

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018**

PRESENT:

Council President	Ellen Busteed
Councilman	Alphonse Bartelloni
Councilman	Dario Chinigo
Councilman	Thomas Papaleo

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mayor	Edward J. Mignone
Councilwoman	Mary Davis
Councilman	Joseph Gautier

Council President Busteed called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM by reading the Open Public Meetings Act and called for a roll call.

**Motion to Suspend Work Session and Enter Into Closed Session Resolution #18-252
Motion by Councilman Papaleo, second by Councilman Bartelloni.**

All in favor 4-0

Closed Session Docket#	Item Title or Description	Statutory Reference
18-7/9-1	Personnel Superintendent of Public Works	N.J.S.A 10:4-12(8)
18-8/13-2	Litigation – COAH Brian Chewcaskie, Esq. Thomas Behrens	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION SUSPEND WORK SESSION
ENTER REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING @ 7:10 PM**

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, second by Councilman Papaleo to approve.

All in favor 4-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING @ 7:42 PM

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Council Bartelloni

All in favor 4-0

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S TOPICS-

- Garbage Collection – Hours** – Mr. Negreann explained that we are currently working on two bid specifications for the garbage collection. Our current contract is up October of next year and we need to plan ahead and ready bid specifications and go out to bid as per the State requirements. We are going to have an individual bid, one for New Milford one for River Edge, and a joint bid New

Milford –River Edge bid as well. He is working on the specifications for our bid and one of the questions that has come up is if the Council is satisfy with the 6-6:30 in the morning state time and finish by dusk. The reason he raises that question is because we did have some observations by some residents that trucks were coming in on Saturdays at an early hour. If the Council wants him to start a later Saturday time he can do that but that needs to be written into our specification. He isn't sure he can get into the joint bid, but he can get it into our bid. We do need an early start time in order for these vehicles to pick up at our elementary schools before the teachers, parents, and kids arrive. We have camp and we need to make pick up before the camp starts and there is a reason and also the commercial area along Kinderkamack Road with traffic issues as well. So we really do need to have an early start for some of these collections but this one specific question came up years ago and he remembered that there were residents that were not happy on Saturday mornings. So if the Council has any other thoughts on that fine if not we will just keep the early start time in the specification as is. Councilman Papaleo wanted to know if we could qualify it so we say same days at 6am but on Saturday it could be 7am, is that considered reasonable in the industry. Mr. Negreann explained that whatever changes you make you are probably going to pay for it somehow. If they have a later start time than what their crew usually does they will probably still have to bring their crew in early in the morning find something for them to do and then get them out on the road here. One way or the other we will probably have to pay for it. Councilwoman Busted asked how often they are here on a Saturday, is it because they didn't get their work completed under other circumstances. Mr. Negreann replied no, we have three sections in town, sections 6, 7, and 8 will get picked up in our specs twice a week all year long, every Saturday. No complaints have been received recently. Councilman Papaleo stated that if we do that we really open up the door because than people who get their garbage taken Monday through Friday, he thinks we just maintain the standard. Mr. Negreann stated that no motion would tell him what to do. Since no motion was made, Mr. Negreann thanked the Council.

2. **Department of Transportation – Municipal Aid Program – Bogert Road Section, Due October 8, 2018 (Application)** – Mr. Negreann began by saying we received notice of a new round of Department of Transportation grant programs. We have been awarded Section 3, Bogert Rd to create angled parking on Bogert Rd, and he believes we were awarded \$218,000.00 for that phase. Since there is a new round of applications that we have to have it in by August 8th and it's not a lot of time to do the work that is necessary to get this application complete so he is here tonight to ask the Council would like to continue with a Section 4 of Bogert Rd. A resident from the audience asked angled parking not parallel parking. Mr. Negreann replied we are contemplated angled parking Bogert Rd. to increase the number of spaces that are available. Councilwoman Busted stated this is in front of apartments.. Councilman Bartelloni added going toward Route 4. Councilwoman Busted went on to say the southern end of Bogert but there will be a cutting in slightly. Mr. Negreann said we have a right-of-way that we will be cutting into yielding additional spots, that is the intent. He is asking to continue on with this project since \$281,000 doesn't give us a lot to do in one round. The whole project is probably somewhere between \$1,600,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 depending on how it's done. This is really a 7-8

year program of grants that we will be looking at to continue. There really is no guarantee or no mandate to go farther than what we have done thus far or the next section. Councilwoman Busted asked Mr. Negreann he was looking to the council... Mr. Negreann said move to Section 4 and to continue on with the concept of the angle parking on Bogert Rd.

Motion made by Councilman Bartelloni, second by Councilman Papaleo to approve.
All in favor 4-0

FOR DISCUSSION –

1. **Recycle Coach** – Councilman Chinigo explained that the Department of Environmental Protection has purchased this online program, which originated in Canada and looks to centralize recycling information for municipalities and counties in a single platform that municipalities and residents of River Edge would be able to access through smart devices and computers. The Recycle Coach network connects residents looking for waste and recycling information with municipalities that want to help their residents maximize their recycling impact of their programs. How does it work, it's an online communication platform allowing residents to access recycling information, customized to their particular municipality. So it's through the implementation and utilization the municipalities can educate residents and divert excess waste from the landfill and improve garbage and recycling collection. Recycle Coach allows municipalities to easily and quickly customize schedules, allows for collection and event reminders, and includes a report-a-problem function and a "what goes where" function which is one of the tools aimed at reducing the contamination of recycling products. He had hand-outs for the Council and could email anyone that would like to learn more about it. To get started we simply would contact Recycle Coach and have them imbed their platform onto our website, it's a couple of line of codes he is told. It gathers the information from our website and then it spits it back out to residents who download the app, which is available through the ISO store and through the android app store and you can do it through your computer as well. Right now, as of this year, there is no cost to the municipality. New Jersey has bought the program and has paid for any municipality that wishes to access the program. New Milford had put it up on their website and it appears to be successful. After the program expires at end of the year it may be picked up again by the Department of Environmental Protection, in which case it would be no cost to us. If however it does not get picked up there are different avenues the municipality can take if they want to continue with the program. One there is a free program that doesn't get all the bells and whistles of the paid program but it still allows the residents to get information on their smart phones or computers on recycling. Then there is kind of like an al-a-cart program with different options that are available that you can choose and pay for whatever that is. He hasn't looked into the cost yet because he wanted to see whether New Jersey would pick up the cost for next year because it sounds like a great program. There is no initial cost to us depending on what we want to do going forward, we'll cross that bridge when we come to it. The Environmental Commission was on the call with me and he also spoke with Lisa Hessman, the Recycling Coordinator seem to be on board so he would like to propose we go forward with this program with no cost to us. It seems like a great benefit and people will benefit from it. He would like guidance from the Council where he goes next to implement it or just go ahead and implement it would be just a call to them saying go ahead get it on our

website. Councilwoman Busted asked what impact this would have on Lisa Hessman's current workload. Mr. Negreann stated that she indicated to me she is not responsible for any of the uploading or anything like that (inaudible). Councilman Chinigo said that from what he understands whatever she is doing now she will keep doing and the program will take that information and send it out to residents. Once you download the app it asks you when you want the notifications and so forth. You as the individual using it will decide what the app is for. Councilman Bartelloni asked if we had to upgrade our information on our website at all. Councilman Chinigo replied no it just gets embedded into the website. There would be banners that you could put into the website but he didn't exactly know how it worked to be perfectly honest. There are banners where you click and it brings you to the store on your smartphone. Councilman Bartelloni said he meant because you said that it takes the information our website. A statement came from the audience. Councilman Bartelloni said that was what he was worried about, garbage in, garbage out. Councilman Busted said as the app exists today it is free of charge because the State has purchased the contract when that expires we would have to purchase, what would be free beyond that contract, would it be what we have today or would it revert back to a bare bones type. Councilman Chinigo stated it would revert back to a bare bones type of situation as far as he understands it. He is waiting to hear back from the contact person and will follow up for next meeting. A motion was made to move forward with the free app provided by the State of New Jersey.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilman Bartelloni to approve.
All in favor 4-0

WORK SESSION CONSENT AGENDA – Approved during Regular Meeting

1. **Amend Contract with Costa Engineering for Low & Moderate Street/Curb/Sidewalk Improvements, Oxford/Rutgers Phase 3 in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.**
2. **Award Bid to Jo-Med Contracting Corp. for the 2017 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement at Intersection of Kinderkamack Road and River Edge Road in the amount not to exceed \$253,354.65.**
3. **Renewal of Membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.**
4. **Approve Change Order #2 to D&L Paving Contractors for the 2018 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program in the amount not to exceed \$12,231.18.**
5. **Approval to Waive a Portion of the Police Outside Duty Rate for Temple Avodat Shalom.**
6. **Approve the request from Bergen County Historical Society to place a banner at the corner of Main Street and Kinderkamack for a 3 week period to promote the Baronfest Event on September 29th.**

MAYOR'S REPORT - No Report Available

FOR YOUR INFORMATION –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- **Borough of River Edge Senior/Community Center – Councilwoman Busted stated this was being postponed.**

NEW BUSINESS –

Councilman Papaleo wanted to bring up Jason Milito, DPW Foreman's memo regarding the CAT front end loader breaking down the trade-in values of a repaired one versus a broken CAT. Today he was down at DPW meeting with Jason and Rick and Chris wasn't present, they are presently leading our DPW in the sad absence of John Lynch, who has recently passed on. One of things Jason has brought up to him which he was not aware of was that that the replacement front loader will not take months, he has just found out he can get a replacement in two weeks. Not in the four months or whatever it was prior. The company that we deal with who sells us this has actually two 2018 front loaders, he said he had sent an email to Stephanie and Alan about this today and some paperwork and we could get a front end loader in about two weeks from payment. So he wanted to bring this to the Council's attention. A couple of things details that he wanted him to bring up is that they have reduced the price, increased the trade-in so that we would be able to get the front loader for \$157,399. If we were able to do this they would keep the current front loader, they would trade in with a value of \$32,000. Reducing the \$189,000 by \$32,000 to get the \$157,000. Councilman Papaleo asked what would happen if we didn't and Jason said we would have to do the repairs next year even if we did repairs we would have to replace it because it doesn't have much of a life after that. We would still have to purchase a new one and he did explain what we would lose. If we do the repairs instead of the purchase the Borough would lose approximately \$29,134.36. He doesn't know if we have the ability to fund this at this time but we could get a front loader it's being held for us and we would save \$30,000 in the next 12-18 months if we decided to do that. He had told Jason that he was not aware of that and he was glad he stopped by to talk to him about it. He didn't know if Alan or Stephanie had the chance to look at all the paperwork that came from DPW today. We may want to reconsider spending the money on the repair. The one thing he did ask Jason and he did explain was there was a \$4,000 charge already into Foley CAT which is this the towing and the diagnosis. It appears Foley is not charging us rent for the front loader being on their property while they call it storage. They would be looking for us to make a decision about it and if we decide to have it repaired there is the additional cost of have it towed back to us. So he wanted to bring that to the Council's attention because Alan this resolution 18-271 that's for repair. Mr. Negreann replied yes, currently it has a repaired figure of \$57,000.00 with the \$6,000.00, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Papaleo corrected him by saying \$1967. Mr. Negreann stated that we have to add the aggregate to emergencies for the year that also includes the fire vehicle of \$15,185, to him its \$52,135+\$15,185 gets you to this \$67,320. So this is an emergency appropriation to your current operating budget for the repair which would allow you to make the purchase and raise this money next year. Emergencies are raised in the 2019 budget. You can certainly amend this resolution to include the \$157,605.00 and that would be added to the Fire Dept. emergency. We would still be under the threshold for the State and that entire emergency if we paid for it on that basis would be raised in next year's budget. There is always the possibility to try and reduce that number before the end of the year through other sources we might have to fund this particular purchase. Councilman Papaleo's thinking is if we are going to have to spend this money in the next 12-18 months anyway he would much rather save \$29,000 rather than lose \$29,000. He doesn't know what the rest of Council is thinking. Councilman Bartelloni said here is the flip side if go

and purchase it right now for the \$157,000, that \$157,000 hits our budget next year as an emergency appropriation, so right off you have a fee for a capital improvement that we would normally space out over time, essentially it becomes a cash due next year. What he spoke about with Councilwoman Busted was appropriating money from 551836, Kinderkamack Road, Phase III, where there is a balance of over \$1,000,000. Reappropriating money from that line, capital project to this but the only problem is that you will have to wait to pass a bond ordinance amending the prior bond ordinance taking about 60 days. He knows Mr. Negreann has some concerns about that. Mr. Negreann stated that on that ordinance the \$1,110,000. figure has to be reduced by the \$800,000. by the Department of Transportation plus the amount we have spent out of here already, so ready the amount available is \$210,000. that we could lower this ordinance and increase another ordinance for this particular emergency. He just didn't want to leave that \$1,000,000 on the table, you would have to take out the grant amount, \$210,000, leaving you about \$60,000 for other expenses for this particular project. Once you get to that project you can certain adopt another ordinance to supplement this one, but we could makes those changes. We could have to speak with Bond Counsel tomorrow on the appropriate ordinance to introduce at the next meeting and canceling out some of this ordinance if that is the approach the Council wants to use through the ordinances, you would table the emergency appropriation tonight and then you would follow through (inaudible). Councilman Bartelloni said this way it allows us to treat it as we normally would a capital purchase like this. Councilman Chinigo said but then (inaudible) Councilman Papaleo said we might be able to, if we made it clear to them that, he thinks it was a salesman's strategy to make sure we moved forward. But if we tell them that we are simply delaying it because we need to process because of statute he doesn't think they would have a problem but we could certainly find out. Mr. Negreann stated that he could send them a letter of intent. Councilman Papaleo said as it was explained to him by Jason they said they did not know they were going to be selling these two, CAT had inventory left over and Foley had these 2 2018 front end loaders while 2019's are coming in. He thinks they would be grateful to have this sale as a guarantee and they would work with us. This is a good plan and we save \$29,000. What Al and Ellen have come up with sounds like a great plan for being fiscally responsible with the way we manage the accounting. Councilwoman Busted asked about the timing, 60 days to prepare the bond ordinance to have the monies available and we can take delivery two weeks later. That is a reasonable time frame. Councilman Papaleo stated yes, and they have one loader that is working right now. We would get it before leaf season, which is our greatest concern. It comes with two bonuses, a bucket and a snow push. They are saying we got a great deal on that to. This is Jason's recommendation to buy it versus repairs. A motion was made to decrease Ordinance #1836 and increase and move an ordinance for this purchase.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, second by Councilman Chinigo to approve.
All in favor 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Councilman Bartelloni wanted to update everyone on the cameras, which are installed and the new equipment. We are just waited on a couple of odds and ends that we have to resolve first and he needs to go through line items first to try and find money to pay for some of it. We need to upgrade our microphone

system, and our sound system has to get upgraded before it will properly work in sync with the camera system. We did get a quote for that and he needs to go through the operating budget and try and piece it together. We also have to get a static IP address from Verizon so that our server once installed will work properly. He will need to work with DPW to run an Ethernet line from the recording system to the rotor in the back. The server has to be hard wired in and DPW should be able to do that. Some of the finishing items G&G is coming back on Wednesday to do regarding the blue wires. Hopefully he would still like to do this for September, get it up and running but there is just a lot of these little odds and ends that have to be figured out. Mainly the sound system getting the quotes from companies that actually do it is not the easiest thing in the world but he is working on it.

Councilman Chinigo asked if he could get an update on the striping of Kinderkamack and Wayne. He was hoping it would be done before school started since the process started more than a year ago. Mr. Negreann said he would reach out to Mr. Costa.

Councilwoman Busted stated that the Municipal Alliance was having a problem with a quorum and was wondering if there was a way to possibly have voting members, non-voting members so that, there seems to be the same number of regular people that attend but it's not enough to meet a quorum. Mr. Sarlo replies (inaudible) Councilwoman Busted replies it is. Mr. Sarlo says they would have to amend the ordinance to reduce... Councilwoman Busted said we would have to reduce the number of members we couldn't just make voting... Mr. Sarlo replied (inaudible) (simultaneous talking) maybe have two classes. Mr. Sarlo said if it's created by ordinance you have to amend by ordinance. He will have some suggestions for her. Councilwoman Busted said they have a meeting next week.

Councilman Bartelloni mentioned that the State of New Jersey doesn't have a licensing fee e-cigarettes, they kind of dropped the ball on this. Some municipalities are imposing their own licensing fees, there was an article in the Record recently about Ridgewood doing this. Where they are charging \$1,200 a year for the licensing and he thinks this is something that ties in with her affects just tonight amending the tobacco ordinance to include these cigarettes. We should look to also include licensing these shops and vendors that sells these as well so that that is oversight as well. Mr. Sarlo said that Little Ferry just introduced their ordinance and he can distribute to this Council and if it meets your approval you can go with that or put it on for discussion and work off of that that's fine to but his Borough Attorney modeled off of Ridgewood's and other town's. He will distribute that one for you to take a look and work off that and list it for discussion.

Councilman Bartelloni had something the Mayor wanted brought up, he wanted the Council to start considering possible ways of memorializing John Lynch. The Mayor proposed two items, 1 was renaming Riverside Way in honor of John. That's the road leads to DPW for people that don't know. The other is officially naming 140 Kinderkamack Rd, the little park. The Mayor was the liaison at the time when that work was being done and he said that John was really, really proud of the work that DPW did there. The Mayor asked that I bring up those two

options tonight for possible consideration. Mr. Negreann asked for clarification on 140 Kinderkamack because he believes it is memorialized somehow for a veteran but he will research it.

Councilwoman Busted brought up meeting dates for the month of September. It looks like there would be a quorum for September 4th for a Regular meeting. Seeing no objections September 4th was set as the next Regular Public Meeting. September 24th with a Work Session and a Regular Public Meeting, if we can get DMR and Mr. Costa here we will, if not we will endeavor it for October 9th.

Councilman Bartelloni said that he one more thing real quick to consider. We have Verizon here talking about our phone system. They have a wireless system that works over the internet and its \$25 per line with an initial cost about \$5,200 to purchase the equipment, but then the monthly cost thereafter is \$970.00. Currently the Borough's phone bill for Borough Hall, DPW, Police, and the Library is a little over \$3,000 a month. We actually in this date and age pay long distance to call Essex County which is ridicules. So after the initial investment of about \$5,200 there is a savings of a little over \$2,000 a month. Between now and the next meeting he will be reviewing the budgets so maybe at the next meeting this can be discussed. The benefit is caller id, which we currently don't have, also the phone number each unit is assigned can also be assigned on to two other devices so it can be a cell phone, an iPad, whatever, if we wanted a number you wouldn't have to be at Borough Hall a phone would ring here and on your cell phone. It provides an extra layer of communication. Something to think about at our next meeting. Councilman Papaleo thought it sounded like an outstanding idea.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, second by Councilman Chinigo

All in favor 4-0

No public comment

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Bartelloni

All in favor 4-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE WORK SESSION @ 8:19 PM

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to adjourn.

All in favor 4-0

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Borough Clerk