

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Monday, April 8, 2019
7:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

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

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Mignone called for a moment of silent prayer and asked our new Borough Administrator Raymond Poerio 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 21, 2018 to THE RECORD NEWSPAPER and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS, 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 – Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Gautier, Councilwoman Kaufman, Councilman Papaleo and Mayor Mignone were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting of March 25, 2019 were approved on the following roll call:

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

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS –

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Donate Life Month into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, those who dedicate their time, effort and skills to help others are among the most valued members of any community; and

WHEREAS, there is a great shortage of organ and tissue donors and thousands of people on the organ transplant waiting lists will not live to receive one; and

WHEREAS, each day 3 people die while on the waiting lists and in New Jersey, over 5,000 residents are waiting for organs or tissue; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is cooperating with the New Jersey Sharing Network (NJSN) so that you need only to designate on your driver's license that you want to be a donor and that information will also go into the NJSN computers; and

WHEREAS, if you are not a driver, you may designate your wish to be a donor on your legal I.D. card; and

WHEREAS, the NJSN has a new information brochure which contains a temporary Donor Card to be filled out and kept in your wallet until you have the opportunity to register this information on your driver's license or I.D card.

WHEREAS, the science of matching and performing organ transplant surgery has become more advanced; and

WHEREAS, last year over 613 transplants were performed in New Jersey and over 189,000 were performed nationally; and

WHEREAS, it is possible for one donor to save up to 8 lives and enhance the lives of up to 50 others through tissue donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 2019

As

Donate Life Month

Dated: April 8, 2019

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Mayor Mignone stated that River Edge resident Barbara Christiansen has brought this issue to the forefront over the years and was not able to attend and accept the proclamation this evening. The Mayor said with Barbara's prompting, he himself became a donor for this worthwhile cause.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring April 7 – 13, 2019 as National Volunteer Week into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the residents of River Edge live in a community that inspires, equips and mobilizes people to take action that changes lives for the better; and

WHEREAS, our dedicated volunteers connect with local community services through dozens of community service organizations; and

WHEREAS, individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, during this week all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force of over 63 million is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Edward J. Mignone hereby proclaim:

April 7- 13, 2019

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National Volunteer Week

in River Edge and urge my fellow citizens to volunteer in their respective communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: April 8, 2019

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Michele Cariddi from the Beautification Committee.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Autism Awareness Month into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive development disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if an individual with autism receives treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support serviced to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism presents; and

WHEREAS, Autism New Jersey, is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge do hereby proclaim:

April 2019

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National Autism Awareness Month

in the Borough of River Edge and urge all employees and residents to participate in our Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Dated: April 8, 2019

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Tara Cho.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring April 7 – 13, 2019 as National Library Week into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people;

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise;

WHEREAS, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy;

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues;

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information;

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week,

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge hereby proclaim **National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019**. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.*

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: April 8, 2019

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Daragh O'Connor, Library Director.

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Declaring April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day into the record as follows:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

*WHEREAS, this holiday, called **ARBOR DAY** was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and*

*WHEREAS, **ARBOR DAY** is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and*

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim:

April 26, 2019

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Arbor Day

*in the Borough of River Edge, and I urge all citizens to celebrate **Arbor Day** and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and*

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-

being of this and further generations.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Dated: April 8, 2019

Mayor Mignone presented the proclamation to Liz Stewart, Chair person of the Shade Tree Commission.

Mayor Mignone presented Certificates to St. Peter's CYO 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Basketball Teams recognizing them for their Championship Victories

Mayor Mignone read the Proclamation Recognizing Brian Payerle into the record as follows:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Brian Payerle is a resident of Ridgefield and has served as a dedicated and active member of Boy Scout Troop 184 in River Edge; and

WHEREAS, Brian has attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, as part of a project facilitated by the Chairman of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission and Bergen County Historical Society President James Smith, Brian made replacement cupboard doors for the Steuben House; and

WHEREAS, Brian made the doors based on plans created by an architect from the County of Bergen. The plans were generated after the house was moved to River Edge from New Milford in 1981. The original doors were not moved with the house and Brian went to great length to match the paint color precisely; and

WHEREAS, Brian was able to get materials donated as well as fund raise to cover expenses. Brian graciously donated \$479.00 which left over from his fund raising efforts to the Historic Society; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge desires to express its appreciation and recognize you on this date as you are a true example of patriotism and volunteerism for all citizens.

*NOW, ~~THEREFORE~~ I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge and on behalf of the Borough Council, do hereby **Thank and Commend***

Brian Payerle

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Dated: April 8, 2019

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

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

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

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

There was no vote on resolution #19-147.

#19-147 Resolution to Read the Budget by Title

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

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met.

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

April 8, 2019

There was no hearing on the Municipal Budget

OPEN HEARING ON 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

CLOSE HEARING ON 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the appointment of

Jason Milito as Safety Delegate for the year 2019 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed, the resignation of Gabriel Colucci as a part-time Police Dispatcher and approve the hire of Gabriel Colucci as a full-time Patrol Officer in the Police Department at an annual 1st year probationary salary of \$39,226.00 with a one-year probationary period, effective April 8, 2019 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed, the hire of Matthew Diehl as a full-time Patrol Officer in the Police Department at an annual 1st year probationary salary of \$39,226.00 with a one-year probationary period, effective April 8, 2019 was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mignone administered the Oath of Office to Gabriel Colucci and Matthew Diehl. The Mayor said that he's been up here 9 years and they must have hired 10 – 12 officers. He feels that this was the first time that after they interviewed candidates, they knew that they wanted to hire them. He feels it's a testament to them and their families, the way they handled and presented themselves and has high expectations for them as he knows they won't disappoint them. He wished them the best of luck and hopes that they have a long prosperous successful career with us.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter	-	Costa Engineering – 3/21/19 Re: NJDEP Upland Waterfront Development & FWW GP #7 Permit Application for 2015 Kinderkamack Road Improvement Project
Report	-	Alan P. Negreann, BA/CFO – 3/28/19 Re: Damage to Public Property Report
Letter	-	State of New Jersey – 4/2/19 Re: \$212,000 Award for 2019 Municipal Aid Program For Bogert Road (Section 3)
Letter	-	Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. – 4/2/19 Re: Environmental Investigation – 2 Route 4 West

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Shade Tree Commission	-	February 2019
Environmental Commission	-	March 2019
Board of Health	-	March 2019
Library Board of Trustees	-	April 2019

ORDINANCE – 2ND READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #19-8 into the record as follows:

#19-8 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206 “FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE –

Ordinance #19-8 was introduced by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilman Gautier and unanimously approved at the March 25, 2019 meeting.

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BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #19-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206 "FEES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH
OF RIVER EDGE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 206 "Fees" of the Code of the Borough of River Edge be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section I Add a new Section 206-2II (Miscellaneous Fees) to read as follows:

Recreation Department Fees:

Surcharge/Convenience Fee for Electronic Transactions for All Programs	\$ 3.00
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Summer Playground Program:

Early Bird Registration	\$173.00
Regular Registration	\$185.00
Late Registration	\$190.00
Sibling Discount	\$ 5.00

Camp Counselor	\$ 10.00/hr.
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Men's Softball	\$ 48.00
Women's Softball	\$ 53.00
Tennis Membership (Individual)	\$ 38.00
Tennis Membership (Family)	\$ 58.00

Permits 100 attendees or less	\$ 53.00
Permits 100 attendees or more	\$103.00

Section II If any provisions of this chapter are found to be invalid, for any reason, by the final judgement of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such portions shall not effect the remaining provisions of this chapter, which shall be severable therefrom.

Section III All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are Hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

Section IV This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #19-9 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #19-9 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the first reading of Ordinance 19-9 was approved unanimously.

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #19-9**

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

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

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

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

- a. Repairs and improvement to public buildings and grounds,
- b. Purchase of equipment for the Police Departments.

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

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #19-10 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #19-10 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$15,385.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the first reading of Ordinance #19-10 was unanimously approved as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #19-10

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$15,385.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION 1. The purchase of equipment desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment and improvements to public buildings and grounds there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$15,385.00 of which \$15,385.00 is from the Capital Improvement Fund.

SECTION 2. The purchases are authorized as follows:

- a. Repairs and improvements to public buildings and grounds.
- b. Purchase of equipment for the Departments of: Recreation, Fire, Borough Clerk, and Police.

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

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #19-11 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #19-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #19-3 TO FIX THE SALARY,

WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2019

On motion by Councilwoman Busteded, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the first reading of Ordinance #19-11 was approved unanimously as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #19-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #19-3 TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2019

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge:

Section 1: The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2019 shall be as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	
	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
<u>BOROUGH HALL</u>		
Borough Administrator		\$ 1 - \$160,000
Chief Financial Officer (Part-time)		\$ 1 - \$ 52,000

Section 2: The compensation for the part-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2019 shall be as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	
	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Counselors	\$ 8.00 - \$10.50	\$ 600 - \$ 875
Assistant Unit Leader	\$10.00 - \$11.00	\$ 800 - \$ 900
Unit Leader	\$10.00 - \$15.00	\$ 850 - \$1,500
Arts & Crafts		\$1,500 - \$2,500
Office Manager		\$1,500 - \$2,500
Activities Coordinator		\$1,500 - \$2,500
Assistant Camp Director		\$2,500 - \$4,000
Camp Director		\$2,500 - \$4,600
Park Attendant	\$15.00 - \$30.00	

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication after final passage as provided by law.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #19-12 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #19-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206 "FEES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

On motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilman Gautier, the first reading of Ordinance #19-12 was approved unanimously as follows:

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #19-12**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206 "FEES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 206 "Fees" of the Code of the Borough of River Edge be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section I: Add a new Section 206-2II (Miscellaneous Fees) to read as follows:
Recreation Department Fees:

	<u>Range</u>
a) Summer Playground Program:	
Early Bird Registration	\$173.00 - \$193.00
Regular Registration	\$185.00 - \$205.00
Late Registration	\$190.00 - \$210.00
Sibling Discount	\$ 5.00 - \$ 10.00
b) Programs:	
Men's Softball	\$ 48.00 - \$ 60.00
Women's Softball	\$ 53.00 - \$ 65.00
Tennis Membership (Individual)	\$ 38.00 - \$ 50.00
Tennis Membership (Family)	\$ 58.00 - \$ 70.00
Various Programs/Trips	\$ 0.00 - \$125.00
c) Special Events:	
River Edge Run	Pre-Race Day of Race USATF Members
5k	\$25-\$35 \$30-\$40 \$20-\$30 (Pre-Race)
Healthwalk	\$10-\$20 \$10-\$15
Fun Run	\$ 5-\$10 \$ 7-\$12
4 th of July Fair – Vendor Both 12x12	\$ 50.00 - \$ 60.00
Various Special Events	\$ 0.00 - \$ 50.00
d) Picnic Rentals:	

Permits 100 attendees or less	\$ 53.00 - \$ 65.00
Permits 100 attendees or more	\$103.00 - \$115.00

e) Sponsorship: A sponsor may offer monetary or other acceptable material support to any authorized Borough program or related activity. This may include, but not necessarily be limited to, providing financial support to a Borough recreation program, activity or facility improvement or modification that provides a public benefit, subject to any applicable laws, ordinances and authorization by the governing body or Borough Administrator. Sponsors shall be entitled to recognition or acknowledgment by way of public address, approved signage, written announcements, correspondence or other appropriate means, subject to the following standard terms and conditions:

1). All sponsorship proposals equal to or less than \$5,000 including creation of sublevels may be set and approved by the Borough Administrator. Proposals in excess of \$5,000 in material value are required to be approved by the governing body upon the recommendation of the Borough Administrator.

2. No program participant, Borough employee or official shall be required to participate in surveys or focus groups as a condition of any such sponsorship.

3. Such recognition in any manner shall not constitute the Borough's endorsement of any product, service or program provided by the sponsor.

4. All sponsorships shall be appropriate for audiences of all ages and shall not promote any illegal or discriminatory activity.

4th of July

Gold	\$250.00 - \$500.00
Patron	\$100.00 - \$200.00
Family Name	\$ 25.00 - \$100.00

River Edge Run:

Major	\$1,000.00 - \$1500.00
Gold	\$ 250.00 - \$ 999.00
Silver	\$ 100.00 - \$ 249.00

Memorial Bench Program

\$ 2,000.00-\$3,000.00

Section II All fees will be established and approved by the Borough Administrator in conjunction with recommendations of the Director of Recreation and the Recreation Commission.

Section III If any provisions of this chapter are found to be invalid, for any reason, by the final judgement of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such portions shall not effect the remaining provisions of this chapter, which shall be severable therefrom.

Section IV All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are Hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

Section V This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier to approve resolution #19-148 through #19-151 and #19-154 through #19-160 were unanimously approved.

#19-148 Enter Into Agreement with Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, 401 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442 for Auditing Services Related to a Report on Agreed Upon Procedures for the Fire Department

WHEREAS, there exists a need for auditing services related to a report on agreed upon procedures for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the annual value of the service may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge elected officials in the previous one year, which would prohibit the award of this contract and that the contract will prohibit Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, LLP 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 #01-2010-20-1352-166 of the Current Fund not to exceed \$ 7,000.00; and

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

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, 401 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442 in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in The RIDGEWOOD NEWS.

April 8, 2019

#19-149 Enter Into Agreement with Papa's Sand & Gravel, 133 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey 07607 for Leaf, Grass and Yard Waste Recycling

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has included the collection of leaf, grass and yard waste as part of its recycling program in an effort to reduce solid waste; and

WHEREAS, Papa's Sand & Gravel has agreed to enter into a contract with the Borough of River Edge for the purchase and disposal of compost; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. Section 40A:11-5(1)(s) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 permits the awarding of a contract without competitive bidding for the marketing of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney and Superintendent of Public Works have prepared a contract containing the approved terms and conditions of the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on April 8, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with Papa's Sand & Gravel, 133 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey 07607 at a price of three dollars (\$2.00) per cubic yard of ground compost material sold.

April 8, 2019

#19-150 Authorize the Change of the Payee on the Borough's Various Purchase Orders and Encumbrances from the Indian Harbor to QBE Specialty Insurance Company

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has on its financial records various encumbrances and purchase orders payable to Indian Harbor which was the insurance carrier up until January 2016; and

WHEREAS, the current carrier QBE Specialty Insurance Company is the current insurance company to which payments for claims should be made; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of River Edge to maintain the amount of money set aside for these various claims should there be a need to make payment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has discussed this matter with the Auditor and it is recommended that a resolution of the Mayor and Council be considered to change the payee for the above purchase orders and encumbrances.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby approves the change of the Payee on the Borough's various purchase orders and encumbrances from the Indian Harbor to the QBE Specialty Insurance Company for any potential payment of claims set aside as

detailed in Reservation of Rights letters received from the insurance companies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough's Account Supervisor and Chief Financial Officer be hereby instructed to change their records accordingly.

April 8, 2019

#19-151 Enter Into Agreement with Maser Consulting, P.A., 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856 for Design and Inspection Services Related to Improvements to Brookside Park and Memorial Park

WHEREAS, there exists a need for expert professional engineering services related to improvements to Brookside Park and Memorial Park; 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 Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1904-200 of the Capital Fund in the amount of \$34,750.00; and

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

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting P.A. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Maser Consulting P.A. 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 Maser Consulting P.A. 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 rates of pay are as follows:

Project Manager	\$166.00
Senior Project Specialist	\$158.00
Project Specialist	\$148.00
Technical Professional	\$140.00
Technical Specialist	\$130.00
Specialist	\$120.00
Senior Data Technician	\$110.00
Senior Technical Assistant	\$ 98.00
Technical Assistant	\$ 88.00
Data Technician	\$ 78.00
Survey Crew – 2 Man	\$200.00

Survey Crew – 1 Man w/Robotic Equipment	\$175.00
Expert Testimony	\$300.00
Sr. LSRP	\$235.00
LSRP	\$210.00

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 Maser Consulting P.A., in the amount not to exceed \$34,750.00; and
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS for publication.

April 8, 2019

On motion by Councilwoman Busteed, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, resolution #19-152 was unanimously approved.

#19-152 Approve the Appointment of Police Officer

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Gabriel Colucci be and he is hereby appointed as a Police Officer in the River Edge Police Department effective April 8, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gabriel Colucci has hereby resigned his position as part-time Police Dispatcher in the River Edge Police Department effective April 4, 2019.

April 8, 2019

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier, resolution #19-153 was unanimously approved.

#19-153 Approve the Appointment of Police Officer

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Matthew Diehl be and he is hereby appointed as a Police Officer in the River Edge Police Department effective April 8, 2019.

April 8, 2019

#19-154 Enter Into Agreement with Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, 955 State Route 34, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 for Professional Services as Special Counsel for a Personnel Matter

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Special Counsel for legal services related to a personnel matter in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-028 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, Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge elected officials in the previous one year, which would prohibit the award of this contract and that the contract will prohibit Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

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 \$150.00 per hour; and

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

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC as Special Counsel 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. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC .
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the RIDGEWOOD NEWS as required by law.

April 8, 2019

#19-155 Amend Resolution #19-74 2019 Salary Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the following officers and employees of the Borough of River Edge be compensated for the year 2019 in accordance with Ordinance #19-3 effective April 8, 2019.

2019

General Administration
Borough Administrator

Poerio, R.

Annual
\$135,000.00

April 8, 2019

#19-156 A Resolution Amending the Borough of River Edge's Cash Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge adopted Resolution #19-29 on January 1, 2019 adopting a Cash Management Plan for the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to amend said Cash Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department has recommended using a third party administrator to collect various program fees and approval from the State of New Jersey has been obtained for a Dedication By Rider Account; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section II of the Cash Management Plan be amended to include a new Trust Other Bank Account entitled "Electronic Receipts Fees".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of the Cash Management Plan to PNC Bank of New Jersey and solicit their acknowledgement of the receipt of the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and Account Supervisor are authorized to open the new bank account entitled "Electronic Receipts Fees".

April 8, 2019

#19-157 Award of Contract for Cleaning Services to North Jersey Friendship House Inc., 125 Atlantic Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601

WHEREAS, there exists a need for cleaning services for the Borough Hall and Public Safety Building Recreation Buildings in the Borough of River Edge for the balance of the year (9 months); and

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to North Jersey Friendship House Inc., 125 Atlantic Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601, via resolution #19-120, in the amount not to exceed \$5,462.17 for cleaning services on a month to month basis; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be awarded to North Jersey Friendship House Inc., under N.J.S.A. 40:A11-5, any contract the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor and shall be awarded by resolution of governing body if: (n) the doing of any work by handicapped

persons employed by a sheltered workshop; and

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions shall apply as outlined on quote for services dated February 4, 2019

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be made available with the adoption of the budget from the Current Account #01-2010-26-3102-187 (NTE), in the amount not to exceed \$48,000 for 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with North Jersey Friendship House, Inc., 125 Atlantic Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for cleaning services for the Borough Hall, Public Safety Building, Recreation Bathrooms, and other Borough Facilities for the next 9 months.

BE IT RESOLVED that that the following departments will receive a copy of this resolution: Clerk's Office, Finance, Police, Public Works and Recreation.

April 8, 2019

#19-158 Authorize the Tax Collector to Refund 2017 Taxes Due to a NJ Tax Court Judgment

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on 1/4/19 and the same was received by the tax office on 2/14/19 reducing the assessed value on the property owned by Wong, Daw K & Lily S., Block 1002, Lot 18, located at 388 Mercer Avenue, River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 taxes are paid in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Account Supervisor refund the following amount and the Tax Collector adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Old Value</u>	<u>New Value</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2017	549,700	525,000	830.41

Make check payable to: Wong, Daw K & Lily S.
388 Mercer Avenue
River Edge, NJ 07661

April 8, 2019

#19-159 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2014, 2015 and 2016 Taxes Due to a New Jersey Tax Court Judgment

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered 1/8/19 and the same was received by the tax office on 2/14/19 reducing the Assessed Value on the property owned by ERM Holdings LLC known as Block: 211 Lot: 1 located at 876 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the 2014, 2015 & 2016 taxes are paid in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor issue a check in the following amount and Tax Collector adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Old Value</u>	<u>New Value</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2014	1,447,600	1,400,000	1,534.15
2015	1,447,600	1,350,000	3,139.79
2016	1,447,600	1,275,000	5,671.64
		Total Refund:	10,345.58

Make check payable to: Bruce J. Stavitsky/ERMC Holdings, LLC
mail to: c/o Stavitsky & Associates, LLC
350 Passaic Avenue
Fairfield, NJ 07004

April 8, 2019

#19-160 Authorize Tax Collector to Foreclose on Tax Sale Certificate #2002-1

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge issued a Certificate of Sale for an unpaid municipal lien, #2002-1 on Block: 113 Lot: 7 located at 885 Elm Avenue at the Tax Sale on December 18, 2002; and

WHEREAS, R. Rothman, lienholder, filed for Foreclosure with the Superior Court of New Jersey on the above mentioned property on September 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Rothman Realty 1 LLC is vested with an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple to the premises at 885 Elm Avenue, River Edge; and

WHEREAS, The Final Judgment was entered by the Bergen County Clerk, Bk: 03102 Pg: 0968-0973, on 11/8/18 and the Tax Collector is in receipt of this judgment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is authorized to Foreclose on Certificate #2002-1 and adjust her records accordingly.

April 8, 2019

Councilwoman Kaufman read resolution #19-161 into the record.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, resolution #19-161 was approved unanimously.

#19-161 Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, vouchers for the payment of goods and services rendered to the Borough of

River Edge have been received; and

WHEREAS, each bill has been checked by the receiving department, approved by the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk and reviewed by the three members of the Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that bills as listed now be confirmed for payment from the appropriate funds as follows:

CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$1,832,228.64
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 22,197.14
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 453.97
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 43.20
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 654.76
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 3,597.20

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

April 8, 2019

OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

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

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

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

Mayor Mignone said that he knows there's been some discussions going back and forth regarding the Annual Car Show and asked Chief Cariddi to update the Council. The Mayor said just for the record, the Cultural Center submitted their annual request for permits for the Car Show which was denied for a couple of reasons. One is that there may be pending construction if the Community Center does progress. He knows that over the past few years there have been issues regarding the management of the show and some concerns which the Chief has raised annually that need to be addressed for public safety. He thinks that everyone on the dais would say that they have always supported the Car Show and think that it is a great and successful event for the community and is something that is recognized outside of our borders and reflects well on the borough. It is something that has become a tradition and is something he and the Council would like to continue but also need to recognize the safety concerns. He

hopes that they can come up with a compromise on the issues.

Chief Cariddi said that on behalf of himself and the entire Police Department they are not in any shape or form opposed to the Car Show itself and also agrees that it is a beneficial event for the Borough and has been successful for almost 19 years now. He was involved in setting up traffic and logistics for the first car show so that's how long he's been involved in it. He's not unsympathetic at all to the Cultural Center's desire to keep it running. However, in some ways it's been a victim of its own success in that it's grown past its current venue in its present format. Without some means of capping the number of entrants, the car show has just outsized its current location on Continental Avenue. This is not something that happened in the last year, it's something that he brought to the event organizers attention as far back as 2010. It's been quite a while now and he has reports from Lieutenants, Sergeants and Patrol Officers who have worked the details directly enumerating the problems. Without getting into all of the specifics, he can tell you that based on dealing with event organizers there was not only an unwillingness but a flat out refusal to accommodate certain requests that the Police Department had. Frustrating beyond that was the fact that even after a permit was issued with all the conditions met, it was viewed by some members that it was the starting point for further negotiations. So in other words, the entire event was already vetted, conditions were made, permits were issued and that was followed by sometimes a weekly revisiting of the application to add changes or reconfigure parameters that had already been established. So in the same parameters that were requested and denied, have resurfaced year after year after year and forces those who are going through what should be a fairly boiler plate approval process, have to spend scores of Police man hours in working on this. It got to a breaking point last year, so even independent of construction, it was again recommended that they either find another venue or take steps to cap the number of entrants. When it first started, it ran essentially without any problems whatsoever and he feels that there's no reason it can't come back to that. He understands that for the Cultural Center it is a venture that generates revenue and understands that the more entrants they have, the more revenue they can generate. However that can't be the sole barometer. Two years ago there was a report of a child almost being struck by a car that was making a u-turn on Continental Avenue. Any time you have traffic congestion that meets this type of volume from Elm Avenue to Kinderkamack Road with cars stacked, you have an increased risk for not only vehicular but pedestrian accidents. Traffic congestion directly correlates to a dangerous situation which is what he is concerned with. An event organizer last year set up multiple lanes if you can imagine, two cars parked side by side making a double parked lane of traffic on Continental Avenue on the north side of the street facing westbound and one lane of traffic going eastbound that was never supposed to be set up like that. He asked a Sergeant to go and address the event organizer and tell him that this has to move, he can't have two lanes of traffic side by side. He was told that the Police Chief had spoken to him directly and authorized it which wasn't in any way, shape or form remotely the case. There were very specific maps drawn out. There were monies being collected by car entrants right in the middle of Continental Avenue as they were showing up to enter the Car Show itself. Instead of having a staging area in the lot of the First Congregational Church which had been offered to them for that purpose, there was money being exchanged right in the middle of Continental Avenue which blocked traffic coming on to Continental from Kinderkamack Road. He doesn't want to be the Grinch or the one to steal the Car Show but he's looking at this exclusively from a public safety stand point. It's a fact that this just one of many special events that we handle which range from large scale block parties, July 4th, fireworks in the past, River Edge Run, etc. He said that they have no problem dealing with thousands of extra people coming into town because they know how to handle it. It's when there has a concerted effort to circumvent the regulations that have been put in place and a complete unwillingness to cap the number of entrants in the event. As an example, if you were notified by the Recreation Commission that the River Edge Run would have 20,000 entrants this year, they would not be able to host that under the regular confines of the event. Something would have to be done to cut entrants at a certain number and they would do that because it would be reasonable to ask for that and reasonable to have that agreed

upon. He used two scenarios; if there is construction with the leveling of the American Legion building and lot scaping of that parcel, it would make it very difficult to set up where they have in the past because they use that parking lot to set up food vendors, overflow of entrants in the library lot so that street scape will be a problem. He said that if there is construction, he doesn't think that can go on at that location and he suggested that they find an alternate venue. He said that there are events that are held regularly in Van Saun County Park which is largely in River Edge itself and there's a lot behind St. Peter's that would make an excellent location to stage cars and then lot 5 which is adjacent which is the largest lot in the park. He would imagine with advance notice, the County Parks Department would be agreeable because they host a large number of events, not only given by Bergen County but events by local colleges, local schools, art shows, concerts, Christmas displays, etc. He saw the letter from the Cultural Center stating that they need this to be adjacent to the Cultural Center property because they have items that help to facilitate it. He can't imagine that they're anything more than folding tables and boxes of forms that couldn't be put in a van and transported to another location. He also suggested moving it River Dell High School and knows that there are a lot of car shows that are held in Paramus in parking lot settings such as the Garden State Plaza. It's been reiterated to him many times that they want the parklike setting which is why he thought of Van Saun Park which has ample parking and can accommodate a much larger crowd. He said that there has been no willingness whatsoever to entertain any alternative and that's what has led to this impasse.

Mayor Mignone-asked the Chief if there have been any recent discussions regarding any of these issues between he and the organizers about what they could do to have the show here this year the way they want it? As far as the construction, the Mayor said that it won't be clear for at least a month or so because they haven't gotten the bids out yet. If they get the bids out and they come in within budget, it will be under construction by that time. They just don't know if that will be the case at this point. That being said, they'll still have access to the library lot because that has to remain open, but they'll lose the American Legion parcel itself. He doesn't imagine that the Rec Commission has any change of heart about staging cars in the Memorial Park side so he thinks that it's off the table. They would have to reduce the number of entrants in that scenario anyway.

Councilman Chinigo-asked what number would the Chief feel comfortable with?

Chief Cariddi-said that he's never been given an exact number of entrants. They have listed number of persons to attend and assumes that included spectators. When the event first started it was listed at about 700 and it's ranged as high as 2,000 in recent years. He assumes that it's not just entrants.....

Mayor Mignone-said he's heard numbers from 200 to 225.

Chief Cariddi-asked is that includes vehicles and late registrations?

Mayor Mignone-said that he doesn't know but that range is what he usually hears.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if representatives from the Cultural Center were invited tonight.

Councilman Papaleo-replied, no not really.

Councilwoman Kaufman-said that someone could come now if they would like.

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-feels that it might be better for one or two liaisons to meet with them.

Mayor Mignone-agreed and said he doesn't think that's something we should do at a public Council meeting. The Mayor asked the Chief if he would be amenable to meeting with them with a Council representative possible Councilwoman Busted as the Rec Liaison.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if this is something going forward should possibly be under the auspices of the Rec Department?

Councilwoman Busted-stated that it's a Cultural Center event. She did speak with Carolyn Baldanza this afternoon and she is open to discussing with the Chief the use of Memorial Park with the same approvals that have been given in the past.

Chief Cariddi-said that it was a maximum of ten show cars to be placed on the southwest path in the park adjacent to Continental Avenue.

Councilwoman Busted-said that that agreement has not changed and it would still be available.

Mayor Mignone-said that they will have to look staging for their vendors assuming that they won't be able to use the Legion site and will need a contingency plan in place anyway. They'll have to look at both scenarios and be amenable to a cap.

Councilwoman Kaufman-said that they are. She doesn't want to speak for them.....

Mayor Mignone-said that they haven't been in the past.

Chief Cariddi-again said that they have been unwilling and have argued adamantly against that.

Mayor Mignone-said that he personally didn't appreciate getting calls from various people from various levels of different organizations on the morning of the event asking him to "wave this" or if they "can do that" or "the Chief said this"... His response was "if the Chief said that then why are you calling me?" Obviously people were trying to do what they wanted in the end which should not have been happening.

Chief Cariddi-said event organizers in recent years have taken down "no parking" signs to allow more spectators to park in a no parking zone that was set for a detour.

Mayor Mignone-said they were setting up near the monument last year when they were specifically told not to but they did it anyway. They really need to, especially this year given the restraints that they'll be under, have a strict adherence to some type of plan.

Chief Cariddi-explained that because of past history, hid department has provided oversight at every stage of the setting.

Mayor Mignone-feels that taking money on the street should not be happening.

Raymond Poerio, Borough Administrator-said that he thinks the Chiefs frustration is "here's the line and they step over the line". If they're going to have another meeting with the Cultural Center, then what's the line? We want to support the Chief because he's giving a recommendation from a public safety perspective. He understands that this is a fun event but the organizers aren't going to follow the rules and they're not going to listen to the Police Department and fight them in every turn then.....

Councilman Papaleo-said that they do know it frustrates the Chief because it frustrates them too because we have a very, very long history with this. We absolutely know what you're saying so we appreciate you explaining the Chief's frustration.

Mayor Mignone-said that the Chief knows what the parameters should be. They have to be explained and they have to adhere to it.

Councilwoman Davis-said the problem is that every year it is explained to them, they promise and then they just do what they want.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he doesn't want to speak for them either, but believes the Cultural Center and the sub-committee of the car show have made certain decisions about the contact person because the contact person has been in the center of the violations.

Councilwoman Kaufman-replied, right.

Councilman Papaleo-he believes that if the contact person was changed, and if there was a cap and if in negotiations it was made clear that the Council would review the outcome with the Chief in August or September before discussing 2020. Right now we are so close to the event.

Chief Cariddi-said he absolutely appreciates that.

Mayor Mignone-said that they've done that every year.

Chief Cariddi-said he's had after action reports.....

Councilman Papaleo-said he doesn't think that's happened with the Council but again feels that the Council needs to convey to the Cultural Center that this is their very last chance. He would like to see a discussion about a cap. He said that any member of the Cultural Center taking down a do not park sign, he believes, is an arrestable offense. Is it not?

Chief Cariddi-replied, yes it is.

Councilman Papaleo-he thinks that that person or persons should be arrested on the spot.

Mayor Mignone-said that they need to make it clear that there will be zero tolerance. If things get out of hand, the Chief will have the authority to shut the show down and say no more entrants. We have to be pretty firm on that.

Chief Cariddi-said that obviously there's been some discussion with the Cultural Center on the Council's end, and asked when you say a different contact person, would that be the Cultural Center's liaison with the Police Department and the same event organizer is on the ground handling the mechanics of the day? If that's so, there won't any change.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he thinks there is also an understanding that that cannot occur either.

Councilwoman Kaufman-said he could be there but basically not do anything.

Chief Cariddi-said man the tables and stay someplace out of the way.....the event coordinator at the site as he has been in the past, doesn't matter who we had an agreement with.....

Councilwoman Kaufman – understood.

Councilman Papaleo-said that if the Cultural Center does not want to make that commitment clear and open then he thinks the Chief's recommendation must stand but if these changes occurred, he feels that the majority of his issues except for construction.....

Chief Cariddi-again stated that his goal wasn't to cancel the Car Show, his goal was to cut the Car Show back so that it's manageable and safe. He said that's always been his goal. It's never been to shut down the show. As he stated before, in the lack of willingness to do so, it left him essentially no choice. And that was again, independent of construction. If construction was to take place and the changes that that would necessitate in terms of how certain aspect of the set up would have to be moved, he just saw that as one hurdle too many for this year.

Mayor Mignone-said just for clarification, they will probably again ask to close Tenney and last year they wanted to extend north of Continental on Elm Avenue. He asked the Chief if that was correct?

Chief Cariddi-replied yes. They've been asking for that since 2013 and it's been denied because it's part of what has been a well-established, safe and direct detour route around the section of Continental Avenue between Elm Avenue and Fifth.

Mayor Mignone-just wanted to make sure that we're playing with the same parameters as in past years.

Councilman Chinigo-said it would seem to him that someone from the Cultural Center should have been here tonight and is a little lost as to why they're not.

Councilman Papaleo-said they would have come if they had known they should be here. As Michelle said, there will be someone who will be the liaison and they are on call and would've been here. It was unclear whether this was going to come up as a topic and if it's going to be negotiated or whether we wanted to have that negotiation occurring in public.

Councilwoman Davis-feels that we need to speak to that person.

Mayor Mignone-said that he thinks the role tonight is that we're asking the Chief to meet with them, lay down what he thinks the safe parameters are and hopefully the Cultural Center will abide and we'll come to some type of agreement.

Councilman Chinigo-said that it sounds to him like the Chief has laid these parameters in the past and the Cultural Center has said yes we'll abide and then these problems have occurred. So now we're setting up another situation where exactly the same thing will happen. They can say yes, yes, yes to the Chief and then the particular event organizer that seems to be at issue will be there directing traffic and doing things on his own because he's hard to control and then what, we'll be doing the same thing next year.

Mayor Mignone-said that the Council will have to say to the Chief if things get out of hand, he'll have the authority to stop entrants.

Councilman Chinigo-said that he's of more of a mindset that we address these issues before hand rather than putting the Chief and the Police in a situation of having to turn people away. People will be angry that they drove their cars there and are being turned away. He feels that they need to solve the issues before hand.

Councilman Gautier-said what if there are no same day registrants? What if every car had to be registered beforehand.

Councilman Chinigo-said whatever the Chief and the Cultural Center want to agree on that's fine, but

what he's saying is that we seem to be coming back to this position every year because we haven't addressed it publically. He thinks that maybe we need to have it clear, not just in a closed behind the door session.....

Chief Cariddi-said that it has been publically discussed.

Mayor Mignone-said he remembers it going back 9 years and he knows that Mayor Watkins went through this....Sandy went way out of his way to negotiate this.

Councilman Chinigo-said "why do we think something different is going to happen?"

Mayor Mignone-said because we're on the verge of not having it this time.

Chief Cariddi-said if there is truly different representation from the Cultural Center and there's a demonstrated willingness on their part to do something different this year that would make the show workable, even considering a Plan A & B depending on construction, either he or one of his officers will meet with that representative. It will become clear right off the bat, something as simple of same day registration, that's either going to happen or not happen. If that's not happening, that frees up traffic.

Mayor Mignone-said that they've never been amenable to that and they will have to in this case and second, it will have to go on their literature that there will be no one accepted.

Chief Cariddi-agreed that it would have to be boldly listed on flyers and social media. It is his understanding that when someone does pre-register, they come there already with their registration ticket. It would streamline the issue greatly and again it has been suggested in the past.

Mayor Mignone-said this is public safety and there is liability involved. No one wants anyone to get hurt which is the bottom line.

Councilman Papaleo-said he can't speak for the rest of the Council but feels that same day registration has to not be allowed this year.

Chief Cariddi-said that would greatly help.

Councilwoman Busted-asked if there would be a new application presented with all of the criteria that was agreed upon?

Chief Cariddi-explained that in the application process, the application is approved following the pending conditions and then conditions are listed. In the case of the Car Show, we have always added an addendum, not just writing it in, in the past there would be maps, diagrams with detour routes and a bullet list of 7 or 8 conditions that had to be met clearly spelled out and discussed with the event organizer in the past. There was no ambiguity.

Councilwoman Busted-said she can't reiterate enough that this is their last chance as far as she's concerned and that if they don't meet the Chief's parameters and don't respond correctly, she will not override a denial again. This is it.

Councilman Papaleo-suggested that they meet in September and assess with the Chief in a public session and simply say that if this was not a good event, the Council is not inclined to consider this ever again.

Chief Cariddi-said he will certainly keep an open mind but if it becomes clear in the discussion phase that nothing has changed and there is no willingness, he will get back to the Mayor and Council immediately and let you know that it's not going to work out. He will do everything he can to make it work but can only promise that it's within the bounds of reason. He can't be unreasonable with this.

Councilwoman Davis-said that she just can't understand. She feels the event is very important to the town and the fact that the organizer does not listen to anything and does whatever he wants is the issue here. Her problem is that every year he comes here and goes on and on and we give him all the rules. She asked why the person that is going to step up and do that isn't here tonight?

Councilwoman Kaufman-said he would have been.

Mayor Mignone-said he would come because he would want them to appeal from the Chief. We're not appealing, we're asking for him to sit down and give them the conditions and give them the permit based on those conditions.

Councilman Chinigo-said this is before us tonight and we're only hearing one side of the story. It would also be nice to speak with this individual and say....

Councilwoman Kaufman-said “do you want me to have him run down now, because he’s kind of on call?”

Councilman Chinigo-said if he wants to come, he’s certainly willing to sit here and listen because he wants to know that they will abide by what the Chief is asking before we even say go ahead. If they’re not going to abide by it, why.....

Councilwoman Kaufman-said that he was going to be here....

Mayor Mignone-said we don’t know if they will abide by it anyway, we just don’t know for sure.

Councilman Chinigo-again said that he would have liked to have had them here.....

Councilwoman Busted-suggested that after he and the Chief meet and the Chief feels comfortable....

Councilman Papaleo-said if the Chief doesn’t have the assurances he needs to approve, then he doesn’t have the assurances he needs.

Councilman Chinigo-said that he’s a fan of the Car Show and hopes that it happens.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilman Chinigo-congratulated all of the children and coaches who were here tonight as it was wonderful to be able to recognize their achievements. To have 6 teams win championships in our small little town is an impressive accomplishment. He said that the sub-committee will be meeting with the River Edge schools and he asked the new Borough Administrator, Ray Poerio if he would be available to attend.

Councilwoman Davis-also congratulated everyone that was here tonight and also felt it was wonderful to acknowledge the kids and their families. She reported that the Fire Department had 19 alarms last month, 4 drills and 2 meetings. The calls consisted of: 3 cooking fires, 1 vehicle accident, 2 gas leaks, 1 carbon monoxide, 7 active alarms and 1 electrical. She reported that she and Michelle attended SCORE today and when they got there they had just finished Tai Chi and were starting their line dancing. Carol Mah said that they have many new members and several of them are younger which brings them up to 49 members. Barbara from the Temple spoke with them regarding the lease for next year and said that they want a year lease as opposed to 6 months. She told them that if they did 6 months, it will cost more money. She attended the Alliance meeting on April 2nd and announced that they will have a health fair for SCORE. Officer Prisendorf and Lieutenant Walker were in attendance and a lot of the conversation was about vaping, opioids. She knows that Councilwoman Busted has offered to work with the State to get the carcinogens listed on the vapes.

Councilwoman Busted-reported on the Environmental Protection Commission and hoped that everyone had received their Recycle Right in River Edge flyer. Thanks to the Boy Scouts Scouting for Food initiative, human power delivered 3,000 of these flyers and they also reduced the number of single use plastic bags for collection by 1,000 pieces. Next year it will be completely single bag free. She thanked Ally Mathews from Troop 184 for organizing that. The Environmental Protection Commission is already working with Lisa Hessman from DPW to gather recycling data so they can gauge whether or not this has an impact on any of our recycling habits. If you haven’t received one, you can pick one up at the Library. May 11th will be the EPC Hackensack River Clean-up at 2 p.m. which will count towards their by-state participation as well. The Green Team held their 5th Annual Second Hand Toy Drive where they collected over 1,000 plastic toys that were donated to schools in need. The organizers were actually there and said that River Edge is truly a model for how successful this program has been. She thanked Bonnie Stewart and the Green Team for doing that. While she was there, Bonnie mentioned that Sustainable New Jersey will come in and do a free energy audit. She suggested that she reach out to Ray as just the audit alone will count towards Sustainable New Jersey points. The EPC was wondering whether there has been a date set for the renaming of John Lynch Way and also do the bench installation because the plaque is here. She spoke about the Alliance meeting and felt it was wonderful to have Officer Prisendorf and Lieutenant Walker there because there was a great dialogue about cooperation

with the Police Department as we deal with the vaping issue. As Mary mentioned, at the vaping presentation last month the presenter was saying that unlike California which has Prop 65 which requires every single carcinogen that's in a product to be listed, New Jersey does not. We're bringing this to the County Alliance's to see if they would advocate the State of New Jersey to require every carcinogen that's in a vape product to be listed on the packaging. She has had a conversation with Assemblyman Tully and Elizabeth Oudens has brought it to the County Alliance Chairs so they will talk about how we might be able to advocate in numbers to get that done. She reported that River Edge will be hosting the Freeholder Meeting on the Road here in River Edge on June 5th at 7 p.m. and said that all elected officials are invited to participate or say a few words to welcome the freeholder board here. She thanked the Clerk and the Mayor for being agreeable to host them.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he has June 5th marked as a Land Use Board meeting. He asked if the Land Use Board meeting would be cancelled or would they have to move?

Mayor Mignone-said that right now, there is no agenda but if there is, possibly the meeting can be moved.

Councilwoman Busteed-said that this was cleared several months ago.

Councilwoman Davis-mentioned that the Green Team also sponsored the shredding event.

Mayor Mignone-suggested that Mr. Alter be contacted tomorrow and ask him to speak with Cherry Hill School to see if they would have a room available for a Land Use Board meeting if need be. The Mayor said that there's no agenda at this point but just as a contingency it would be a good idea.

Councilman Papaleo-concurs with everything that has been said about our town and its ability to do so much for its kids. He congratulated St. Peter's program for basketball and feels fortunate that we have so many great volunteers who do great things. Michele Cariddi accepted the proclamation for volunteers today as always does a wonderful job with plantings for borough buildings. He reported that Jason has informed him that the water meters for the camp building are on and although SUEZ is a little bit behind hopefully they'll be here tomorrow to take care of the water meters for Roosevelt, KBG and Little League, REGAL. He said that Jason is fitting in and doing a wonderful and always keeps in contact with him regularly. He had big shoes to fill with John Lynch who will all miss and just wanted to report to the Council that DPW is doing great. He reported that the Shade Tree Commission will be moving all of their public meetings to this building either in the Court Room or the Public Safety Meeting Room depending on usage. He spoke with Jennifer about this and she confirmed that they will be moving all of their meetings to this location.

Councilwoman Busteed-asked if the Clerk could list for the May 13th meeting the Gun Violence Awareness proclamation as they would like to receive it before June.

Councilman Gautier-said, so who knew we were so good as basketball? He said in all seriousness, congratulations to everyone who was here to accept awards and proclamations. He said that the Library Board and Daragh do a great job and was happy to see them here tonight. He commended Michele for always doing a great job and feels that volunteers are so important to our community. As far as the Car Show goes, he personally attends and enjoys it every year and hopes that a reasonable compromise can be made between all parties involved so that we can maintain public safety and well as the enjoyment by the community.

Councilwoman Kaufman-reiterated the congratulations to everyone tonight. She reported that the Historic Commission had their meeting last week and discussed the street signs they would like to do in town. They are thinking about doing signs for the Mayor's streets such as: Manning, Webb, Zabriskie and Bogert. They were thinking about doing just a simple sign above the regular street sign with a QR code on it which she said was Michael's idea and she thinks it's a great idea. We can put a QR code on the sign and that way on the back end you can change it whenever you want and have a lot of information about the history of the town. He also suggested we could make it like a quiz for the kids where if they get all 5 they could win a prize and she thought that sounded great. They've also started a Facebook and Instagram page and they're hoping to make a video shortly to put on both pages to attract

more donations of historic material.

Mayor Mignone-welcomed Ray Poerio and said that they're glad to have him on board and feels that he's hit the ground running.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:58 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busteed to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: