

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Monday, November 4, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER –

Council President Busted called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Council President Busted called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Councilman Papaleo to lead the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT –

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act: This meeting complies with the Open Public Meeting Act by notification on December 21st of this location, date and time to the Ridgewood News and the Record and by posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Web Site and filing a notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL – Council President Busted, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Kaufman and Councilman Papaleo were present; Councilman Gautier was absent.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Councilwoman Kaufman read resolution #19-358 into the record.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, resolution #19-358 was unanimously approved.

#19- 358 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	\$8,932,501.22
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 14,225.00
GRANT FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 1,408.12
ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT	\$ 10.20
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 30,888.88

OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$	3,341.50
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$	87,705.52
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT	\$	917.76
DEVELOPERS ESCROW ACCOUNT	\$	4,605.00
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$	7,876.44

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

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FOR DISCUSSION –

Fire Department Sub-Committee –

Council President Busted-stated that the Council had discussed forming a sub-committee for the purpose of discussing the ordinances that have created the Fire Department. She said that they will be introducing ordinances on November 12th and if it's the will of the Council, she asked that they form the sub-committee tonight. She has spoken with all of the Council members and the consensus is that the sub-committee members shall be: Councilman Chinigo, Councilman Gautier and Councilwoman Davis.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman to accept the sub-committee was unanimously approved.

Council President Busted-said that Borough Administrator, Ray Poerio will also sit on the sub-committee as well. She asked the Administrator to set up a meeting with the sub-committee members prior to November 12th.

Raymond Poerio-explained that they want to review the ordinance. He thinks that the Councils position should be that these items and recommendations that are to be included in the ordinance were put forward by our Auditor and Attorneys to help avoid potential problems that they've had in the past.

Council President Busted-ask that they afford the Fire Department the opportunity to hear from the Council as to what those are.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to open for public comments was unanimously approved.

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close public comments was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:07 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, to adjourn the meeting at p.m. was unanimously approved.

Council President Ellen Busted

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: