

M I N U T E S
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, February 1, 2016
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 that everyone remember Joyce Shaner, who was a Technical Assistant in the Building Department for the Borough in the 1980's and wife of Harry Shaner a former DPW employee, who passed away recently. The Mayor asked Councilman Bartelloni 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 Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present; Councilman Acquafredda was absent.

NOMINATION TO FILL COUNCIL SEAT

The Mayor asked the Borough Clerk to read the letter James Arakelian, Chairman River Edge Republican County Committee as follows:

February 1, 2016

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have been requested by the borough attorney to provide you with a replacement name for Mr. William Watkins from the original list of three for the council replacement seat vacated by Edward Mignone. Please add to the list:

Ms. Mary Davis - 144 Kensington Road, River Edge, NJ

I certify that she is a registered Republican and that she is a resident of the Borough of River Edge and have been for at least the past year as required under title 19.

Very truly yours,

James Arakelian

Mayor Mignone asked that the Clerk verify that the list would include Mary Davis and Della Carroll.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to appoint Mary Davis to fill the Council seat.

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

OATH OF OFFICE OF NEW COUNCIL PERSON

Mayor Mignone administered the Oath of Office to Mary Davis.

Mayor Mignone stated that respectfully, he did not agree with Mr.

Sarlo's legal analysis whole heartedly at the last meeting but understands that it was a very unusual set of circumstances where he tried to give them the best legal advice at the time. He feels that his effort was an attempt to preserve the process in balancing the rights of the party to provide viable candidates for the vacancy as well as give the Council the opportunity to choose a new member. The Mayor continued to say that we know that this is a political process and unfortunately political points were trying to be taken by an entire party. He stated that this is not the only time where we've have candidates come forth where they have to withdraw later during a campaign. He agrees with Albert Einstein who said the politics is harder than physics. He thanked the Republican Committee who followed Mr. Sarlo's direction in providing a suitable candidate and he's glad that it didn't raise to a level of potential legal challenges from either side. The Mayor feels that there are too many other important issues for this community and we deserve a full council working together to address what's best for River Edge. The Mayor welcomed Mary and feels that she is a great asset to the Council because she has been a long time resident and business owner in River Edge and looks forward to her insight and experience to benefit all of us. The Mayor thanked Mary for accepting the nomination and he is glad that she is here.

Mary Davis-stated that 72 hours ago she was enjoying herself at the Ambulance Corp's dinner and if anyone told her that 3 days later she would be sitting here, she would say they were crazy. Mary said that we have a very persuasive Mayor and the only reason she let her name go forward is to try to unite this Council. She feels that they're all friends and neighbors and it's important that they respect each other's opinions and work for the betterment of the town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of January 19, 2016.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS - NONE

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

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

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

Jim Arakelian-213 Woodland Avenue-congratulated Mary who he has know for almost 25 years and is very excited to have a fine person and candidate who has given so much to the town. She has been in a leadership role with the realtors and the State Realty Association where she was past president of both and feels that she is a great person for the Council. He echoed what the Mayor said about not being pleased with the way things went at the last meeting and feels that they missed out on a good candidate in Ms. Carroll, but politics is politics. He congratulated them for appointing Mary to the Council and feels that she will bring a lot to the table in the next nine months.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ISSUE ON THE AGENDA -

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

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES -

Mayor Appointments

The Mayor appoints George Siderias, James Liu, Virginia Korteweg, Randi Duffie, and Lou Grasso to the Mayor's Business and Economic Development Committee effective February 1, 2016.

The Mayor appoints Rich Meyers, Sean McGinnis, Jim Hoogstrate, Gary Barth, and Ron Black to the Mayor's Technology Advisory Committee effective February 1, 2016.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the appointment of Stacey Model, 155 Monroe Avenue to the Beautification Committee for a two-year term, effective February 2, 2016.

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

Mayor Mignone-administered the Oath of Office to Stacey Model.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to approve the resignation of Vincent Ariano, Patrol Officer effective January 31, 2016.

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

Councilwoman Murphy-said that his leaving is a big loss as he was our traffic safety officer and hopes that they have someone else to fill his shoes. She wished him the best in the future.
Mayor Mignone-echoed her sentiments and he feels Vinnie was a tremendous asset to the Borough and also wished him well.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, Admin/CFO, 1/18/16 Re: Damage to Public Property
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, Admin/CFO, 1/26/16 Re: Revenue Report
Letter	-	State of New Jersey DEP - 1/26/16 Re: Hazard Substance Notification- 786 7 th Avenue
Letter	-	Vincent Ariano - 1/27/16 Re: Letter of Resignation
Letter	-	Board of Chosen Freeholders - 1/29/16 Re: Final Adoption of Ordinances #16-01 & #16-02

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Annual Debt Statement	-	2015
Shade Tree Commission	-	December 2015
Beautification Committee	-	January 2016
Recreation Commission	-	November 2016

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND ALLOCATION OF MONIES

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Allocation of Monies.

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

Alan Negreann-stated that about 7 years ago, the Borough passed the Open Space Trust Tax which is \$.01 on our net valuation. He's estimating that the amount of tax that will be available is \$145,238.96. In addition, we've had prior years taxes that were not fully allocated or authorized such as in 2015, there was \$893.52; 2014 - \$734.09 and 2013 - \$192.63 making an available subtotal of \$147,069.20. He said that we sent out notification to all available committees, commissions and boards about the hearing tonight and some submissions came in in advance and were distributed to the Mayor and Council. He also said that there may be a few new submissions this evening. Mr. Negreann has provided the Mayor and Council with a summary report of what has been spent or not spent in the prior years Open Space.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if there is a deadline that they would have to make a decision tonight?

Alan Negreann-replied no.

Councilwoman Murphy-suggested that they table it tonight to allow for others to submit requests.

Alan Negreann-suggested that it would be a good idea to put on the record what has been submitted as well as accept any other submissions from the audience. They could carry the hearing to another night.

Mayor Mignone-asked if the allocations would be part of the budget process?

Alan Negreann-explained that this is a separate process and would not be part of the budget process.

Mayor Mignone-feels that it may impact the operating or capital budgets.

Alan Negreann-explained that something that is not funded through Open Space may be considered as an operating or capital budget item, so it certainly relates but it's not the same process.

Mayor Mignone-asked if the Beautification Committee is the only other one that we're waiting to hear from?

Alan Negreann-replied, they're the only other one that he knows of.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked when the deadline to submit a request is?

Mayor Mignone-doesn't feel that it will be a problem because he thinks they will have an excess of funds available. The Mayor feels that they can always add requests.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that she noticed that the Historic Commission did not make a request.

Mayor Mignone-stated that they generally can't apply for Open Space.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked "aren't there guidelines that we can look at to make sure?"

Alan Negreann-stated that there is an ordinance that lays out the whole referendum process and what is eligible. He said that notices were sent out and we didn't hear back from them but that does not mean that they can't provide something at another meeting.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked "who received notices?"

Alan Negreann-stated: Bobbi Conway, Recreation Commission, John Lynch, Superintendent of Public Works, Historic Commission, Shade Tree Commission, 9/11 Memorial Gardens, Beautification Committee, Environmental Protection Commission and Green Team.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if they were the only ones available?

Alan Negreann-replied, correct.

Mayor Mignone-stated that there are other implications particularly the KBG lights that are listed. Right now we have a pending request for \$106,000.00 in the capital budget and there's now \$30,000.00 available here which could be allocated to that if the Council chooses. First we should find out what requests the Beautification Committee may have so we can fill that spot.

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that there might be money in the trust account that they could use to reduce the number.

Michele Cariddi-Beautification Committee-requested \$2,000 from Open Space. She handed out a breakdown of the items that are being requested. Michele explained that she did not put a request in for funding last year.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that one of the items that Michele mentioned was buying mulch that was weed free because last year the mulch that was used produced a lot of weeds which was labor intensive for the committee members.

Michele Cariddi-explained that all of the areas that they did their plantings had terrible weed problems so they would like to go back to bagged mulch or get it from a reputable distributor. She is also considering hiring someone to put the mulch down because it's a very

labor intensive job.

Mayor Mignone-said that they've already had discussions during budget meetings regarding DPW's request for park maintenance as well as the sculpture.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that they also discussed the lighting.

Mayor Mignone-suggested that they save that until later and give others the opportunity to speak first.

Jim Conway-9/11 Memorial Gardens Committee-requested \$5,250.00. Mr. Conway congratulated Councilwoman Davis on her appointment. Mr. Conway continued to say that the Mayor and Council have been continually supportive of the 9/11 Memorial Gardens Committee and hopes that will continue in years to come. He explained that this is the fifteenth anniversary year of 9/11 and in the past, they've had observances for the 5th and 10th anniversaries and will be reaching out to the families to see what they would like to do. Their request consists of two parts: \$3,650.00 for ongoing maintenance per year and additional \$1,500 to make sure the garden looks its best. It's possible that they won't spent the entire amount and if that's the case, next year they will come with a smaller request. They will be contacting Dick Berry and first responders if they decide to have a ceremony.

Liz Stewart - Shade Tree Commission-had a total request of \$14,985.00. Liz Stewart feels that there is confusion each year about how the money can be used each year as far as trees go. She said that they can only use Open Space money for trees in the parks not on the street.

Jennifer Dougherty-Shade Tree Commission-explained that the money that gets deposited into their trust fund goes towards street trees.

Liz Stewart-added "or ear marked for a construction project".

Councilwoman Murphy-was under the impression that some of the trees in the tree farm were used in the park.

Liz Stewart-said that they really aren't involved with the tree farm and asked Michele Cariddi for clarification.

Michele Cariddi-explained that approximately 30 to 35 trees were taken from the tree farm and planted in the park.

Liz Stewart-said that the tree farm trees are not street trees, they were meant to be grown for the parks.

Michele Cariddi-stated that they will be substantial trees in a few years.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if that would have any impact?

Liz Stewart-explained the tree farms trees are definitely useful but it's not the same type of project that they're looking to do.

Councilman Bartelloni-asked how many trees do they plan on planting for the streets and the parks?

Liz Stewart-said that it depends on the budget.

Jennifer Dougherty-reminded them that Open Space funding has nothing to do with street tree plantings.

Liz Stewart-explained that before budgets were cut, typically they would plant 175 street trees and now they plant under 100 and for the parks, approximately 25 to 30. Last year, they had 219 street tree removals. She explained that between their removals and tree removals from private homeowners, the town as a whole has definitely lost canopy cover.

Councilman Bartelloni-asked which parks will they be concentrating on?

Liz Stewart-said that they will be re-evaluating Brookside Park and Kenneth B. George Park because they have not done them in a long time. She also said that they're looking to replace some of the trees that died around the tennis courts as well.

Mayor Mignone-mentioned some of the statistics regarding loss of trees during Hurricane Sandy and asked once they get back to the original threshold, what kind of numbers do they see going forward in the parks?

Liz Stewart-replied that because of the older population of the trees, it will always be in the same number range probably for the next five years.

Mayor Mignone-asked how they have been addressing the problems with the trees impacting the sidewalks?

Liz Stewart-explained that most of the sidewalk issues involve sycamore, maple and oaks trees which they do not plant anymore. The trees that they do plant do not cause the problem as much and she feels that there's also a construction problem. Some of the sidewalks that they see were not constructed to a standard that they feel is proper, especially with the soil and quality of cement that has been

used.

Mayor Mignone-stated that given the amount of removals that we've had and the obvious limited budget, the Council has been trying to budget not only for planting trees but stump removals as well. He asked if she thought that it would be a good idea to put all of the funding towards stump removal?

Liz Stewart-explained that they did that last year and felt that they did get a significant amount done but would not want to get too behind with tree plantings. She explained that PSE&G will be coming in this year and because they are volunteers, that will take up a huge amount of her time to meet with them. When trees are being planted, she goes to the nursery to pick them out and is on site during the planting. She feels by skipping years, it makes it more difficult and time consuming in the long run.

Jennifer Dougherty-stated that it depends on the funding also because for the past few years, they've received grants. Trees are always being taken down and you always want to replant to catch up.

Mayor Mignone-asked if there is a current list of trees and stumps? He also asked if they could provide a summary of what was done and what needs to be done. He said that many concerns that he hears from the public is the removal of stumps.

Councilwoman Davis-asked if they have a list of replacements for street trees.

Liz Stewart-stated that once they know their budget, they try to accommodate the residents who have made tree requests and then they go around town to evaluate.

Councilwoman Davis-said that she hears all of the complaints where people have to replace the sidewalks that are lifted by tree roots in order to get C.O's. She feels that not everyone wants to have their trees replaced and suggested they ask before replanting.

Liz Stewart-said that in order to have a successful tree program all of these things come into play. She hopes that they can continue discussions regarding the sidewalk problem and possibly setting up a program that would help the situation.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if it would be possible to allocate more money to accelerate the stump grinding?

Jennifer Dougherty & Liz Stewart-both replied that the funding cannot be used for street trees.

Mayor Mignone-explained that they have that under the operating budget. He feels that it would be beneficial if they could come up with a dollar amount that would take care of the stumps in one year.

Liz Stewart-said that they're tree planting budget used to be \$45,000 and there have been a few years that the town didn't give any money because they received grants. She understands that things change, but when it goes from \$45,000 to \$25,000 and now \$5,000 it's very difficult to keep the program going. She is very proud of what they've accomplished and feels that the Commission is well respected.

Mayor Mignone-stated that no one is disputing what they do but at the same time thinks that they need to figure out how to resolve the stump and sidewalk problems before spending money on other things. The Mayor said that it's not just Shade Tree that has been impacted, it also applies to everyone else. It's a yearly challenge that they go through in allocating limited resources. The Mayor commended them for the time and effort that they put in to make the town look as nice as it does. He said that they're not the only group who has suffered from changes in the budget situation and economic conditions over the last ten years. He said that unfortunately it's a reality that the Mayor and Council have to deal with in prioritizing.

Bobbi Conway-Recreation Direction-gave a breakdown of the projects that were completed in 2015 as well an explanation of the balance that was left over. She stated that for 2016 they are requesting \$56,898 for maintenance projects, \$100,000 to complete the KBG Lighting Project and \$24,000 of matching funds for the Cherry Blossom Park, Phase 2 project. Funding for the KBG lights is still under discussion as to whether it will be a capital request or paid out of Open Space. Councilwoman Murphy-asked if they are able to use any of the money in the trust account to cover this?

Bobbi Conway-replied no. She explained that they had \$11,810.00 in the park and field maintenance trust which were fees that were collected from different leagues who use the field. Last year they spent over \$12,000 to aerate and seed the 7 fields.

Councilman Bartelloni-asked if the \$23,829 is just for the Little League project?

Bobbi Conway-replied, correct.

Councilman Bartelloni-asked if Little League ever contribute to the maintenance of the field?

Bobbi Conway-explained that their user fee contribution was \$4,000 this year for the maintenance, aerating and seeding of the fields.

Mayor Mignone-asked if they are given exclusive use of that field?

Bobbi Conway-replied, yes they are. She continued to say that it is a Little League field and is difficult for older boys to play on it. She explained that REGAL uses Roosevelt fields which are allocated for their use.

Mayor Mignone-understands the request for fencing and field maintenance but doesn't know why we would have to be responsible for maintaining their infrastructure such as the dugouts, when we give them exclusive use.

Bobbi Conway-said that they put a request in for Open Space funding and if there is no funding available, they'll have to proceed on their own.

Mayor Mignone -asked if there are safety concerns or is it just repair, rehabilitation or just time to replace things?

Bobbi Conway-said that as far as the fence repair, there are railings that need to be replaced and ties that need to be tightened so fence wise, that could be a safety concern. As far as the dugouts, it's a nice to have, some of the benches are older and in need of replacement.

Councilman Bartelloni-feels that there is no comparison when it comes to the Little League field and the other fields in town and asked why REGAL doesn't get an opportunity to use it. He asked why Little League has exclusive jurisdiction over those fields?

Bobbi Conway-explained that the infields are set up as baseball fields not softball fields and REGAL had requested the use of the Roosevelt fields as their own facility. There were upgrades to the Roosevelt fields and they installed a bathroom as well.

Councilman Bartelloni-stated that bases can be moved and the fields at Roosevelt are not regulation softball fields either. He commented on the differences in the fields and the fact that Roosevelt has no tree covering for shade, scoreboards, dugouts or concession stands. He's not opposed to the repairs but it does seem to be for the exclusive use for one specific group. He suggested that the Mayor and Council take a look at that.

Councilwoman Murphy-concurs with Councilman Bartelloni's statement because she knows that when the girls play at the Middle School, there are no bathroom facilities. She asked if the Little League contributes to the dugouts and maintenance?

Bobbi Conway-said that they submitted \$4,000 based on the number of children that play on the field. She also said that REGAL contributed \$2,300.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if the Borough covers everything else?

Bobbi Conway-explained that the Borough covers the maintenance and set up of the field, the clay, etc.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if there is a sprinkler system there and if so, does the Borough pay for the water?

Bobbi Conway-replied yes there is a sprinkler system and the Borough pays for the water and the maintenance of the sprinkler system for the fields through Open Space.

Councilwoman Busted-asked if the Cherry Hill baseball fields are part of the 7 fields that Bobbi mentioned?

Bobbi Conway-replied, yes.

Councilwoman Busted-asked if Bobbi thought that field received as much attention as the other fields because it doesn't seem that way to her.

Bobbi Conway-explained that it's a very difficult field because it's a lot larger than it really needs to be. The company that set it up last year did rototilling and fixed a drainage problem. She said that at this point, the field needs clay.

Mayor Mignone-asked if the school contributes to the maintenance as well?

Bobbi Conway-replied, no.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if the schools had people that do work on the fields and also asked if they mow it?

Bobbi Conway-replied, they do mow it but that's it.

Mayor Mignone-feels that in April, May and part of June the gym classes are out on the field just as much as sports teams are. Mayor Mignone asked with regard to the lighting at RBG, where does the

consultant stand with doing the technical work, design work and time frame.

Bobbi Conway-explained that right now the permit review has been completed and they're waiting for a final okay on pole placement to finish the report. The topographical study and survey was completed and the report was forwarded to Musco to make sure that they're happy with the pole placement. Once that is complete, the geotechnical company is ready to go to do the borings.

Mayor Mignone-asked if the borings have been done yet?

Bobbi Conway-replied, no, they want to make sure everyone is happy with the location of each pole before proceeding.

Mayor Mignone-asked if Mr. Miller has confirmed whether we need to get an individual DEP permit or if we can apply for a permit by rule?

Bobbi Conway-stated the field work was completed but we don't have the report back as to what's necessary.

Mayor Mignone-asked what the schedule is because if a DEP permit is needed, it could take 6 to 9 months which means the project might not happen until next year. If we could do a permit by rule, we could probably get it going in 2 to 3 months. The Mayor asked if Mr. Miller could give them a better idea whether the work could be done this calendar year because it may substantially impact this year's budget.

Bobbi Conway-stated that she thinks that he's waiting for the final location of the poles so that he knows exactly what to submit for the permit.

Mayor Mignone-stated that it shouldn't affect whether you need a permit or not, the question is whether the activity itself requires an individual permit or if it falls under one of the categories permitted by rule. He doesn't feel that the placement of the poles has anything to do with the permit process. He asked Bobbi to get an update.

Bobbi Conway-stated that they are looking to complete the project this year, if possible. Once Tom Miller receives verification and approval from Musco, they can move forward.

Mayor Mignone-stated with regard to Cherry Blossom Park, they did put an application in for a \$70,000 grant anticipating that the project would cost \$140,000. He also said that the estimated cost for Phase 2 is \$200,000. He explained that the County is now telling us that our allocation is more on the order of \$30,000 based on the region. We don't have \$70,000 right now and asked what the Commission's feeling is towards either scoping that or consider asking the County to reallocate this year's \$30,000 allocation. He asked if they would consider putting the allocation towards the lights which would reduce the burden on the capital budget?

Councilwoman Murphy-asked when we would receive confirmation on the allocation?

Mayor Mignone- stated that we received a letter stating that the allocation was \$250,000 for the region and that they received \$700,000 in requests.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if they have made a determination of the \$700,000 and who is getting what?

Mayor Mignone-usually its split with the ten towns in the region and they've ask if we want to move forward even though we were going to get half of the allocation. He feels that it's something we need to consider because if we're only getting \$25,000 to \$30,000 from the County, we're already \$106,000 short on the lights and the Phase 2 project is estimated to be \$200,000. He continued to say that they still need to decide whether it will come from capital or Open Space and if it comes from Open Space, the Commission will have to prioritize what would need to be done this year.

Bobbi Conway-said that the Commission's priority this year is the KBG lights.

Mayor Mignone-reminded everyone that last year they took \$25,000 of Open Space allocation and put it towards the Chery Blossom Park. If they would have taken that money and put it towards the lighting project, they would have been that much closer to having it fully funded.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that everyone was aware that this project has been in limbo for quite some time and agreed that the project is a priority for this year. She asked if we fund the Environmental Commission and Green Team?

Mayor Mignone-said that usually they fund Environmental through operating because most of the items that they purchase are for the river clean-up and don't qualify for Open Space.

Alan Negreann-explained that the Green Team still has funds remaining

from 2013 and 2015.

Mayor Mignone-thinks that there was a question whether they could use that money for the garden at the Middle School.

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that the only one that hasn't come forward with a request is the Historic Commission.

Mayor Mignone-stated that he had attended their meeting last week and asked if they needed more money for archiving and was told that didn't want more money.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND ALLOCATION OF MONIES

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Allocation of Monies.

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

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #1850 as follows:

Ordinance #1850 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40:4-53

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1850 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #1850**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40:4-53

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 (Chapter 48, P.L. 1956 as amended by Chapter 144, P.L. 1965 and Chapter 38, P.L. 1969) the sum of \$2,500.00 is hereby appropriated for the

A. Preparation of a revision and codification of ordinances.

And shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in N.J.S.A. 40A-4-55.

The authorization to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least one fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55).

This ordinance shall take effect when passed and published as required by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

ATTEST:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

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

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING - NONE

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #16-78 through #16-85 and resolution #16-88 through #16-90.

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

#16-78 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 February 16, 2016 work session 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.

February 1, 2016

#16-79 Enter Into Agreement with Robert McNerney, McNerney & Associates, 139 Harristown Road, Glen Rock, New Jersey, 07452-0067 for Professional Services for Expert Appraisal for State Court Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an expert appraisal to conduct the necessary research, study and analysis as part of reports ordered by Tax Appeal Court on demand; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the contract are not expected to exceed \$17,500.00 in the aggregate and therefore pay-to-play practices of the law do not apply; 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, the appraisal fee, court time and conference time will be billed at an hourly rate of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-028 of the Current Fund not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert McNerney not to exceed \$5,000.00; and
2. 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.
3. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

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#16-80 Enter Into Agreement with Brian Chewcaskie, Esq., Gittleman, Muhlstock, Chewcaskie, 2200 Fletcher Avenue #16, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024 for Professional Services as Planning Board Attorney for the Borough of River Edge

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Planning Board Attorney for legal services such as attendance at meetings of the Board, doing legal research and issuing oral and written legal opinions; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-166 of the Current Fund not to exceed \$4,500; 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, Brian Chewcaskie, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Brian Chewcaskie, 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 Brian Chewcaskie, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$125.00 per hour as Borough Planning Board Attorney; 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, this contract will be retroactive to January 1, 2016.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Brian Chewcaskie, Esq., Gittleman, Muhlstock, Chewcaskie, 2200 Fletcher Avenue #16, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024 in the amount not to exceed \$4,500.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law to Brian Chewcaskie, Esq., Gittleman, Muhlstock, Chewcaskie, 2200 Fletcher Avenue #16, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in THE RIDGEWOOD

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#16-81 Enter Into Agreement with Victoria Pekerman, Esq., Shapiro Croland et al LLP, Continental Plaza II, 411 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for Professional Services as Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney for the Borough of River Edge

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney for legal services such as attendance at meetings of the Board, doing legal research and issuing oral and written legal opinions; 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, Victoria Pekerman, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Victoria Pekerman, 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 Victoria Pekerman, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account 01-2010-20-1552-167 of the Current Fund not to exceed \$4,500.00.

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$125.00 per hour as Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney; 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.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Victoria Pekerman, Esq., Shapiro, Croland et al LLP, Continental Plaza II, 411 Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$4,500.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law to Victoria Pekerman, Esq., Shapiro Croland et al LLP, Continental Plaza II, 411 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS.

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#16-82 Grant Raffle License to Temple Avodat Shalom

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise Merchandise Raffle to Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661 License #672, I.D. 423-2-24023 to take

place at Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey on March 20, 2016 at 12:30 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.

February 1, 2016

#16-83 Enter Into Agreement with Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc., 25 Westwood Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey 07675 as a Certified Municipal Planner

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Certified Municipal Planner for site plan and subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board approved the appointment of Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc. as the Municipal Planner at their meeting of January 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from the Trust Other Developers Escrow Account of the Trust Other Fund subject to sufficient funds being made available by developers making deposits in accordance with the Borough's Ordinance and P.L. 1995, c.54, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2 et. seq.; 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, Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the 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, that 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 Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc., 25 Westwood Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey 07675; 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.

February 1, 2016

#16-84 Authorize Mayor to Sign Lease with Temple Avodat Shalom for Rental of Premises Located at 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey for the Recreational Needs of the Senior Citizens of River Edge

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available from Account #01-2010-27-3602-100 of the Current Fund for 2016 in the amount of \$18,000.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds available in the year 2016 budget; in the 2017 budget from Account #01-2010-27-3602-100 of the Current Fund in the amount of \$18,000.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds available in the year 2017 budget; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is for a one (1) year period and contains an option for an additional year to be exercised by December 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council at their work session meeting of January 19, 2016 have reviewed a lease agreement prepared by the Borough Attorney and reviewed by the Contracts Committee and have accepted the form of that agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said lease agreement on file with the Borough Clerk and the Borough Clerk is authorized to attest said signature for a lease period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017.

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#16-85 Release of Data on the Closed Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 states that the public may be excluded from a portion of a meeting held by a public body when it discusses those matters as defined as an exception by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 states that the closed session information may be discussed if the public body shall first adopt a resolution, at a meeting to which the public shall be admitted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13(a) states that the resolution shall contain a statement as to the general nature of the subject to be discussed including as precisely as possible, the time when the circumstances under which the discussion was conducted in closed session of the public body can be disclosed to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered the release of the data and information of the below listed items at a work session dated January 19, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the below listed items be hereby made available to the public.

<u>Closed Session</u>		<u>Date of</u>
<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
03-3/17-1	Potential Litigation-Ackerson Street	March 17, 2003
03-8/25-1	Acquisition of Land - Redevelopment	August 25, 2003
04-3/15-1	Potential Litigation - Garbage Contract	
	First Occupational Center	March 15, 2004
04-4/5-1	Acquisition of Property-New Jersey Transit	
	Block 1411, Lots 1.01 & 1.02	April 5, 2004
04-4/5-2	Potential Litigation-Possible Sale of Real	
	Estate	April 5, 2004
04-4/19-5	Contract Negotiations-Garbage	
	Collection	April 19, 2004
04-5/3-1	Acquisition of Property - New Jersey Transit	
	Block 1411, Lots 1.01 & 1.02	April 19, 2004
04-6/21-2	Potential Litigation- First Occupational	
	Center of NJ	June 17, 2004
05-11/21-1	Potential Litigation-Redevelopment	November 21, 2005
06-6/5-1	Acquisition of Land - Redevelopment	June 5, 2006
06-6/26-1	Acquisition of Land - Redevelopment	June 19, 2006
06-6/26-2	Potential Litigation-Redevelopment	June 19, 2006
07-2/20-1	Acquisition of Land-Block 212,	
	Lot 19.02	February 20, 2007
07-3/5-2	Acquisition of Land - New Jersey Transit	
	Block 1411, Lots 1, 1.01, 1.02 & 2	March 5, 2007
07-4/16-3	Acquisition of Property-Right of Way	
	Block 212, Lot 21	April 16, 2007
08-4/21-2	Possible Acquisition of Property	April 21, 2008
08-8/4-2	Potential Acquisition of Property	
	Block 1004, Lot 38.03	August 4, 2008
08-8/4-3	Potential Acquisition of Property	
	Block 1006, Lot 2 - P & P Plating	August 4, 2008
08-1/26-1	Acquisition of Land - 134 Grand Avenue/ Hackensack Ave., Block 1412, Lot 3	December 29, 2008
09-9/28-1	Potential Sale of NJ Transit	
	Property	September 21, 2009
09-9/28-2	Colin Quinn-Litigation-	
	Churn v River Edge	September 28, 2009
09-10/5-1	Colin Quinn-Litigation-	
	Churn v River Edge	September 28, 2009
10-3/15-2	Cell Tower Lease Agreement	March 15, 2010
11-7/25-1	Litigation-Great Outdoors vs	
	River Edge	July 5, 2011
11-9/6-1	Acquisition of Property-Hackensack	
	Avenue	September 6, 2011
11-9/26-1	Acquisition of Property-	
	Hackensack Avenue	September 19, 2011
12-3/19-1	Litigation-Tax Appeals, Great Outdoors v	
	R E, Riverside Medical v R.E.	March 19, 2012
12-10/1-1	Potential Litigation-Route 4 Main St. LLV	
	v River Edge, 1025-1077 Main Street, Block 1404, Lot 3.01 Tax Appeal - Hiring Environmental Expert	October 1, 2012
12-10/22-1	Potential Litigation-Huffman Koos Property	
	Block 1404, Lots 3.01, 1025-1077 Main St., -Paul Phillips - Redev. Planner, J. Sheldon Cohen, Esq. - Redev. Attorney	October 15, 2012
12-11/26-1	Potential Litigation - Route 4 Main St., LLC	
	v River Edge, 1025-1077 Main Street, Block 1404, Lot 3.01 Tax Appeal - Alan Spiniello, Esq	November 5, 2012
13-1/22-1	Potential Litigation - Tax Appeal, Route 4	
	Main Street, LLC v R.E., 1025-1077 Main Street, Block 1404, Lot 3.01	January 22, 2013
14-1/21-1	Redevelopment-Acquisition of Land	January 1, 2014
14-12/1-5	Contract Negotiations-Millbrook Townhouse	
	Association	November 17, 2014
14-12/15-4	Contract Negotiations-Millbrook Townhouse	
	Association	December 1, 2014

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Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman
Busteed to approve resolution #16-86 as amended.

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

#16-86 Resolution Authorizing Quasi Coverage from the Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for the River Edge Swim Club

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is a participating member of the Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund relative to General Liability and other coverages; and

WHEREAS, the "FUND" has adopted certain criteria to distinguish between bona fide municipal activities and other quasi-public entities not sponsored by the municipality and therefore, not subject to coverage by the "FUND"; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that in order to be covered by the "FUND" an organization or activity meet the test that its function is of the type that historically municipalities have undertaken themselves or have provided with insurance coverage and/or is one which advances a bona fide local public purpose on a non-profit basis typically met by local government, the benefits of which are available to the municipality in general; and

WHEREAS, the land is owned by the Borough of River Edge and leased to the River Edge Swim Club based on a 50 year lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has asked the "FUND" to extend General Liability and Non-Owned Automobile Liability Coverage to the following entities:

CLASS III - ALL OTHER NON-ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Type of Entity</u>
River Edge Swim Club, Inc.	Recreation	Non-Profit Corporation

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

It is hereby certified that the above listed organization exists within the Borough of River Edge as the bona fide charitable, educational, or recreational activities of the municipality and is, in fact, an organization that supports and/or provides services to the municipality in general and as such is sponsored or subsidized directly or indirectly by the municipality.

The Borough of River Edge does hereby request that this organization described herein be named as additional Insured for General Liability and non-Owned Automobile Liability Coverage in accordance with the applicable limits and restrictions.

A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Secretary of the Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

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Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve resolution #16-87 as amended.

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

#16-87 Award Contract to Reggio Construction Inc., for the 2015 Fifth Avenue Road Improvement Project, Section 3

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2016 six (6) sealed bids were received for the 2015 Fifth Avenue Road Improvement Project, Section 3; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid was received from Reggio Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$152,787.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid documents have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at their work session meeting of February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1835-200 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$152,787.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract is hereby awarded to Reggio Construction, Inc., 1575 West Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024 in the amount not to exceed \$152,787.00 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

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#16-88 Approval to Waive Borough of River Edge Building Permit Fees to Vanore Electric Inc., 375 North Street, Unit Q, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608 for the River Edge Firehouse #2 Generator Project

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge wishes to waive the Borough fees for all permits submitted by Vanore Electric, Inc. for the River Edge Firehouse #2 Generator Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has the authority to waive all permit fees for the Firehouse #2 Generator Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Building Department is hereby authorized to waive all Borough permit fees for the contract awarded to Vanore Electric, Inc., 375 North Street, Unit Q, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608.

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#16-89 Grant Raffle License to the Junior Women's Club of River Edge

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to the Junior women's club of River Edge, P.O. box 235, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 License #673, I.D. 423-8-24998 to take place at the Knights of Columbus, 770 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey on April 30, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 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.

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#16-90 Grant Raffle License to the River Edge Lions Charitable Foundation, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to the River Edge Lions Charitable Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 33, River Edge, New Jersey 07661 License #674, I.D. 423-8-26559 to take place at St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church Gymnasium, 455 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey on March

20, 2016 at 11:30 a.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.

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Councilwoman Busteed read resolution #16-91 into the record.

Motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to approve resolution #16-91.

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

#16-91 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	\$7,314,126.85
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 110,749.69
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 915.66
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 6,743.75
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 642.75

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.

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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

Mayor Mignone-introduced two Troop 184 Boy Scouts who were in the audience and explained that they are working towards their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. He continued to say that as we've seen over the past few years, scouts come and observe Council meetings and speak to and ask questions of Council members.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Busteded-welcomed Mary Davis to the Council and is confident that she will be a wonderful addition to the dais.

Councilman Bartelloni-also welcomed Mary to the Council. He explained that the Mayor and Council started the budget process and are now at the point where they will have to start making tough calls on the big items. Mayor Mignone-stated that there were a few spots left open as liaison for the new Council person and would like to get that resolved this evening. The Mayor received correspondence from Bonnie Stewart of the Gream Team, who asked if they had been assigned a liaison. The Mayor would like to have an answer for them tonight.

Councilwoman Murphy-said that previously there was a chart given out with liaison assignments.

Councilwoman Davis-asked what was entailed?

Mayor Mignone-explained that it would be her responsibility to attend the meetings, when she can, and be a conduit of information between the committee and Council.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked what other openings there are?

Mayor Mignone-said that he's not sure.

Councilman Bartelloni-asked if the Technology Advisory Committee would overlap with the Council Technology Sub-Committee?

Mayor Mignone-explained that for anything that is existing, such as implementing a current system or operation that falls under executive functioning, would be the purview of this committee. An example would be the current website. He continued to say that when it comes to policy or spending money, that would fall under the purview of the Council Technology Sub-Committee. His plan is that both committees would work together and doesn't intend for it to be a stand alone committee.

Councilwoman Busteded-asked if the committee has recommendations, who would they make it to?

Mayor Mignone-explained that this committee is a mechanism to allow people to use their skills voluntarily to fix current problems such as the website. If a recommendation involves spending money, then it would have to come back to the Council. He continued to say that as far as the Business Advisory Committee, it involves talking with business owners to establish a regular dialogue and get them involved in community events.

Councilman Papaleo-congratulated Mary and feels that they are all blessed by her experience and her love for the community and feels that she is incredibly bright and is a welcomed addition to the Council.

Councilwoman Davis-said that she appreciates everyone's support. She continued to say that one of the reasons she agreed to put her name in was the fact that she was very distressed watching the meetings lately because it seemed there was no unity on the Council. She feels that there is no reason why they can't work together because they are all here for the same reason, to better River Edge.

Councilwoman Murphy-mentioned the very successful Library fundraiser which was held at Total Wine and run by Cindy Katri. Councilwoman Murphy looks forward to hearing about more innovative fund raisers sponsored by the Friends of the Library in the near future. She also welcomed Mary to the Council and looks forward to working with her. She mentioned that as far as the process of filling the vacant seat, she feels that it was not done correctly.

Mayor Mignone-again thanked and welcomed Mary and feels that she will be a great asset to the Council. The Mayor reported that during the recent storm, 2,520 miles of roads were plowed, they used 741 gallons of diesel fuel, 155 tons of salt and 527 man hours were spent over a 24 hour period. The one thing that he never had to worry about being on the Council or as Mayor, is getting complaints about our streets. He feels that that's one thing our DPW does head and shoulders above any other town in Bergen County. John gets curb to curb and blacktop every time which is a huge help to our emergency services and our residents. He commended the Fire Department who had a standby in both houses from Saturday morning through

Sunday afternoon. He also mentioned that when there was an ambulance call, the Fire Department members were ahead of the ambulance digging out driveways and making paths to people's houses. The Mayor is very proud that we have great employees and great volunteers who work very well together. The Mayor felt that with the size of the storm and its intensity, we did really well and congratulated all of the volunteers for a job well done.

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that her husband was on call with the Fire Department and apparently the diner closed at 5 p.m. that night so there were no meals for anyone. She said that they should take that into consideration for the future so that there is a plan to feed the workers and volunteers during a storm emergency.

Mayor Mignone-agreed.

Councilman Bartelloni-said that John Lynch had called him to let him know that his men were taking a break to have pizza.

Councilwoman Busted-asked if Mary has to resign from Traffic & Safety?

Mayor Mignone-replied yes.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:27 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: