

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Monday, April 23, 2018

7:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Mignone called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Tom Sarlo, Esq. 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 Gautier, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed, the minutes of the Mayor and Council work session and regular meeting of April 9, 2018 were approved unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS – NONE

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA –

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to open public comments on any item on the agenda was unanimously approved.

Joseph Dunsay-405 Prospect Avenue, Hackensack-said that he noticed the salary increase for the Municipal Prosecutor and asked if there is more than one Prosecutor because he thought the salary was low.

Mayor Mignone-replied no.

Joseph Dunsay-suggested that the town consider giving him more hours because he has attended our court sessions over the years and has noticed that there's always a long line waiting to speak with the Prosecutor.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA –

On motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close public comments on any item on the agenda was unanimously approved.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Confirmation of Local Assessments for Curbs and Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace Project – Phase 2

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to open the public hearing on the Confirmation of Local Assessments for Curbs and Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace Project – Phase 2 was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mignone-explained that this is a standard practice that the Borough has undertaken for a number of years. We have a CDBG grant to do curb, road and sidewalk improvements and adjacent property owners are assessed the engineering costs.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – Confirmation of Local Assessments for Curbs and Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace Project – Phase 2

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to close the public hearing on the Confirmation of Local Assessments for Curbs and Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace Project – Phase 2 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted, the salary increase of Richard Stephen, Foreperson in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$2,351.00, from an annual salary of \$89,981.00 to \$92,332.00 retroactive to January 1, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, the salary increase of Christopher Leishman, Foreperson in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$2,351.00, from an annual salary of \$89,981.00 to \$92,332.00 retroactive to January 1, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, the salary increase of Jason Milito, Foreperson in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$2,351.00, from an annual salary of \$89,981.00 to \$92,332.00 retroactive January 1, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the salary increase of Andrew Cimiluca, Esq., Municipal Prosecutor in the amount of \$1,000.00, from an annual salary of \$8,500.00 to \$9,500.00 effective April 24, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the salary increase of Ronald Starace, Emergency Management Coordinator in the amount of \$650.00, from an annual salary of \$8,843.00 to \$9,493.00 effective April 24, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, the salary increase of Stuart Heinzinger, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator in the amount of \$1,100.00, from an annual salary of \$323.00 to \$1,423.00 effective April 24, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, the hire of Anthony George Naem as Laborer in the Department of Public Works at an annual Laborer II, Step I salary of \$30,939.00 with a one-year probationary period, effective April 16, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the one-time bonus payment of \$500.00 to Anna Delia, Camp Director due to additional preparation and responsibilities in the absence of a Recreation Director for the camp season. The payment of \$250.00 effective April 24, 2018 and \$250.00 paid at the conclusion of the camp season was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the resignation of Linda Maughan, part-time Recording Secretary for the Municipal Land Use Board, effective April 13, 2018 was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Notice	-	River Edge Board of Education – 4/9/18 Re: Meeting Notice
E-mail	-	Linda Maughan – 4/13/18 Re: Letter of Resignation
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann – 4/16/18 Re: Damage to Public Property Report
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann – 4/18/18 Re: Revenue Report

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Farmer's Market Committee	-	April 2018
Tax Collector	-	March 2018

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING –

By: _____ 2nd: _____ RC: _____

ORDINANCE – 2ND READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #18-10 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #18-10 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, THE RECONDITIONING OF A FIRE RESCUE TRUCK AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,259,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by councilman Bartelloni at the April 9, 2018 meeting as follows:

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #18-10**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, THE RECONDITIONING OF A FIRE RESCUE TRUCK AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,259,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements, to recondition a fire rescue truck and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment, new communication and signal systems equipment, new additional furnishings and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. It is anticipated that the following government grants shall be received by the Borough: (A) a grant pursuant to the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act to finance the cost of the improvements at the Public Library described in Section 4.E hereof; and (B) a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to finance the reconditioning of the fire rescue truck described in Section 4.K hereof. Said grant funds shall be applied as set forth in Section 12 hereof. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and

Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Supplemental funding for the undertaking of various improvements to the River Edge Senior/Community Center. It is hereby determined and stated that the Borough has heretofore appropriated the aggregate sum of \$1,047,100 for such improvement pursuant to the following five ordinances: Ord. No. 1789 adopted on May 6, 2013; Ord. No. 1806 adopted on April 21, 2014 (as amended by Ord. No. 1825 adopted on March 16, 2015); Ord. No. 1829 adopted on May 4, 2015; Ord. No. 1859 adopted on April 18, 2016; and Ord. No. 17-12 adopted on May 1, 2017.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 696,600
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 34,830
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 661,770
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Undertaking of the 2018 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program (including curbing and sidewalk improvements, where necessary) in, by and for the Borough, as set forth on a list prepared by the Borough Engineer and approved by the Borough Council and directed to be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during normal business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that (i) the Borough Council may, by resolution, amend such list from time to time within the appropriation made hereby and (ii) such roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 185,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 9,275
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 176,225
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Undertaking of storm water drainage and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations in the Borough.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 106,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 100,700
Period of Usefulness	40 years

D. Undertaking of sidewalk improvements at various locations in the Borough.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 15,900
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 795
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 15,105
Period of Usefulness	10 years

E. Undertaking of various improvements at the Public Library consisting of (i) HVAC improvements, (ii) installation of a generator, (iii) ADA improvements and (iv) installation of security cameras.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 406,360
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 20,318
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 386,042
Period of Usefulness	10 years

F. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology equipment and new additional furnishings consisting of (i) television and computer equipment for use in the Council Chambers and (ii) an office desk for the use of the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 26,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,325

Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 25,175
Period of Usefulness	5 years

G. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of copiers for the use of the Office of the Borough Clerk and the Recreation Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 19,499
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 975
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 18,524
Period of Usefulness	10 years

H. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") consisting of (i) a sanitary sewer pump, (ii) a sewer jet vacuum machine and (iii) a vehicle diagnostic scanner.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 481,450
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 24,072
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 457,378
Period of Usefulness	15 years

I. Undertaking of various traffic and pedestrian safety improvements and equipment acquisitions.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 10,600
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 530
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 10,070
Period of Usefulness	10 years

J. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment for the use of the DPW consisting of (i) a snow plow and (ii) radios.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 12,455
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 623
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 11,832
Period of Usefulness	5 years

K. (i) Reconditioning of a fire rescue truck which may reasonably be expected to extend for at least five years the period of usefulness thereof and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (a) a storage shed, (b) turnout gear, (c) radios and (d) a command vehicle.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 130,762
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,538
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 124,224
Period of Usefulness	5 years

L. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) a turnout gear washer-extractor and (ii) a thermal imaging camera.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 28,832
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,442
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 27,390
Period of Usefulness	10 years

M. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology equipment and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) computer equipment, (ii) radios and (iii) an SUV.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 79,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,975
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 75,525
Period of Usefulness	5 years

N. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) in-vehicle cameras, (ii) an alcotest machine and (iii) a radar unit.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 59,042
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,952
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 56,090
Period of Usefulness	10 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$2,259,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 112,950
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$2,146,050

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$145,755 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$112,950, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$112,950 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,146,050 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,146,050 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 13.46 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$2,146,050 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of

New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #18-10

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open the public hearing on Ordinance #18-10 was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #18-10

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close the public hearing on Ordinance #18-10 was unanimously approved.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #18-10

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to adopt Ordinance #18-10 was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo, resolution #18-146 through #18-159 were unanimously approved.

#18-146 Confirmation of Local Assessments for Curbs and Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace Project

WHEREAS, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks on Oxford Terrace (Phase II) was completed; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new curbs and sidewalks are local improvements, the value of which is assessable to owners of the adjacent property; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1874 authorized the construction of curbs and sidewalks as a local assessment to adjoining properties and such work has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has received a grant from Community

Development Block Grant for the construction of the curbs and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have indicated at a work session that the residents shall only be assessed for the engineering and administrative portion of the cost of the curbs and sidewalks on Oxford Terrace (Phase II); and

WHEREAS, James Anzevino, Tax Assessor has been appointed as the Local Board of Assessor on this project and has certified a list of properties to be assessed on Oxford Terrace (Phase II) for the engineering and administrative portion of the cost of curbs and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk on March 12, 2018 has certified to the Tax Assessor that all of the residents on the list have received notice of a public hearing and report on the Oxford Terrace (Phase II) assessments.

WHEREAS, a hearing on these assessments was held by the Mayor and Council on April 23, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following list of local assessments prepared by James Anzevino, totaling \$3,770.00 is hereby confirmed and approved and shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector for billing and collection in accordance with Ordinance #1874 and the laws of the State of New Jersey.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1401/1	River Terrace Gardens Associates, 144 Bogert Road	\$3,595.00
1401/2	Neal Coxworth & Genevieve Lowry 163 Oxford Terrace	\$ 175.00

April 23, 2018

#18-147 Cancel Unexpended and Dedicated Balances

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Fund Balance and unused debt authorized may be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Appropriation be cancelled:

	<u>UNFUNDED DEFERRED CHARGES</u>	<u>CAPITAL FUND BALANCE</u>
1830		\$6,736.00
1807		\$5,500.00
1789		\$6,000.00
1806		\$2,388.00

April 23, 2018

#18-148 Amend Agreement with Banisch Associates, Inc., 111 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey 08822 for Professional Planning Services as a Court Appointed Planning Master for the Borough's Affordable Housing Obligation

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Professional Planning Master for the Borough's Affordable Housing Obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Banisch Associates, Inc. via resolution #15-404 on November 16, 2015 in the amount of

\$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for Professional Planning Services as a Court Appointed Planning Master for the Borough's Affordable Housing Obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-172 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00; 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, Banisch Associates, Inc., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Banisch 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 Banisch 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 \$250.00 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 Banisch Associates, Inc., 111 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00; 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.
4. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

April 23, 2018

#18-149 Resolution to Ratify Standard Billing Rates for Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc. for Professional Planning Services Related to Redevelopment

WHEREAS, resolution #18-13 dated January 1, 2018 was passed by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge hiring Joseph Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc. for Professional Planning Services Related to Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, this resolution had standard billing rates within it; and

WHEREAS, Burgis Associates, Inc. has submitted standard billing rates for 2018 on file with the Borough Clerk, several of which have changed the staff descriptions and hourly rates to be charged; and

WHEREAS, various contracts have been awarded using the reorganization resolution rates of pay and bills paid using the new standard rates and other rates of pay; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to keep its records current and up to date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby ratify any and all awards of contracts or payments of bills that have utilized these new standard billing rates or other rates of pay retroactive to January 1, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk's office is instructed to utilize the standard billing rates for 2018 on file with the Borough Clerk for all future contracts to be awarded to Burgis Associates, Inc.

April 23, 2018

#18-150 Enter into a Shared Service Updated Agreement Between the County of Bergen and the Borough of River Edge for Road Resurfacing on Kinderkamack Road

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen maintains and controls approximately 450 miles of County roads; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the County roads requires periodic resurfacing for the benefit of the drivers and residents of Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, the County's Department of Public Works performs this resurfacing through period Road Resurfacing Projects; and

WHEREAS, the County's Road Resurfacing Projects require cooperation and coordination between the County and the seventy municipalities in which the County roads are located; and

WHEREAS, a formal agreement between the County of Bergen and the seventy municipalities in which the County will undertake road resurfacing activities will serve to memorialize the respective responsibilities of the County and the municipality in connection with a Road Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(a)(1) states, in part, that "any local unit may enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction;" and

WHEREAS, the County and the seventy municipalities within Bergen County are "local units" under N.J.S.A. 40:65-4(a)(1), authorized to enter into shared services agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge had previously entered into a shared service agreement with the County via resolution #15-372 dated October 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has requested that the Borough of River Edge enter into an updated road resurfacing agreement which reflect modifications and changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen for road resurfacing on Kinderkamack Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward a copy of this resolution and the shared services agreement to the County of Bergen.

April 23, 2018

#18-151 Authorize Mayor and Clerk to Sign a Shared Services Agreement with the River Dell Board of Education to Re-establish and Maintain a Community Garden

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to re-establish and maintain a Community Garden at the River Dell Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge wishes to enter into an agreement with the River Dell Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act" N.J.S.A. C.40A:65-1 through C.40A:65-35 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, regionalized provisions of such services is a concept specifically endorsed by the aforementioned statutory scheme; and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the Borough of River Edge and the River Dell Board of Education to participate in this joint cooperation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge shall enter into an agreement with the Borough of River Dell Board of Education to Use, Improve and Maintain a Community Garden at the River Dell Middle

School, subject to the approval of the Borough Attorney and the provisions of the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act" N.J.S.A. C.40A:65-1 through C.40A:65-35 et seq.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement with the River Dell Board of Education; and
2. The initial term of this Agreement shall be one (1) year, commencing May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019.

April 23, 2018

#18-152 Enter Into Agreement with IH Engineers, P.C., 103 College Road East, 1st Floor, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 for Design Engineering Services Related to the Safe Routes to School Program

WHEREAS, there exists a need to retain professional services for design engineering services related to the Safe Routes to School Program; 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, IH Engineers, P.C. meets the criteria for a professional service contract under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1; and

WHEREAS, IH Engineers, P.C. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that IH Engineers, P.C. 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 IH Engineers, P.C. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-1837-100 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00; and

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

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 IH Engineers, P.C., 103 College Road East, 1st Floor, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

April 23, 2018

#18-153 Award of Contract to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc. for the 2018 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2018 sealed bids were received for the 2018 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program by the Riverside Cooperative (35-RC); and

WHEREAS, eight (8) bids were received, the lowest from D & L Paving Contractors, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale is the Lead Agency for the Riverside Cooperative, awarded the bid on April 11, 2018 via resolution #2018-61; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer,

Superintendent of Public Works and Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-56-1810-250 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$175,000.00.

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded on a unit price basis and may be considered an "Open Ended Contract" under N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.3, in which case certification of funds is not required until such time as the services are ordered and prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, certification of availability of funds will be made by the Chief Financial Officer, and it shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds from the Chief Financial Officer as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid is hereby awarded to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc., 675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in the amount of \$175,000.00 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

April 23, 2018

#18-154 Approval to Add a Street to the 2018 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program

WHEREAS, Capital Ordinance #1806 was adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge on April 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 G. of Ordinance #1806 allows the Mayor and Council by resolution to amend the list on file with the Borough Clerk as to any street to be improved; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has received a memorandum from the Borough Administrator requesting that Mohawk Drive be included as part of the 2014 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program and therefore, would be allowed to be charged to the #1806 Capital Authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council feel that it is in the best interest of the Borough of River Edge to include Mohawk Drive, as part of the 2018 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby approve the inclusion of Mohawk Drive as part of the 2018 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program.

April 23, 2018

#18-155 Authorize Redemption and Disbursement of Tax Sale Certificate

WHEREAS, at the Tax Sale held on December 3, 2014, Certificate #2014-1 was sold to US BankCust for PC5 Sterling National on the property known as 797 Elm Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 305, Lot 15, owner of record: Houston, Barbara; and

WHEREAS, US BankCust for PC5 Sterling National, had also paid a premium in the amount of \$47,000.00 which was held in escrow by the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Houston, homeowner, has requested a redemption amount on the above certificate as of 4/23/18 and has submitted a certified check in the amount of \$115,330.17 to redeem the above lien.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Accounts Supervisor is hereby authorized to issue 2 checks, one in the amount of \$115,330.17 for the redemption of the lien and one in the amount of \$47,000.00, the premium, which was held in escrow, both payable to US BankCust for PC5 Sterling National, and the Tax Collector to redeem the lien and adjust her records accordingly.

Please make the checks payable to: US BankCust for PC5 Sterling National
US Global Corporate Trust Services
50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

April 23, 2018

#18-156 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 2018 Tax Overpayment due to the 2015 Homestead Rebate Credit issued to a Tax Exempt Property

WHEREAS, a Homestead Rebate Credit was applied to the 2nd quarter 2018 taxes on the following property that became tax exempt in 2017; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the homeowner requesting a refund of the Homestead Benefit Credit amount.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Tax Qtr.</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
405/3	Barchetto, Anthony & Marilyn 153 Webb Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	2 nd	\$443.89

April 23, 2018

#18-157 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2nd Quarter Tax Overpayments Due to the 2015 Homestead Benefit Credit

WHEREAS, the 2015 Homestead Benefit Credits were received and revised billing for the 2nd Quarter 2018 was issued; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers paid the pre-credit 2nd Quarter tax amount billed creating an overpayment in the 2nd Quarter; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received written requests from the following homeowners to refund the overpaid taxes directly to the homeowner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the following tax amounts and adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
104/6	Blake, Lorraine 919 Willow Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	238.83
115/11	Schwartz, Myron 825 Fifth Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	394.90
612/14	Besen, Phyllis 674 Bogert Road River Edge, NJ 07661	202.62
905/6	Bravo, Allan & Virginia 367 Fifth Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	524.53
610/17	Cerrato, Marilyn 144 Concord Drive River Edge, NJ 07661	446.94
613/1	Natanblut, Elinor 668 Bogert Road River Edge, NJ 07661	417.89
1003/3	Miello, Diane	220.70

79 Wayne Avenue
River Edge, NJ 07661

1107/6 Goldfarb, Mitchell 250.00
327 Taft Road
River Edge, NJ 07661

April 23, 2018

#18-158 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 1st Quarter 2018 Duplicate Tax Payment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate payment and/or tax overpayment for 2018 taxes on the following property; 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>
801/3	Pansare, Kaustubh 179 Manning Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	\$2,964.98

April 23, 2018

#18-159 Amend Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Services Related to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Design

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Design; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Robert Costa, Borough Engineer via resolution #16-427 dated December 5, 2016 in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services related to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Design; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1836-100 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; 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, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Robert Costa has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert Costa 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 Robert Costa from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$65.00 per hour as Borough Engineer and per hour rates as follows:

Principal/Project Engineer..... \$ 65.00

Principal Land Surveyor.....	\$ 75.00
Survey Field Crew.....	\$150.00
Senior Designer.....	\$ 65.00
Senior Drafter.....	\$ 55.00
Computer Drafting	\$ 75.00
Technical/Administrative Assistant	\$ 65.00
Field Inspector.....	\$ 80.00

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Robert Costa, Costa Engineering Corp., 325 South River Street, Suite 302, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; 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.

April 23, 2018

Councilman Bartelloni read resolution #18-160 into the record.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted, resolution #18-160 was approved unanimously.

#18-160 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	\$123,947.47
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 4,184.00
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 7,111.56
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 1,551.50
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 79,595.00
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 4,402.50

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.

April 23, 2018

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

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

Casey Connors-asked Mr. Sarlo when he was hired by the Borough.
Tom Sarlo, Esq.-replied that he has been serving in this capacity during the last 4 years.

Casey Connors-distributed an article dated November 2014 that he had cut out and said that his attorney has been waiting on an answer and as of last week she has not heard from anyone. He asked if there is a reason for that?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that he would be happy to call her but does not know what else specifically she is looking for from the Borough. We're updating our plan, she sent us a list of sidewalks and curbs that she and Mr. Connors felt should be repaired. He passed it along to the Mayor and Council who in turn passed it along to their experts.

Casey Connors-asked who are the experts?

Tom Sarlo, Esq. – replied, Robert Costa and John Lynch. He said that from a legal standpoint, there is nothing else for him to do at this time. He stated that because there are limited funds, he assumes that they will prioritize them and do the ones that are necessary. He again explained that from a legal standpoint, everything that she needed, he provided to her. If she's missing something, he would be happy to provide it to her. As to an answer.....

Casey Connors-said she would like a schedule as to when the sidewalks and curb cuts will be fixed.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that he can provide that to her when he receives it from his client. To the best of his recollection, one of the discussions were that 70 sidewalks were listed from a resident and an attorney who thought they were not in compliance. It was his understanding that John Lynch was going to go out and take a look to see which ones were needed.

Mayor Mignone-asked if Mr. Lynch had done a survey?

Alan Negreann-there were 6 or 7 sidewalks that were brought to our attention and John Lynch and Robert Costa took a look at them and he, Rob and John had a meeting a few weeks ago on that topic. They put together some information for the Mayor and Council to consider on each of the complaints. Although he doesn't have the information in front of him, to the best of his recollection, one may have been a private issue so the Code Enforcer would have to get involved to have them straightened it out. There was another one where there was a stanchion close to the ramp and he believes that that may fall under an engineering exception. Another one where reconstruction may be needed but might involve reconstruction of the other three corners of the intersection which would require more research on the part of Mr. Costa to reconstruct them up to federal standards. There were quite a few issues to get through so that we can come to the Mayor and Council and get direction on how to proceed and what priority of each one is.

Mayor Mignone-asked if the 5 or 6 that he's speaking about now were on Mr. Connor's list?

Alan Negreann-replied, yes I believe they were.

Casey Connors-complained that the ramp by the front door at Borough Hall does not comply with specifications and feels that the grade is twice as high as it should be.

Alan Negreann-stated that we made application to Community Development Block Grant to obtain funding to re-do the ramp which was denied. He thinks it might be worth another try but if denied, they'll have to put money together as part of a capital program.

Casey Connors-said that if we have 4 or 5 million in the general fund, why would it have to be bonded?

Alan Negreann-said that he's not familiar with the 4 or 5 million that he's referencing in the general fund. Schools do have the ability to apply the fund balance to their budgets throughout the year but the Borough does not have the ability to apply its surplus during the year.

Casey Connors-asked what does the word "infrastructure" mean on his tax bill?

Alan Negreann-believes it references the sewer system.

Casey Connors-said that we're charged separately for the sewer system.

Alan Negreann-replied no, we're obligated to identify the amount that goes towards the sewer.

Casey Connors-said that it's amount that has to be paid as part of his taxes.

Alan Negreann-replied, yes the payments to the Bergen County Sewer Authority are included in the taxes in the budget and we're obligated to identify that on the tax bill.

Mayor Mignone-explained that it's a statutory requirement like we have to show a line item for the Library which is also in your total tax bill but we have to break it out. The only portion which we're covering, if he understands Mr. Negreann correctly, is the user charges for the BCUA which is a significant number in our budget. It could amount to 1 million dollars a year which would make sense to break it out.

Councilman Bartelloni-explained that there's no individual meter on your home measuring your usage for sewerage so you're not getting charged twice for that.

Mayor Mignone-stated that some towns do it that way but we don't. The Mayor explained that the work in the article that Mr. Connor's had provided has been done and completed. The issue with the CDBG money is you're not allowed to modify existing ramps, you can only use it to construct new ramps where there are none. He explained that it's very difficult to get grant funding.

Casey Connors-said that when Fifth Avenue was paved every ramp had to be redone so the transition would be perfect from the ramp to the black top because that's the law. The same thing with the sidewalks, it's the law and stated it's Title 2, free and clean passage. He again complained that the ADA door at Borough Hall was not wide enough and difficult to maneuver. He asked who signed off on all of these jobs when they did the ramp and the door?

Alan Negreann-stated that the Block Grant representatives who gave us the money to do the door had to

do a final inspection.

Casey Connors-said that people don't realize how difficult it is for him to get around. He would like to see some progress with the ramps and sidewalks that he's been complaining about for years be completed.

Mayor Mignone-said that it's a matter of interpretation because he just attended a one day seminar with the County on the standards for the accessibility ramps.

Casey Connors-asked if the Mayor came out of there certified as an ADA specialist?

Mayor Mignone-replied no, but he is a licensed professional engineer and is qualified to design ramps if he chose to. He explained that there are different interpretations on what spec means and there are allowances given based on conditions. He further explained that if you 10% grade on a street you can't have a complying ramp no matter what you do.

Casey Connors-brought up the ramp at Lincoln Avenue where the light stanchion is and again voiced his complaints.

Mayor Mignone-said that one thing that they are looking into in that intersection is putting in a curb bump out because we have a grant to do sidewalks in that area. The Mayor explained what is meant by bump out.

Casey Connors-gave his suggestion on how he thinks it should be done.

Mayor Mignone-said that he knows for a fact that we did address the worst cases that Mr. Connors brought up several years ago and we've done several others when we've been able to get funding and will continue to do so. We always put money into the budget for sidewalk improvements and will take another look once we get the recommendations from Mr. Lynch and Mr. Costa.

Casey Connors-asked if John Lynch is certified for ADA?

Mayor Mignone-replied no, but he can tell if it's not meeting a spec.

Casey Connors-pointed out some of the locations that he feels should be the priority.

Mayor Mignone-said that some of them may have to be referred to Mr. DeRosa in Property Maintenance. The Mayor said that they'll take every approach to address what they can.

Casey Connors-thinks they should be out doing their own footwork instead of someone else reporting it.

Mayor Mignone-explained that that's what the transition plan is and because someone makes a complaint doesn't necessary mean it's going to get fixed. The process of writing a violation and when it's heard in court could take a long time. The Mayor also explained that part of the process to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy is repairing the sidewalk to code before a house is sold has helped. He said that we're not the only town in this position, there are many other towns dealing with the same issues.

Casey Connors-made a complaint about the ramp at Roosevelt School.

Mayor Mignone-suggested he contact the school Superintendent because it's school property.

Casey Connors-asked Mr. Sarlo if he would return a letter to his attorney providing the information that she's been requesting.

Mayor Mignone-replied, yes Mr. Sarlo will respond.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-said yes, he would respond.

Peter Dunsay-446 Oak Avenue-gave a history of how and when the annual car show started and explained the events that the Cultural Center sponsor during the year with the proceeds generated from the car show. He explained that over the years it's always a great success and has significantly grown because of the quality of the show. He said that they had to turn cars away last year which resulted in a loss of revenue which may affect the free events that they'll sponsor this year. He explained that all of the events are funded by membership or revenue from the car show. In January he submitted the application for the car show and met with Lt. Walker to discuss some safeguards and lessons learned. He would prefer an added paved service so he modified the application to include those areas. He received a phone call from Lt. Casey and discussed all of the items and told him that he would forward it to the Chief. He explained the recommendations that he received in a letter from the Police Department over the weekend.

Mayor Mignone and Councilman Bartelloni-both said that it's the same as last year.

Peter Dunsay-said not exactly.

Mayor Mignone-said that they had given them a waiver to park on the lawn of the Cultural Center last year and presumes that the Police Department would consider it again this year.

Peter Dunsay-said, they didn't.

Mayor Mignone-asked if he asked that question?

Peter Dunsay-replied actually, in the conversation it never came up.

Mayor Mignone-said that in their letter, they are citing the Borough ordinance and if he wants to ask for a waiver he can and then it would be the Chief's discretion.

Peter Dunsay-doesn't understand why they can't use the area which will be under renovation in the near future for the Community Center especially since it's going to be ripped up anyway. He said that they have to start early to plan for this event which has a lot of community support.

Mayor Mignone-stated that no one is disputing that it isn't a wonder event. The question is whether that particular area can support the additional cars and apparently based on visual observation they know it can't. The Police have made a determination that from a safety standpoint it couldn't either.

Peter Dunsay-explained the reasons why he is asking for the additional area.

Mayor Mignone-again explained that it's a safety issue and also reminded Mr. Dunsay that the jurisdiction for the parks falls under the Recreation Commission. He said that we've gone through this many times already.

Peter Dunsay-hopes that they can come to a compromise.

Councilman Bartelloni-as the Liaison to the Police Department, he was under the impression from the Chief that they will be getting the same amount of space as they did last year. He offered to speak with him about the greens of the Cultural Center. As far as parking in Veteran's and Memorial Park, that's up to the Recreation Commission. Councilman Bartelloni isn't sure what Mr. Dunsay meant about an area being ripped up because most of the area is not being touched by the construction for the Community Center. He said he will follow-up with Chief Cariddi.

Peter Dunsay-said that when you submit an application in January and don't receive a response until April, it's very hard to plan.

Mayor Mignone-doesn't understand why it would be so hard to plan because they will be getting the same number of spaces as last year.

Peter Dunsay-asked about the request for Elm Avenue.

Mayor Mignone-said that it's a Police decision and he would not recommend and isn't sure that the Council would want to make that recommendation either.

Councilman Bartelloni-said that he spoke to the Chief and he was adamant that it was a safety issue.

Councilman Chinigo-stated that they had this same conversation last year and the Mayor and Council had a conversation with Chief Cariddi asking for his reasoning. At that time everyone felt that his explanation made sense and they had to defer to his expertise.

Councilman Bartelloni-said that the Chief had to attend a safety seminar at Cherry Hill School this evening and was not able to make the Council meeting.

Peter Dunsay-disagreed with the Chief's recommendation and explained his reasons.

Mayor Mignone-explained that the Council will not be making this decision, it's up to the Chief of Police. He continued to say that last year he knows there was a lot of concern at the start of the show because there were a lot of cars showing up at the same time. Many cars were stacked up onto to Kinderkamack which was a concern to the Chief.

Peter Dunsay-felt there was an internal break down of communication by the Police Department.

Councilman Bartelloni-said that he's a victim of his own success. You overfilled the arena for the concert that's being sold and you have to turn people away.

Peter Dunsay-said he was hoping that they would get more support from the Borough itself because the businesses certainly support them. The two things that he was hoping for was a more timely response to his application and somehow using the space that is there.

Mayor Mignone-explained that this has been going on year after year with the same arguments and nothing has changed. The Police will determine what the safety requirements are as to how it affects the layout and the Rec Commission determines what the policy is for the parks. The Mayor again said that no one is disputing that is a great event enjoyed by all but the truth is that it's too big for that area in terms of the event itself and the provision of public safety. The Mayor again stated that he doesn't feel that anyone would be inclined to overrule the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Councilman Bartelloni-told Mr. Dunsay that he will speak with the Chief of Police with regard to the number spaces as well as the waiver.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Davis-attended the Little League and REGAL Opening Day ceremonies and was amazed at how many children participate. As a realtor she stresses to potential buys how wonderful this town is for the kids. She reported that they had a Farmer's Market Committee meeting on April 17th and the applications were mailed to last year's vendors. They are expecting 8 vendors to return and have one new one. The Market Manager's husband is a vendor and they attend large events so she's constantly trying to recruit people. The committee would like to order new signage and place one at the "Y" at River Edge Road. She said that someone is working with the schools to get permission to place them on the fences also. Councilwoman Davis said that there's a question about the permanent sign at the south end of town which might obscure anything else put up there and asked if raising it would be possible.

Councilman Papaleo-said he would speak with John Lynch to see if it can be raised or moved.

Councilwoman Davis-said she would appreciate it if it could be put up before June 5th. She reported that on April 20th the Fire Department responded with a ladder truck and an engine to a house fire on Garden Place in Oradell and again yesterday they responded to another house fire in Oradell. She said that they've been very busy helping other towns. She reported that they did not qualify for the radio grant as there were over 10,000 applications. They are still waiting to hear about the grant to replace the rescue

truck. Councilwoman Davis reported that the Ambulance Corp. has responded to 171 calls for the first quarter which equates to 235 man hours. EMS Week is May 20 – 26th. She said that the River Edge Ambulance Service is the only completely volunteer service in the area and feels very lucky to have such dedicated members.

Councilwoman Busted-also attended the Little League and REGAL Opening Day ceremonies and announced that it will be Ken Krauthem's last opening day and thanked him for his many years of dedication and leadership to REGAL. The River Edge Run was another successful event and she thanked all of the sponsors, participants, volunteers and the Recreation Commission members who ran the event seamlessly in the absence of Bobbi Conway, our retired Rec Director. Our new Rec Director was there to witness the day and Councilwoman Busted was glad that she got a good taste of a River Edge event. She reported that the Green Team held their Second Chance Toy event which gives new life to a lot of plastic toys keeping them out of our landfills. She thanked Bonnie Stewart and the Green Team for their efforts. She also reported that the Environmental Commission kicked off their Treks Challenge, which is plastic film recycling, where they're trying to collect 500 lbs. in 6 months. So far at one location they collected 20 lbs. of Shop Rite bags and feels that they're off to a great start.

Councilman Papaleo-reported that he met with the Beautification Committee on April 12th and they informed him that they are starting to plan and have done some work for their spring plantings. They are planning a planting the weekend of May 28th and 29th at 9:30 a.m. and they'll all meet and try to get some things done. He thanked Bob Dondiego for offering to water the Library grounds during the summer and reported that they have been in contact with Kimberly Mitchell the landscape architect for the County for removal of trees from tree farm. The committee is looking into having a Joy's Farm fundraiser. He reported that the pots on Kinderkamack Road did not do well last year because of the lack of water and they are considering a decorative grass surrounded by silk flowers to beautify Kinderkamack Road. The Shade Tree Commission met on April 19th and he was informed that there was an incident where a resident removed a tree without permission. They were going to discuss what the fine should be. Councilman Papaleo also attended both Opening Days and unfortunately was not able to attend River Edge Day due to a prior obligation. He said that he's always amazed on how many kids are involved in our town which is what makes it so great.

Councilman Bartelloni-reported that a vendor for the video service was here on Friday and he looks forward to receiving a quote in the next few days, making it closer to a reality where we will have live streaming and television. As far as the community Center, they're waiting for Rob Costa to finalize some numbers and once they receive that, they'll schedule the architect to come in to discuss the plan. He also attended Opening Day ceremonies and has enjoyed being a REGAL coach for many years and looks forward to another great season.

Councilman Gautier-said that he too attended the Opening Day ceremonies and he also will be a coach for Little League. He was a participant in the River Edge Run and felt proud that he was able to finish and make it here tonight. He attended a Care Giver Fair at the County where they gave information, resources and programs that are available for those who care for loved ones or neighbors in our community. He said that if anyone would like more information, he would be happy to speak with them.

Councilman Chinigo-also attended both Opening Day ceremonies and he too has been coaching for many years and was pleased that the weather cooperated after an arduous winter. He was not able to attend the River Edge Run but his wife and children did attend and said it was a wonderful event.

Mayor Mignone-thanked Ken Krauthem for his many years of dedicated service as he's been part of the REGAL organization for a long time. He commended Rob Berninger for also doing a great job with Little League. The Mayor did attend the toy drive over the weekend and thanked Laura Hoogstrate, Marie Papaleo and Maureen Nobile for helping out and gave a special thanks to Meghan Lukich from Girl Scout Troop 94733 for being the official toy counter. He said it was an impressive sight watching the truck leave and commended all who made this another successful event. Although the Mayor will be out of town, he informed everyone that Arbor Day ceremonies will take place this Friday at Cherry Hill School at 10 a.m. and Roosevelt School at 2 p.m. He announced the Mayor's annual kayaking event that will be held on Saturday, June 2nd and asked if anyone would like to represent the Borough he will gladly pass on the information. The Mayor reported that they had one application at the Land Use Board meeting which is the old Christine Valmy building and said that another salon will be on the main level and mixed use offices on the second floor. He has been told that they will be hearing another proposal on the batting cage site in the near future. As Councilman Bartelloni stated, the Mayor thinks that we've finally gotten through to the right people at Verizon regarding the live streaming television and is confident we're on the right track. As Councilman Chinigo stated before, the Board of Education will be introducing their budget on May 2nd and the Mayor and Council have been invited to attend.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he received a response from Superintendent John Lynch regarding the sign at the south end of town. He said that pipes are in concrete footings and they've moved the sign multiple times and suggests that everyone take a look to determine where exactly they want to place it. Councilman Papaleo said if anyone would like to join him sometime this week or this weekend to meet and determine a location that would be beneficial for everyone.

Councilman Bartelloni-said he thinks it just needs to be raised higher.

Mayor Mignone-suggested that they stand by 7 Eleven to see what the sight line looks like because there's a traffic control cabinet on the island as well.

Councilwoman Busted-forgot to mention that the Environmental Commission is participating in by-state clean-up on Saturday for the Kinderkamack corridor. They will meet at the KBG Park to hand out supplies.

Councilman Bartelloni-announced that June 14th will be the date that the third graders will be coming to Borough Hall for their annual tour.

Mayor Mignone-asked if this is just Roosevelt or does Cherry Hill participate as well.

Councilman Bartelloni-said that he's been doing it with Roosevelt because he knows Ms. Campbell who organizes it but is open to reaching out to Cherry Hill as well.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:11P.M.

On motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Gautier to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated: