

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, March 26, 2018
6:30 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Mignone called for a moment of silent prayer and remember our colleague Vito Acquafredda and asked Police Chief Cariddi to lead the salute to the flag.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT -

Mayor Mignone 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 29, 2017 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, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo resolution #18-117 was approved unanimously.

#18-117 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public

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

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

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

- 1. That the public shall be excluded from the March 26, 2018 regular 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>
18-3/26-1	Personnel – Police Department Promotions	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)

- 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.

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MOTION TO SUSPEND REGULAR SESSION AND GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to suspend the regular session and go into closed session was approved unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION TOPICS

<u>Closed Session Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
18-3/26-1	Police Department -Promotions	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)

MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME REGULAR SESSION

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn the closed session and resume the regular session was approved unanimously.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open public comments on any item on the agenda was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA –

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting of February 26, 2018 and the Work Session of March 12, 2018 were approved on the following roll call:

Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Chinigo and Councilman Papaleo voted yes; Councilwoman Davis abstained.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS –

The Mayor appoints Ryan Gibbons, as Alternate #1 for a two-year term through 12/31/19 and George Siderias as Alternate #2 for a one - year term through 12/31/18 to the Land Use Board, effective March 27, 2018.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the appointment of Jane Daly to the Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Mary Gannon through 12/31/18, effective March 26, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Papaleo, the Leave of Absence and modified duty of Edwin Alter, Assessor/Land Use Clerk for the period April 2, 2018 through May 1, 2018 was approved unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted the resignation of Elizabeth McGinty as Alternate #2 of the Historic Commission, effective January 1, 2018 was approved unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo the salary increase of Jairo Duarte, Laborer I in the Department of Public Works from an annual salary of \$59,544.00 to \$60,024.00 due to an increase in longevity from \$960.00 to \$1,440.00, effective April 3, 2018 was approved unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo the salary increase of Roger Tarpey, General Repairer II in the Department of Public Works from an annual salary of \$70,233.00 to \$70,713.00 due to an increase in longevity from \$1,920.00 to \$2,400.00, effective April 28, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the promotion of Craig Casey from Sergeant to Lieutenant in the River Edge Police Department at an annual salary of \$131,352.00 effective April 9, 2018 was approved unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS –

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring March 11-17, 2018 as Girl Scout Week as follows:

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Birthday on March 12th commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization’s first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia and this year represents the 106th birthday; and

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

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

March 11 - 17, 2018 as:

Girl Scout Week

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: March 26, 2018

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Daisy Troop 97292 and said that they’re always proud to have members of the Girl Scouts here and feels that they do a great job and look forward to having them return in the future.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo, resolution #18-118 was approved unanimously.

#18-118 Resolution to Read the Budget by Title

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 as amended provides that the budget be read by title at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full membership of the Governing Body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been made available for public inspection and copies have been made available by the Borough Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

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OPEN HEARING ON 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open the hearing on the 2018 municipal budget was approved unanimously.

CLOSE HEARING ON 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

There being no comment by the public, motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to close the hearing on the 2018 municipal budget was approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Letter - State of New Jersey, DOT – 3/27/18
Re: Receipt of Grant for 2018 DOT Municipal Aid Program
Bogert Road, Section 2 - \$218,000
- Letter - Elizabeth McGinty – 3/13/18
Re: Letter of Resignation – Historic Commission
- Letter - Borough of Maywood – 3/19/18
Re: Change in borough ordinance to define tattoo parlors,
and sale of marijuana, tobacco, electronic smoking device
retail establishments
- Notice - River Edge Board of Education – 3/20/18
Re: Meeting Notice – 3/21/18
- Report - Alan P. Negreann – 3/20/18
Re: Damage to Public Property Report

ORDINANCE – 2ND READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #18-7 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #18-7 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53

Ordinance #18-7 was introduced by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni at the March 12, 2018 work session meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE ORDINANCE #18-7

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A: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 and Chapter 38, P.L. 1969) the sum of \$3,300.00 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:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #18-7

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open public hearing on Ordinance #18-7 was approved unanimously.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #18-7

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close public hearing on Ordinance #18-7 was approved unanimously.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #18-7

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, the adoption of Ordinance #18-7 was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #18-8 into the record as follows:

Ordinance # 18-8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$19,546.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni the first reading of Ordinance #18-8 was approved unanimously as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #18-8

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$19,546.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION 1. The purchase of equipment desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$19,546.00 of which \$19,546.00 is from the Capital Improvement Fund.

SECTION 2. The purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Purchase of equipment for the Departments of: Fire, Borough Clerk, Health, Recreation, Police and the Free Public Library.

SECTION 3. The appropriation shall be made from Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Fund and no debt is authorized.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #18-9 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #18-9 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni the first reading of Ordinance #18-9 was approved unanimously as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #18-9

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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

SECTION 1. The purchase of equipment for improvements desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as improvements and purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment and the making of said improvements, there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$20,000.00 of which \$20,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund Balance.

SECTION 2. The improvement and purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Repairs and improvement to public buildings and grounds, stormwater system.
- b. Purchase of equipment for the Departments of: Fire and Public Works

SECTION 3. The appropriation shall be made from the General Capital Fund and no debt is authorized.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

RESOLUTIONS - by Consent

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo resolutions #18-119 through #18-128 were unanimously approved.

#18-119 Amendment to the Approved Budget of 2018

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2018 was approved on the 26th day of February, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget shall be held as advertised on March 26th, 2018; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen that the following amendments to the approved budget for 2018 be made:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
General Revenues		
1. Surplus Anticipated	\$ 925,000.00	\$ 839,857.00
Total Surplus Anticipated	\$ 925,000.00	\$ 839,857.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section A: Local Revenues		
Parking Lot Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,500.00
Total Section A: Local Revenues	\$ 310,000.85	\$ 339,500.85
3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section D: Shared Service Agreements		
County of Bergen Interlocal - Snow Removal	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 5,880.00
Total Section D: Municipal Service Agreements	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 5,880.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section E: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated- Additional Revenues Offset with Appropriations:		
Parking Lot Fees	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 0.00
Total Section E: Additional Revenues	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 0.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated and Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:		
Clean Communities Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Municipal Alliance on Alcohol And Drug Abuse Grant	\$ 00.00	\$ 9,876.00
Total Section F: Special Items of Revenue	\$ 4,301.00	\$ 14,677.00

Summary of Revenues

1. Surplus Anticipated	\$ 925,000.00	\$ 839,857.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues:		
Total Section A: Local Revenues	\$ 310,000.85	\$ 339,500.85
Total Section D: Special Items of General Revenue	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 5,880.00
Total Section E: Additional Revenues	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 0.00
Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue	\$ 4,301.00	\$ 14,677.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 1,878,523.63	\$ 1,892,819.63
5. Subtotal General Revenues	\$ 3,038,523.63	\$ 2,967,676.63
7. Total General Revenues	\$15,972,396.63	\$15,901,549.63
8. General Appropriations		
(A) Operations – within “CAPS”		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Financial Administration		
Other Expenses-Miscellaneous	\$ 52,420.00	\$ 53,318.98
Economic Development		
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Revenue Administration		
Other Expenses	\$ 17,019.00	\$ 18,519.00
INSURANCE		
Employee Group Health	\$ 896,000.00	\$ 805,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police		
Other Expenses	\$ 107,725.00	\$ 121,225.00
STREETS AND ROADS		
Public Works Repair & Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,028,702.00	\$ 991,203.00
Other Expenses	\$ 98,900.00	\$ 80,954.00

RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Recreation Commission (40:12-1 et. seq.)

Salaries and Wages	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 14,800.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Utilities

Petroleum Products	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 87,726.00
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Total Operations – within "CAPS"	\$10,106,941.00	\$9,971,120.98
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Total Operations – Including Contingent within "CAPS"	\$10,106,946.00	\$9,971,125.98
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Detail: Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,236,899.00	\$,189,400.00
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Other Expenses	\$ 3,870,047.00	\$,781,725.98
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(1)DEFERRED CHARGES

Prior Years' Bills

George A. Koteen Associates, Inc. Electric Audit - 2015	\$ 00.00	\$ 601.02
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Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	\$ 1,314,355.00	\$1,314,956.02
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(H-1) Total General Appropriations – within "CAPS"	\$11,421,301.00	\$11,286,082.00
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(A) Operations – Excluded from "CAPS"

Maintenance of Free Public Library (P.L. 1985,C.82&541)

Salaries and Wages	\$ 502,534.00	\$ 501,534.00
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Other Expenses	\$ 134,663.00	\$ 135,663.00
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Bergen County Utilities Authority

Service Charges- Contractual: N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.3(j), Operation and Maintenance N.J.S.A.40A:4-45(b)	\$ 739,600.00	\$ 731,957.00
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Declared State of Emergency Costs for Snow Removal: N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 (b), 40A:4-45.3(bb)

Salaries and Wages	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,499.00
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Other Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,220.00
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Total Other Operations – Excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 2,106,847.00	\$2,128,451.00
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Shared Service Agreements

County of Bergen

Snow Removal		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 5,880.00
Total Shared Service Agreements	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 5,880.00
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		
Solid Waste Management/ Clean Communities Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant	\$ 00.00	\$ 9,876.00
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenue	\$ 6,775.00	\$ 17,751.00
Total Operations – Excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 2,115,582.00	\$ 2,179,954.00
Detail: Salaries & Wages	\$ 525,997.00	\$ 566,416.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,589,585.00	\$ 1,613,538.00
(H-2) Total General Appropriations – Excluded "CAPS"	\$ 4,002,199.73	\$ 4,066,571.73
(O) Total General Appropriations – Excluded "CAPS"	\$ 4,002,199.73	\$ 4,066,571.73
(L)Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-1) and (O))	\$ 15,423,500.73	\$ 15,352,653.73
9. Total General Appropriations	\$ 15,972,396.63	\$ 15,901,549.63
8. General Appropriations		
Summary of Appropriations		
(H-1) Total General Appropriations – within "CAPS"	\$ 11,421,301.00	\$ 11,286,082.00
(A) Operations – Excluded from "CAPS"		
Other Operations	\$ 2,106,847.00	\$ 2,128,451.00
Shared Service Agreements	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 5,880.00
Total Operations – Excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 2,115,582.00	\$ 2,179,954.00
Total General Appropriations	\$ 15,972,396.63	\$ 15,901,549.63

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby approve this amendment to the approved budget for the year 2018, on this the 26th day of March, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the 2018 local municipal budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be advertised in THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS on March 30, 2018 and that a hearing will be held on this amendment on April 9, 2018, at Borough Hall at 7:00 P.M.

It is hereby certified that the approved Budget Amendment annexed hereto is an exact copy of the

original on file with the Clerk of the Governing Body, that all additions are correct, all statements contained herein are in proof and the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations.

Certified by me, this day of , 2018

Steven D. Wielkotz, C.P.A.
Registered Municipal Accountant

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Mayor Mignone
Dated:

March 26, 2018

#18-120 Authorize Cancellation of Accounts Payable

WHEREAS, there exists various accounts payable on the books of the Current Fund; and

WHEREAS, the various purchase orders and contracts creating these accounts payable have been investigated and it has been determined that these should be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts payable in the following amounts are hereby cancelled.

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
24449	McNerney & Associates	\$2,300.00	Expert Appraisal-State Tax Court
25838	McNerney & Associates	\$1,600.00	Appraisal St. Tax Court Appeals
27708	McNerney & Associates	\$1,200.00	Tax Appeal Appraisals
28642	Appraisal Systems	\$2,000.00	Tax Appeal (2014)

March 26, 2018

#18-121 Resolution to Preserve Community Development Block Grant Funding, FY 2018-2019

WHEREAS, since 1974, the United States Congress, through the Community Development Block Grant Program supported the future welfare of the Nation and the well-being of its citizens through maintaining viable urban communities as social, economic and political entities; and

WHEREAS, said Program has been and continues to be a critical affordable housing, community and economic revitalization tool for families and communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposes the total elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the broad spectrum of activities, including homeownership opportunities; elimination of slum and blight; housing rehabilitation; improvement to public facilities and infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewer systems, libraries, fire stations, and community centers; and public services, such as employment training, child care, transportation services, services for senior citizens, the disabled and youth; business development and job creation will no longer be able to be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, such action will no longer enable cities, counties and states to meet their community development, affordable housing and economic development needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge hereby requests your help to fight to save the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintain this vital program within the U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development at a funding level no less than formula funding in Fiscal Year 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the entire New Jersey Congressional Delegation, the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations and Budget and House Committees on Appropriations and Budget.

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#18-122 Authorize Refund from Recreation Dedicated Account

WHEREAS, a resident signed up for the 2018 Spring Tennis Program; and

WHEREAS, the \$85.00 application fee was made payable to All Pro Tennis and accidentally deposited into the Recreation Dedicated Account; and

WHEREAS, a refund will be made to the following:

All Pro Tennis	\$85.00
c/o Barry Ruback	
P.O. Box 2115	
River Vale, New Jersey 07675	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a total of \$85.00 be refunded from the Recreation Dedicated Account to All Pro Tennis.

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#18-123 Amend 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 Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc. via resolution #18-88 dated February 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from Account #01-2010-21-1802-028 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00; 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 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 \$130.00 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 in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

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#18-124 Transfer of Funds in the Budget Appropriation Reserve

WHEREAS, various 2017 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by a purchase order number and/or recorded at the time of transfer between the 2017 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2017; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months on the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the transfer in the amount of \$56,000.00 be made between the 2017 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

FROM: Recycling S/W	01-2030-26-3051-011	\$ 3,000.00
TO: Building & Grounds O/E	01-2030-26-3102-167	\$ 3,000.00
FROM: Recycling S/W	01-2030-26-3051-011	\$ 5,000.00
TO: Vehicle Maintenance O/E	01-2030-26-3152-124	\$ 5,000.00
FROM: Financial Administration O/E	01-2030-20-1302-169	\$10,000.00
FROM: Revenue Administration O/E	01-2030-20-1452-023	\$10,000.00
FROM: Tax Assessment S/W	01-2030-20-1501-011	\$ 5,000.00
FROM: Bus S/W	01-2030-27-3311-011	\$ 5,000.00
TO: Capital Improvement Fund	01-2030-44-9012-100	\$30,000.00
FROM: Economic Development O/E	01-2030-20-1742-100	\$ 5,000.00
FROM: Public Health Services O/E	01-2030-27-3302-176	\$ 6,000.00
FROM: Bus S/W	01-2030-27-3311-011	\$ 7,000.00
TO: Accumulated Absence	01-2030-27-3321-100	\$18,000.00

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#18-125 Report Investments Pursuant to the Cash Management Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the following investments and deposits made pursuant to the Cash Management Plan of the Borough of River Edge are hereby confirmed and accepted by the Governing Body.

Months of January and February, 2018.

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Earned Income</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>
N.J. Cash Management Fund	\$7,000,000.00	CMF	\$7,000,000.00	\$7,447.71	\$7,007,447.71	1.57

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#18-126 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2018 1st Quarter Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate and/or tax overpayments for the 1st Quarter 2018 taxes on the following properties; and

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

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

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>HOMEOWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
207/29	PENG, WEIMING 25 Richard Court	Duplicate	2,532.43
303/8	MENDOZA, ROLDAN 791 Fifth Avenue	AA Duplicate	425.30
303/12	MACRAE, DUNCAN 773 Fifth Avenue	AA Duplicate	432.86
409/13/C0008	MINICKAVACHAKAM, LAVANYA 8 Carol Lane	AA Duplicate	37.82
701/8	KELM, HAROLD 541 Monroe Court	AA Duplicate	1,961.73
708/15	MILORDO, LUIGI 205 Kensington Road	AA Duplicate	12.61
812/7	CERELLI, STEVEN 163 Manchester Road	Duplicate	2,909.81
1205/35	PARK, JINA 208 Mahawk Drive	AA Duplicate	31.10
1209/23	KANG, JUNG 206 Lozier Terrace	AA Duplicate	2,357.03
1302/21	DINARDO, MATTHEW 53 Elizabeth Street	AA Duplicate	712.75
		Total:	11,413.44

Make check payable to: CORE LOGIC TAX SERVICES
Mail Code: DFW 1-3
One Corelogic Drive
Westlake, TX 76262
Attn: Tax Refunds

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#18-127 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 1st Quarter 2018 Duplicate Tax Payment

WHEREAS, a 1st Quarter 2018 duplicate payment was received from Catherine M. Franz, Attorney At Law, representing the buyer in the sale between Ness Properties LLC and Pochjana Prem-on; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a written request to refund the overpaid amount to Catherine M. Franz, and her office in turn will refund the correct party(s).

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

accordingly.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
1004/15	Prem-on, Pochjana 6 June Court River Edge, NJ 07661	3,254.42

Make check payable to: Catherine M. Franz, Attorney At Law
 Mail to: 122 Steinmetz Road
 Hillsborough, NJ 08844

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#18-128 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2018 Duplicate Tax Payment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate payment and/or tax overpayment for 2018 taxes on the following properties; and

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

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
207/5	Han, Ho Sung & You Jung Jung 32 Richard Court River Edge, NJ 07661	12.21
207/29	Peng, Weiming 25 Richard Court River Edge, NJ 07661	2,532.43
615/32	Ahn, Jae Suk & Yun Jeong 587 Clarendon Court River Edge, NJ 07661	247.62
801/4	Madnani, Suraj & Jyoti 175 Manning Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	151.02
905/27	Kumarasamy, Narmadan 364 Valley Road Rive Edge, NJ 07661	54.00

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Councilwoman Busted-stated that for everyone in the audience, this resolution is to express opposition to the approval of HR38 and strongly oppose S446, the constitutional concealed carry reciprocity Act of 2017. She stated that this resolution is not about any changes to our second amendment rights but what it is about is this States right, and this community’s right to have its own laws apply to everyone physically present in our state, whether you live here or visiting from another state. If this were to become law, it would require each state to recognize the concealed carry standard from every other state. In other words, as long as a visitor from our state is permitted to carry a concealed weapon in their home state, they would be allowed to carry a concealed weapon here too.

On motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Papaleo, resolution #18-129 was unanimously approved.

#18-129 Resolution to Express Opposition to the approval of HR38 and Strongly Oppose S446, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2017, the United States House of Representatives passed HR38, known as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 by a vote of 231-198;

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2018, the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary held hearings on a companion bill, S446, known as the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017

WHEREAS, both HR38 and S446 would require that every state recognize any concealed carry permits issued by any other state, regardless of standards, or lack thereof; and

WHEREAS, while most states issue concealed carry permits under some circumstances; standards, permit requirements can vary significantly among states regarding important factors such as who may be legally permitted to carry a firearm (concealed or otherwise); whether training is required; the type and level of training if required, and other requirements deemed appropriate by that state; and

WHEREAS, currently, many state prohibit out-of-state individual to carry firearms across and within their borders unless the permit issued by the individual's state-of-residence has the same standards and requirements as their own;

WHEREAS, some states do not even require a resident to have a license and/or to register a purchased firearm or a permit to conceal carry a firearm known as unrestricted or constitutional-carry states;

WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 and the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 both require all states to allow residents from unrestricted states to carry firearms across and within their borders;

WHEREAS, as approved, the House of Representatives approved bill, HR38, will also exempt concealed carry permit holders from the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, which expressly forbids any unauthorized individual from possessing a firearm in a school zone; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge, like many other municipalities and states, requires applicants to demonstrate a specific need for obtaining a concealed-carry permit; and

WHEREAS, should the United Senates pass S446, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act and enacted into law with approval of the President of the United States, existing state and local laws will be superseded and limit the Borough's ability to prevent people from other states from carrying loaded, concealed firearms within the municipal boundaries of the Borough of River Edge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED for the reasons cited above the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge express opposition to the approval of HR38 and strongly oppose S446, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to Representative Josh Gottheimer, (NJ Congressional District 5), and New Jersey Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall also be sent to the Borough's State representatives, Assemblymen Timothy Eustace and Joseph Lagana, Senator Robert Gordon and Governor Phil Murphy.

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Councilman Bartelloni read resolution #18-130 into the record.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, resolution #18-130 was approved unanimously.

#18-130 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	\$1,299,175.65
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 3,369.57
SELF INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$ 8,328.00
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 109,935.13
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 1.262.50

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.

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MONTHLY REPORTS –

Annual Financial Statement	-	2017
Municipal User Friendly Budget	-	2018
Historic Commission	-	November 2017
Historic Commission	-	January & February 2018
Tax Collector	-	January & February 2018
Environmental Commission	-	March 2018

Mayor Mignone – administered the Oath of Office to Jane Daly to the Board of Health.

Mayor Mignone read the Memorial Proclamation on the Passing of Council President Vito Acquafredda into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Vito Acquafredda was born on October 9, 1954 in Bitonto, in the Puglia region of Italy and immigrated with his family to the United States in November 1970, and;

WHEREAS, Vito earned a Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Science degrees from the City of College of New York and had a successful career as a Registered Architect in the States of New York and New Jersey, and;

WHEREAS, Vito married his wife Maria-Francesca (Francesca) on August 21, 1982 and in 1987, moved from Fort Lee, NJ to River Edge where they raised their son, Anthony and daughter, Emanuela (Emi), and;

WHEREAS, Vito, although forever proud of his Italian heritage and culture, became a naturalized

citizen of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, Vito served his community as a coach for River Edge Little League, the River Dell Soccer Association and the Black Hawks Soccer Travel Team, where he coached the Boy's team from 1991-2003, and;

WHEREAS, Vito further served his community as a member of the River Edge Traffic & Safety Committee; a member of the River Edge Board of Adjustment from 1994-2010; several years as either the Chair or Vice Chair; and a member of the River Edge Planning Board, and;

WHEREAS, Vito further served his community by being elected to the River Dell Regional Board of Education in 2002 and re-elected in 2005, 2008 and 2011 serving three years as Vice President and three years as President of the Board, and;

WHEREAS, Vito further served his community being elected to the River Edge Borough Council in 2012 and re-elected in 2015 and was looking forward to running for re-election again this year, and;

WHEREAS, Vito was selected by his Council colleagues to serve as Council President in 2012 and was chosen to serve again in this capacity for the year 2018, and;

WHEREAS, as a valued member of the Borough Council, Vito was held in the highest-esteem, respected and admired by many across the political spectrum, and;

WHEREAS, Vito entered into eternal rest on Monday, March 5, 2018 and his passing is a cause for deep sadness in our community and leave a presence on the Council dais that will be greatly missed.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, and on behalf of the Borough Council, publicly express profound sorrow at the loss of our colleague and friend, Council President Vito Acquafredda; and find comfort that his knowledge, intellect, wisdom, passion, dedication and desire to always do what was in the best interests of his fellow residents ensure an enduring and constructive legacy to his beloved adopted hometown of River Edge.*

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: March 26, 2018

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Papaleo-stated that Vito Acquafredda was a man on a journey, in the biblical sense as he was always moving from moment to moment in his life. He met Vito in the early 90's and reconnected with him here on the Council. He was always looking to do service and always looking to serve his community. He feels that the phrase "he was bigger than life" was a great phrase for Vito because anyone who met and connected with Vito their lives were changed. He was a man who challenged you and a man who challenged himself. Councilman Papaleo said that he was someone that he will miss and he wishes him well in paradise.

Councilman Bartelloni-said his wife first met Vito back in 2001 when he was the President of the Board of Education and hired her. When Alphone first ran for Council, he stopped her one night and asked if her husband was running for Council because he wanted to get to know him. Councilman Bartelloni got to know Vito briefly when he was the liaison to the Board of Education and got to see how he operated. He always noticed that when we take roll call, most of us say "here" and Vito always replied "present" and he has always thought about that. There is a difference in being here and being present. Although you can be here, sitting here but not necessarily present and that's probably why he said it. If you knew Vito, he had gravitas. Councilman Bartelloni always thought of him as older than he was, not in a bad sense but because he was someone that you knew you should listen to what he had to say. He and Vito always sat on

opposite sides of the dais and what he'll miss very much is that sometimes they would just look at each other and make eye contact and know that they were thinking the same thing. He will also miss not only what he would say but his dedication to the Borough especially when he came in during budget season when it was obvious he wasn't feeling well. He feels it's a tremendous loss for the town and for everyone on the dais and he will miss him very much.

Councilman Busted-said that Vito was her friend and feels very lucky to have that friendship with him which she will value always. He treated her with kindness and he went out of his way to teach her and support her while on the dais as well as personally. When Vita was ill, her husband was ill and he would come to the house to see how they were which meant the world to them. She will never forget the kindness that he showed them. She will also never forget how he fought to the absolute last moment to be engaged in his work, with his family and here and she doesn't know if she would have the strength to do that. She will miss him tremendously and is sure that during future dialogues that they will have "Vitoisms" in them and feels that they will be better for it. They will hopefully find some joy in knowing that his presence is still here and she thanked Vito for being the friend that he was to the Borough and to her and extended her condolences to his wife Francesca, his children, Anthony and Emi and his extended family for their loss.

Councilwoman Davis-said that she only knew Vito casually before she became a council member but after sitting next to him, she can't explain how much he has taught her. He was so knowledgeable and had a great sense of humor and she really got to know him on a social level as well. His fight against a horrible disease was unbelievable and her fondest memories on this council is sitting next to Vito and learning from him and knowing what a wonderful man he was. She extended her deepest sympathy to Francesca and her family and all she can say that we will all miss you Vito and we count on you to watch over us.

Councilman Chinigo-said that Vito was a man that he greatly admired. He felt that they had a lot in common such as being born in another country and coming to the United States and they both were educated in much the same way. He always enjoyed his conversations with Vito. He broke bread with Vito and talked in length with him about issues facing our community. Although he knew him the shortest amount of time of most in this room, he will miss his wise counsel, his unabashed pragmatism and his wry sense of humor. He extended his condolences to his family and to all of us here who lost a great man and he will be sorely missed.

Alan Negreann-stated, notwithstanding everything that's already been said, he doesn't think he's ever met anyone who has had a great appreciation for their family, for their God, their community and for their country. For that he'll always be grateful because he opened his eyes up again that we should appreciate everything we've been given and he certainly did.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated, as a Councilman he loved a good debate and at times tried to foster the debate but never wavered on his opinion. He disagreed when necessary but also compromised and there were some great attributes that he respected and learned to adopt as a council person. He also got to know Vito outside of here and listening to his stories was fantastic. As his dad always said, he was one of the good guys. Rest in peace Vito.

Mayor Mignone-said that if you could ever call someone on the local level a statesman, he was a statesman even if it was just in our town. There were three separate occasions over the past few months where he received text messages from Vito that he wanted to resign from the Council because he felt he wasn't doing his job. The Mayor told him that as long as he can talk with him and has access to his brain, they are all happy to keep him up here as long as he wanted to be here. His wife told the Mayor that he was especially proud that he was able to stay on and she was very appreciative of all the emergency services and Borough personnel. She also told the Mayor that when she walks past River Dell she sees Vito in the design of the addition. He certainly will have a lasting impact and will be a very different council but we will learn his lessons and try to keep his priorities and run the government the way he thought we should.

BRIEF RECESS – 7:20 P.M.

RE-OPEN – 7:25 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk reads the letter from Marie Papaleo, Chairperson - River Edge Democratic Political Party as follows:

March 21, 2018

Dear Ms. Evans:

The River Edge Democratic Political Party would like to submit the following three names to be considered for replacement of the Council seat of Vito Acquafredda. They are in alphabetical order:

- Joseph Gautier
- Janice Salamone
- Luis Torres

Respectfully yours,

Marie F. Papaleo
Municipal Chairperson
River Edge, NJ 07661

NOMINATION TO FILL COUNCIL SET CREATED BY THE PASSING OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT VITO ACQUAFREDDA ON MARCH 5, 2018

On motion by Councilwoman Busteded, seconded by Councilman Papaleo the nomination of Joseph Gautier to fill the vacant council seat was unanimously approved.

OATH OF OFFICE – NEW COUNCIL MEMBER –

Mayor Mignone administered the Oath of Office to Joseph Gautier.

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to open the hearing to the public was unanimously approved.

Casey Connors-259 Adams Avenue- asked Mr. Sarlo if he has gotten in touch with the attorney from Trenton?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied, no I have not received any further communication. He said that there's nothing further for them to do with this at this time. The Borough has the list of the sidewalks that need to be repaired and the last they heard, John Lynch was prioritizing them and it would be up to the borough to determine when and how they will be fixed. He said that he would be happy to reach out to attorney and give her an update.

Casey Connors- asked if there's someone in town, an employee that is qualified to do self-assessment?

Tom Sarlo, Esq. –said that the last time we left off, John Lynch was going to inspect the property locations for the list that we had.

Mayor Mignone-asked Alan if this would be part of the transition plan?

Alan Negreann-stated that if that's what he's referring to, it would be part of the transition plan.

Casey Connors-asked if there is a full-time employee that does that?

Mayor Mignone-explained that most towns have a committee.....

Alan Negreann-explained that he would be the full-time employee responsible for the transition plan. We have a plan but it needs to be updated.

Casey Connors – said that someone needs to do that because he posed that question back in 2007 and it's required by law.

Mayor Mignone-explained that we have made improvements in public facilities over the last several years for public accommodation.

Casey Connors - said that the ramp at Roosevelt does not have enough room for a landing.

Mayor Mignone - asked Councilman Chinigo as liaison to the school board to bring it up at the next Board of Ed meeting.

Mayor Mignone-said that it's a challenging process for all the towns. The Mayor informed Mr. Connor's that the County will be changing the timing of the light at Continental Avenue. He's asked the County to evaluate all of the intersections and the countdown timers to allow more time to cross.

Casey Connors-suggested that since the town is being torn up by PSE&G, why not speak with them now to have electric and telephone lines put underground.

Mayor Mignone-explained that the issue that they run into when they do it after the fact, is that it requires putting a transformers on the street and tie the houses in that way and you'll still have some overhead wires. The possible cost per block could be a million dollars.

Casey Connors-for the town?

Mayor Mignone-replied yes, they wouldn't pay for it.

Casey Connors-asked why 3 or 4 officers were hired since there was only one officer who retired?

Mayor Mignone-explained that we've had promotions and two officers transferred to other departments in a relatively short period of time so we don't have any more officers than we originally started with.

Casey Connors-commended the DPW for the way they cleared the streets during the last storm but asked that they be reminded that they are required to clear off the curb cuts.

Joe Manzelli-789 6th Avenue- thanked the Mayor and Council for the memorial proclamation for Mr. Acquafredda. He said that he was a great man, friend and fellow board member at River Dell who will be sorely missed. He congratulated Mr. Gautier on his appointment this evening.

Mayor Mignone-thanked Mr. Fletcher and Dr. Ben Dov for lowering the flags.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close hearing of the public was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Gautier – thanked Tom, Ellen, Dario and Marie for nominating him and looks forward to working with everyone on the Council. Although he didn't know Vito as well as everyone here, he knows they his shoes will be hard to fill. He feels that it is a great honor to serve on the Council and looks forward to serving the people of River Edge.

Councilman Bartelloni- said that he did meet with another vendor for the T.V and feels that we're getting there. The last few years he's done tours of Borough Hall for the 3rd grade and has put two dates aside which are May 17th and June 14th and asked if anyone would be available to come they're more than welcome to do so. He said that there are 4 3rd grade classes and they usually give them a tour of Borough Hall, the Police Station and the Firehouse. This year they'll study civics towards the end of the year so he'll give them a lesson on that. He welcomed Joe Gautier to Council.

Councilman Papaleo-welcomed Joe to the Council and is sure that he will put an honest effort forth and work hard for the town. He again commended the DPW for serving with distinction during the last snow storm and informed everyone that they literally worked more than 24 hours during the storm. They are always proactive with brining the roads before they start to plow. John makes sure that they have their breaks and have something to eat during that time and Councilman Papaleo feels that they Mayor and Council have complete trust in them. He reported that the Beautification Committee had to cancel their meeting because of the storm but Shade Tree did meet on March 15th and had a very productive meeting.

Councilwoman Busted –congratulated Joe on his appointment and said she looks forward to working with him. She reported that the Environmental Commission had asked her to bring two items to the Council's attention. One, they are going participate in the bi-state clean-up which is a group of towns that get together on the same day to clean-up parts of their borough on April 28th. Part of the challenge is weighing the waste that has been collected and she handed out information on this program. Their intent is to have the Kinderkamack corridor as their clean-up site and she asked if there are any approvals or waivers that are needed before they do that.

Mayor Mignone-said that he doesn't think so.

Councilman Papaleo-suggested that they contact the Police Department.

Councilwoman Busted-said that she will let them know they can proceed with making their announcements. Laura Hoogstrate has been working with Lisa Hessman to see what their needs are. The other thing that they are working on are recycling programs. They've had 4 students come in from River Dell to talk about their recycling efforts when they were Cherry Hill students. They are working on items that are not normally recyclable such as Capri Sun juice pouches, pencils, markers and pens. They're also looking to start a Trex Challenge for Recycling which is a plastic film recycling. There is a company that will take grocery bags, bread bags and dry cleaning bags that can be collected at designated sites. If you meet the challenge of 500 lbs of this plastic film, the company called Trex will create a bench out of the material and donate it to the Borough. The Environmental Commission is going to take this challenge on from April through October and the company will provide the bins and Environmental Commission will be responsible for dropping them off at Whole Foods which is a collection site. They're going to place bins in each of the elementary schools and would also like to place a bin in the Library and at the Farmer's Market. Councilwoman Busted asked Councilman Chinigo if he would reach out to the Library Director and also asked Councilwoman Davis to reach out to the Farmer's Market Committee to see if they would be on board with this idea. She feels that they are really trying to take an active role to promote recycling in the Borough. Arlene Faustini had asked that she promote a Stigma Free program that will be held in the Library on Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Childhood Anxiety.

Councilwoman Davis-welcomed Joe to the Councilman Gautier. She reported that the Fire Department had a storm stand-by and fortunately they had no calls which was much better than the last storm when they were slammed. She also reported that the Health Department didn't have a meeting in January due to a lack of quorum but they will have one this evening and will be welcoming a new member, Jane Daly. Councilwoman Davis attended SCORE meeting today and was told that they have a few new members. She said many people keep asking when the Community Center will be complete because many people don't like the current setup. She hopes that the plans will be moving along with Vito watching over them.

Councilman Chinigo-also congratulated Joe on his appointment and feels he will be a great asset to the Council. He thanked Chief Cariddi and Officer Estevez for taking time out of their schedules last week to give Scout Pack 229 a tour of the police facility. At the last River Edge Board of Education meeting that he attended, the board asked him to bring up to the Council the idea and future possibility of moving the election sites from the school to somewhere else. The board would like to broach the subject based on safety concerns about individuals coming into the schools when there are children present. He feels Roosevelt is a special concern because of where the election is and the accessibility of people to the school. He suggested that it be listed for a work session so they can discuss.

Mayor Mignone-stated that this is something that they've been asking perennially and we just don't have an appropriate space to do it.

Councilman Chinigo-said that hopefully we're building something that may be able to accommodate it.

Mayor Mignone-explained that it might take some of it down the line.

Councilman Chinigo-reported that the Library will be meeting next week. At the last meeting, the Library Board asked him to broach the subject about HVAC system and starting work, separate from the Community Center. They are currently exploring the possibility of grants to help with the expense.

Mayor Mignone-reported that on the Community Center, the architect and the HVAC engineer are looking at utilities both for the Community Center and the Library. He's waiting on sharp pencil estimates on the construction costs because they're going to be working on a very tight budget and there's not a lot of room for error. He feels that before they roll the plan out publically, he wants to make sure that it's something that we can actually do. He hopes by the next meeting they'll have the information, it will be in our budget and we'll be able to start making some official presentations on the plan.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: