the position of Sergeant in the following order:

1. Patrol Officer Michael McGinty
2. Patrol Officer Dennis Griffith
3. Patrol Officer Joseph Zemaites

March 21, 2016

#16-146 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 1st Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, a 1st Quarter 2016 duplicate payment was received on 725 Fifth Avenue from Safeland Title Agency, LLC, the closing agent of the property owned by Kevin Sabella; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a written request to refund the overpaid amount to Safeland Title Agency, LLC.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
310/9	Sabella, Kevin 725 Fifth Avenue	\$2,633.01

Make check payable to: Safeland Title Agency/Kevin Sabella
550 Kinderkamack Road
Oradell, NJ 07649

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#16-147 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 1st Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, a 1st Quarter 2016 overpayment was received on 721 Oak Avenue from All-Pro Title Group, LLC, the closing agent of the property owned by Patricia Fitzpatrick; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a written request to refund the overpaid amount to All-Pro Title Group, LLC.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
312/10	Patricia Fitzpatrick 721 Oak Avenue	\$4.47

Make check payable to: All-Pro Title Group, LLC
10 Dehart Street
Morristown, NJ 07960-5623

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#16-148 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 1st Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate and/or tax overpayments for the 1st Quarter 2016 taxes on the following property; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from their mortgage company to refund the overpaid amount directly to the mortgage company.

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

<u>BLOCK LOT</u>	<u>HOMEOWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
207/24	Ventura, Lisa 45 Richard Court River Edge, NJ	\$1,999.37

Make check payable to:

Lereta LLC
1123 S. Parkway Drive
Covina, CA 91724-3748
Attn: Refunds Department

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#16-149 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2016 1st Quarter Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate and/or tax overpayments for the 1st Quarter 2016 taxes on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from their mortgage company to refund the overpaid amount directly to the mortgage company.

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

<u>BLOCK LOT</u>	<u>HOMEOWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
114/21	Dutta, Vikram	1 st	4,322.85

210/7	858 Elm Avenue Corwin, Matthew	1 st	86.06
503/14	57 Bloomfield Ave. Doornheim, Cornelius	1 st	3,555.59
706/27	668 Millbrook Road Paleewong, Somsiam	1 st	66.76
814/7	256 Voorhis Avenue Mazzarella, Anthony	1 st	2,395.06
907/11	485 Windsor Road Hernandez, Maria	1 st	2,990.21
1208/29	183 Beech Drive North Kaczyk, Janice	1 st	2,173.09
	71 Lakeview Street		
		Total:	\$15,589.62

Make check payable to:

CORE LOGIC TAX SERVICES
Mail Code: DFW 1-3
One Corelogic Drive
Westlake, TX 76262
Attn: Tax Refunds

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#16-150 Cancel Unexpended and Dedicated Balances

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Fund Balance and unused debt authorized may be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Appropriation be cancelled:

<u>ORDINANCE</u>	<u>UNFUNDED DEFERRED CHARGES</u>	<u>CAPITAL FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>
1815		420.00	
1826			\$104.01
1828	\$28,240.80		

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Mayor Mignone-explained that he had spoken with our representative at the County and was told that sometimes they have what they call unprogrammed funding left over. This funding could be from projects that never used their full allocation, almost like a discretionary grant that you would apply for to DOT. The Mayor continued to say that sometimes the money is available in sub-regions that can be applied for. He asked if funds were available and it was suggested that he make an application. The Mayor put together an application to fix the ramp in front of Borough Hall in hopes of getting the project done sooner than later. Mayor Mignone hopes that they will receive some funding to pay for the project outside of the regular CDBG process.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #16-151.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#16-151 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$50,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the Barrier Free Borough Hall Entrance Improvements in the municipality of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of River Edge hereby confirm endorsement for the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

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Councilwoman Busted read resolution #16-152 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #16-152.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

#16-152 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	\$1,145,095.63
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 8,663.95
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 41,460.85

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 times claims would be paid.

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#16-153 Resolution of Consent for the Submission of a Treatment Works Approval Application to the NJDEP for the New Bridge Landing Apartments, LLC Project Located at 230 Kinderkamack Road, Block 1302, Lot 3

WHEREAS, New Bridge Landing Apartments, LLC, received approval for the construction of a 69 unit residential building located at 230 Kinderkamack Road (Block 1302, Lot 3); and

WHEREAS, the project's estimated sewage generation is in excess of 8,000 gallons per day and therefore requires a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); and

WHEREAS, Costa Engineering has reviewed a Treatment Works Approval Application prepared by Carroll Engineering Corporation, on behalf of New Bridge Landing Apartments, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the submission of the TWA requires consent by the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, consents to the submission of a Treatment Works Approval Application to the NJDEP for the subject project and authorizes the Mayor or Borough Clerk to execute same.

March 21, 2016

#16-153 Approval of Local Budget Review 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the borough of River Edge has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2014 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officers certification, the Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to the law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on the Property Tax Levy, Chapter 62, Public Laws of 2007 and to a limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and the appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-453 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth,
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Carl Fazio-229 Madison Avenue-was glad to see that the Mayor is implementing rules for the Farmer's Market starting in 2016 and understands that he inherited this problem from the previous Mayor and Councilwoman Murphy. He has asked many questions and hasn't received any answers regarding the Farmer's Market. He said that he's been approached by many people who are asking the same questions. He has stated in the past that his comments and questions have been directed to Councilwoman Murphy who was the liaison to the Farmer's Market and Mayor Moscaritolo, not Gigi Manassi who was the volunteer for the market. He feels that there are so many inconsistencies in what he heard tonight from Councilwoman Murphy. Mr. Fazio said that he attended every single market that was held this year and saw at least ten of the same vendors every week. He would like to volunteer as a citizen to be appointed to investigate how funds were handled going back to 2014.

Mayor Mignone-stated that right now, he doesn't know if the Council has decided how they want to approve it but will leave it up to them if they want to make the appointments.

Carl Fazio-stated that if they chose to go that route, he would like to be considered. Mr. Fazio said that he has spoken to numerous vendors regarding the collection of fees and has received numerous answers. He feels that the public needs to hear an update. He would like answers to who directed the fees to be collected in 2015, how much money was collected, where was the money between June and October and where is the money now?

Mayor Mignone-said that he has similar questions and suggested that once the information becomes public, if Mr. Fazio has more questions that would be the time to bring them up.

Carl Fazio-said that he would email his questions to the Mayor so that they are on record. He feels that it's unfortunate that we're heading into April already and none of his questions have been answered.

Mayor Mignone-agreed, but he doesn't see them as mutually exclusive tasks. He wants to get the new ordinance drafted and written so they can move forward. There should be no reason why addressing the issues from last year should preclude them from moving forward this year. The Mayor wants to make that distinction purposely because he feels that the way this ordinance is crafted, we're going to have good framework going forward. The Mayor feels that they have an obligation as representatives of the public to explain how public funds were collected and find out the particulars of why things were handled the way they were.

Carl Fazio-said that he will take the Mayor's comments to mean that eventually we will get answers.

Mayor Mignone-said that he can't guarantee that they will get answers and personally, the intent is not to air it in public, the intent is to get the information and put together what happened. Going forward with input from Mr. Sarlo, Mr. Negreann and the Council, they can decide the best way to approach it to make sure it's orderly and done professionally.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Murphy-attended the Board of Education meeting the other night and gave an update on the enrollment: Cherry Hill has 86 kindergarten children enrolled and Roosevelt has 58. Right now they have five classes at Cherry Hill, 3 classes at Roosevelt. Last year in August, they had 21 new students enroll so they're pushing it at this point.

Mayor Mignone-asked if the 86 is for September 2017 or 2016?

Councilwoman Murphy-replied, upcoming year.

Mayor Mignone-asked how that compares to what it was?

Councilwoman Murphy-said that right now they have four and four so this would make it five and three, given no more enrollments. They are looking at a \$98.00 tax increase per household which is a 2.59% increase over last year. Councilwoman Murphy reported that their formal budget will be presented on May 4th, they will hold a bi-Borough meeting on March 22 at 4 p.m. and will be meeting with the Borough at the end of April to discuss parking issues.

Councilman Bartelloni-asked how they were able to go above the cap because they have a hard 2% unless they applied to the State. He thought they would have to put up a referendum.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that she did ask about that and was told that they were able to go to 2.59% because of health care costs.

Mayor Mignone-said that they have fewer exclusions than the Borough and there are tighter reins on the school caps than there are on the towns caps.

Councilman Acquafredda-said that it was health care costs.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that they had an increase of \$112,000 for health care costs and thinks that's where the .59% comes in. She also reported that their Technology Committee consisting of Sheli Dansky and Colin Busted, will be having a district technology meeting May 24th. The schools have had their water tested and it is within EPA limits for lead.

Councilwoman Murphy mentioned that PSE&G has been around town trimming trees and noted that John Lynch, Liz Stewart and the Mayor met with PSE&G reps to look at some of the trees in town. The Library had their Makers Day on Saturday where they had origami and knitting and the Bantry Boys performed the week before. Both events were very successful. She also reported that the Lions Club had another successful pancake breakfast and hoped that they will have more Council participation in the future. The annual River Clean Up will be held on May 7th from 10 - 1 and she hopes that we have a good turnout.

Councilwoman Davis-attended the Green Team meeting where they discussed the Second Hand Toy Collection that they will be sponsoring on April 30th at Cherry Hill School. They will also have paper shredding on the same day with a limit of four boxes per household. Councilwoman Davis went to the Oradell Fair and purchased a box which she brought back to our Green Team. The box contained goose neck lights and four extra bulbs and all of the members thought it would be a good idea for River Edge Day.

Councilman Acquafredda-reported that the Planning Board approved the second 7 Eleven store which will be located in the zoning area that permits 24 hour operation. He reported that there was a lot of conditions attached to the approval including architectural aesthetics. At the next meeting they will be tackling the area in need of redevelopment issue, particularly the property where a former furniture store was located, up to the BP gas station. He reported that on Thursday, he, the Mayor and Councilman Bartelloni will be meeting with the Canzani Architects who should be bringing the first rendition of what the Community Center will look like. The plans will be presented to the Council and the public at a future meeting.

Councilman Papaleo-is grateful for his time as Police Department liaison as he has learned a lot and thanked the PBA and Chief Cariddi. He is also glad to start a new chapter in becoming liaison for the DPW. Councilman Papaleo complimented our Superintendent John Lynch and his staff for their efforts with regard to the clearing of storm basins and received a report that the efforts has reduced repairs and flooding due to regular attention to the infrastructure. For example in 2007 they budgeted \$34,350 for storm water operation budget and now, due to outstanding efforts by the DPW, we budget less than \$14,000 which is a huge saving to the Borough. He is grateful to be a part of what our DPW is doing.

Councilman Bartelloni-although he was only DPW liaison for a short time, he learned a lot and thanked John Lynch for taking him around during the big storm and sharing his plans with him. He feels that receiving the Gold Award from the JIF is a testament to the hard work and dedication of John and his department. Councilman Bartelloni is excited to be the Police Department liaison and hopes to continue what Councilman Papaleo did by meeting regularly with the Chief and PBA. He explained that he had grown up in a law enforcement household. His father was a narcotics detective with the Essex County Sheriff's Department and he himself has a degree in criminology. He has represented police officers before disciplinary

hearings in the Administrative and Superior Courts and is excited to be able to use his skills and knowledge in that area. Councilman Bartelloni said that in terms of the Farmer's Market, he is glad that they are moving forward with an ordinance because he doesn't want this to drag out any longer. He continued to say that what it comes down to with the questions people are asking is that it's not a political issue, it's simply open and honest government. People just want to know what happened and they have a right to that information. He realizes that it might be taking longer than some people would like, but assures everyone that they will get the answers that everyone is seeking. He said that in the interim, the most important thing is that they are moving forward and hopefully come June 1st, there will be a Farmer's Market for everyone to enjoy. Councilman Bartelloni said that the Technology Committee is working on bringing the Borough's technology up to the 21st century.

Councilwoman Busted-congratulated John Lynch for receiving the Gold Certificate and also feels that he is a great leader and he and his department always do a fantastic job. Councilwoman Busted said that the Recreation Commission met last week and reported the following: the gates have been taken down at Cherry Blossom Park and benches have been installed, the Green Acres sign is up and they are working on an opening day ceremony with the Beautification Committee in the near future. With regard to the KBG lights, the boring company was on site today and the Recreation Commission is working with them to schedule the installation in August which means team sports will be able to take advantage of the new lighting system. Councilwoman Busted said that on behalf of the Recreation Commission, she thanked the Mayor and Council for their commitment to the project and making sure funding would be available to finally complete the project. Councilwoman Busted also reported that money has been put aside for the purchase of AED's, and it was agreed to at the CAC meeting, that they would research outside companies to train and maintain these devices. A dialogue will begin between REGAL and Little League on how to utilize field time at Memorial Park and is pleased that both organizations are open to discussions. Councilwoman Busted reported that the Recreation Commission is planning a Senior Picnic in late spring, early summer and will be working with SCORE, the Police Department, Health Department and other groups in town, to hopefully start a first annual event for our seniors. She reminded everyone that the River Edge Run, Fun Run and Health Walk is scheduled for April 23rd.

Mayor Mignone-spoke about PSE&G and explained that the Board of Public Utilities, after Superstorm Sandy, modified their tree trimming procedures for different categories of transmission lines for several towns. This procedure is a much more aggressive way of pruning that we had previously experienced. The Mayor continued to say that Liz Stewart was rightfully concerned about how this would affect some of our trees. He explained that there are different standards to determine the maturity of a tree and whether it's a transmission line or secondary line involved. The purpose of the meeting was to go out and look at several trees that Liz had specific concerns about to see how they would be handled. In some cases, trees would be so far pruned that it would make more sense to remove them completely. Liz was going to give an update to PSE&G and see what they would agree to. The Mayor said that they were hoping that they would remove certain trees with the stumps and replant trees in other areas. The Mayor feels that they will try and work with us but they are under heavy regulations now. They feel that if they don't go by what the BPU requires and there is a power outage and it was found that they didn't do the trimming per the standards, they are concerned what the repercussions from the BPU will be. The Mayor felt that PSE&G will be cooperative and will work out a fair compromise of what we want and what they need to do to protect the infrastructure to make sure our power is maintained. The Mayor attended a meeting on March 10th called by a Councilwoman in Oradell regarding the response to the bomb threat at the High School on March 4th. The Mayor said that Chief Cariddi gave a very comprehensive overview the last time he was here about what happened that day and it was acknowledged that there was room for improvement in terms of better communication with the parents. It was reiterated again at the meeting, that as far as the evacuation, it went according to the plan and the children were safe after the relocation. The problems began when parents showed up at the Middle School to pick up their children causing gridlock on the roadways. The Mayor said that between the River Edge and Oradell Police Departments, Superintendent Fletcher, both principals from River Dell and Borough Officials, they will make sure going forward that their communication procedures are tightened up. Chief Cariddi will be looking into how traffic can be handled and maintained better going forward. The Mayor felt that it was a positive meeting and thankfully it was not a true situation but a true learning drill which showed some areas that need to be addressed and improved upon. As far as the AED's, the Mayor is glad that the Recreation Commission is moving forward with that initiative. The Mayor attended the Fire Department dinner on Saturday at

the Brownstone honoring former Fire Chief Gregg Cariddi and thanked him again for his service to the town. The Mayor was approached by members of the Fire Department who asked him to bring the purchase of AED's for the Fire Department back to the Council for reconsideration. The Mayor asked Councilman Papaleo to speak with them and come up with a final cost because it's something that they feel they should have.

Councilman Papaleo said he was remiss not to celebrate Chief Cariddi's time as Chief and thanked the Mayor for acknowledging his service. Councilman Papaleo stated that he has had conversations with them about AED's and he had shared with them the Council's opinion at the time which was that in most instances the Police show up first with AED's. Their counter argument is that once the situation is contained, they are the last ones on the scene. Their compromise would be to put the AED's in the three Chief's cars. If the Council is interested, he will speak with Alan about it and ask that it be listed in the future for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:00 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated: