

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, September 24, 2018
6:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Councilman Gautier 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.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, resolution #18-293 was approved unanimously.

#18-293 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 September 24, 2018 regular meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session</u> <u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory</u> <u>Reference</u>
18-9/24-1	PBA/SOA Negotiations - Matthew Giacobbe, Esq.	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(4)
18-9/24-2	Personnel – Non-Contractual Salaries	

	& Wages	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)
18-9/24-3	Robert Costa – Potential	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)
	Litigation – Cherry Blossom Park Drainage	
18-9/24-4	Potential Litigation – Sidewalk -	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)
	767 Summit Avenue	

2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public within a reasonable time, the substance of which will be released after the Mayor and Council or the specific authorized public body has reviewed and specifically accepted the data.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

September 24, 2018

MOTION TO SUSPEND REGULAR SESSION AND GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

CLOSED SESSION TOPICS

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18-9/24-3	Robert Costa – Potential Litigation – Cherry Blossom Park Drainage	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)
18-9/24-4	Potential Litigation – Sidewalk - 767 Summit Avenue	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)

MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME REGULAR SESSION

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adjourn the closed session and resume the regular session was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilwoman Busted, the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Session of September 4, 2018 were unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS –

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring October 2018 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the United States, Breast Cancer is the third most common cause of cancer deaths after lung cancer and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to fighting this disease, raising awareness and supporting those affected by breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been declining and this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment; and

WHEREAS, mammography, an “x-ray” of the breast, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt; and

WHEREAS, October 19, 2018 is National Mammography Day, a day set aside to promote the importance of regular screenings in the early detection and prompt treatment of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the innovative, lifesaving work of medical professionals, through their efforts to prevent, detect and treat make a difference in the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is important to continue the fight against breast cancer and to reduce the risk of this disease among our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge and on behalf of the Council do proclaim:

October 2018

as

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: September 24, 2018

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring October 7 – 13th as Fire Prevention Week

into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cooking, heating, and electrical fires represent three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of home cooking, heating, and electrical fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

WHEREAS, proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms are part of a thorough home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, by preventing the leading causes of home fires, and by developing and practicing a thorough home fire escape plan, people can greatly reduce their risk to fire; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2018 theme, "[Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere](#)" encourages the public to develop a home fire escape plan and make sure they have working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the fire service of the Borough of River Edge is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, the members of the fire service are joined by other concerned citizens of this Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as well as other emergency service providers and safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, I Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim the week of

October 7 – 13, 2018

as

Fire Prevention Week

This week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 persons, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings.

WHEREAS, I call upon the people of the Borough of River Edge to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical fires and plan and practice their home fire escape.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Dated: September 24, 2018

Mayor Mignone stated that we constantly give great praise and credit to the Fire Department as they know that they do an excellent job and also acknowledge and thank them for going into the schools to educate children on fire prevention measures. He feels that prevention is key in protecting life and property.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

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

Patricia Young-95 Lakeview Street-stated that she and her husband Dennis have lived in town for over 22 years and had attended a Council meeting about a year ago to voice their concerns about excessive parking on their street due to the over population of the apartments. She said that a year or so ago, one of the candidates came door to door asking what their concerns were and they told him about the parking on Lakeview Street. He mentioned that the Council was looking at possibly putting angled parking on Bogert Road.

Councilman Papaleo-said yes, that was him.

Patricia Young-asked what the status is?

Mayor Mignone-explained that there's two potential projects going on. The Borough did receive a grant for approximately \$118,000 to do one phase of angled parking along Bogert Road.

Patricia Young-asked if that will actually happen?

Mayor Mignone-said that he can't tell her how many spaces at this point because it's just in the design phase. He also stated that it will take many, many years to get sufficient parking for it to be significant but we need to start somewhere. The fact that we got the grant the first time, should bode well for us continually during future phases as we go forward. It has also been brought to his attention that the apartments are adding a significant number of parking spaces within their own property borders by removing some of the green space. Although he doesn't know details of the plan, he's heard that it's imminent.

Patricia Young-said that they continue to believe that the solution to the problem would be for the Council to put a limit on the number of occupants that can be in a one bedroom apartment. It seems that in the last five years, the population has mushroomed and she can't imagine how many people are living in the one bedroom apartments.

Mayor Mignone-said he doesn't know what the constraints are.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that it's a zoning thing and defining what an immediate family is, is very hard to enforce.

Patricia Young-she feels that the new building on Kinderkamack will just push overflow parking further towards Lakeview Street. Another item she wanted to address is that there's a house that's been for sale for over two years and the real estate listing shows that the rooms are vacant. She said that there are different people coming and going and she's heard that it's possibly being used as an Airbnb or something similar to that. She's read that in other towns they have policies against Airbnb's and would like to know what the town's policy is on that.

Mayor Mignone-explained that we have not adopted an ordinance and doesn't know if they've had the same number of incidents that other towns have had but it's certainly something we can look at. He suggested that we ask Mr. DeRosa to check to see if this house is really occupied by the owners

or find out what the status is. The Mayor said that if it was an Airbnb now, it would be legal now unless the Council's inclined to passing an ordinance.

Patricia Young-voiced her concerns about a herd of about nine deer that have taken up residence in the back yards of houses between Lakeview and Zabriskie and completely decimating the foliage. She asked if they've spoken with other towns or possibly the County about what they're going about their deer problem? She said that it's out of control.

Mayor Mignone-said that he's not aware of other towns having anything specific in place and assumes that it would fall under the County Health Department.

Councilman Gautier-said that he doesn't believe there's any ordinance about deer control.

Mayor Mignone-said that it might be worthwhile for us to reach out to the County to see if there's any kind of coordinated efforts that they have.

Councilwoman Davis-said that it's not only in that area, she said she's seen them on Kensington Road.

The Mayor and Council-all said that they've seen more free roaming animals that ever before.

Mayor Mignone-told Mrs. Young that they will have Property Maintenance look into what's going on with the house that's for sale on the corner of Lakeview and Reservoir. He asked if there's still a problem with people parking to close to the corner on Lakeview?

Patricia Young-said that it's not as bad as it used to be.

Mayor Mignone-said that he had asked the Police and DPW to yellow curb it but probably some of the neighbors didn't want that to happen.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

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

Mayor Mignone- explained that the hearing on local assessments for Oxford/Rutgers Phase III is the continuation of a project that we've been doing through the CDBG and it has been the Borough's procedure for a number of years, the properties and homeowners who directly abut and benefit from the improvements are assessed a portion of the engineering fees.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - Local Assessments for Curbs, Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace/Rutgers Place Phase III By:

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to open the public hearing on Local Assessments for Curbs, Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace/Rutgers Place Phase III was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - Local Assessments for Curbs, Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace/Rutgers Place Phase III

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close the public hearing on Local Assessments for Curbs, Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace/Rutgers Place Phase III was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis the salary increase of Lisa Sulikowski, Deputy Court Administrator from an hourly Step II rate of \$21.06 to Step III - \$22.16, effective October 5, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to ratify the paid leave of absence for William Camera, Mechanic in the Department of Public Works to attend the N.J. State Firemen's Convention from September 13th through September 15, 2018, effective September 13, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Gautier to rescind the satisfactory completion of the six-month probationary period and salary increase of Gabriel Colucci, Police Dispatcher which was approved at the meeting of August 13, 2018 and extend his probationary period an additional three (3) months at an hourly probationary rate of \$16.00, effective August 14, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the hire of Brian Vitting as a School Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 with a six-month probationary period effective date contingent upon training and medical examination was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, the hire of Peter Van Gunst as a School Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 with a six-month probationary period effective date contingent upon training and medical examination was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the hire of Kristala Moshouris as a School Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 with a six-month probationary period effective date contingent upon training and medical examination was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the hire of Theresa Burdy as a School Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 with a six-month probationary period effective date contingent upon training and medical examination was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier, the salary increase of Kenneth Morse, Tree Trimmer I in the Department of Public Works from an annual Step I salary of \$72,367.00 to Tree Trimmer I, Step II - \$74,093.00 effective November 5, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier, the salary increase of Jason DeCarlo, Laborer II in the Department of Public Works from an annual Step IV salary of \$44,865.00 to Laborer II, Step V - \$45,371.00, effective November 5, 2018 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the salary increase of Thomas Dekker, Laborer II in the Department of Public Works from an annual Step VI salary of \$45,878.00 to Laborer II, Step VII - \$46,385.00, effective November 26, 2018 was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

The Mayor appoints James Hoogstrate as Alternate #2 to the Historic Preservation Commission to

fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth McGinty through 12/31/19, effective September 24, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, Administrator/CFO – 9/12/18 Re: Damage to Public Property
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, Administrator/CFO – 9/17/18 Re: Farmer's Market Monthly Report
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, Administrator/CFO – 9/17/18 Re: Damage to Public Property

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Land Use Board	-	August 15, 2018
Tax Collector	-	August 2018
Historic Commission	-	June 2018

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING – NONE

ORDINANCE – 2ND READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #18-20 into the record.

Ordinance #18-20 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FRONT END LOADER FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$160,000 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 #18-20 was introduced by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni and unanimously approved at the September 4, 2018 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE ORDINANCE #18-20

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FRONT END LOADER FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$160,000 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 acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a front end loader for the use of the Department of Public Works in, by and for the Borough. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$160,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$160,000, and (4) \$8,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$152,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$2,395 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$8,000, 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 purpose. The sum of \$8,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$152,000 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 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$152,000 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 7. 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 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of fifteen years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 \$152,000 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 10. 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 purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. 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 12. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 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 13. 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 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Date:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #18-20

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #18-20 was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #18-20

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to close the hearing on Ordinance #18-20 was unanimously approved.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #18-20

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adopt Ordinance #18-20 was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed, resolutions #18-294 through #18-311 were approved unanimously.

#18-294 Confirmation of Local Assessments for Curbs and Sidewalks for the Community Development Block Grant Oxford Terrace/Rutgers Place Phase III Project

WHEREAS, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks on Oxford Terrace/Rutgers Place Phase III 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 #18-04 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/Rutgers Place (Phase III); 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/Rutgers Place (Phase III) for the engineering and administrative portion of the cost of curbs

and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk on July 24, 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/Rutgers Place (Phase III) assessments.

WHEREAS, a hearing on these assessments was held by the Mayor and Council on September 24, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following list of local assessments prepared by James Anzevino, totaling \$4,950.00 is hereby confirmed and approved and shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector for billing and collection in accordance with Ordinance #18-04 and the laws of the State of New Jersey.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1301/4	RLD Properties, 44 Rutgers Place	\$ 83.17
1301/5	Carolyn Gros, 50 Rutgers Place	\$ 665.05
1404/1.02	Myoung Sik Kim, 55 Rutgers Place	\$ 381.65
1404/1.03	Jamie & Sandra Hooper, 51 Rutgers Place	\$ 410.33
1404/1.04	Tamburelli Properties c/o Total Wine, Kinderkamack & Rutgers Place	\$ 99.35
1404/2.02	River Terrace Gardens Associates, 100 Bogert Rd.	\$3,310.45

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#18-295 Amend Agreement with Alan Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey for Expert Legal Services Regarding Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Expert Legal Services for tax appeal representation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. via resolution #18-09 dated January 1, 2018 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and amended via resolution #18-226 in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for Expert Legal Services for tax appeal representation; 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, Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. 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 #01-2010-20-1552-174 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

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, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$125.00 per hour:

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Alan P. Spiniello, Esq., 45 Essex Street, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.
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.

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#18-296 Resolution to Support a Corridor-Long Pedestrian Survey Along Route 4

WHEREAS, there are several pedestrian overpasses along the Route 4 corridor; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a corridor-long pedestrian survey to be undertaken;
and

WHEREAS, the study would quantify the number of pedestrians who currently use existing Route 4 crossings; what method of transportation is taken and their destinations; and the geographical coverage for each facility. The study would also evaluate local traffic circulation patterns; assess the locations and adequacy of existing mass transit facilities and evaluate future needs in terms of potential number of crossing facilities and where they would be best sited; and

WHEREAS, redevelopment efforts in the region have significant residential components and it is apparent that safe direct access to bus and train service is crucial to the success of these projects; and

WHEREAS, the information gathered by this study will provide a sound basis for near-and intermediate –range planning and could identify private or public-private partnerships to fund construction; and

WHEREAS, while many local municipalities host and in many cases are responsible for the regular maintenance of these facilities, the results of a comprehensive pedestrian survey would be of most benefit to the County and State for regional planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of River Edge requests that the County of Bergen undertake and finance a comprehensive pedestrian survey of the Route

4 Corridor.

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#18-297 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to the Yeshiva for the Property Located at 666 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 616, Lot 9

WHEREAS, the following application has been made to the Planning Board for Site Plan approvals and has since received such approval; and

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following to:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
616/9	Yeshiva 666 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$506.32

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#18-298 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to the Estate of Tamburelli for the Property Located at 135 Kinderkamack Road & 1025-1077 Main Street, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 1404, Lots 1.04, 5, 3.01

WHEREAS, the following application has been made to the Planning Board for Site Plan approvals and has since received such approval; and

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following to:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1404/1.04, 5, 3.01	Estate of Tamburelli 574 Grand Avenue Englewood, NJ 07631	\$1,022.50

September 24, 2018

#18-299 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to Pet Valu for the Property Located at 135 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 1404, Lots 1.04, 5, 3.01

WHEREAS, the following application has been made to the Planning Board for Site Plan approvals and has since received such approval; and

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following to:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1404/1.04, 5, 3.01	Pet Valu 135 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$1,105.00

September 24, 2018

#18-300 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to Jubin Kim & Mina Kang for the Property Located at 381 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 1004, Lot 8.02

WHEREAS, the following application has been made to the Planning Board for Site Plan approvals and has since received such approval; and

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following to:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1004/8.02	Jubin Kim & Mina Kang 381 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$3,087.50

September 24, 2018

#18-301 Refund of Performance Escrow for the Property Located at 801 Bogert Road, Block 401, Lot 4

WHEREAS, 801 Bogert LLC deposited \$1,000.00 in the Trust Other Fund to complete grading and seeding within 90 days of the project completion at the property located at 801 Bogert Road, Block 401, Lot 4; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has performed all final inspections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor is authorized to make the following refund:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
401/4	801 Bogert LLC 161 Jordan Road Emerson, NJ 07630	\$1,000.00

September 24, 2018

#18-302 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 3rd Quarter 2018 Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate and/or tax overpayments for the 3rd 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>AMOUNT</u>
212/3	BUKUR, DENNIS 43 Washington Avenue River Edge, NJ	1,703.77
612/2	BECKER, DEBORAH G. 125 Tenney Avenue River Edge, NJ	1,072.31

Total: 2,776.08

Make check payable to:

Lereta LLC
1123 S. Parkview Drive
Covina, CA 91724-3748
Attn: Refunds Department

September 24, 2018

#18-303 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Tenney Avenue

WHEREAS, on or about September 24, 2018, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Krista Van Wetering, 180 Tenney Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Tenney Avenue between Bogert Road and Elm Avenue on Saturday, October 6th starting at 2:00 p.m. in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

WHEREAS, Krista Van Wetering has requested that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages be permitted in connection with said block party; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the

possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that persons age 21 and over be and hereby are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages at the block party described above, on the date and time specified herein.

September 24, 2018

Councilwoman Busted-asked for clarification on resolution #18-304. She asked Alan Negreann if this resolution is changing the frequency of pick-ups.

Alan Negreann-replied no, this is the fifth and final year of our contract.

#18-304 Award of Contract to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 3 New York Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 37307 for Complete Solid Waste Collection Services from 1-4 Family Residences as Part of a Shared Service with New Milford, Option Year 5

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2014 bids were received by the Borough of New Milford for Complete Solid Waste Collection Service for New Milford and River Edge; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received, the lowest from Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 3 York Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 for a five (5) year contract total representing Options 1,2,3; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge and Borough of New Milford have agreed to share the cost of such service for all years and during the fifth year of the contract it will be calculated at the following percentages: River Edge (44.6%), New Milford (55.4%) based upon the 2018 Table of Aggregates.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-26-3050-100 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$310,800.00 for the 1st year from October 16, 2014 to October 15, 2015; a pro-rata share of \$311,500.00 for the 2nd year from October 16, 2015 to October 15, 2016; a pro-rata share of \$311,500.00 for the 3rd year from October 16, 2016 to October 15, 2017; a pro-rata share of \$311,500.00 for the 4th year from October 16, 2017 to October 15, 2018 and a pro-rata share of \$311,500.00 for the 5th year from October 16, 2018 to October 15, 2019. All amounts are contingent upon the Governing Body passing and including an appropriation in those current fund budgets and subject to all of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.3 with respect to multi-year contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid for a one year contract Option Year 5 for Complete Solid Waste Collection Service from 1-4 Family Residences is hereby awarded to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 3 New York Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07307 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of River Edge agrees to pay \$312,200.00 for the period October 16, 2018 – October 15, 2019, representing 44.6% of the total amount of \$700,000.00 for the fifth year of the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award of contract is subject to the Borough of New Milford making a similar award since they are the Lead Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc. and the Borough of New Milford.

September 24, 2018

#18-305 Amend 2018 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion or increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such an item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion or increase of an item for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a deposit in its Unappropriated Reserve for Nursing Services for nonpublic Schools Grant in the amount of \$4,171.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that it does hereby request the approval of the Director for the following:

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue – Section F

Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Nursing Services for Nonpublic Schools.....\$4,171.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$4,171.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Operations excluded from the “CAPS”

Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Nursing Services for Nonpublic Schools.....\$4,171.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough forward two (2) copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

September 24, 2018

#18-306 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>
32043	Lincoln National Insurance	\$16,320.00	LOSAP - Ambulance
32044	Lincoln National Insurance	\$ 9,180.00	LOSAP – Fire
31390	Robert Costa	\$ 3,000.00	Fifth Avenue, Section 4
31473	NG Studio	\$ 300.00	Picture - Mayor

September 24, 2018

#18-307 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Access Easement Agreement with Wendy W. and Barry L. Salkin for Property Located at Block 1302, Lot 33, More Commonly Known as 96 Elizabeth Street, River Edge, New Jersey

WHEREAS, Wendy W. and Barry L. Salkin (the “Salkins”) are the owners of property located at 96 Elizabeth Street, River Edge, New Jersey (Block 1302, Lot 33) (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough is benefitted by that certain 15 foot wide sanitary sewer easement located partially within the Property; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing sewer line within the existing sewer easement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to access a portion of the Property to operate and maintain the sewer line; and

WHEREAS, the Salkins desire to grant the Borough an easement over a portion of the Property in accordance with the terms of the attached Access Easement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the Access Easement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council approved entry into the Access Easement Agreement and the Salkins and the Borough of River Edge.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the Access Easement Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be provided to: (i) River Edge Construction Code Official; (ii) Wendy W. and Barry L. Salkin; and (iii) Brian M. Chewcaskie, Land Use Board Attorney.

September 24, 2018

#18-308 Award Contract for the 2018 ADA Curb Ramp Improvements at the Intersection of Wayne Avenue and Kinderkamack Road to Diamond Construction, 35 Beaverson Boulevard, Suite 12C, Brick, New Jersey 08723

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2018 two (2) sealed bids were received for the 2018 ADA Curb Ramp Improvements at the Intersection of Wayne Avenue and Kinderkamack Road; and

WHEREAS, the lowest was received from Diamond Construction in the total amount of \$36,881.00; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1837-250 of the Capital Fund in an amount not to exceed \$36,881.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract is hereby awarded to Diamond Construction, 35 Beaverson Boulevard, Suite 12C, Brick, New Jersey 08723 in the amount not to exceed \$36,881.00 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

September 24, 2018

#18-309 Amend Agreement with Robert Costa, Borough Engineer for Professional Services Related to the Crosswalk – Kinderkamack and Wayne Avenue Sidewalk

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to the Crosswalk – Kinderkamack and Wayne Avenue Sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Robert Costa, Borough Engineer via resolution #17-362 dated November 6, 2017 in the amount of \$3,000.00; amended via resolution #18-100 dated February 26, 2018 in the amount of \$12,000.00 and amended via resolution #18-246 dated July 9, 2018 in the amount of \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for professional services related to the Crosswalk – Kinderkamack and Wayne Avenue Sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1652-170 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; 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 \$5,000.00; 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.

September 24, 2018

#18-310 Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Sign the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety “Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Application 2018”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety “Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Application 2018”.

September 24, 2018

#18-311 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2018 3rd Quarter Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate and/or tax overpayments for the 3rd 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>
708/18	ADAMCIK 206 Dorchester Road	Duplicate	2,936.49
801/3	PANSARE 179 Manning Avenue	Duplicate	3,187.24
1004/8.02	GIOFFRE 385 Kinderkamack Road	Duplicate	1,134.69
1209/23	KANG 206 Lozier Terrace	Duplicate	5,157.29
		TOTAL:	12,415.71

Make check payable to: CORE LOGIC TAX SERVICES
P.O. Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9978
Attn: Centralized Refunds

September 24, 2018

Councilman Bartelloni read resolution #18-312 into the record.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni, resolution #18-312 was unanimously approved.

#18-312 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	\$997,820.23
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 10,326.44
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 1,768.00
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 390.40
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 62,120.35
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 1,462.95
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 112.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that claims read and approved by the Governing Body at a Council meeting will be dated the day after the reading of those claims and will appear on the following bill list at the next public meeting of the Mayor and Council at which time claims would be paid.

September 24, 2018

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

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

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to close hearing of the public was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Gautier-was pleased that we recognized National Breast Cancer Awareness Month because he had a close family member who is a survivor of breast cancer. He agrees that early detection is key and hopes that everyone gets themselves checked out. He reported that the County sponsored Senior Picnic that was re-scheduled for this Wednesday is cancelled. This is the third rain date now, so unfortunately the weather hasn't cooperated.

Councilman Bartelloni-reported that the Concert in the Park that was originally scheduled for July 3rd has been moved to October 6th, the day before River Edge Day. He said that at the next work session he may bring up some ideas for our website on ways to improve it and try to focus on it going forward to next year. The current template that we use is 8 generations behind so he would like to present the Council with new ideas to bring it more up to date and make it more streamlined for our residents. He

mentioned that the Police Department has additional speed limit signs for Howland Avenue which will be installed by the DPW and looks forward to that being done soon. He also mentioned that there will be etchings on the street which will say “25 mph speed limit” and there will be a few additional speed monitors going up in town as well. Councilman Bartelloni spoke about the deer problem and encouraged people to be careful driving at night because they are around. He saw 2 bucks on Forest Avenue that came right in front of him and 3 does on the field at Roosevelt so warned everyone to be extra careful during the twilight hours.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he received a report from Liz Stewart and Jennifer Dougherty and was asked to share it with the Council. Fall tree planting is the process and Jennifer and Liz went out and purchased 205 trees with Grant money, bond money and Open Space funds. Margo Pohl and Liz Stewart drove around marking planting sites before letters are sent to the residents letting them know that trees are on the way. They still have about 1/3 of the sites to mark. Liz is coordinating planting with a landscaper for late October, early November. Shade Tree spoke with Michele Cariddi about coordinating their efforts for Cherry Blossom Park. Shade Tree continues to visit sites on a regular basis for residents requests regarding trees and they’ve visited 170 to date. Councilman Papaleo reported that Shade Tree continues to monitor their budget and they will encumber any unused funds to put towards stump removals. They are also looking to plant 5 purple blossoms, one in each park in memory of John Lynch. Councilman Papaleo was wondering where the Council is moving in this direction. Shade Tree has put in work orders for memorial trees currently in the park to be trimmed and pruned. A resident from Valley Road came to the meeting and explained that there are issues with the sewerage pipe because of trees and have had problems 3 times. The policy is if a tree is affecting the plumbing of a residents sewer system, it should be removed. He reported that the tree will be taken down. Councilman Papaleo stated that his wife was about 22, when her mother passed away from breast cancer and she passed 6 months after her father died. He said that this is something that has affected his family and also feels that regular checks are very important for all related cancers. He said that he has a male friend who has breast cancer and said that this is something men have to be concerned about too.

Councilwoman Busted-reported that the Green Team will have a shredder in the morning of October 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the cul-de-sac of Webb Avenue before River Edge Day and encouraged everyone to bring their paperwork for shredding. She reported that the Trex collection will continue through the end of September and encouraged everyone to visit the Environmental Protection booth at River Edge Day. They will unveil how they exceeded the collection amounts and what they plan to do with the bench and how residents can continue to recycle your plastics. She commended them for doing a fantastic job. She also reported that the River Clean-up is also scheduled in the morning of October 7th at KBG Park. She reported that Carolyn Baldanza, our new Rec Director has prepared what will not be a seasonal newsletter listing all the events that are going on and have occurred previously. Anyone who would like to get on her distribution list, should contact her. Councilwoman Busted commended her for doing a great job with that. She reported that Stigma Free will be hosting a book club discussion at the Library on October 18th at 7 p.m. which will be moderated by a mental health professional and they’ll be discussing the book “What Made Maddy Run”. The book is about a girl who attended Northern Highlands and was a UPenn freshman who committed suicide. There are books available for free thanks to the PBA, Ambulance Corp and Fire Department and encouraged everyone to go to the Library to register and get their book. She thanked the River Edge Board of Education and administration of the River Edge Schools for inviting all of them to participate in their New Family Welcome Reception last week. There were probably 100 people or more, mostly new families that attended so it was really great to see their enthusiasm to be part of this wonderful community and she welcomed them all.

Councilwoman Davis-reported that the Farmer’s Market was cancelled last week because of the weather and tomorrow isn’t looking much better. They’ve already had three vendors who have cancelled. She reported that the Health Department is having a meeting this evening and the next meeting for the

Municipal Alliance is tomorrow night. She also reported that the Fire Department has been very active. They've had 59 alarms during July and August; 2 structure fires and 11 mutual aid calls where we helped out other towns. One of which was a condo fire at Canterbury Village in New Milford. On September 13th to 15th many members attended the annual NJ State Firemen's Convention and during that time, any calls in River Edge, New Milford and Oradell were automatic tri-boro calls. She also reported that on September 20th, Chief O'Connell and Captain Cariddi attended a firefighter graduation ceremony which was held at Bergen Academies for Mica Gibson, Gary Wilhelm Jr., and Vincent Ciccolella who attained Fire Fighter I certification. All of them completed 168 hours of training and some used their summer vacations to do it so she commended all of them for their commitment. She reported that the Fire Department will not be participating in River Edge Day because they are covering for New Milford and Oradell who are taking part in the Northern Valley Chief's Parade which will be held on the same day. The antique engine from Company #2 will be leading the parade with two ex-fire chiefs serving as Grand Marshall's who have served for fifty years. Ex-Chief Dave Stucke will be driving the engine.

Councilman Chinigo-echoed everyone's comments on breast cancer. He reported that we have the Recycle Coach app up and running for the town. The app can be downloaded and is very easy and self-explanatory. You just have to put the zone you fall into and it gives you the option to set reminders which will remind you of garbage and recycling collections and also give changes to the schedule. He looks forward to receiving weekly reminders and said that everyone in River Edge can download it and its free to use until 2020. This is a program through a state grant that was just extended through 2020 and will give us a few years to try it out to see how it works. He feels that it's a nice tool and is pleased that we're able to offer something like this to our residents.

Mayor Mignone-echoed everyone's comments on the New Family Welcome Reception and explained that this is the third year that the school has done it and it seems to be very successful and very well received. Last Friday, the Mayor was asked to give welcoming remarks at the naturalization ceremony at New Bridge Landing. There were 23 citizens from 18 countries and the Mayor said that it's always very inspiring to see how emotional people become when taking the oath and become American citizens. He said that if anyone has the opportunity to go, it's a worthwhile event to attend. The Mayor stated that the League of Municipalities has been sending out many bulletins regarding the pending potential legalization of marijuana and are reaching out to all the towns to start thinking about how they are going to address this topic. They seem to think it's going to happen before the end of the year so it's not something that they really have a lot of time to work. He suggested that at a future work session they start to look at that. He received news that Rabbi Jacobson will not be renewing his contract with Temple Avodat Shalom next year as he will be moving back to Australia. He'll be here through June and the Mayor said that he's been a great help to him personally and was great at engaging all sectors of the community and will certainly be missed. In addition to getting screened for breast cancer, the Mayor made a personal recommendation that people get screened for skin cancer as he recently had a basal cell carcinoma removed. He said that it didn't look like anything and he never would have thought that's that what it was but his wife recommended that he have it looked at. The more he's mentioned it, he's found that the more people have had it so he feels that it's something that people should include in their regular health check-up. Councilman Papaleo questioned what the Council has planned for John Lynch, and the Mayor said that whatever they decide to do, he would like to see something permanent and significant. He said that John gave so many years of service to the Borough. The Mayor had originally thought about 140 Kinderkamack but found out that the park was already named in someone else's honor. He feels that they should advertise that and make more of an effort to identify the park by its rightful name because no one seemed to know that it was named for someone. Another thought he had was changing the name of Riverside Way. The only buildings that would be affected would be the Swim Club and the DPW building. You wouldn't have to worry about residents having to change their

address and it would be something significant and something that people will see and recognize as opposed to something more ceremonial in nature.

Councilman Papaleo-thought it was a great idea.

Councilman Gautier – agreed.

Mayor Mignone- said eventually they will come up with something for Council Acquafredda also. The Mayor reported that the River Dell Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Regional Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a wounded warrior wedding in November. They've identified a needy military couple who are getting married and they are providing the wedding. The event will be held at the Venetian and is something that Virginia Korteweg has been championing for years. She was able to put it together with the cooperation of the other chambers and they are looking for people to attend. The Mayor will bring more information to the next meeting. The Mayor announced that they will be having a public presentation on the proposed Community Center at the next work session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:59 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: