

M I N U T E S
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, September 19, 2011
8:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

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

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Watkins called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilman Porco to lead the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT -

Mayor Watkins read the statement under the Sunshine Law and asked the Clerk to put it into the minutes. "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 24, 2010 to THE RECORD and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk".

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Cordts, to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of September 6, 2011.

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

PROCLAMATION & AWARDS -

Mayor Watkins presented Certificates of Award to the following Members of Troop 130 for Achieving the Bronze Award in Junior Girl Scouting: Christina Chen, Aarushi Dutta, Chloe Cordero, Cameron Litterini, Shannon Lombardi and Zanub Rahman. Other members who received Certificates of Award but were not in attendance were: Kaitlyn Bridge, Caitlin McLaughlin and Miranda Visaggio-Lopez.

Mayor Watkins read the Certificates of Award for Members of Troop 1416 for Achieving the Bronze Award in Junior Girl Scouting who were not in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the re-appointment of Mary Donohue, 542 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, to the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission for a three-year term which will expire on September 30, 2014.

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

Mayor Watkins administered the Oath of Office to Mary Donohue.

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve the hire of Joanne Scanno, as the part-time Accounts Payable Clerk, at an hourly rate of \$19.30, \$25,090.00 per year, 25 hours per week, effective October 1, 2011.

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

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to approve the appointment of Geeta Birnbaum, as Deputy Tax Collector, effective October 1, 2011.

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

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the change in hours and salary for Debbie McDermott, Payroll Clerk from 20 hours per week to 27 hours and from an annual salary of \$22,420.00 to \$30,270.00, effective October 1, 2011.

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

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Porco to approve the change in morning hours for Noreen Patoray, Court Administrator, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., retroactive to September 14, 2011.

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

CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter - Kleinfelder - 9/1/11
Re: Environmental Investigation, 2 Rt. 4West
Letter - JM Sorge, Inc. - 9/6/11
Re: Public Notification - 5 New Bridge Road
Notice - River Edge Board of Education - 9/12/11
Re: Meeting September 14, 2011
Letter - Excel Environmental - 9/12/11
Re: Public Notification - Former Huffman Koos
Letter - State of New Jersey, DEP - 9/12/11
Re: Underground Storage Tank-830 Summit Ave.
Letter - Detail Associates, Inc. - 9/13/11
Re: Asbestos Abatement Project-380 Bogert Rd.
Letter - County of Bergen - 9/15/11
Re: FEMA Programs for Local Residents
Letter - Porzio, Blomberg & Newman, P.C - 9/16/11
Re: Petition for Equitable Modification of the Cost
Apportionment for the River Dell Regional School
District

MONTHLY REPORTS -

Tax Collector - July 2011
Police Department - July 2011
Board of Health - June 2011

ORDINANCES - 1st Reading - NONE

ORDINANCES - 2nd Reading - NONE

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve resolution #11-325 through #11-341.

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

#11-325 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public on September 26, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

1. That the public shall be excluded from the September 26, 2011 meeting at 7:00 p.m. and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

Closed Session

Statutory

| <u>Docket #</u> | <u>Item Title or Description</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 11-9/26 -1 | Acquisition of Property - Hackensack Avenue | N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(5) |
| 11-9/19-5 | Potential Litigation - Petition For Equitable Modification of the Cost Apportionment for River Dell School District | N.J.S.A. 10-4-12(7) |

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 19, 2011

#11-326 Authorizing the Appointment of Gomattie Birnbaum as a Certifying Officer

BE IT RESOLVED that Gomattie Birnbaum, Accounts Supervisor, is hereby appointed as the Certifying Officer for the Borough of River Edge effective October 1, 2011.

September 19, 2011

#11-327 Designate Authorized Officials to Sign Checks, Bonds and Legal Papers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following individuals be authorized to sign checks, bonds and other legal papers requiring three (3) signatures, effective October 1, 2011 for all accounts and legal documents in PNC Bank as follows:

Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor *and if not*, Paul Cordts, Council President, Alan P. Negreann, Borough Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, *and if not*, Gomattie Birnbaum, Accounts Supervisor; Zenab Bachok, Tax Collector *and if not*, Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk.

September 19, 2011

#11-328 Authorize Facsimile Signature to PNC Bank New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED that PNC Bank New Jersey, as a designated depository of the Borough of River Edge, be and is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the Payroll Account #8100 246469; Payroll Agency Account #8100246223 and other accounts (including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose name appears thereon only if the original signature of the signer is other than the payee) when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signature of any one(1) of the following:

ALAN P. NEGREANN
GOMATTIE BIRNBAUM
ZENAB BACHOK

PNC Bank New Jersey shall be entitled to honor and charge the Borough of River Edge for such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purporting facsimile specimens from time-to-time filed with PNC Bank New Jersey by the Borough Clerk or other officer of the Borough, effective October 1, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all authorizations for the signing and honoring of checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money drawn on the said PNC Bank New Jersey of this Borough are hereby continued in full force and effective as amplified hereby.

September 19, 2011

#11-329 Authorize Facsimile Signature to PNC Bank New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED that PNC Bank New Jersey, as a designated depository of the Borough of River Edge, be and is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the Current Account #8100245394; Capital Account #8100245458; Dog Account #8100245423; Unemployment Trust Account #8100246282; Recreation Account #8100245861; Trust Account #8100245431; Community Development Block Grant #8032758007; and all other accounts (including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose name appears thereon only if the original signature of the signer is other than the payee) when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signatures (3) of any six of the following:

MARGARET F. WATKINS
ALAN P. NEGREANN
GOMATTIE BIRNBAUM
ZENAB BACHOK
DENISE DONDIEGO
PAUL CORDTS

PNC Bank New Jersey shall be entitled to honor and charge the Borough of River Edge for such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purporting facsimile specimens from time-to-time filed with PNC Bank New Jersey by the Borough Clerk or other officer of the Borough, effective October 1, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all authorizations for the signing and honoring of checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money drawn on the said PCN Bank New Jersey of this Borough are hereby continued in full force and effective as amplified hereby.

September 19, 2011

#11-330 Authorize Facsimile Signature to PNC Bank

BE IT RESOLVED that PNC Bank, as a designated depository of the Borough of River Edge, be and is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in this Borough's name on the *Open Space Account*, Account #8042193898; *C.A.R.E Account* #8042193687; *Self Insurance Account* #8040465327; *Trust Other Account* #8040465554; *Trust Other Developers Account* #8040465562; *Accumulated Absences Trust* #8040465626 and all other accounts (including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose names appear thereon as signer or signers thereof only if the original signature of the signer is other than the payee) when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signatures (3) of any six of the following:

MARGARET F. WATKINS
ALAN P. NEGREANN
GOMATTIE BIRNBAUM
DENISE A. DONDIEGO
ZENAB BACHOK
PAUL CORDTS

PNC Bank shall be entitled to honor and charge the Borough of River Edge for such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purporting facsimile specimens from time-to-time filed with PNC Bank by the Borough Clerk or other officer of the Borough, effective October 1, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all authorizations for the signing and honoring of checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money drawn on the said PNC Bank of this Borough are hereby continued in full force and effective as amplified hereby.

September 19, 2011

#11-331 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$4,418.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the River Edge Senior Citizens Activities Project IV 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 19, 2011

#11-332 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$3,994.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the River Edge Senior Bus Dispatcher(s) Wages VI 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 19, 2011

#11-333 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$35,880.00 has been proposed by the Borough of River Edge for the River Edge Senior Bus Driver(s) Wages XI 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 19, 2011

#11-334 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public

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

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

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

1. That the public shall be excluded from the September 19, 2011 meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

| <u>Closed Session Docket #</u> | <u>Item Title or Description</u> | <u>Statutory Reference</u> |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 11-9/19-2 | Personnel - Deputy Tax Collector- Geeta Birnbaum | N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8) |
| 11-9/19-3 | Personnel - Payroll Clerk - Debbie McDermott | N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8) |
| 11-9/19-4 | Personnel - Court Administrator - Noreen Patoray | N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8) |
| 11-9/19-5 | Potential Litigation - Petition For Equitable Modification of the Cost Apportionment for River Dell School District | N.J.S.A. 10-4-12(7) |

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 19, 2011

#11-335 Naming Tax Search and Assessment Search Officers

WHEREAS, every municipality must designate an official to respond to requests for tax searches and assessment searches; and

WHEREAS, these functions have been assigned to the Tax Collector and Borough Clerk respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Search Officer's responsibilities are included in the duties of the Tax Collector, Zenab Bachok and the backup responsibility to the Deputy Tax Collector, Gomattie Birnbaum; and that the responsibilities of the Assessment Search Officer are assumed as part of the duties of the Borough Clerk, Denise A. Dondiego and the backup responsibility to the Deputy Borough Clerk, Judy O'Connell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments be recorded in the files of the Borough Clerk and held for future reference.

September 19, 2011

#11-336 Grant Raffle License to St. Peter The Apostle Church

BE IT RESOLVED that the following license to conduct an On Premise Arm Chair Race Event "Nite at the Races" to St. Peter the Apostle Church, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, 07661, License #628, I.D. 423-1-27855 to take place at 455 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey on October 22, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 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 19, 2011

#11-337 Authorize Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. to Enter Into a Stipulation of Settlement with Thomas Allen, 80 Grand Avenue, Block 1410, Lot 3

WHEREAS, Alan P. Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey will handle the litigation of Thomas Allen, 80 Grand Avenue, Block 1410, Lot 3 for tax appeals for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, Alan Spiniello, Esq. has recommended stipulation in the above stated matters; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered these recommendations at their work session of September 19, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge hereby authorize Alan Spiniello, Esq. to enter into a Stipulation of Settlement with Thomas Allen who agreed to settle the matter by completely withdrawing and dismissing its tax appeal complaint for calendar year 2009 where the assessment will remain at \$1,400,000 and that the assessment for calendar years 2010 and 2011 will be \$1,255,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to James Anzevino, the Borough's Tax Assessor and Alan Spiniello, Esq.

September 19, 2011

#11-338 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Erskine Avenue

WHEREAS, on or about September 13, 2011, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to JoEllen Schlossberg, 81 Erskine Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Erskine Avenue on September 24, 2011 in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

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

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 19, 2011

#11-339 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a Duplicate 3rd Qtr. 2011 Tax Payment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate tax payment for the 3rd Quarter 2011 taxes on the following property; and

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

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

| <u>Block/Lot</u> | <u>Name & Address</u> | <u>Refund Amount</u> |
|------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1205/4 | GORN, MICHAEL & JULIE 182 Oak Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661 | \$3,283.02 |
| | TOTAL: | \$3,283.02 |

Make check payable to:

Fifth Third Bank
Madisonville Operations Center
Mail Drop: 1MOC2N
Cincinnati, OH 45263-5300
Attn: Refund Department

#11-340 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund Duplicate 2011 3rd Quarter Tax Payments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate tax payments for the 3rd Quarter 2011 taxes on the following properties; and

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

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

| <u>Block/Lot</u> | <u>Name & Address</u> | <u>Refund Amount</u> |
|------------------|---|----------------------|
| 209/10 | Jilong Zheng 875 Park Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661 | 2,392.25 |
| 408/7 | Chul Woong Kim 124 Tenney Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661 | 2,634.45 |
| 910/14 | Victor & Ilene Anesini 223 Beech Drive South River Edge, NJ 07661 | 46.84 |

September 19, 2011

#11-341 Under 3% Emergency Resolution (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48)

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Hurricane Irene and the subsequent declarations of emergency by the Borough of River Edge and Governor Christie (Executing Order #73) and no adequate provision was made in the CCYY budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriation(s) created including this appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$114,000.00 and three percent (3%) of the total operations in the budget for the year 2011 is \$325,363.62.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 that:

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

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|--|-------------|
| Emergency Hurricane Irene Related Costs | |
| Public Works Repair & Maintenance, Salaries & Wages | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Emergency Hurricane Irene Related Costs - Other Expenses | \$12,000.00 |

2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided in full in the 2012 budget.
3. That the Chief Financial Office has certified that the expenditures to be financed through this resolution are related to the aforementioned emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

September 19, 2011

Councilman Porco read resolution #11-342 into the record.

Motion by Councilman Porco, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve resolution #11-342.

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

#11-342 Payment of Bills

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

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

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

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| CURRENT ACCOUNT | \$1,611,737.77 |
| CAPITAL ACCOUNT | \$ 73,901.49 |
| RECREATION ACCOUNT | \$ 1,986.84 |
| ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT | \$ 10.20 |
| TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT | \$ 11.70 |
| TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT | \$ 1,047.50 |

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 19, 2011

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

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

Kara O'Donnell-150 Voorhis Avenue-spoke on behalf of the Voorhis Block Association and asked if there are any updates on the proposal they had submitted on September 6th.

Mayor Watkins-replied that there are no updates but they did meet with representatives from the VBA on Wednesday.

Kara O'Donnell-also asked if there was information on the work that was done on Manning Avenue.

Councilman Cordts-stated that the Sewer Sub-Committee did meet on Wednesday but feels that they need more time to follow-up and look into what is causing the problems with flooding in that area. He again informed Ms. O'Donnell that this isn't something that can be fixed over night.

Kara O'Donnell-stated that at the last meeting someone had mentioned that work had been done on Manning Avenue, which the Mayor and Council knew nothing about, and she wondered if anyone had looked into that.

Councilman Cordts-stated that he has had conversations with John Lynch and he is looking into whether any work has been done on Manning.

Kelly Gagliardi-160 Manning Avenue-stated that she lives by the paper street on Manning Avenue and after they moved in they spent a lot of money trying to level out their back yard because each time it rained, the path flooded causing flooding in their yard. They spent time and money filling in the yard with dirt and sent pictures to the Council, which was recommended by the DPW and asked the town to investigate. She continued by saying that after a while, they spoke with Bob Costa who came out and investigated and agreed that there was a problem. She stated that at that point John Lynch got involved and a company was hired to open up the drain, did work on the pipe and installed a large grate which remediated the flooding problem. Ms. Gagliardi stated that they have not had any problems since that work was done.

Sam Cereste-asked if this was an inlet that tied into the storm drain?

Kelly Gagliardi-replied, yes.

Mayor Watkins-stated that the Borough Engineer was at the meeting last week when the Voorhis Avenue residents came up.

Kara O'Donnell-is concerned that because Mr. Costa stated at the last meeting, that he had no knowledge of this work being done.

Mayor Watkins-stated that at the last meeting she thought they were discussing Voorhis Avenue not Manning Avenue.

Kara O'Donnell-explained that in their proposal they also mentioned that Manning Avenue had this relief provided to them. She stated that she hopes at the next meeting someone could provide some answers to those questions.

Kathleen Murphy-741 Williams Avenue-asked when they would be getting a report from Emergency Management.

Mayor Watkins-stated that OEM is meeting this Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. with all of the departments for a debriefing and will then provide a report.

Kathleen Murphy-stated that last week there was a meeting in Montvale for all of the OEM Coordinators. She doesn't understand why it's taking so long to get their report when the Fire Department gave a detailed report very quickly. She asked if OEM will be at the next meeting?

Mayor Watkins-stated that she anticipates that they will be here at the next meeting.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Moscaritolo to close hearing of the public.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS - No Comments

ADJOURNMENT - 8:25 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Porco to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: