

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
Tuesday, September 6, 2016  
8:00 P.M.

### CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

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

### SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Mignone called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilwoman Busteed to lead the salute to the flag. The Mayor stated that he was informed today that a very active and dedicated member of our community, Pete Cameron passed away and asked everyone to keep his family in their prayers.

### 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 Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilman Davis to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of August 8, 2016.

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

### OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

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

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

### CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

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

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

### APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the change in job title of Brian Estevez from part-time Police Dispatcher to full-time Patrol Officer in the Police Department at an annual 1<sup>st</sup> year probationary salary of \$37,889.00 with a two-year probationary period, effective September 7, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilman Acquafredda, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the hire of Kevin McKeary as a Patrol Officer in the Police

Department at an annual 1<sup>st</sup> year probationary salary of \$37,889.00 with a two-year probationary period, effective September 7, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the hire of Zachariah Hamm as a Patrol Officer in the Police Department at an annual 1<sup>st</sup> year probationary salary of \$37,889.00 with a two-year probationary period, effective September 7, 2016.

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

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Brian Estevez, Kevin McKeary and Zachariah Hamm.

Mayor Mignone -stated that one of the Mayor and Councils' most important function is to protect the residents of River Edge and one of the most important roles they have is identifying and hiring people for the Police Department who protect us on a daily basis. The Mayor continued to say that they were impressed with them through the interview process and understands that they went through a rigorous vetting process through the Police Department. The Mayor stated that they are very proud to have them join our Police Department and hopes that they will be long term employees. He hopes that they have a long, safe and successful career with us.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that Saddle Brook Mayor Robert White who was a former policeman is in the audience and asked if he would like to speak.

Mayor Robert White-congratulated and wished all of the new officers good luck and commented that being a police officer is a very difficult job in today's society. Again he wished them luck.

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the hire of Linda Van Valkenburgh as a part-time temporary Circulation Assistant in the Public Library at an hourly rate of \$15.00, up to 15 hours per week, effective August 22, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the salary increase of Joseph Zemaites, Patrol Officer from an annual salary of \$119,909.68 to \$122,260.85 due to an increase in longevity from 2% to 4%, effective September 16, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the increase in hours for Adrienne Capasso as part-time Clerk in the Construction Department from 10 hours to 19 hours, effective September 7, 2016.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the salary increase of Daragh O'Connor, Library Director from an annual salary of \$105,619.00 to \$106,099.00 due to an increase in longevity from \$960.00 to \$1,440.00, effective July 7, 2016.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS -

Mayor Mignone- explained that the Mayor and Council established a Green Team in 2009 and they are a very dedicated group who make sure that various green and environmental issues are implemented throughout the Borough. He continued to say that the organization that creates the Green Team is called Sustainable Jersey and depending on the types of activities the town does, we receive certain levels of recognition. The Borough has received Bronze standings for two cycles and we are currently re-applying for another cycle. The Mayor explained that one of the requirements is that we yearly reaffirm our commitment to the Green Team and knows that the Mayor and Council support their efforts and this proclamation reiterates that. They look forward to the Green Team getting recertified and he will be attending the award luncheon in Atlantic City at the League Conference in November.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Reaffirming the Commitment and Objective of the Borough of River Edge Green Team as follows:

*Proclamation Reaffirming the Commitment and Objective of the Borough of River Edge Green Team*

*WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge adopted resolution #09-251 "Resolution to Create the Sustainable New Jersey Municipal Certification Program Green Team" at the regular meeting of June 1, 2009; and*

*WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge resolved in that resolution that they wished to pursue local initiatives and actions that would lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification; and*

*WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge further resolved in that resolution to create the River Edge Green Team, to serve as the Borough's agents for the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification process; and*

*WHEREAS, the Green Team was composed of individuals who are interested in advancing the efforts of The Borough in the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program, and that have been actively working as a Green Team successfully achieving Bronze Level Certification in 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, that group, has been creating and cataloging significant sustainability actions so that River Edge may maintain Sustainable Jersey certification at the Bronze Level in 2016.*

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

- 1. The Green Team of River Edge is active in the community and advancing sustainable practices and actions included in the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program;*
- 2. The Green Team has been and shall continue to be composed of individuals who have demonstrated interest in advancing the efforts of River Edge to pursue certification through the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program;*
- 3. The role of the Green Team has been and shall continue to be to lead and coordinate the sustainability activities of the community.*

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Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Dated: September 6, 2016

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Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring September 2016 as National Preparedness Month as follows:

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, any community has and can be affected by emergencies caused by extreme weather, disruption to utilities, epidemics, and deliberate acts of terrorism;*

*WHEREAS, emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere without notice so it is never too early to prepare for a potential disaster where there may be limited or no availability of fresh water, electricity, natural gas, means of communication, fuel, food or local emergency services; and*

*WHEREAS, since its inception in 2004, National Preparedness Month is observed each September in the United States to encourage Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools and communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Borough proactively prepares and has established plans and procedures to deploy in the case of various emergencies coordinated through the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator, the Borough's Local Emergency Management Council, and Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, and*

*WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness and to encourage individuals to take important preparedness steps including: getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, being informed about the different emergencies that may affect them as well as taking the necessary steps to get trained and become engaged in community preparedness and response efforts; and*

*WHEREAS, September was chosen as National Preparedness Month partly because it is peak hurricane season in the Atlantic but mostly because of the tragedies of September 11, 2001 which highlighted to the nation the importance of being prepared.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim:*

**September 2016**

**as**

**National Preparedness Month**

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*Edward J. Mignone, Mayor*

*We strongly encourage all families and individuals throughout our community prepare an emergency communication plan, an emergency shelter or evacuation plan; and emergency supply and first aid kits. Residents are encouraged to join efforts so that they are better prepared to meet the challenges that may occur when disaster strikes and ensure that our most vulnerable are protected as well.*

*Dated: September 6, 2016*

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Emergency Management Coordinator, Ronald Starace. The Mayor said that after Chief Starace agreed to take the position of Emergency Management Coordinator, one of the things that they talked about was reconstituting our Local Emergency Management Council which is required by statute. The Emergency Management Council is something that the Borough has had in the past and they thought it was a good idea to reinstitute and formalize it. The statute requires a maximum of 15 members of various stakeholders throughout the community. He and Chief Starace have reached out to various emergency department heads and other people from vital sectors of the community to sit on this council. This council will be responsible for helping the Borough prepare, plan and deploy resources in the event of any emergency event.

#### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor appoints Ronald Starace as Chairman, Stuart Heinzinger, Lt. Robert Naprstek, George O'Connell, Fire Department, Police Chief Tom Cariddi, REVAS Captain Donna Sanders, John Lynch, Superintendent of Public Works, Arlene Faustini, Public Health Nurse, Alan Negreann, Borough Administrator, Tova BenDov, representing the River Edge School District, Patrick Fletcher representing the River Dell School District, Neal Carroll, 911 Coordinator, Fr. Michael Sheehan representing the interfaith community and James Cha who will be our community liaison to the **Local Emergency Management Council** for one-year terms effective September 6, 2016.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to the members who were in attendance.

Mayor Mignone-stated that in addition to the Local Emergency Management Council, Chief Starace has identified other stakeholders who will perform various important roles. After speaking with Mr. Sarlo, he suggested establishing a Mayor's Emergency Management Advisory Board. The Mayor will be appointing three members right now but they are looking for more people and as roles develop we will certainly add to the ranks. This will be an additional level of planning, resources and assistance to various constituencies in the community.

The Mayor appoints Julia Lee, Rabbi Paul Jacobson and Richard Berry for one-year terms to the **Mayor's Emergency Management Advisory Board**, effective September 7, 2016.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Rabbi Jacobson.

Mayor Mignone asked Ron Starace to give the Mayor and Council an Emergency Management update.

Ronald Starace-stated that shortly after he was appointed, he met with Mayor Mignone who made it very clear that this Local Emergency Management Council should be deemed a priority. Ron felt that having religious leaders and people from the education community would be advantageous to have on this council. He was the Police Chief during 9/11 and on that day, he met with all of them to discuss many issues including children who weren't going to have a parents or parents when they got home and well as children in the schools who might need some other type of help. After Mayor Mignone had asked him to meet with the council, he felt that drawing on past experiences would be a great way to start discussions. Ron gave an example of a past snow storm and the difficulties they have in trying to identify the at risk residents. These at risk residents would most likely be the ones who will not see Nixle messages, read the newspapers, log on to computers, etc. He thought it would be a better idea to target their neighbors and friends and ask them to step forward and let us know if they know someone in that situation. Ron gave examples of different scenarios that could happen during storm emergencies which could cause terrifying experiences for many of our residents who may be alone, underage, disabled or on life support. He feels that by reaching out and utilizing the local religious institutions and schools it will help to identify those who may have special needs. He looks forward to having a meeting with this committee to focus on having a plan in place before an emergency happens.

Mayor Mignone-stated that some of the other things that they talked

about, which they learned after hurricane Sandy, was having the Chief establish relationships with local gas stations to make sure our vehicles are being fueled first. Chief Starace also suggested reaching out to local doctors who might make house calls in case of an emergency as well as people who may have a private pharmacy that could provide prescriptions if need be. The Mayor said that there are things that we take for granted but when there's no power or if people are confined to their houses you may not access to these types of services. He thanked Ron for his ideas and feels that these initiatives will help on a daily basis. The Mayor also brought up the importance of people having the proper addresses on their houses because if they a medical emergency where every minutes counts and the Police or Fire Departments can't locate their house, they're doing themselves a great disservice. The Mayor said that they've tried many different kinds of public information campaigns and will use River Edge Day as another opportunity to get the message out. Councilwoman Davis-stated that before a certificate of occupancy is issued, Oradell requires that a house number be posted.

**CORRESPONDENCE -**

- Report - Alan P. Negreann, Admin/CFO-8/15/16
- Letter - Re: Damage to Public Property  
State of New Jersey DOT - 8/8/16
- Letter - Re: TAP - Request for Applications  
State of New Jersey-DEP - 8/15/16
- Letter - Re: Permit Freshwater Wetlands  
State of New Jersey-DEP
- Letter - Re: River Edge Compost Site Inspect  
SCORE - 8/25/16
- Letter - Re: Thank you for recognition  
State of New Jersey DEP - 8/25/16
- Letter - Re: Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge  
Notice - 128 Tenney Avenue  
ISO-8/29/16
- Letter - Re: Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule  
State of New Jersey DEP - 8/29/16
- Letter - Re: Underground Storage Tank-893 Summit Avenue  
State of New Jersey DEP - 8/29/16
- Report - Re: Underground Storage Tank -250 Midland Avenue  
Alan P. Negreann-8/29/16
- Letter - Re: Revenue Report - 8/29/16  
Board of Chosen Freeholders-8/29/16
- Letter - Re: Final Adoption of Ordinance  
#16-10, #16-11, #16-12, #16-15,  
#16-16 & #16-17  
Board of Chosen Freeholders-8/29/16
- Letter - Re: Introduction of Ordinance #16-18 &  
#16-19

**MONTHLY REPORTS -**

Tax Collector - July 2016

**ORDINANCES - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING -**

Stephanie Evans, Borough read the title of Ordinance #1871 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE CHAPTER 168 - "CHECKS DISHONORED"

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1871 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
ORDINANCE #1871

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE CHAPTER 168 - "CHECKS DISHONORED"

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

SECTION I:

Chapter 168 of the Code of the Borough of River Edge is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition and changes thereto of the following which shall be added or changed to the list of fees and charges on file with the Borough Clerk.

Section 168-2. - Procedure

Add Second Paragraph:

Where a check presented to the Borough for a payment of real estate taxes or any other fee is returned from the financial institution which it is drawn, and a second re-deposit has occurred, the Borough reserves the right to accept only guaranteed funds; cash, certified check or money order.

SECTION II:

All ordinances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

SECTION III:

If any provision of this ordinance are found to be invalid, for any reason, by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such portions shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall be severable therefrom.

SECTION IV:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

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

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1872 as follows:

Ordinance #1872 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED 'POLICE DEPARTMENT' OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1872 as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1872

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED 'POLICE DEPARTMENT' OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, that Chapter 71 Section 1 Subsection B. 1. entitled "Police Department" of the Ordinances of the Borough of River Edge, is hereby amended and that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged:

71-1 Establishment; composition; Table of Organization

B. Table of Organization.

(1) Table.

| Rank/Position      | Number |
|--------------------|--------|
| Police Chief       | 1      |
| Police Captains    | 1      |
| Police Lieutenants | 2      |
| Police Sergeants   | 5      |
| Police Officers    | 17     |

REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

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Edward Mignone, Mayor

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

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

**ORDINANCE - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING -**

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1869 as follows:

Ordinance #1869 - 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 \$37,542.00 FROM BERGEN COUNTY'S 2015 OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Description: Use of Matching Grant Award from 2015 Bergen County Open Space for KBG Lighting Project

Ordinance #1869 was introduced by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilman Papaleo at the August 8, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
ORDINANCE #1869

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 \$37,542.00 FROM BERGEN COUNTY'S 2015 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 \$37,542.00 for the \$37,542.00 improvement authorized in Section 1. hereof. Said sum of \$37,542.00 is a grant from the Bergen County 2015 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.

Attest:

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Mayor Edward J. Mignone

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance #1869

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open hearing of the public on Ordinance #1869.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance #1869

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close hearing of the public on Ordinance #1869.

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1869

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adopt Ordinance #1869.

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

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1870 as follows:

Ordinance #1870 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4. OF BOND ORDINANCE #1763 ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$845,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS".

Description: Change the scope to add the undertaking of stormwater drainage and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations in the Borough.

Ordinance #1870 was introduced by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Papaleo at the August 8, 2016 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
ORDINANCE #1870

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4. OF BOND ORDINANCE #1763 ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$845,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS".

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

Section 1. Section 4. of Ordinance #1763 entitled: ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$845,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS" adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey on April 16, 2012 is hereby amended (Section 4D.), to add the undertaking of stormwater drainage and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations in the Borough.

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| Appropriation and Estimated Cost | \$845,000   |
| Down payment Appropriated        | \$ 42,500   |
| Bonds and Notes Authorized       | \$802,500   |
| Period of Usefulness             | 14.39 years |

Section 2. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

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

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Mayor Edward J. Mignone

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance #1870

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open hearing of the public on Ordinance #1870.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance #1870

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close hearing of the public on Ordinance #1870.

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

ADOPTION - Ordinance #1870

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adopt Ordinance #1870.

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

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RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #16-318 through #16-340.

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

#16-318 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 September 19, 2016 Special Meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

| <u>Closed Session</u> |                                  | <u>Statutory</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Docket #</u>       | <u>Item Title or Description</u> | <u>Reference</u> |

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.

September 6, 2016

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#16-319 Amend 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion or increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such an item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion or increase of an item for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a grant for Drive Sober or Get

Pulled Over in the amount of \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby request the approval of the Director for the following:

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant.....\$5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$5,000.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from the "CAPS"  
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant.....\$5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough forward two (2) copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

September 6, 2016

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#16-320 Resolution to Authorize Submission of the Application for the River Edge Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant for 7/1/16 - 6/30/17

WHEREAS, The Governor's council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT that the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the River Edge Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 7/1/16 - 6/30/17 in the amount of:

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| DEDR       | \$9,876.00 |
| Cash Match | \$2,469.00 |
| In Kind    | \$7,407.00 |

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Councilman Papaleo and Councilman Acquafredda are hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant.

September 6, 2016

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#16-321 Amend 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion or increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such an item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion or increase of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a grant for a Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant in the amount of \$9,876.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby request the approval of the Director for the following:

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F

Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Grant.....\$9,876.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$9,876.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(B) Operations excluded from the "CAPS"

Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Grant.....\$9,876.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough forward electronically the contents of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

September 6, 2016

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#16-322 Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Statewide Crackdown

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashed in the United States involve drunk drivers; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$50 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, 27% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2013 (the last year for which complete data is available) were alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the summer season and the Labor Day holiday in particular are traditionally times of social gatherings which include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Statewide Crackdown*; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from August 19<sup>th</sup> through September 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge declares its support for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*

2016 Statewide Crackdown from August 19<sup>th</sup> through September 5, 2016 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

September 6, 2016

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#16-323 Resolution Authorizing Advanced Travel Expenses for the Fire Department

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A5-16.1 permits the governing body for any local unit to authorize payment in advance toward expenses for authorized official travel; and

WHEREAS, certain officers of the Fire Department have requested an advance payment of travel expenses for attendance at the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention in Wildwood, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Section IV, Subject 9, Leave and Conferences and Conventions of the Borough's Personnel and Policy Procedure Manual, provides a policy for Fire Department members to attend certain conferences and enumerates regulations pertaining to travel expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01/2010/25/2552/041 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Officers of the Borough of River Edge will verify their expenses and any excess cash will be repaid to the Borough of River Edge along with a detailed bill or items of demand, and the certification or affidavits required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16 which will be submitted by the officers within 10 days after the completion of the travel for which the advance was made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby instructed to make up a \$3,000.00 check payable to the River Edge Fire Department for life members to go to the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention, September 15, 16, 17, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution as well as the policy of the Borough with regard to travel expenses, to each of the Fire Department Officers receiving the advance.

September 6, 2016

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#16-324 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Lexington Drive

WHEREAS, on or about September 6, 2016, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Bill & Janet Crowley, 256 Lexington Drive, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Lexington Drive between Oak Avenue and Warwick Court on Sunday, September 11th starting at 12:00 noon in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Crowley has requested that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages be permitted in connection with said block party; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that persons age 21 and over be and hereby are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages at the block party described above, on the date and time specified herein.

September 6, 2016

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#16-325 Acknowledge Receipt of Certification of Request for  
Emergency Purchases - Sewer/Stormwater Repair on Williams Avenue

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has certified that an emergency condition exists in the Department of Public Works for the emergency repair to the storm/sewer system line on Williams Avenue at an estimated cost of \$38,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this condition constitutes an emergency affecting the public health, safety and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby confirm and acknowledge the receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases for this emergency.

September 6, 2016

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#16-326 Establish Eligibility List for Hiring in the Police  
Department

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

WHEREAS, a series of examinations and evaluations were conducted in accordance with the above said policy among candidates seeking the position of Probationary Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council at their special meeting on August 15, 2016 reviewed the testing and evaluation results.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the eligible hiring list for the position of a Probationary Police Officer in the Police Department of the Borough of River Edge is hereby established from among the enumerated candidates who participated in the hiring procedure, and that this list shall be effective until March 6, 2018 Midnight.

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

1. Agnes Cisek

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#16-327 Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Sign the State of New  
Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic  
Safety "Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Application 2016"

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 2016".

September 6, 2016

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#16-328 Grant Raffle License to Roosevelt School PTO

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise Prize Raffle to the Roosevelt School PTO, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 License #678, I.D. 423-5-28534 to take place at Knights of Columbus, 770 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey on November 16, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Clerk reporting all in order.

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

September 6, 2016

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#16-329 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to Main Auto Supply Inc. Located at 620 Kinderkamack Road, Block 617, Lot 17

WHEREAS, the following application has been made to the Planning Board for Site Plan approvals and has since received such approval; and

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following to:

| <u>Block/Lot</u> | <u>Name &amp; Address</u>   | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| 617/17           | Main Auto Supply, Inc.<br>620 Kinderkamack Road<br>River Edge, NJ 07661 | \$50.00       |

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#16-330 Acknowledge Receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases - Emergency Repair of the Ladder Truck

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Fire Department has certified that an emergency condition exists in the Fire Department for the emergency repair of the Ladder Truck at an estimated cost of \$15,560.00; and

WHEREAS, this condition constitutes an emergency affecting the public health, safety and welfare of the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby confirm and acknowledge the receipt of Certification of Request for Emergency Purchases for this emergency.

September 6, 2016

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#16-331 Amend 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion or increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such an item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion or increase of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a deposit in its Unappropriated Reserve for State and Local Housing Grant in the amount of \$102.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby request the approval of the Director for the following:

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

4. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F

State/Local Cooperative Housing Grant.....\$102.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$102.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(C) Operations excluded from the "CAPS"

Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

State/Local Cooperative Housing Grant.....\$102.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough forward electronically the contents of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

September 6, 2016

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#16-332 Rescind Resolution #16-282 - Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, resolution #16-282 confirming endorsement of a Community Development Project was approved on July 11, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolution #16-282 dated July 11, 2016, is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to change her records accordingly.

September 6, 2016

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#16-333 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$5,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the River Edge Senior Citizen Activities Project IX in the municipality of River Edge; and

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

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

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

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

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

September 6, 2016

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#16-334 Resolution Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Grant Fund Receivable and Appropriated Reserve for the Community Development Block Grant Senior Citizen Activities Grant

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge in 2015 received approval for a grant through the Community Development Block Grant Program for a grant entitled "Senior Citizen Activities"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its books and records an account receivable of \$156.00 and an appropriated reserve of \$73.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has investigated the account receivable and appropriated reserve balance and has recommended that they be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to cancel the grant fund account receivable and appropriated reserve for the grant entitled "Senior Citizen Activities" both in the amount of \$73.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the balance of the Account Receivable of \$83.00 representing a disallowed cost be charged to the Operations Account of the Current Fund.

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

September 6, 2016

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#16-335 Enter Into Agreement with Richard A. Mehrman, Planning Board Consulting Engineer, 426 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 for Professional Services Related to Conducting Inspections at the 7 Eleven, 125 Kinderkamack Road, Block 1406, Lot 1

WHEREAS, there exists a need to retain expert engineering services related to conducting inspections for the 7 Eleven located at 125 Kinderkamack Road; and

WHEREAS, Richard Mehrman, Planning Board Consulting Engineer, meets the criteria for a professional service contract under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1; 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, Richard A. Mehrman has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Richard A. Mehrman 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 Richard A. Mehrman from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from the Trust Other Developer Account in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed 135.00 per hour:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution is retroactive to August 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER 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 Richard A. Mehrman, 425 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.
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.
4. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

September 6, 2016

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#16-336 Amend 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion or increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such an item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion or increase of an item for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a deposit in its Unappropriated Reserve for Nursing Services for nonpublic Schools Grant in the amount of \$9,840.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby request the approval of the Director for the following:

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue - Section F

Unappropriated Reserve for Nursing Services  
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues...\$9,840.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$9,840.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations  
(A) Operations excluded from the "CAPS"  
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues.....\$9,840.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough forward two (2) copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

September 6, 2016

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#16-337 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 over payment was received on 256 Manning Avenue from TRG Settlement Services, the closing agent of the property owned by Andrea S. Wagner; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a written request to refund the overpaid amount to TRG Settlement Services.

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

| <u>Block/Lot</u> | <u>Name &amp; Address</u>              | <u>Refund Amount</u> |
|------------------|--|----------------------|
| 705/24           | Andrea S. Wagner<br>256 Manning Avenue | 174.47               |

Make check payable to: TRG Settlement Services  
3001 Leadenhall Road  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

September 6, 2016

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#16-339 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate and/or tax overpayments for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 taxes on the following properties; and

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

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

| <u>BLOCK LOT</u> | <u>HOMEOWNER/ADDRESS</u>      | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 701/9            | Ensminger<br>535 Monroe Court | 3,186.06      |
| 907/12           | Lee<br>190 Beech Drive South  | 3,675.92      |
|                  | Total:                        | 6,861.98      |

Make check payable to:

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

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#16-339 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 overpayment was received on a property known as Block 809, Lot 10 located at 437 Kinderkamack Road from Juzmeski Law Firm, representing the homeowner; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a written request to refund the overpaid amount to Juzmeski Law Firm.

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 &amp; Address</u>                       | <u>Refund Amount</u> |
|------------------|---|----------------------|
| 809/10           | Vincent & Susan Licata<br>437 Kinderkamack Road | 189.61               |

Make check payable to:

Juzmeski Law Firm  
1 US Highway 46, Suite 1  
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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#16-340 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate payment and/or tax overpayment for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 taxes on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the homeowner and/or their Mortgage Company/Title Company to refund the overpaid amount directly to the homeowner.

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

| <u>Block/Lot</u> | <u>Name &amp; Address</u>   | <u>Refund Amount</u> |
|------------------|---|----------------------|
| 304/1.02         | Yong Kwon & Tara Naib<br>804 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>River Edge, NJ 07661 | 81.00                |
| 407/11           | Adam Andrew<br>150 Tenney Avenue<br>River Edge, NJ 07661                    | 2,813.17             |
| 701.01/19.13     | William & Constantia Hsieh<br>505 Manning Court<br>River Edge, NJ 07661     | 6,255.77             |
| 908/1            | Gerald & Nelia Sanzari<br>219 Wayne Avenue<br>River Edge, NJ 07661          | 21.02                |
| 1107/8           | Tae Gil Kim & Soo Jin Park<br>313 Taft Road<br>River Edge, NJ 07661         | 92.58                |
| 1107/31          | 314 Van Saun, LLC<br>377 Valley Road<br>River Edge, NJ 07661                | 363.26               |

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Councilwoman Busteed read resolution #16-341 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #16-341.

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

#16-341 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                | \$2,572,572.23 |
| CAPITAL ACCOUNT                | \$ 341,774.23  |
| RECREATION ACCOUNT             | \$ 48,010.47   |
| SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT         | \$ 2,026.78    |
| TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT            | \$ 31,087.47   |
| OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT             | \$ 2,510.60    |
| TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT | \$ 1,012.50    |

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

September 6, 2016

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**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 Busteed, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Papaleo voted yes.

**CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -**

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

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS -**

Councilwoman Murphy-reminded everyone that school is open and to be more cautious and aware of children and pedestrians while driving. She announced that the Library is the recipient of two concrete benches and picnic tables which was a fundraising project of the Girl Scouts. They raised over \$4,000.00 during a two year period.

Councilwoman Davis-reported that the Farmer's Market had a great day today and is happy that they've had great weather over the summer months. She reported that SCORE will start meeting again on Monday's and Tuesday's and they are possibly looking into getting the senior bus for Tuesday pick-ups.

Mayor Mignone-said that he asked John Lynch to look into what would be needed to accomplish that because right now there are conflicting schedule issues on Tuesdays. The Mayor asked Councilwoman Davis to survey the seniors to see how many people would regularly use the service on Tuesdays.

Councilwoman Davis-stated that she will speak with members of SCORE, as part of Ron Starace's initiative, to get names of those who are homebound or have special medical needs. She is looking to work on initiatives as part of the Mayor's Business Development Advisory Board. She hopes to get together soon with the board to put together and send out a survey to current business owners to get their opinion on areas that they feel need improvement. Another goal is to work on their interests and come up with an easier way to contact each other. Councilwoman Davis said that many local businesses donate their time and energy to our community even though they don't live in town. She looks forward to meeting with the Advisory Board to get their feedback and ideas on how to attract new businesses into town.

Councilman Acquafredda-said that he's looking forward to the fall and continuing to work together on future projects.

Councilman Papaleo-announced that the Fire Department will be hosting a wet down which is a ceremony celebrating the new engine on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at Kenneth B. George Park. He reminded the Council that there will be a breakfast followed by a closed ceremony and christening at 9:30 a.m. at Company #1. Councilman Papaleo reported that he continues to have conversations with John Lynch and commended them for their continued good work. He also reported that the Beautification Committee is making preparations to make sure the Library is cleaned up before the 9/11 Ceremony on Sunday.

Councilman Bartelloni-congratulated new Patrol Officers Estevez, McKeary and Hamm who were appointed tonight and wished them a long and safe career in River Edge. He mentioned that today Lt. Walker and Sgt. Cheevers were out at the schools handing out rulers and reminding people that schools are open and to slow down and drive safely. He mentioned that as far as River Edge Day, he's heard back from almost everyone on the Council regarding setting up a table. He feels that it would give the public a different opportunity to interact with the Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Busteed-also congratulated and welcomed the new patrol officers and feels that they will be a great asset to our department and community. She updated the Council on Traffic & Safety business. The Council had agreed, under the direction of Gary Ascolese and with the input of the Traffic & Safety Committee, to ask the County to install some pedestrian crosswalk signs at Midland and Kinderkamack to improve the

safety of school children and pedestrians crossing as well to increase the time of the crosswalk light. Those improvements were implemented before the start of school and the Police Department has concurred that that has happened. She reported that the one outstanding issue is that we're waiting to get approval from them if we intend to install our own sign on Midland. Councilwoman Busteed said that Officer Mike Varrecchia is going to make an effort to work with the Middle School children in particular regarding safe crossing at that intersection. Councilwoman Busteed reported that the Central Athletic Council continues to discuss the policy on the use of AED's and hopes that they will be purchased before the end of this year. She stated that at the last meeting she reported that they anticipated that the prescription drop box and mobile unit was to be delivered the next day and it was. It will be permanently installed in the Police Department lobby very soon and there will be a formal roll out to the community and various constituents in the media to make sure that all residents know that they will have access to deposit unwanted prescriptions 24/7 in the Police lobby. She thanked the Police Department for their perseverance and the Board of Health for their support on that effort.

Mayor Mignone stated that he's sure there's not a day that passes where someone in town does something that may be a perceptibly small action but has great positive impact that most of us are never aware of. The Mayor received an email last week from a resident who wanted to tell him a story about his 11 year old neighbor. This young man, who out of daily kindness, walks up and down the block and takes peoples newspapers from the edge of their driveway and puts them on doorstep for them regardless of the weather. One day he noticed that the neighbor across the street had a couple of days worth of newspapers built up and were not taken inside. He went home and told his parents who reached out to the proper authority and it turned out that the lady had fallen and was unattended to for approximately 24 or more hours. The Mayor found out recently that she is doing well and is scheduled to return home this week. The Mayor stated that the young man's name is Christopher Humms who is a sixth grader in Cherry Hill School. The Mayor spoke with his parents and said that he would like to speak with Christopher and congratulate him on behalf of the community but was told that he was at the pool celebrating the last day. The Mayor told his parents that he would still like to speak with him personally and congratulate him and would also like to, with the Council's support, invite Christopher to come in and present him with a certificate of recognition. The Mayor stated that someone who has that innate kindness, powers of observation and common sense and the confidence to bring it to his parents is something that we should commend. He felt that this is a great conclusion to something that could have been a preventable tragedy. The Mayor wanted to remind everyone of the events that are coming up: the Fire Department Wetdown at KBG Park on Saturday from 1 to 5; on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a twilight memorial service at the 9/11 Memorial Gardens at the Library; on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the Roosevelt and Cherry Hill PTO's, Board of Education, Superintendent, Mayor and Council will participate in the New Families Welcome Reception at Memorial Park and the Mayor has asked Chief Cariddi if he and a few officers could be present to greet the residents. He also asked John Lynch if he would be available to provide information on recycling and garbage collection. The Mayor feels that this is a great initiative on the part of the schools to bring families together so they can get to know the constituents in town. The Mayor also reported that on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 11 a.m., the Friends of the River Edge Library and the River Edge Education Foundation are sponsoring a Korean Fall Festival and the Mayor has been invited to attend the event. He was told that at last year's event, there were over 300 people to celebrate and learn about Korean culture through traditional dance, Tae Kwon Do, cultural displays and food. Residents are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs so that they can enjoy some of the outdoor festivities. Lastly, on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> the River Dell Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Hackensack Chamber, Paramus Chamber and Meadowlands Chamber, are organizing and sponsoring a craft beer and food truck festival at New Bridge Landing. All proceeds from this event will go toward the Historic New Bridge Landing Commission Fund for the building of the new library and museum. The Mayor continued to say that this is a great model going forward for this public/private partnership to promote community events and he hopes that they have a good turnout and raise a lot of money so they can reach their goal. Once the library museum is built, we'll have a top notch historic and cultural attraction which will be a great asset to the Borough and the region. The Mayor spoke of things that he hopes to accomplish before year end, one being televised meetings. He also reported that he would like to update the Borough phone system

which is feels is very important to productivity in giving better service to our residents. Once the phone system is done, the Mayor would like to tackle the website and email and decide whether they would like to implement a social media presence on behalf of the Borough officially. The Mayor is going to pilot some open house days at Borough Hall for the public to meet with him or any other public officials. He is thinking of having it on Tuesday evenings as Borough Hall will be open since our Tax Assessor has hours on the same day. Mayor Mignone will ask the Codification Review Committee to start to review our sign ordinances. Specifically, to take a look at consistencies with color and designs, temporary and permanent window signage, lit internal signs and promotion signs that seem to be popping up in the right of way. He hopes to have recommendations by the end of the year so they can move forward to balance our desire to have the business community be able to promote themselves as well as maintaining a proper level of aesthetics and decorum along the streets. The Mayor stated that in late September they will be meeting with our court appointed COAH Master to identify where we stand in terms of the number of potential mandated low or moderate income housing units that we may have to construct. Once we receive feedback from them, the Mayor would like to invite our Redevelopment Attorney and Planner to come in and speak with the Council. The Mayor stated that Councilwoman Busteed had mentioned some of the ongoing traffic & safety issues that the committee has been reviewing and one issue that's come to him from several people over the summer was speeding on Howland Avenue. The Mayor explained that after they installed the traffic light at Howland and rebuilt and changed the weight limit on the bridge by Van Saun Park, there are more tanker trucks traveling on Howland Avenue making potential spillage a concern. The Mayor would like to look into options that might limit the types of commercial traffic that come through certain neighborhoods. Another item that Councilwoman Busteed mentioned which he agrees with is purchasing mobile driver feedback signs. The Mayor explained that we have money in the budget and would like to purchase them before year end to pilot them on certain streets in town to see how work. He feels that they would be a wise investment because he's heard from other Police Departments that driver feedback signs are quite effective in reducing speeds. The Mayor feels that this would be a modest investment to make and is something that we might have some tangible benefits. The Mayor spoke about the Community Center and explained that before the committee presents a final plan, it has to be affordable and realistic. They want to make sure that if we do present a plan to the public, it's something that can be built, something that's going to be used and something that we can afford. They want to make sure that they have a good handle on it before they present it. The Mayor also is encouraging the Finance Committee to start planning for next year's budget. He feels that at this point they can look at salaries, revenues and where we stand with our debt policy. The Mayor looks forward to the Mayor and Council working together and getting things accomplished in the coming year. Councilwoman Murphy announced that Historic New Bridge Landing will be hosting Baron Fest on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 where there will be beer and food trucks.

**ADJOURNMENT - 9:07 P.M.**

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

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

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Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: