

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Edward J. Mignone
Councilman	Alphonse Bartelloni
Councilwoman	Ellen Busted
Councilman	Dario Chinigo
Councilman	Joseph Gautier
Councilman	Thomas Papaleo

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Thomas Sarlo
Borough Administrator	Alan Negreann
Borough Clerk	Stephanie Evans

ABSENT:

Councilwoman	Mary Davis
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Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM by reading the Open Public Meetings Act and called for a roll call.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND WORK SESSION AND ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION
RESOLUTION #18-345
MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN BUSTEED, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN GAUTIER
ALL IN FAVOR 5-0**

Closed Session Docket#	Item Title or Description	Statutory Reference
18-11/19-1	Contract Discussion New Bridge Landing Apartments	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)
18-11/19-2	Personnel- Police Department Document Review – Position of Sergeant	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (8)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION, RESUME WORK SESSION @7:08 PM
MOTION BY COUNCILMAN PAPALEO, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN GAUTIER
ALL IN FAVOR 5-0**

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR’S TOPICS-

- 2018 Best Practice Inventory** – Mr. Negreann explained that the Mayor and Council were aware that the State put out a Best Practice Survey which has to be completed by him and certify the inventory of these questions based on our score, if we receive a certain score we get the full state aid this year. There is a sliding scale if you don’t achieve a certain score among the Best Practice questions. The matter has to be listed and publicly discussed and part of the meeting minutes and part of the record. We have 45 “Yes” answers, 7 “No”, and 7 “Not Applicable”, and 2 “Prospective”. The “Prospective and Not Applicable” do count as a positive answer, so out of the 61 questions, we have 54 positive answers or a rate of 89%. We should be receiving the full amount of our State Aid based on that.

We will review or at least he will indicate to the Mayor and Council the “Prospective and the No” answers so they will have them in mind in case they have any questions or discussion after that they will be part of the record. The first Prospective question whether our municipality analyzed changes to its master plan and zoning ordinances could improve flood and storm resiliency? Our master plan is scheduled to be re-examined in 2019 or beyond, so that can be part of our re-examination and that is why we indicated this will be prospective. The next question indicated we should answer no or prospective if the municipality has not reviewed its master plan or zoning ordinances to analyze whether changes could improve flood and storm resiliency? We answered the prospective on this one also. These two we got credit for but we have a little work to do to address these two areas. On the “No” questions they asked whether we would be willing to establish a program for public or private financing of energy water and storm resiliency projects through the use of a volunteer special assessment for certain property owners. Please remember this is public and private. This a California and Florida problem called PACE and they ask if this is something our municipality would take advantage of and he indicated no thinking we would have to do special assessments on private entities for these particular programs. Another question was do we buy hybrid vehicles and no we have not done. That is a “No” response. The next question was do we own any electric vehicles and we do not, so that was a “No”. They asked whether the Council passed a restrictive pay-to-play ordinance than the state’s pay-to-play law have in place, we have not passed an ordinance that is more restrictive, we abide by the state’s law. They asked whether we had a current community and/or economic development plan with established metrics and while we talked about economic and redevelopment over the years we don’t have a formal plan at this point so that elicited a “No” response. They asked if we regularly review and measure progress towards the development goals set forth in community and/or economic development plan and since we don’t have regular meetings in which to do that analyze that had to be a “No” answer at this point in time. Finally there is a Director’s Ratio which is the average ratio of true or market value to our assessed value and if your ratio falls lower than 85% they are looking for you to start considering a revaluation or reassessment. Our ratio is slightly below that so that had to be a “No” response as well. That is something we will be probably looking at in the future but the town is ready for revaluation or some sort of reassessment program. Mayor Mignone stated as long as we don’t get ordered to. Mr. Negreann replied that is something to discuss with the Assessor about next year. That is the report on the Best Practice checklist and where we stand at this point in time. If there are any comments or discussion, he would be glad to answer any questions. Mayor Mignone asked what is the percentage or how many do we need to get to receive aid, Mr. Negreann replied we are at 89% which is well above that. Mayor Mignone asked if the schools had to fill this out also. Councilman Papaleo replied that schools had to go through QSAC and if they don’t pass they have to go through it every year. During the QSAC they have to go through Best Practice. Mr. Negreann stated that a score of 46-61 is no aid withholding and we were at 54. Mayor Mignone asked if Council had any questions for Mr. Negreann, there were.

2. **Community Development Block Grant Applicant** – Mr. Negreann explained that there was a revised agenda and this was placed on the consent agenda. These

were the only two application ideas that he could come up. The first one was a supplemental application to Oxford and Rutgers resurfacing. He had the engineer do an estimate, which is more current to the one previously from over a year ago. We did get a grant of \$171,500.00. This would be a supplemental amount to ensure that we could take care of both streets and do all the resurfacing necessary. That would be one application. Then we would be looking at a listing of streets that are candidates for resurfacing this year. It was brought to our attention that down in the New Bridge area there are some American with Disabilities ramps that we are lacking and since these would be totally new we could put a grant application in for \$10,000.00 to do a few of these. He has to forewarn everyone if you are familiar with that area where we have the triangle and we have the New Bridge area which is grass there aren't a lot of sidewalks down. These would be ramps you would see with no adjauncate sidewalks but nevertheless the requirements are that we have these ramps in place. That would be a second application he would recommendation. Mayor Mignone asked what is the amount on that one. Mr. Negreann replied \$10,000.00. Mr. Negreann stated those are the two applications and he did have resolutions listed to endorse them and if you are in favor of them just vote for the first two resolutions on the list if not you can ask to table them. There is a very short window here, December 9th, and there is a new process. Mayor Mignone wanted to confirm his recollection, they will build new ramps if there aren't any ramps, but they won't build new sidewalks if there aren't any sidewalks, Mr. Negreann agreed with that statement. Mayor Mignone also stated that they will modify an existing bathroom but they won't build you a handicapped accessible bathroom, Mr. Negreann agreed with that statement also. Mayor Mignone stated that we were very fortune to get the award that we got last year so...Mr. Negreann said (inaudible) sufficient prices unless we bid it out. Mayor Mignone said we won't go through reviews on the CDBG level or the County level until spring anyway. That's on the Consent Agenda, Mr. Negreann confirmed it was.

FOR DISCUSSION –

1. **Elizabeth Street Storm Extension** – Mayor Mignone stated this was going to be tabled.
2. **Waiver of Application Fee for Special Events – 2019 Policy** – Mr. Negreann explained that he put this on because we did have a waiver request that came in this year and it was mentioned that we would like to start the process of looking at these fees for the special events and he recommends that when you do look at it that you recognize you are creating a precedent and it should be consistent in terms of non-profits that you are going to design whatever this new ordinance is going to look like. You don't necessarily need to have a discussion tonight but keep it front of you, if there is a sub-committee you want to look at this, or (inaudible), or governing body members to meet and discuss as a sub-committee, you may want to approach it that way. Mayor Mignone asked the Council if they had any view any on this and there was no response. He felt we should at least start with Chief Cariddi by putting him on it. Mr. Negreann stated he would defer to the Chief.
3. **Developer Fee Ordinance** – Mayor Mignone said we need to decide on how to handle, whether through an ad hoc committee or (inaudible) and develop a fee ordinance to. We need to decide on the rate he believes, Mayor Mignone asked if

we needed to have, whether we needed to vote the fee ordinance in place before COAH and Fair Share would settle with the Borough, or is that something we would do afterwards. Mr. Sarlo thought that the last time Brian was here he wanted to have it in place. Mayor Mignone mentioned that it was going to be required anyway so we could still look at it. Mr. Negreann stated that we do have a draft that the Planning Board recommended so that whenever you are ready just let us now and we will list it for a first reading. Mayor Mignone didn't see us doing that until the New Year.

4. **Endorse Community Options – CDBG Application** – Mr. Negreann explained this was an outside group that is requesting endorsing a resolution. Mr. Negreann referred to his file on endorsements and went on to say that we have done endorsements primarily for the two school systems, River Dell and River Edge. For many years they have made applications for barrier-free work and we endorsed many of those applications. Senior residents we endorsed applications for and on occasion other non-profits. He just wanted then to understand it's not a totally new thing for River Edge, we have in addition to filing our own applications we have endorsed other applications. Mayor Mignone asked just for the record if Mr. Negreann could give an overview of the project, who asked us to endorse it, and how much money they are asking for. Also if they are asking for public service money, is it...Mr. Negreann explained that they are looking for \$34,000 to rehabilitate a residential home at 200 Zabriskie Place. It's a private group called Community Options. Typically we ask them for an application but they did not provide us with one this time, they gave us a response in terms of what the project is. They are talking about \$25,000 for handicapped accessible upgrades in the home's kitchen. Changing the cabinets, the installation of appliances with sensory assisted technology features. \$9,000 to repair the driveway, it's difficult for use with wheelchairs and handicapped...Mayor Mignone wanted to know if they did have it broken down by task because that is what the committee is going to look for. Mr. Negreann replied not at this time, they just have a couple of descriptions, Mayor Mignone stated that was usually what happens with these...Mr. Negreann added that he knows they are out looking for estimates from architects or whatever but they haven't received any yet. Mayor Mignone was just saying it would be every unlikely they would get \$34,000 but what the committee would probably do is say ok they want \$10,000 for this thing, \$5,000 for whatever, they will fund 1 or 2 pieces of it. Mayor Mignone asked Mr. Sarlo if this would give us rehabilitation credit with COAH. Mr. Sarlo felt not necessarily. Mr. Negreann thought Tom Behrens did take into consideration any group homes that we do have in the Borough. This might, if it's a new group home coming into the Borough. There is a resolution before you tonight to endorse this, again, if it's not your preference table it or vote no. Mayor Mignone stated can't say no for certain he doesn't think many towns refuse to endorse projects when it comes from the towns, but it's up to the pleasure of the Council. Councilwoman Busted asked whom are they asking the money from and they are potentially going after funds we are trying to get for projects. Mayor Mignone replied CDBG but under public service or another section. It's a much smaller percentage of the overall amount given. That is why \$34,000 is unlikely with ten towns in the region, they might have a couple of \$100,000. Councilman Papaleo wanted to confirm it was 18-352, Mr. Negreann replied yes that is correct. Councilman Chinigo asked if there was a downside to

us endorsing it. Mayor Mignone stated the downside for them is if it come to point where the committee came to a point where they were trying to figure out which program to fund and someone came back and said look you guys didn't get any public support that could play into it. Councilman Chinigo asked if there was a downside for us, the town. Mayor Mignone replied no, unless you don't like the project that's a different story. Councilman Bartelloni said looking at the house it seems like there's handicapped, it's a ranch, one story with a handicapped ramp going to it and it looks like there's a handicapped accessible van in the driveway with somebody living there. Mayor Mignone said if we could possibly get rehabilitation credits with someone else paying for it that would be a positive for the Borough. We will have to check with Mr. Behrens on that.

WORK SESSION CONSENT AGENDA –

- 1. Forfeit of Construction Bond for Shade Trees at 822 Park Avenue in the amount of \$800.00.**
- 2. Approval to file a supplemental CDBG application for the Paving of Oxford Terrace and Rutgers Place in the estimated amount of \$49,000.00.**
- 3. Approval to file a CDBG application for the construction of four (4) sidewalks and ADA ramps at Hackensack Ave. and Main Street between the apartment complex and the triangle in the estimated amount of \$10,000.00.**

**Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilman Papaleo to approve.
All in favor 5-0**

MAYOR'S REPORT –

No report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- Borough of River Edge Senior/Community Center – Mayor Mignone stated that the Traffic Engineer is still doing the work. Mr. Costa is trying to get a handle on when that will be finished. Once that is finished we will have another public hearing on the traffic report.

NEW BUSINESS –

Councilwoman Busted mentioned that she sent a notice to the Mayor that she was going to recommend a resident be appointed to the Budget Committee and if there was any way to do the appointment tonight or on the 10th. Her name is Claudia Calderone and she is at 86 Eastbrook Drive. She will accept the appointment. Also we've had a resignation on the Recreation Commission, a long standing member, Chris Ilg, has relocated out of River Edge, which leaves a vacancy. The Commission has sent her three names to give to the Mayor for consideration but as we discussed you would like to move an alternate. Mayor Mignone stated that he had typically moved alternates up and he thinks Lauren was very instrumental during the transition when Bobbi left picking up a lot slack. She certainly deserves consideration. Councilwoman Busted said she would forward the three names as alternates for his consideration. He said he will the appointment at the next council meeting. Councilwoman Busted continued by saying the Environmental Commission had asked the DPW, and they were good enough to look at the boatshed by the boat launch. There are also some boats in there that she understands are Borough assets that the EPC is concerned have not

had a formal review recently. The DPW suggested a boat expert look at that. She asked Alan to send it to the JIF and they don't look at watercraft. Laura looked at talked with Greg Ogden today and they were only looked at when they did not break. She wants to take a proactive approach to make sure that if we are putting volunteers in those boats that they are looked at prior to them going in the river next time. She thinks we need to have a process for how those assets are reviewed. Mayor Mignone questioned Mr. Negreann that JIF couldn't give us any guidance on that. Mr. Negreann said that their Safety Consultant stated this is not something their Safety Consultants do. He can reach out to the Hackensack Riverkeeper and see if he a suggestion. Mayor Mignone said to the Councilwoman's point this could be a liability for us if we have boats with problems, Councilwoman Busted added with volunteers in them. Mayor Mignone continued with you would think the risk managers would be concerned about this. Mr. Negreann said he is concerned about it but the Safety Consultants to the JIF do not do this. Mayor Mignone said he understands that but you would think that they would have an interest in this and suggest how other towns propose handling this. Councilman Papaleo thought they were aluminum boats and didn't rust. Councilwoman Busted mentioned that there were also motorboats, and the rest of council agreed that it has been used. Councilwoman Busted stated that it has been used at least for one clean-up a year. Mayor Mignone added that he knows there have been issues with that one. Councilman Bartelloni added that was the safety boat. Mayor Mignone was sure we would figure out a way to get them evaluated. Councilwoman Busted stated that the Commission feels stronger that they want to be responsible for putting a resident in a Borough asset that hasn't been reviewed for safety on some regular basis. It doesn't have to be everything but whatever, she thought the Risk Manager feels is appropriate. Councilwoman Busted wanted to know if she could report to them that we will find some way... Mr. Negreann said we will try. Mayor Mignone stated the question is, yes whether...Mr. Negreann suggested googling boat safety and see what comes up, Mayor Mignone added boat certifications. Councilman Chinigo mentioned he could probably get someone he deals with a lot of (simultaneous talking). Mayor Mignone said it would have to be considered under maybe "Buildings and grounds" next year, like the generator and the equipment we have. Councilwoman Busted felt they would be satisfied knowing its being addressed.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilwoman Busted, second by Councilman Chinigo

All in favor 5-0

Tony Abruzzo, 296 Bogert Rd. – He was here tonight because he saw a posting on Facebook regarding Ordinance 18-24 repaving of Bogert and Howland and the bond under \$700,000. Is that money just for the repaving and reconstruction of the existing...Mr. Negreann stated it was for curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons, and re-configuring the parking. Mr. Abruzzo asked if the angle parking was tied to this. The angle parking that is being proposed is tied to this, Mr. Negreann answered yes. Mr. Abruzzo asked if there was an official plan in place for where they are doing the angle parking yet. Mayor Mignone replied no, it's presented as a concept to the DOT for funding but we anticipate having to speak with the schools and the people who own the building because we don't know if there is sufficient right-of-way or other obstacles. Of whether an alternative configuration may be warranted. They just got approved by the

Planning Board for 81 spaces on their property. So if they construct 81 spaces on the east side near the rentals, they are building 81 spaces on different parts of their property in the interior. That would have an impact on what goes on there. This goes back to a long standing issue with the school, who has been looking for additional parking every which way from Sunday. We tried looking at circular driveways, the school looked at trying to extend or take away some area from the distant ballfield and sort of build out to get some spaces because Cherry Hill is chocked for parking. There really is very few options to add any back. They missed the boat on that one literally when they built New Bridge Center. This is something the school has always advocated and residents have requested time and time just because it is more orderly and easier for people to go and out than parallel parking. The long point is that the plan is not finalized and you can certainly get a copy of what was submitted to the DOT. Mr. Abruzzo said not to get off topic but how come the piece of land next to Cherry Hill where they planted all those trees wasn't used for parking. Mayor Mignone explained that there was a public referendum on that earlier in the 2000's that was dated by the public. Subsequently a previous council purchased that land using Green Acres funding to make it a park and the Green Acres funding restricts its use to conservation use only. You can't do anything on that property anymore. Mr. Abruzzo asked about the proposal for the angled parking, he lives in the Continental Garden Apartments, is there any proposal to go from Howland to Reservoir touch that area with angle parking. Mayor Mignone replied that in theory he thinks that Mr. Costa laid out anyway you can put angle parking, physically. Obviously there is due consideration wasn't what the budget is and where are you going to get the most impact and are there issue with utilities that need to be moved, trees that need to be removed, sufficient right-of-way, do we need easements from Continental Gardens or River Terrace. That hasn't been...Mr. Abruzzo said so it's not like the condos can't be touched, property on that side of the street. Mayor Mignone replied no not under this, which was not included in this application. Mr. Abruzzo said on his side of the street they have all the telephone poles and trees that provide a sufficient amount of shade in the summer, not to him, we get the west sun. Mayor Mignone stated that he thinks it's those apartments which tend to have more of the parking concerns, parking issues and more proactive and taken it upon themselves to offer some interior parking. He thinks in the long term it helps the Borough also because it will alleviate the parking on Bogert particularly in the morning with the school hours. The school is very interested and expressed a lot of concerned about not having adequate parking around Cherry Hill. Mr. Abruzzo mentioned he initially read it was from Howland all the way to the highway. Mayor Mignone agree but said it was on the east side. In concept Mr. Costa explore the whole side to see what would work, to see what the maximum parking spaces you could get and that kind of thing. We only have \$200,000.00 and change and you are not going to get a lot of space with that. Mr. Abruzzo asked if there was an official plan someplace. Mayor Mignone directed him to go to the Clerk's Office to fill out a request to ask for the 2018 DOT, or the Clerk can find out which application it was. You can get a copy of the application. Mr. Abruzzo thanked the Mayor.

Lloyd Breslin, 408 Kinderkamack Rd. – He was here tonight because somebody decided today to tear up the front and he would like to know what's that all about. The people that were there couldn't tell him whether they were putting in a sidewalk. Mayor Mignone stated if this is the at the corner of Wayne, it was originally going to be part of a DOT project but there have some issues with not having a safe crosswalk in that location. So the Council decided to take that section out of the planned grant project, which is probably a couple of years away. What you are going to see is a reconstructed

handicapped access ramp on the northwest corner. You will see a handicapped ramp on the east side across from that and a stretch of new sidewalk up to the bus stop. Mr. Breslin commented in front of my house is what you are saying. Mayor replied he didn't what the addresses were. Mr. Breslin asked where was the notification this was going to happen. It would have been nice to know about it number 1 and number 2 there has never been a sidewalk on any of that side. No body walks on that side and realistically nobody handicapped is...Mayor Mignone stated that handicapped is incidental, that's the law s you have to construct it that way. We have had inquiries or concerns expressed by people on the other side with kids going to Cherry Hill. Councilman Chinigo acknowledged this my nodding his head. Mayor Mignone continued by saying you can't just put a ramp, you can't have a crossing and not have a competent safe sidewalk with it. Mr. Breslin stated that wasn't true because there was one across the street on Wayne Road. Mayor Mignone explained that you can't do that new when you are starting new construction, you can't do that. Mr. Breslin said they just put that in recently, just a ramp in the middle of nowhere with no sidewalk. So that's not true. Mayor Mignone stated that it had a sidewalk on one side of it. Mr. Breslin asked if he was talking about the one pad that just leads to nowhere on the other side of Wayne Rd. It's just a pad on the corner that goes nowhere and it makes no sense. Mayor Mignone replied it may not make sense but it's required when you do these kinds of projects under the MBA. You can't just have a crossing at one corner, you have to have something at the other corner. Even if it leads to nowhere. It is something that is counterintuitive and you see that more often than you should. Mr. Breslin comment the homeowner has no say with the sidewalk. Mayor Mignone replied no it's within the County's right-of- way. Mr. Breslin asked when did that change, he has have paperwork from the resident's back in 1974 turning down the sidewalk that he could present to the Mayor and Council if they want to see it. Mayor Mignone said they may have been something but that is County right-of-way. If the County wanted to put a sidewalk in they would be able to put a sidewalk in. Mr. Breslin wanted to know who decided to put this sidewalk in. Mr. Negreann replied that it started with the Safe Streets Grant Mayor we received several years ago to accomplish a sidewalk on that side of Kinderkamack Rd. to make it safe for pedestrians to walk on that side of Kinderkamack Rd. up to the bus stop. Mr. Breslin said with all due respect by switching the bus stop you guys made the road much unsafe, much more unsafe. Because now you put a bus stop past a turn in the road where cars, and he lives there so he contest to this, cars come up Kinderkamack on the bend. Where the bus used to stop just south of Wayne Rd. where the bus and the pad is still there for when the bus used to leave people out for at least the last 30 years that he has been here. Cars coming down Kinderkamack could that bus had stopped and it was fine. Now the bus stops at the edge of his property, sometimes in the driveway of the neighbor who he believes made this request and cars are trying to brake like madness because they don't see the bus as quickly as they did before coming into the turn. The quality of life issues from his perspective is there is no place on Kinderkamack Rd. where they have double lights on the post. They have a double light on the corner of Wayne and Kinderkamack Rd, which is taking my house and it a fishbowl once the leaves come down. They moved the bus stop in front, I have a historical house, and you ruined the streetscape of it. If you want to move it further down, it would have made more sense because cars would have seen that a bus was stopping and they would have been able to stop. People do not, they get off the bus, and you can go down any night you want to see. No body walks to the corner of the road, no body walks actually except one gentleman who lives south and will have no sidewalk anyway and he walks in the road and they all dart across the street. They are not going to turn around and walk 200 feet back to cross the street. The ones who live

over there are going to continue to dart across. So there is going to be problems someday unfortunately because they made the mistake of moving this bus stop without any thought process. He thinks this came up because of one person complaining about it. It makes no sense. Mayor Mignone stated that the locations of the bus stops are approved by New Jersey Transit. If there was a concern on their part they should have expressed it at that time. Mr. Breslin said just because they didn't express it doesn't mean it's correct. Mayor Mignone replied it's their asset. Mr. Breslin said that when he spoke to them... Mayor Mignone mentioned that they also put it in front of his driveway the first if he recalls. Mr. Breslin corrected that by saying it was in front of his neighbor's driveway. If they had moved it a little further north it probably would have been safer because it would have past the bend in the road at that point. But how come that is two lights on the corner of Wayne and Kinderkamack, if it's so safe how come they had to put up an extra light there. Mayor Mignone said he wasn't 100% sure, but he does recall at one point getting concerns about, he doesn't know if it was about that specific intersection, but down that end of Kinderkamack where we had complaints from residents that the lighting was not adequate. Mr. Breslin asked how it could be inadequate in that space and the rest of the road has one light. It should be inadequate in every space. Mayor Mignone replied that maybe. But when you have people come and complain and the Police Dept. goes out looks at it and says yes there is a concern here, we need to address it. Mr. Breslin when on to say that one minute the Mayor is telling him it's Transit that makes the decisions. Mayor Mignone explained that Transit doesn't do lights, that's PSE&G. We are talking about two different issues. Mr. Breslin said now if you are putting this crosswalk and people are going to be going over there, its south of the light why do I need another light. Mayor Mignone responded with he wasn't saying you do or you don't. Mr. Breslin wanted the light taken down. Mayor Mignone said that was something that we could look into. Mr. Breslin stated it was ruining the, and if he hadn't been there today they are putting into a curb which has been damaged since he moved in and they weren't even extending the curb the full width of the property. Which is mind boggling to him if you are putting in a curb and you are not even covering the whole amount so how does that make any sense. Mayor Mignone said replied he can't speak, he didn't know the details so he make a comment on it. Unless they are just doing it where the project limit was along with where the sidewalk was being constructed. They would not necessarily go past that point. Mr. Breslin said you mean to tell me you are going to put half a sidewalk in front of my house and not finish completing it. Mayor Mignone replied if it's going to the bus stop, correct. Mr. Breslin felt that was the most obscured thing he ever heard. Mayor Mignone replied it would be more obscured to extend it and go nowhere. Mr. Breslin followed that with it was more obscured bothering to put it in when it hadn't been there before. You are taking supposedly a stretch of property that requires a sidewalk where people are walking north, not on a sidewalk, they are walking on grass. So how does this make any sense. Mr. Negreann addressed the Mayor by saying the Safe Streets Grant once it gets going there will be an additional sidewalk (inaudible) on that side of the street which will probably connect at this point and go up to the strip mall. Mr. Breslin hated to tell them that no body walks on that side of street. Put a sidewalk there no body walks on that side of the street and you can't go south and go anywhere because the road as everybody knows ends after four houses. So you can't walk that way, it's like building a sidewalk to nowhere and you're ruining my property value. Mayor Mignone stated that the original plan was to build the sidewalk going south on that cliff. Mr. Breslin felt that made a lot of sense and somebody knocked it down because that made no sense. Mayor Mignone replied he is always willing to address the safety of the residents when it's brought to our

attention. He will let the Council speak for themselves but that was the driving force with what is going on over there. Mr. Breslin thought the town should at least have the common courtesy of talking to residents before they do such a drastic thing. There should some type of communication back and forth as opposed to this. Mayor Mignone stated he didn't know if there was any formal notifications required which they may have done...Mr. Breslin commented no there was none because his neighbor claims she spoke with you and you told her he had signed off on it. He asked her what she was talking about. Mayor Mignone declared he never said that. Mr. Breslin stated he didn't say the Mayor said that, he was saying that Amanda Crane said he signed off on it and he knows nothing about it as of today. Today was the first time he was made aware of it. Talking about safety issues they have this whole out there, they ripped the bus sign down and left in front of his entrance outside of the tape. He took a picture of it. If he hadn't of picked it up before the sun went down and pushed into their confined area somebody could have went flying. It's just unbelievable. Mayor Mignone stated that was a valid concern and Mr. Costa needs to be made aware of it. Mr. Breslin said for the additional 15 or so feet if you are putting in a sidewalk and he can't stop it, the sidewalk to nowhere, you better finish the whole thing in front of my piece of property. He isn't going to accept that you are doing a hodge-podge thing. Mayor Mignone instructed Mr. Negreann to ask Mr. Costa to look at the situation because from a cost perspective it will not sufficiently do the extra (inaudible). Councilman Bartelloni asked how many feet is left. Mr. Breslin would say at least 12 feet or so. There's never been a curb, every 10 years that they've paved the road they never fixed the curbs. The curbs have always been broken and as you go north, you guys think you are going to put a sidewalk in good luck. It slopes down and you can't fight Mother Nature and you are never going to get a sidewalk to stay. Good luck with that. The house has been there since 1850 and hasn't had a sidewalk and now all of a sudden we have to have a sidewalk. Mayor Mignone informed Mr. Breslin that we will have Mr. Costa look into extending that. Mr. Breslin wanted to know how wide the sidewalk is and does it totally eliminate the grassy areas in front of my house. Mayor Mignone replied he didn't know the details of the project but the standard sidewalk is 4 feet required by ADA. Mr. Breslin response was are you kidding you. 4 feet, what is this going to be made of. What kind of substance. Mayor Mignone replied concrete. Mr. Breslin reply was you are not even going to try to brick pave it to make it look nice like the rest of the town has. How come there is brick paving down by the...Mayor Mignone stated that was a redevelopment area or a proposed redevelopment area. Usually that is limited to a downtown area and you don't usually see that kind of streetscape in a purely residential area. Not just here that is just most towns. Mr. Breslin stated he was very unhappy with it. He wanted to go on record with it because you have devalued his property. Thank you very much, not only because of this bus stop ridiculousness, the lights, but now this, it's just not right. He has been paying a lot of taxes for many, many years and never complained about your broken up curbs and all your (inaudible) but now you come in and you guys do this stuff and it's a bad decision. It's not going to be used. You are still going to have, because you moved the bus stop and nobody in this town said no, it's right where it is, it's in the right spot and nobody bothered to engineer it to look and see if it was safer. Now you created a mess. That is what he wants to go on record as saying just so nice you had a council meeting so he can say that. Thank you very for your time. He will check in with you on that light because that is just, you can't have a window curtain open without, since it's obviously nowhere else but there it's just that somebody else is trying to...Mayor Mignone said he is sure there could be ways to reconfigure it or shield it or put it somewhere else. He is sure there could be options that could be looked at.

Tony Abruzzo, 296 Bogert Rd. – When he goes and asks the Clerk for the plans what does he ask for. Mayor Mignone said it was the DOT Grant for Bogert Rd, the Clerk will know which one to get. But you want to be specific it was the DOT Grant or the Parking Improvements on Bogert or something to that affect. Mr. Abruzzo thanked the Mayor.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, Councilman Chinigo

All in favor 5-0

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Busteded adjourn @ 8:00 PM.

All in favor 5-0

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Borough Clerk