

M I N U T E S
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, March 7, 2016
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Mignone asked for a moment of silent prayer and asked Borough Administrator, Alan Negreann 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, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present; Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 16, 2016.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring the Month of March 2016 as Women's History Month as follows:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

Whereas, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

Whereas, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

Whereas, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

Whereas, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements,

especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016 as:

"Women's History Month"

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of River Edge to be affixed this March 7, 2016.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: March 7, 2016

Mayor Mignone presented proclamations to Mary Donohue and Peg Watkins.

The Mayor stated that Mary Donohue was the first female Council person in River Edge, also served as a County Freeholder and now serves on the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission.

Mayor Mignone also stated that Peg Watkins served for ten years as a River Edge Councilwoman and was the first woman elected Mayor, serving three terms. Mayor Mignone said that after looking back at the roster for Mayor, Peg is 1 of 3 Mayors who served three consecutive terms since 1894.

Mayor Mignone stated that Mary and Peg are two very respected and well accomplished woman and is proud to present this proclamation to them this evening.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring the Week of March 6 - 12, 2016 as Girl Scout Week as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, throughout the long history of Girl Scouts, certain traditions remain meaningful and important and are still practiced today; and

WHEREAS, every year the week containing Girl Scout Birthday (March 12th) is bookended by celebrating the connection between Girl Scouts and their faith; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout Week begins the Sunday before March 12th (a day known as "Girl Scout Sunday") and extends through the Saturday following March 12th (a day known as "Girl Scout Sabbath"); and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Birthday on March 12th commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia and this year represents the 104th birthday; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1912, Girl Scouts has enjoyed the support of religious organizations and together they have enriched the spiritual lives of Girl Scout members, each of whom strives from the perspective of their own personal belief to live up to the Girl Scout

Promise and Law.

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

March 6 - 12, 2016 as:

Girl Scout Week

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: March 7, 2016

Mayor Mignone asked the group of Girl Scouts that were in attendance to recite the Girl Scout Promise.

Mayor Mignone is proud of the fact that River Edge has a strong troop of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts and many of them have had successes across the board. He commended the scouts and their leaders for putting the time and effort in.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public comments on any issue on the agenda.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

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

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the salary increase for John Mauthe, Jr., part-time Police Dispatcher from an hourly probationary rate of \$15.74 to Step I Schedule B hourly rate - \$18.60, effective July 1, 2015.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the appointment of Christopher Bolton, 34 Coles Avenue, Hackensack to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department, effective March 8, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the retirement of Mark Hilb, Crossing Guard and Police Reserve, effective May 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the reinstatement of Peter Stitz to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department, effective December 22, 2015.

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

The Mayor appoints Michael Krey, 879 Park Avenue, as Alternate #1 on the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of William Haggis to December 31, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter - Public Service Electric & Gas - 2/16/16
Re: Remedial Investigation - Mineral Oil Spill, Kinderkamack Road

Letter - State of New Jersey DEP - 2/17/16
Re: Inspection of River Edge Compost #2 - In Compliance

Letter - Board of Chosen Freeholders - 2/19/16
Re: Adoption of Resolution #158-16

Notice - Paramus Planning Board - 2/22/16
Re: Final Site Plan Approval for 240 Frisch Court, Bl 1411, L 5

Notice - River Edge Board of Ed - 2/22/16
Re: Meeting - February 24, 2016

Letter - Mark Hilb - 2/22/16
Re: Letter of Retirement

Letter - Board of Chosen Freeholders-2/26/16
Re: Introduction of Ordinances #16-03 & #16-04

Letter - PSE&G - 2/29/16
Re: Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit #1 Application

Notice - Marti Realty LLC - 3/1/16
Re: Hearing - Site Plan Approval - River Edge Planning Board, Main St. and Kinderkamack Road

Letter - River Edge Fire Company #2 - 3/1/16
Re: Reinstatement of Peter Stitz

Letter - City of Paterson, Dept. of Law - 3/1/16
Re: Great Falls Hydroelectric Project, Notice of Intent to File New License Application

Report - Bergen County JIF - 3/2/16
Re: Lost Control Report-Swim Club

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Traffic & Safety - January 2016

Tax Collector - 2015 Annual Statement

Shade Tree Commission - January 2016

Environmental Commission - No Quorum - Feb. 2016

Library Board - February 2016

Historic Commission - January 2016

Tax Collector - January 2016

Library Board - March 2016

Recreation Commission - Directors Annual Report

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - OPEN SPACE FUNDING - Transfer OF proposed 2015 Trust Fund Municipal Program Grant Award for 2015 Cherry Blossom Community Park, Phase II Project to 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement Project

Mayor Mignone-explained that the Borough made application to the 2015 County Open Space Trust Fund for the Phase II Cherry Blossom Park Project. The project potentially was budgeted for \$190,000. \$140,000 application was made requesting a \$70,000 grant and a required \$70,000

match. The County had indicated earlier that based on reduced allocations to the sub-regions, it was unlikely that we will receive our full request and they asked how the Borough wanted to proceed. After discussions with the Recreation Commission, it was decided that any allocation that we receive this year would be best used by putting it towards the lighting project at KBG Park. By putting the funding towards the lighting project, we would have all the funding in place to complete the project this year. The Mayor further explained that the County required that we have a hearing and approve a resolution requesting the change in scope and then hopefully we will reallocate approximately \$37,000 toward the lighting project this year.

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to Open Public Hearing - Open Space Funding - Transfer OF proposed 2015 Trust Fund Municipal Program Grant Award for 2015 Cherry Blossom Community Park, Phase II Project to 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement Project.

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

Michele Cariddi-193 Wayne Avenue-asked what will happen to the tree farm especially since no money will be allocated to the park?
Mayor Mignone-explained that these funds would have gone to implement Phase II and are not operating funds for the park. Whatever maintenance costs that are in DPW's budget or through the Open Space allocation are still in place for all of the parks.

Michele Cariddi-asked if Phase II will be done this year?
Mayor Mignone-replied no.

Michele Cariddi-asked what the hopes are for next year?

Mayor Mignone-said that it will be up to the Council, when the time comes, to make application next year.

Michele Cariddi-asked if she, as Beautification Chairperson, can request money for Phase II to be done?

Alan Negreann-explained that it's under the purview of the Recreation Commission.

Mayor Mignone-said that it would have to go through the Recreation Commission who can make it a capital or open space request. The Council could also bring the request up separately either as a capital or open space request so there are different options available budget wise going forward. The Mayor said the question is making sure that the project can be funded within the financial resources available.

Councilman Bartelloni-explained that this year, the Recreation Commission made the determination that the lighting at KBG was their top priority.

Mayor Mignone-stated that particularly since the County gave us money in 2014 for the lighting project, we should have followed up in 2015 to complete the project. Since we missed a year, this allocation will complete the project and going forward, we can make applications through Bergen County Open Space, River Edge Open Space or stand alone capital projects.

Michele Cariddi-asked if there will be a grand opening ceremony to the park any time soon?

Councilwoman Busted-replied that she believes that the Recreation Commission was planning to do so in the spring. She will ask the question at the next Recreation meeting.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - OPEN SPACE FUNDING - Transfer of proposed 2015 Trust Fund Municipal Program Grant Award for 2015 Cherry Blossom Community Park, Phase II Project to 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement Project

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to Close Public Hearing - Open Space Funding - Transfer OF proposed 2015 Trust Fund Municipal Program Grant Award for 2015 Cherry Blossom Community Park, Phase II Project to 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement Project

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Acquafredda, Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilwoman Davis and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Murphy was absent.
ORDINANCES - 1ST 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 this ordinance will allow the contract to be issued for the design work for the grant that we received through Community Development Block Grant for the reconstruction of curbs on Oxford. In addition, it will allow him to place the apartment owner on notice that there will be a special assessment to recoup the design costs from him as they've done with other DOT grants and other types of construction for sidewalks, driveway aprons and curb work.

Mayor Mignone-asked if they were duly noticed of the hearing this evening.

Alan Negreann-said that we will provide them with a copy of the ordinance and they can certainly make comments at the next meeting.

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1854 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:

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

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1851 as follows:

Ordinance #1851 - A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE KENNETH B. GEORGE PARK FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT IN SAID BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$54,320.00 FROM BERGEN COUNTY'S 2014 OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Alan Negreann-explained that this is the second reading of this ordinance which anticipates the grant that we are going to receive from the County Trust Fund. It sets up the receivable for that money and provides the spending authorization.

Ordinance #1851 was introduced by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy at the February 16, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1851

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE KENNETH B. GEORGE PARK FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT IN SAID BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$54,320.00 FROM BERGEN COUNTY'S 2014 OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

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 shall undertake the Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement. Such improvements shall include all work and appurtenances necessary and suitable for the use and purpose thereof. Such improvements shall be made in accordance with plans to be prepared thereof by the Borough herein authorized to be made.

Section 2. The Borough shall expend \$54,320.00 for the \$54,320.00 improvement authorized in Section 1. hereof. Said sum of \$54,320.00 is a grant from the Bergen County 2014 Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Section 3. Such improvement is hereby determined and declared to be a Capital Improvement, which the Borough may lawfully make pursuant to law.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1851

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed to open public hearing on Ordinance #1851.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1851

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close public hearing on

Ordinance #1851.

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1851

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adopt Ordinance #1851.

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

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1852 as follows:

Ordinance #1852 - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

Alan Negreann-explained that this ordinance would allow the Mayor and Council to establish a 3.5% increase in spending authority. The State generally sets it based on the cost of living index but has established a 0% this year. By the Council passing this ordinance, we would be able to go to 3.5% and establish a cap bank. Councils in the past several years, have not even come close to utilizing the full percentage amount and have been able to bank the difference for additional spending flexibility. This does not mean you will spend this money, it just provides some additional budget flexibility if you need it now or in the future.

Mayor Mignone-feels that the Legislature has done a disservice to all of the towns by giving you a choice of zero or 3.5 and doesn't feel that the whole cap bank process is a good way to control local spending or property taxes. He feels that being giving a choice of zero or 3.5 shows that something is wrong with the process.

Ordinance #1852 was introduced by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis at the February 16, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1852

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$374,540.62 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by

the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this Governing Body affirmatively concurring that, in the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of River Edge shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$374,540.62 and that the CY 2016 municipal budget for the Borough of River Edge be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

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

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

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1852

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Ordinance #1852.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1852

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close public hearing on Ordinance #1852.

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1852

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adopt Ordinance #1852.

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

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1853 as follows:

Ordinance #1853 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1848 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

Alan Negreann-explained that this is an ordinance to amend our salary ordinance for our Prosecutor because the Mayor and Council have decided to increase the salary to make it market competitive. This ordinance would allow the increase for the Prosecutor to occur.

Ordinance #1853 was introduced by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo at the February 16, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1853

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1848 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 part-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2016 shall be as follows:

	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Prosecutor			\$ 3,300 - \$8,500

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

Edward J. Mignone

ATTEST:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1853

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Ordinance #1853.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE - Ordinance #1853

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close public hearing on Ordinance #1853.

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1853

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to

adopt Ordinance #1853.

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

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #16-100 through #16-102, #16-104 through #16-131 and #16-134 through #16-139.

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

#16-100 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 March 21, 2016 work session meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session</u> <u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
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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 7, 2016

#16-101 Amend Resolution #16-69 2016 Salary Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the following officers and employees of the Borough of River Edge be compensated for the year 2016 in accordance with Ordinance #1848 effective January 1, 2016.

		<u>2016</u>	
<u>Legal</u>		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
<u>Prosecutor</u>	P/T Cimiluca, A.	\$8,500.00	
<u>Mayor and Council</u> <u>Councilwoman</u>	P/T Davis, M.	\$4,000.00	

Police Department

Dispatcher (sub)

P/T Mauthe, J. Jr.

\$18.97

March 7, 2016

#16-102 Extend Current Solid Waste Service Contract with BCUA for an Additional Year

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is in need of a facility to dispose of its solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the BCUA has developed a cooperative marketing program for the processing, transport, and disposal of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge had entered into a three (3) year agreement with the BCUA in 2013 which terminates on May 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the BCUA Commissioners adopted a resolution extending its existing solid waste disposal contract with Covanta 4Recovery LP for an additional year commencing June 1, 2016 terminating May 31, 2017, which has enabled Bergen County Municipalities to take advantage of cost savings that have resulted from the collective marketing of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge and the BCUA are desirous of entering into a First Amendment to Solid Waste Service Agreement, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes and permits contracting units, such as the BCUA, and the Borough of River Edge to enter into contracts for the services contemplated herein without competitive bidding for same, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded on a unit price basis and maybe 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 Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract extension with the BCUA, for the disposal of the Borough of River Edge's solid waste for a term of one (1) year from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the BCUA, and Waste Management.

March 7, 2016

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #16-103.

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

#16-103 Resolution Approving the Certification List of Volunteer Members of the River Edge Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. Qualifying for Credit Under the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for 2015

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge adopted Ordinance #1289 on May 7, 2000 which created the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191 requires that the River Edge Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. furnish the Mayor and Council with an annual certification list of all members who have qualified for

credit under the award program for the previous year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the Mayor and Council hereby approves the list of the members of the River Edge Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. certified by the Captain for the year 2015, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be posted by the Captain of the Ambulance Service.

March 7, 2016

#16-104 Approval to Add the 2016 Road Resurfacing List to Prior Year Road Resurfacing and Improvement Programs

WHEREAS, Capital Ordinance's #1568, #1656, #1763, #1806 and #1829 were adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, a section of Ordinance #1568, #1656, #1763, #1806 and #1829 allow the Mayor and Council by resolution, to amend the list on file with the Borough Clerk as to any street to be improved; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has received a memorandum from the Borough Administrator requesting that the 2016 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program be included as part of the prior year Road Resurfacing and Improvement Programs and therefore, would be allowed to be charged to the above Capital Authorizations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered this matter at their work session of March 7, 2016 and feel that it is in the best interest of the Borough of River Edge to include the 2016 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program as part of the above Capital Authorizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby approve the inclusion of the streets named for the 2016 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program on file with the Borough Clerk.

March 7, 2016

#16-105 Introduce 2016 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Municipal Budget of the Borough of River Edge, Bergen County, New Jersey for the fiscal year 2016 be approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, and the Clerk be and she is hereby instructed to advertise it in THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS on March 18, 2016 and that a final public hearing before passage will be held on April 4, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and that said budget shall authorize total general appropriations of \$15,170,974.27 and the anticipated revenues of \$2,519,066.27 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes for municipal purposes of \$12,651,908.00.

March 7, 2016

#16-106 Introduce Capital Budget 2016 and Capital Plan for 2016 - 2021

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Capital Budget for 2016 and the Capital Plan for 2016-2021 are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Capital Budget and Plan be published as part of the Municipal for 2016 in the RIDGEWOOD NEWS on

March 18, 2016.

March 7, 2016

#16-107 Authorize Increase in Deferral of School Taxes

WHEREAS, under the provisions of statute the unpaid portion of the year of levy of school tax may be deferred to the extent of not more than 50% of the levy; and

WHEREAS, the annual increase in deferred school tax results in a corresponding increase in surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Local River Edge School Tax Deferred at 1/1/15 was \$7,085,027.00 and at 12/31/15 was \$7,668,963.00; and

WHEREAS, the River Dell School Tax Deferred at 1/1/15 was \$7,451,481.50 and at 12/31/15 was \$7,199,954.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge do hereby confirm their desire to increase the deferral of the Local River Edge and River Dell School taxes.

March 7, 2016

#16-108 Include Item of Revenue in 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Reserve for Sale of Assets.....\$5,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Reserve for Sale of Assets.....\$5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

March 7, 2016

#16-109 Include Item of Revenue in 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Police Outside Duty.....\$75,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Police Outside Duty.....\$75,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

March 7, 2016

#16-110 Include Item of Revenue in 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

County of Bergen Interlocal Snow Removal.....\$5,020.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

County of Bergen Interlocal Snow Removal.....\$5,020.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

March 7, 2016

#16-111 Include Item of Revenue in 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Parking Lot Fees.....\$26,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Parking Lot Fees.....\$26,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

March 7, 2016

#16-112 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 \$59,500.00 be made between the 2016 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

FROM: Sanitation Landfill O/E	32-4652-124	\$10,000.00
FROM: Petroleum Products O/E	31-4472-166	\$25,000.00
FROM: Recycling S/W	26-3051-014	\$ 5,000.00
FROM: Public Works Repair S/W	26-2901-014	\$ 5,000.00
TO: Police Department S/W	25-2401-011	\$45,000.00
FROM: Mayor & Council O/E	20-1102-041	\$ 500.00
TO: Maintenance Pub. Library/Gas O/E	31-4463-177	\$ 500.00
FROM: Financial Administration S/W	20-1301-011	\$ 3,000.00
TO: Vehicle Maintenance O/E	26-3152-173	\$ 3,000.00
FROM: Financial Admin. S/W	20-1301-011	\$ 4,000.00
TO: Police Department O/E	25-2402-189	\$ 4,000.00
FROM: Tax Assessment S/W	20-1501-011	\$ 5,000.00
TO: Legal Services O/E	20-1552-172	\$ 5,000.00
FROM: Financial Admin. S/W	20-1301-011	\$ 2,000.00
TO: General Administration O/E	20-1002-028	\$ 2,000.00

March 7, 2016

#16-113 Resolution to Confirm Construction of an Approved Plan or Design for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant ADA Curb Ramp Construction Project

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 59:4-6 provides in pertinent part that neither the public entity nor a public employee is liable for an injury caused by the plan or design of public property or any improvement thereto where the plan or design was approved in advance of construction by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge or a public employee exercising discretionary authority on its behalf of where such plan or design was prepared in conformity with standards previously approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Community Development Block Grant ADA Curb Ramp Construction Project improvement to public property has been designed by Costa Engineering Corporation, 325 South River Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; and

WHEREAS, Costa Engineering has certified that the construction of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant ADA Curb Ramp Construction Project improvement has been done in accordance with the plans and specifications of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge wishes to record its confirmation of the construction of said design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. Plans and specifications entitled "2015 Community Development Block Grant ADA Curb Ramp Construction Project" prepared by Costa Engineering Corporation dated April 6, 2015 be, and hereby are, approved as constructed.
2. The improvements described herein above have been completed and have been inspected by Costa Engineering Corporation and they have certified to the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that said improvement has been constructed in accordance with the above referenced design.
3. The Borough Clerk shall archive this resolution in a manner consistent with the purpose of perpetually documenting governmental

immunity in the event of any claim based upon the plan, design or construction of the improvement.

March 7, 2016

#16-114 Resolution to Confirm Construction of an Approved Plan or Design for the Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project, Section 1, Intersection of Howland Avenue and Fifth Avenue Base Bid Sta. 0 + 00 to Sta. 4 + 50±, Alternate Bid Sta. 4 + 50± to Sta. 6 + 83±

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 59:4-6 provides in pertinent part that neither the public entity nor a public employee is liable for an injury caused by the plan or design of public property or any improvement thereto where the plan or design was approved in advance of construction by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge or a public employee exercising discretionary authority on its behalf of where such plan or design was prepared in conformity with standards previously approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project, Section 1, Intersection of Howland Avenue and Fifth Avenue Base Bid Sta. 0 + 00 to Sta. 4 + 50±, Alternate Bid Sta. 4 + 50± to Sta. 6 + 83±, improvement to public property has been designed by Costa Engineering Corporation, 325 South River Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; and

WHEREAS, Costa Engineering has certified that the construction of the Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project, Section 1, Intersection of Howland Avenue and Fifth Avenue Base Bid Sta. 0 + 00 to Sta. 4 + 50±, Alternate Bid Sta. 4 + 50± to Sta. 6 + 83± has been done in accordance with the plans and specifications of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge wishes to record its confirmation of the construction of said design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. Plans and specifications entitled "Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project, Section 1, Intersection of Howland Avenue and Fifth Avenue Base Bid Sta. 0 + 00 to Sta. 4 + 50±, Alternate Bid Sta. 4 + 50± to Sta. 6 + 83±" prepared by Costa Engineering Corporation dated March 17, 2014 be, and hereby are, approved as constructed.
2. The improvements described herein above have been completed and have been inspected by Costa Engineering Corporation and they have certified to the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that said improvement has been constructed in accordance with the above referenced design.
3. The Borough Clerk shall archive this resolution in a manner consistent with the purpose of perpetually documenting governmental immunity in the event of any claim based upon the plan, design or construction of the improvement.

March 7, 2016

#16-115 Resolution to Confirm Construction of an Approved Plan or Design for the 2015 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 59:4-6 provides in pertinent part that neither the public entity nor a public employee is liable for an injury caused by the plan or design of public property or any improvement thereto where the plan or design was approved in advance of construction by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge or a public employee exercising discretionary authority on its behalf of where such plan or design was prepared in conformity with standards previously approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program has been designed by Costa Engineering Corporation, 325 South River Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; and

WHEREAS, Costa Engineering has certified that the construction of the 2015 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program has been done in accordance with the plans and specifications of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge wishes to record its confirmation of the construction of said design.

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

1. Specifications entitled "2015 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program" prepared by Costa Engineering Corporation and on file with the lead agency be, and hereby are, approved as constructed.
2. The improvements described herein above have been completed and have been inspected by Costa Engineering Corporation and they have certified to the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that said improvement has been constructed in accordance with the above referenced design.
3. The Borough Clerk shall archive this resolution in a manner consistent with the purpose of perpetually documenting governmental immunity in the event of any claim based upon the plan, design or construction of the improvement.

March 7, 2016

#16-116 Resolution to Confirm Construction of an Approved Plan or Design for the Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project, Section 2, Intersection of Fifth Avenue and Wayne Avenue, Base Bid Sta. 4 + 19 to Sta. 8 + 03

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 59:4-6 provides in pertinent part that neither the public entity nor a public employee is liable for an injury caused by the plan or design of public property or any improvement thereto where the plan or design was approved in advance of construction by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge or a public employee exercising discretionary authority on its behalf of where such plan or design was prepared in conformity with standards previously approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project, Section 2, Intersection of Fifth Avenue and Wayne Avenue, Base Bid Sta. 4 + 19 to Sta. 8 + 03, improvement to public property has been designed by Costa Engineering Corporation, 325 South River Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; and

WHEREAS, Costa Engineering has certified that the construction of the Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project, Section 2, Intersection of Fifth Avenue and Wayne Avenue, Base Bid Sta. 4 + 19 to Sta. 8 + 03 has been done in accordance with the plans and specifications of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge wishes to record its confirmation of the construction of said design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. Plans and specifications entitled "Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Project, Section 2, Intersection of Fifth Avenue and Wayne Avenue, Base Bid Sta. 4 + 19 to Sta. 8 + 03" prepared by Costa Engineering Corporation dated January 5, 2015 be, and hereby are, approved as constructed.
2. The improvements described herein above have been completed and have been inspected by Costa Engineering Corporation and they have certified to the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that said improvement has been constructed in accordance with the above referenced design.

3. The Borough Clerk shall archive this resolution in a manner consistent with the purpose of perpetually documenting governmental immunity in the event of any claim based upon the plan, design or construction of the improvement.

March 7, 2016

#16-117 Resolution to Confirm Construction of an Approved Plan or Design for the 2014 County Aid ADA Curb Ramp Program

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 59:4-6 provides in pertinent part that neither the public entity nor a public employee is liable for an injury caused by the plan or design of public property or any improvement thereto where the plan or design was approved in advance of construction by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge or a public employee exercising discretionary authority on its behalf of where such plan or design was prepared in conformity with standards previously approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 County Aid ADA Curb Ramp Program improvement to public property has been designed by Costa Engineering Corporation, 325 South River Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; and

WHEREAS, Costa Engineering has certified that the construction of the 2014 County Aid ADA Curb Ramp Program improvement has been done in accordance with the plans and specifications of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge wishes to record its confirmation of the construction of said design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

1. Plans and specifications entitled "2014 County Aid ADA Curb Ramp Program" prepared by Costa Engineering Corporation dated December 29, 2014 be, and hereby are, approved as constructed.
2. The improvements described herein above have been completed and have been inspected by Costa Engineering Corporation and they have certified to the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that said improvement has been constructed in accordance with the above referenced design.
3. The Borough Clerk shall archive this resolution in a manner consistent with the purpose of perpetually documenting governmental immunity in the event of any claim based upon the plan, design or construction of the improvement.

March 7, 2016

#16-118 Endorse Municipal Open Space 9/11 Memorial Plan

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

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 1, 2016 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the 9/11 Memorial Plan as submitted at the public

hearing, on file with the Borough Clerk, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2016 of \$5,250.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

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

March 7, 2016

#16-119 Endorse Municipal Open Space Shade Tree Commission

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

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 1, 2016 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of municipal parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$14,985.00; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2016 of \$14,985.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands is hereby approved.

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

March 7, 2016

#16-120 Endorse Municipal Open Space Beautification Committee

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

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 1, 2016 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Beautification Committee of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of various parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$2,000.00; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2016 of \$2,000.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation

and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

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

March 7, 2016

#16-121 Endorse Municipal Open Space Department of Public Works

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

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 1, 2016 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$9,500.00 and \$7,000.00 to maintain the Memorial Park Sculpture; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2016 of \$16,500.00 (Other Expenses) for the Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

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

March 7, 2016

#16-122 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Plan

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

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 1, 2016 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$33,069.00; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2016 of \$29,069.00 (Other Expenses) and \$4,000.00 (Salary and Wages) for the Maintenance of Lands is hereby approved.

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

March 7, 2016

#16-123 Endorse Municipal Open Space Recreation Commission Plan

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

WHEREAS, a referendum was held on the question of creating a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund and was approved by the voters of the Borough of River Edge on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 1, 2016 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on recommendations to spend the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission of the Borough of River Edge submitted at the public hearing a plan for the maintenance of recreational parks for the Borough, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk, not to exceed \$74,829.00; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriated Budget for 2016 of \$74,829.00 (Other Expenses) Development for Recreation and Conservation purposes is hereby approved.

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

March 7, 2016

#16-124 Authorize the Release of a Performance Bond for Marini Brothers Construction Company for the 2015 Drainage Improvements at Various Locations Intersection of Elm Avenue and Greenway Terrace, Intersection of Elm Avenue and Concord Drive, Intersection of Kensington Road and Fifth Avenue

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge received a performance surety bond from Marini Brothers for the project known as 2015 Drainage Improvements at Various Locations in River Edge, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Performance Bond was dated October 28, 2015 in the amount of \$104,460.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has certified that the final inspection has been made and approval is given with regard to the project known as 2015 Drainage Improvements at Various Locations and recommends that the Performance Bond be released; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has received a Maintenance Surety Bond in the amount of \$14,931.08 which will run for a two (2) year period from February 11, 2016 to February 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, at a work session of the Mayor and Council on March 7, 2016 the recommendation of the Borough Engineer was considered and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Performance Surety Bond for Marini Brothers on file with the Borough of River Edge be released in the amount of \$104,460.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Marini Brothers Construction Company, 9 Lafayette Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 and Colonial Surety Company, Inc., 123 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677.

March 7, 2016

#16-125 Resolution Approving the Certification List of Volunteer Members of the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department Qualifying for Credit Under the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for 2015

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge adopted Ordinance #1289 on May 7, 2000 which created the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191 requires that the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department furnish the Mayor and Council with an annual certification list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for the previous year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the Mayor and Council hereby approves the list of the volunteer members of the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department certified by the Chief of the Fire Department for the year 2015, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be posted by the Chief of the Fire Department.

March 7, 2016

#16-126 Include Item of Revenue in 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Cable Television.....\$158,135.53

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Cable Television.....\$158,135.53

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

March 7, 2016

#16-127 Include Item of Revenue in 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to anticipate as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Donation Memorial Bench Program.....\$1,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of General Revenue in the 2016 budget under the following caption:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Donation Memorial Bench Program.....\$1,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

March 7, 2016

#16-128 Resolution to Cancel 2015 Tax Balances Under \$10.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-17.1 provides that the Governing Body of the Municipality may, by resolution, authorize cancellation of property taxes up to \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the following properties are showing open balances in the 2015 tax year for the following amounts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the following balances and adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>To Cancel Delinquent</u>	<u>To Cancel Overpaid</u>
111/4	.11	
312/3	.20	
412/3	.01	
506/28	.50	
615/43	.14	
703/17	.20	
704/23	.06	
814/36	.01	
1205/2	.03	
1208/25	.60	
1412/1.01		(.01)
	1.86	(.01)

March 7, 2016

#16-129 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 1st Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, a 1st Quarter 2016 overpayment was received on a property known as Block 1005, Lot 6.05 located at 294 Kinderkamack Road from Kim, Choi & Kim, P.C., representing the buyer; Dae Ho Kim and Jasmine Yi who is purchasing from HSBC Bank USA; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a written request to refund the overpaid amount to Kim, Choi & Kim, P.C.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
1005/6.05	HSBC Bank USA 294 Kinderkamack Road	\$10.42

Make check payable to:

Kim, Choi & Kim/Dae Ho Kim & Jasmine Yi
460 Bergen Boulevard, Suite 206
Palisades Park, NJ 07650

March 7, 2016

#16-130 Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer a 1st Quarter 2016 Duplicate Tax Payment to the 2nd Quarter 2016 Taxes

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a 1st quarter 2016 duplicate tax payment on the following property; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the homeowner, who

made the duplicate payment, to transfer the overpayment to the next quarter due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector adjust her records by transferring the 1st quarter 2016 tax overpayment to the 2nd quarter 2016 taxes as follows:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Owner/Property</u>	<u>from 1st Qtr. 16</u>	<u>to 2nd Qtr.16</u>
707/19	Marcello Petruzzella 206 Kensington Avenue River Edge, NJ	3,091.54	3,091.54

March 7, 2016

#16-131 Temporary Capital Budget

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey desires to establish the Temporary 2016 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting the items therein as shown on such budget for the following reasons:

Engineering Design Phase of the Construction & Reconstruction of Curbs on Existing Sidewalks at a Portion of Oxford Terrace

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

Section 1. The 2016 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of River Edge is hereby established by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

Project #16-12
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
Projects Scheduled for 2016
Method of Financing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>General Bonds</u>
Engineering Design Phase of the Construction & Reconstruction of Curbs on Existing Sidewalks at a Portion of Oxford Terrace	\$5,400.00	\$ 300.00	\$5,100.00

Section 2. The Borough Clerk is instructed to advertise this resolution as required by law.

March 7, 2016

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #16-132.

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

#16-132 Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with the River Edge Superior Officers Association

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has reached an agreement with the River Edge Superior Officers Association for the years 2015 - 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

March 7, 2016

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve resolution #16-133.

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

#16-133 Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with the River Edge PBA Local #201

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has reached an agreement with the River Edge PBA Local #201 for the years 2015 - 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

March 7, 2016

#16-134 Emergency Temporary Budget

WHEREAS, an emergency condition has arisen with respect to the items below and no adequate provision has been made in the 2016 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and N.J.S. 40A:4-2 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2016 equals \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the line items and appropriation amounts listed below have been included in the budget as approved on introduction and will be included in the budget as finally adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S. 40:4-2:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION - 2016

<u>General Appropriation</u>	<u>Operations Within CAPS</u>	<u>Operations Excluded CAPS</u>
General Administration		
Salaries & Wages 20-1001	\$ 10,000	
Other Expenses 20-1002	\$ 5,000	
Mayor & Council		
Other Expenses 20-1102	\$ 4,000	
Municipal Clerk		
Salaries & Wages 20-1201	\$ 20,000	
Other Expenses 20-1202	\$ 25,000	
Public Information OE		
Cable Borough Hall 20-1012	\$ 2,000	
Audit Services OE		
Other General Group 20-1352	\$ 23,000	
Insurance		
Liability 23-2102	\$ 45,000	
Recycling Tax OE		
Other Expenses 10-8010	\$ 6,000	

Revenue Administration			
Salaries & Wages 20-1451	\$	12,000	
Financial Administration			
Salaries & Wages 20-1301	\$	30,000	
Other Expenses 20-1302	\$	15,000	
Engineering Services			
Other Expenses 20-1652	\$	40,000	
Legal Services			
Other Expenses 20-1552	\$	50,000	
Public Repair Maint OE			
Office Supplies 26-2902	\$	55,000	
Public Buildings & Grounds			
Salaries & Wages 26-3101	\$	25,500	
Vehicle Maintenance			
Salaries & Wages 26-3151	\$	6,500	
Other Expenses 26-3152	\$	42,000	
Public Defender OE			
Other Expenses 43-4952	\$	1,500	
Other Code Enforcement			
Salaries & Wages 22-2001	\$	7,000	
Uniform Fire Safety			
Salaries & Wages 25-2651	\$	5,500	
Bergen County Utilities Authority			
Other Expenses 31-4552			\$500,000
Animal Welfare			
Other Expenses 27-3402	\$	10,500	
Bus			
Salaries & Wages 27-3311	\$	16,000	
Other General Group 27-3312	\$	200	
Maintenance of Parks			
Salaries & Wages 28-3751-011	\$	70,000	
Other Expenses 28-3752	\$	300	
Aid to SR. Citizens OE			
Other General Group 27-3602	\$	15,500	
Utilities			
Petroleum 31-4472	\$	17,000	
Electricity 31-4482	\$	80,000	
Pub Lib Telephone 31-4403			\$ 500
Pub Lib Water 31-4453			\$ 2,900
Pub Lib Gas 31-4463			\$ 2,500
Pub Lib Elec 31-4302			\$ 9,000
Public Library OE			
Other General Group 29-3902			\$ 35,000
Municipal Court			
Salaries & Wages 43-4901	\$	36,000	
Interest on Notes OE			
Interest 45-9352	\$	1,000	
Special Emergency			
Other General Group 46-8762	\$	34,000	
Other Public Works OE			
Public Works Function 26-3002	\$	4,500	
Social Security System			
Other Expenses 36-4722	\$	90,000	

Police Communications		
Other Expenses 25-2502		\$ 8,000
Total Operations Including		
Contingent Within "CAPS"	\$ 805,000.00	
Total Other Operations		
Excluded from "CAPS"		\$557,900.00
Total Temporary General		
Appropriations	\$1,362,900.00	

March 7, 2016

#16-135 Enter Into Agreement with Robert McNerney, McNerney & Associates, 266 Harristown Road, Glen Rock, New Jersey, 07452-0067 for Professional Services for Tax Appeal Appraisals for Allen & Benkel Realty, LLC, 80 Grand Avenue, Block 1410, Lot 3

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services for various tax appeal appraisals;

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

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

WHEREAS, Robert McNerney meets the criteria for a professional service contract under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNerney has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert McNerney 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 McNerney from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has previously certified that funds are available from Account #01-2040-55-6400 of the Accounts Payable Account in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously hired Robert McNerney, McNerney & Associates for this service.

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 McNerney not to exceed \$2,500.00; 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 7, 2016

#16-136 Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Sign the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of

Highway Traffic and Safety "Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Application"

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety "Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Application".

March 7, 2016

#16-137 Amend Agreement with Alan P. Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey for Professional Services for Expert Legal Services

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Expert Legal Services for tax appeal representation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. via resolution #16-09 dated January 1, 2016 in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for Expert Legal Services for tax appeal representation; 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, Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on March 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-174 of the Current Fund an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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;

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$125.00 per hour:

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 Alan P. Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

March 7, 2016

#16-138 Trust Fund Application Municipal Endorsing Resolution

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund"), provides matching grants to municipal governments for assistance

in the development or redevelopment of municipal recreation facilities;
and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge ("Borough") has received an award recommendation from the 2015 Trust Fund Matching Grant Award of \$37,542.00 for its Cherry Blossom Community Park, Phase II project; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough had applied for a 2015 Trust Fund matching grant for the Borough's project entitled "Cherry Blossom Community Park Phase II;" and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to transfer its proposed 2015 Trust Fund Municipal Program grant award, which is to be awarded to its proposed 2015 Cherry Blossom Community Park Phase II project, to its 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement project; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make such a request for use of its proposed 2015 Trust Fund matching grant and provide project information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of such a request, the governing body/board received public comments on the transfer and use of its proposed 2015 Trust Fund Municipal Program grant award on March 7, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the proposed request and use of the 2015 Trust Fund grant award are complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the approved project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date of July 15, 2017.

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

1. That it is hereby authorized to withdraw its 2015 Cherry Blossom Community Park Phase II project application to the County; and,
2. That it will submit a certified copy of this resolution along with its written request to the County Trust Fund to withdraw its 2015 Cherry Blossom Community Park Phase II project application and to apply its proposed 2015 Trust Fund grant award towards the 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement project; and,
3. That it has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
4. That it is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement project; and,
5. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the 2014 Kenneth B. George Park Field Lighting Replacement project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
6. That it agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
7. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

March 7, 2016

#16-139 Enter Into a Shared Services Agreement for Short Term
Emergency Sharing of Fire Apparatus Between the County of Bergen
and the Borough of River Edge

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen operates a Fire Academy through the County's Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen owns certain fire apparatus, including ladder vehicles and engines ("Fire Apparatus") used for training firefighters; and

WHEREAS, subject to the operational needs of the Fire Academy, the County seeks to make certain fire apparatus available to the municipalities within Bergen County on a temporary/emergency basis solely for use as front line fire apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge feels that this agreement is in the best interest of the residents of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen and the Borough of River Edge have determined that by entering into this Shared Services Agreement governing the terms for borrowing the County's fire apparatus in advance of the Borough's need to utilize the fire apparatus, the parties will be able to facilitate the prompt availability of the apparatus at such time as the Borough of River Edge has a need to utilize it; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is established in accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act., P.L. 2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-1, et seq.).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen for short term emergency sharing of fire apparatus between the County of Bergen and the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward a copy of this resolution and the shared services agreement to the County of Bergen.

March 7, 2016

Councilwoman Busted read resolution #16-140 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #16-140.

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

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	\$1,283,912.23
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 39,770.81
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 2,376.41
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 195.60

OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$	540.00
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$	3,895.26
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$	338.75

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.

March 7, 2016

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to close hearing of the public.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Busted-reminded everyone that registration for the River Edge Run, the Fun Run and Health Walk has started and encouraged everyone to sign up on line. The event will take place on Saturday, April 23rd. She reported that the Board of Health was advocating for the installation of a prescription drop box through the Division of Community Affairs and the Police Department has been a good partner in helping them get there. They've received an update from the Police Chief that they are getting closer to being able to have a drop box installed at Borough Hall which will provide our residents with 24 hour anonymous ability to drop any unwanted prescriptions off. She thanked everyone for their efforts in making this possible.

Mayor Mignone-said that it also counts for 10 points towards Sustainable Jersey recertification.

Councilwoman Busted-reported that another item that the Board of Health is advocating for, and with the help of the Police Chief, is providing mental health first aid training. The Chief and the Public Health Nurse are working together to schedule a date and a trainer to do that so that the entire force will be trained in mental health first aid. Councilwoman Busted feels that this is important since the Police are often the first line of defense called during an emergency. As far as the Stigma Free initiative, last May River Edge was recognized as a Stigma Free Community and several residents have been meeting on a fairly regular basis to talk about what they would like that initiative to mean for the Borough. One of the things that they have agreed on is working collaboratively with the River Dell School District because they see addiction as a mental health issue. The Public Health Nurse and a member of the Stigma Free Initiative did meet with the River Dell Superintendent of Schools and the River Dell Middle School Principal last week to introduce the initiative to them and look at ways to partner in the future and play an active role in the school community. Councilwoman Busted spoke with Councilwoman Schoenberg of Oradell to make sure that we collaborate on our efforts to move the initiative forward and provide support regarding addiction to the River Dell community. She feels that they are making progress and thanked everyone involved for taking this task on.

Mayor Mignone-thanked Councilwoman Busted on behalf of the Council, for

all of her efforts in spear heading this initiative.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that much time and effort goes into putting the budget together and tonight it was introduced pretty much un-noticed. In like a lion, out like a lamb really does apply to the budget because there are months of planning and discussions and then the resolution gets mixed in with the consent agenda and passes very quietly. Councilman Bartelloni feels that it was a strong team effort to get this done and it was not easy. He continued to say that in the beginning, the original tax increase was several hundred dollars and capital requests were 2 million and feels proud of the effort. He wished that there were more questions from the public about it because many people don't understand how things work.

Mayor Mignone-said that once the information is out there people may come forward with questions or comments. The overall appropriation is less than 1%, the tax levy was 1.5% which is not perfect but certainly very good. Particularly when you look at the last 3 or 4 years where we've been able to keep the budget in line despite all the outside pressures. Our sewer bill went up \$50,000 this year alone and although we were fortunate that there were less increases on pensions and health benefits, there are always salary pressures that they are dealing with. The Mayor commended the department heads because the operating budgets don't go up and if they do, it is very, very slight. Most departments are operating on the same budgets, dollar for dollar that they had 10 years ago. The Mayor thanked our CFO, Department Heads, employees, Council and Citizens Budget Committee members for working together to get things done. The Mayor said that one of the things that Councilman Bartelloni had a lot to do with during his first term was the surplus policy. Surplus was 2.5 million this year which is a number that we haven't seen in many years. He feels that cash flow is better than in past years and they have been very restrained in the amount of money they've used for surplus. For the fourth or fifth year, we've only used \$425,000 of that potential 2.5 million for tax relief and he feels that going forward if we keep the rest of the spending as tight as they did this year, they'll be able to put more money back to the tax payers. If not zero, a decrease would be wonderful but things don't happen overnight or by magic, it happens with a lot of hard work. The Mayor feels that they have a sustainable budget and a solid fiscal foundation to build on.

Councilman Bartelloni-congratulated the Girl Scouts, Peg Watkins and Mary Donohue for receiving proclamations this evening. Councilman Bartelloni feels that Women's History Month is an important issue and at home, he tries to stress the importance of women in history to his daughters.

Councilman Papaleo-concurs with everything that Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Bartelloni and Mayor Mignone has said, especially about the budget. He feels that it was more than a team effort, not a bipartisan effort, where they crafted a budget based on the needs of River Edge and resources and revenue that seemed appropriate. He felt that the assistance of the Citizens Budget Committee was a big help and he is equally proud of the outcome. Councilman Papaleo reported that Chief Schultz wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for attending his Open House on January 9th and hoped everyone had a good time. During the blizzard, the Fire Department had a standby for emergency calls and Company #1 stood by from 9 a.m. Saturday morning to 12:00 a.m. Sunday morning. A total of 15 hours, they answered 1 fire call, a C.O. detector, responded to 2 ambulance calls to help them shovel and clear paths. Company #2 stood by from 9 a.m. Saturday morning to 12:00 a.m. Sunday and returned later that morning with two crews for a total of 15 hours. They responded to 3 calls. Company #2 went back on Sunday morning with 2 crews for another 2 hours to dig out fire hydrants totaling 17 hours. He reported that new Engine #3 is now in service and the Fire Department is working with the Code Enforcer to encourage residents to dig out hydrants in front of their home so that the firemen don't have to do it. Company #1 had to postpone a training drill in order to shovel out hydrants in case there was a structure fire.

Councilman Acquafredda-also feels proud of the budget and also commended the citizens for their input because they were a good representation of the public. He thanked Mary Davis for joining the Council and is confident that her expertise will be a great asset to the Council. Councilman Acquafredda hopes that they will continue along this path for future years. He is happy that they've restarted the community center effort and the biggest difference is they are dealing with a building that we can now afford. The plans will be reviewed by the subcommittee first before being brought to the Council. Although they're not going to get everything they thought, the architect covered all of our needs, not our wants per the instructions of the subcommittee. He is eager to attend the next meeting to look through the plans and continue discussions.

Councilman Acquafredda explained that the River Dell school board meetings usually conflict with our meetings but will make every effort to attend 2 to 3 meetings per season. Councilman Acquafredda also thanked Alan, Geeta and Stephanie for their support during the budget and feels that they make the Mayor and Council's job easier.

Councilwoman Davis-also complimented everyone on the tremendous effort that was put in during the budget process and said that she was warned by many people that it would be a horror. She was pleased to see how well it went and was educated by the process. Councilwoman Davis reported that the Green Team did not have a meeting in February but they will meet on March 15th. She received an email from Bonnie Stewart who is currently working on recertification for Sustainable Jersey, asking for a number of items and documents that are needed. Councilwoman Davis, who is the SCORE liaison, said that she will try and make a meeting in the near future.

Mayor Mignone-also thanked Alan, Geeta and Stephanie for always providing the information that he requested during the budget process. Mayor Mignone wasn't sure if there would be feedback from the public regarding the recent bomb threat so he invited Chief Cariddi to attend the meeting and give the Council an overview of what happened and how things went right.

Chief Cariddi-said that River Dell High School, amongst 7 other locations throughout North Jersey, received bomb threats at 11:30 a.m. on Friday morning. It was later determined that these calls came by way of an automated phone call and where they were generated is pending further investigation. The school was notified that there was a bomb on the premises and they immediately made the appropriate notifications and evaluated the building. As far as what went right, the Chief said that in very, very short order, the primary goal in clearing the building of approximately 1,100 people and moving them to a safe location happened very quickly and without any safety concerns. Once that had taken place, command posts were set up at both the High School and Middle School and Oradell Police Department was the lead agency because the high school is in Oradell and was the recipient of the threat. Bomb detection dogs as well as technicians from the Sheriff's Department responded and they cleared the building to be safe for students and staff about an hour later. The Chief felt that the one failing in the process was the number of parents of high school students, who in response to text messaging sent directly by students to their parents, responded to Middle School location demanding that the students be released to them. What occurred in the interim, Oradell Police sent out a Nixle message explaining what had taken place in terms of the initial threat and then shortly thereafter, sent an additional message that the threat was determined to be a hoax, the building was safe and that the children were being returned to the high school. He explained that the Middle School and High School have a standing policy in place. In the event of an emergency where the school was either evacuated or locked down, parents were to ignore any text messaging or emails that receive from the students and wait for notification either from the school or Police Department once they determined what actions would be taken on their part in terms of student pick-up. Chief Cariddi spoke at length with Superintendent Fletcher over the weekend regarding the entire scenario and the Superintendent will be calling for a meeting with Oradell Police, River Edge Police and school officials who were involved. Mr. Fletcher told him that the school has the capability to provide blast messaging whether through Reverse 911 calls, text or email messaging to the concerned parents. The Chief feels that the failing in this incident was that Superintendent Fletcher was out of town when this transpired and unfortunately in his absence, the message had not been sent out reminding the parents to stay put and wait for further instructions. Additionally, the Chief has set up protocols with Superintendent Fletcher, some being reminders about prior plans that were already put in place and some dealing with slight changes going forward, the location where the students and staff are received and insuring that the parents don't get through to that location. The Chief felt that that was the primary problem and by addressing these two issues through the Superintendent's office, it can be rectified. To summarize, the Chief said that the primary purpose of getting the kids to safety in this instance and in a case of a real emergency, is of paramount importance and felt that it did go flawlessly. He congratulated the efforts of both the Oradell Police Department who set up the primary command post and the River Edge officers under his command, who assisted with setting the checkpoints around the school to assure safe approach of emergency vehicles and responders went without incidents. He is comfortable that in any emergency or drill, you take the opportunity to learn from these situations and improve on them.

Mayor Mignone-suggested to the Chief that when they do have their meeting,

that they do need protocol and consistency with regard to Nixle messaging. The Mayor continued to say that when Oradell sent out the alert, River Edge parents did not receive it and didn't know why they didn't receive it. He feels that before sending out a message in an emergency situation, there should be a protocol in place to make sure everyone is covered so that the parents know that they are all getting the same information. Chief Cariddi-said that at the time, he thought the Nixle message from Oradell was very concise and to the point and released in a timely manner. He was under the impression that most of the parents from River Edge who had subscribed to Nixle would receive messages on the Oradell system as well.

Councilwoman Davis-said that there was very bad press from the parents about it on Facebook.

Chief Cariddi-stated that as an example, there was a parent who stood toe to toe with one of his officers and refused to leave the Middle School building because she wanted to deliver a coat to her daughter.

Mayor Mignone-stated that everyone understands that this type of situation can be very emotional even though we know that the Police Department has a protocol in handling these situations. But at the end of the day you're talking about your own children and you want to make sure that they're safe. The Mayor spoke to one parent who said "I should be able to go and get my kid". The Mayor responded by saying that it's fine if there's a protocol in place because they need to keep track of who's still there and who's left. The Mayor is confident that everyone involved will make sure there is a protocol in place going forward.

Councilwoman Busted-asked Chief Cariddi if he had received a phone call from any resident, after the incident happened, asking about protocol? She asked the Chief what his policy is with regard to receiving calls from residents?

Chief Cariddi-stated that he received no such calls and if he had, he would have responded to each and every one directly. He continued to say that he understands that the parents will have a degree of concern but they also have to have some reliance that the schools and Police Departments have addressed these incidents in advance and that the schools took the steps in notifying the parents about the incidents in advance to prepare for it. The Chief said that the safety concerns that actually arose as a result of the incident, were caused by parents blocking the roadways which prohibited emergency vehicles from getting through and the mass of people pushing forward into the school. From an emergency response point of view, a real emergency situation or hoax as this turned out to be, the parents being on the scene demanding the removal of their children is not reasonable or safe. It's not safe to have an individual release of children to the parents at the scene of an evacuation or to have additional people coming into the building that have not been checked and vetted. He hopes that looking back at the situation, the parents realize that their children were safe during every step of this process and was insured by the authorities who had that responsibility.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he understands what the Chief is saying and agrees with it. However, they have talked about the Police making a bigger effort at communicating through Nixle. He feels that more Nixle messages are better than less and is confident the Council feels the same way. What he would like to see from the Police Department is that if Oradell Police Department sends out a Nixle message, River Edge should send the same message to reassure our residents that our Police Department is responding to the same degree as Oradell. In addition, he thinks that the protocol telling parents not to approach the school so that the roadways can remain open for public safety vehicles would be a great Nixle message. He understands the Chief's feeling that another Nixle message would be a redundancy, but he feels that they should be doing that redundancy in the future. He hopes that once we get a Police Department Facebook Page up and running that that protocol can be described on the page to whatever degree is possible.

Mayor Mignone-said that no one sought him out to complain about this incident, he just happened to see people over the weekend. The Mayor asked Stephanie, the Borough Clerk if her office had received any calls? Stephanie Evans-replied no, a Borough employee called and asked if we knew about the incident?

Mayor Mignone-asked the Police Chief if someone from the Town News had contacted him?

Chief Cariddi-said that he spoke with the Town News later that afternoon and they already had information concerning the school evacuations from that morning and were aware that the situation very similar to the one that had occurred to 8 jurisdictions back in January. They didn't request any additional from him.

Mayor Mignone-wants the public to know that any resident can call the

Chief's office at any time whether it's in regard to this incident, recent burglaries or any other issue.

Chief Cariddi-said that it is a primary responsibility of his to be in touch with the public with regard to any of their concerns. The Chief said that whatever calls he's not able to return during his work day, he takes the opportunity to return calls at home between 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Mignone-suggested that we post the Police Chief's contact information more prominently on the website to make it easier for the public to contact him. He hopes that residents will reach out to the Chief to get the correct information instead of reading misinformation on social media. The Mayor said that the number one priority of local government is the protection of the public. He feels that it's important for the public to know that the Police Department handles a wide variety of emergencies, ranging from the mundane to the extreme, and they handle them in a professional manner at all times.

Councilwoman Davis-asked if the Chief had a meeting or will have a meeting with the Superintendent? She heard that part of the problem was that many kids went to lunch and were off campus and ended up going home.

Chief Cariddi-said that he spoke with Superintendent Fletcher over the weekend who is going to call a meeting sometime this week. In this particular case, the school does have several lunch periods which begin early in the day and one group did go to lunch. During the incident, the Chief met with some of the officers on the posts surrounding the school insuring that they had the message that any students that they saw coming back from lunch, would be directed away from the high school to the evacuation point instead.

Mayor Mignone-thanked the Chief for the information.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:25 P.M

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: