

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER –

Council President Ellen Busted called the meeting to order 6:30 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 Chinigo to lead the salute to the flag.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT –

Council President Busted 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 and Councilman Papaleo were present; Mayor Mignone was absent.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, resolution #19-195 was approved unanimously.

#19-195 Resolution to Go into Closed Session and Exclude Public

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain enumerated circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances will or presently exist.

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

1. That the public shall be excluded from the May 28, 2019 regular meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session</u>		<u>Statutory</u>
<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Reference</u>
19-5/28-1	Litigation – COAH Brian Chewcaskie, Esq.	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)

2. Formal action may/may not be taken by the Borough of River Edge's Mayor and Council at this meeting.

May 28, 2019

RE-OPEN REGULAR SESSION –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier to re-open the regular session meeting at 7:00 p.m. was unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL –

Councilwoman Busteded, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Gautier, Councilwoman Kaufman and Councilman Papaleo were present; Mayor Mignone was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 13, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to approve the Closed Session Minutes of April 8, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to approve the Closed Session Minutes of April 22, 2019.

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS –

Council President Busteded read the Proclamation Recognizing the Bergen County American Legion Centennial as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 15, 1919, The American Legion was founded in Paris, France by United States World War I military personnel, members of the American Expeditionary Force, who convened for the first caucus; and

WHEREAS, a new organization named The American Legion eventually developed from this historic meeting, whose founders, led by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr., were dedicated to the four pillars consisting of the care for veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism and children and youth; and

WHEREAS, today The American Legion is the world's largest veterans' organization, with over two million members worldwide and over 4,000 members belonging to 41 Posts in Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County American Legion organization recognizes 23 "Centennial

Posts” that are celebrating their 100 years of service, having all been chartered in 1919; and

WHEREAS, those Posts are the following municipalities: Bogota, Carlstadt, Cliffside Park, Closter, East Rutherford, Englewood, Fort Lee, Garfield, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Hillsdale, Leonia, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Oradell, Park Ridge, Ridgefield, Ridgefield Park, Ridgewood, Rutherford, Teaneck and Wood-Ridge; and

WHEREAS, The Bergen County American Legion Centennial Committee’s mission is to bring recognition to the 23 Centennial Posts in Bergen County that were chartered in 1919 and to that end will hold a Centennial gala on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Elan Catering & Events in Lodi, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body and citizens of River Edge are pleased to recognize The Bergen County American Legion for their Posts’ collective myriad of contributions to the good and welfare of veterans, service members and the communities they serve, and wish its members every success in continuing the legacy of service into its next 100 years.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: May 28, 2019

Council President Busted presented the proclamation to Ray Stitz.

Ray Stitz-said that on behalf of all of the American Legion member throughout the last 100 years, they appreciate the Mayor and Council presenting them with this proclamation.

Council President Busted-said that it’s our pleasure and she thanked them for their commitment to the Borough of River Edge and its residents. Council President Busted stated that they’ve been enormously generous and we thank you for your service and generosity over the years.

Council President Busted read the Proclamation Declaring June 2019 as LGBT Pride Month into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of June was chosen for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots which occurred at the end of June, 1969; and

WHEREAS, as a result, many pride events are held during this month to recognize the impact LGBT people have had in the world; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Howard is known as the “Mother of Pride” for her work in coordinating the first LGBT Pride march and she also originated the idea for a week-long series of

events around Pride Day which became the genesis of the annual LGBT Pride celebration that are now held around the world every June; and

WHEREAS, LGBT History Month is a month long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements; and

WHEREAS, LGBT Americans have made and continue to make great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of our society; and

WHEREAS, the LGBT rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done. LGBT youth should feel safe to learn without fear of harassment, bullying or discrimination and LGBT families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Edward J. Mignone, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim:

*The Month of June, 2019
as
LGBT PRIDE MONTH*

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Dated: May 28, 2019

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund

Raymond Poerio, Borough Administrator-said that he knows the Council has been wrestling with what to do with this application as well as dealing with some of the issues surrounding the REGAL Girl's Softball Program. He knows that Council has conveyed to him that they are trying to make

every effort to give REGAL a home softball field. In this particular application, he has received comments from most of the Council of the dais regarding this application and the sentiment was to perhaps scale it back and make it a little more generalized as it relates to KGB. He has done that in this application by removing the conversion of taking the 90 foot diamond and converting it from a grass infield to a skin infield. All of the other accoutrements that were previously discussed such as drainage, lips, etc. still remain in there. He gave a look ahead of what the 2020 application could potentially be with their blessing and that's to do the parking lot and other accoutrements at the site. He has revised the application to reflect what he believes are the wishes of the Council and knows that discussions will continue to best find a home for REGAL.

Council President Busted-read the project description of the application- "Renovations of Current Playing Fields at Kenneth B. George Park to Enhance Play Ability and Maximize Opportunity for Usage" This includes site repairs, renovations to fencing, drainage and grading correction and other miscellaneous improvements. The Project Scope – adding infrastructure to improve drainage, grading the infield/outfield transition area, adding soccer field markings, refurbishing fence areas as needed.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Gautier to open the public hearing on Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund

Rob Berninger-205 Madison Avenue-has been the the President of River Edge Little League since 2008. On behalf of their over 300 participants, coaches and members of the board they wanted to show up to discuss these plans and not cause a distraction. He thanked Dario for his involvement with this in trying to open up dialogue between the Council and the League. They've had conversations and have reviewed the revised plan which is really what they were looking for and hoped that this would open up the dialogue so that we all can be part of the future plan of this together.

Tom De Lorenzo-851 Summit Avenue-said that he's been a lifelong resident of River Edge, a volunteer with REGAL and Little League for 8-9 years as well as other childrens programs in town. He feels that he has a unique perspective on field and gym needs because he handles all of the scheduling for sporting events. He said he won't support any plan that skins a 60/90 field especially since it's the only field that middle school and high school kids can play on. He understands REGAL's concern looking for a home and hopes that they can find a good place and compromise in enhancing the facilities the best we can. He feels that it's very important going forward to have monthly meetings with a sub-committee consisting of the heads of all the sports associations in town that use KBG to discuss the needs for the future. He looks forward to working with everyone to get things moving but feels that it needs to be done in a very transparent way where everyone is involved with what's going on.

Ed Golden-613 Bogert Road-echoed what Tom and Rob said. He feels that what you need and what you want are two different things. From this point forward he thinks it needs to be a free-flow of information so that the community can determine what is needed so that they can get to the best result. He feels that the group that uses KBG field has been brought in very late in the game and the application was revised for this agenda. Lack of information makes for bad decisions.

Ken Schuffenhauer-780 Millbrook Road-has been involved for many years with the children's and men's programs in town. He also felt that there was a lack of communication with this application and encouraged transparency where the best decision can be made for the town as a whole.

Mike Walker, Borough Resident-echoed what everyone has said. He himself has played baseball on the fields and has been involved with children's sports for many years as well. He feels it's important to put the needs of the kids first instead of what makes the adults happy.

Alphonse Bartelloni-719 Oak Avenue-is not in favor of skinning the field but feels that what you're left with is drainage and improvements to the baseball field. A few years ago, Council made

improvements to Cherry Hill for drainage. Having coached his daughters for many years and having traveled to all of the fields in town, he can honestly say that we have some of the poorest facilities for our girls in the area. He said that during most of the season, there was a pond behind first and third bases at Roosevelt field south where you had to go out there with buckets to remove the water. He doubts that this is an issue at Memorial Park where the drainage is so poor that there's literally a pond where you have to take buckets and remove the water. He mentioned that the screen behind home base was ripped and shredded and he had to go home and get electrical ties to secure it. Mr. Bartelloni explained the problems that they had with the fields at the middle school where there was an actual hole by the pitchers mound and moss growing over third base. He again stated that the facilities that the girls have are nowhere near the facilities that the boys have. He's not saying do anything with KBG, what he's saying is that there's an inequity here. He feels that the Council has an obligation to fix that inequity. He encouraged everyone to ride up and down Kinderkamack and take a look at some of the fields that the girls play on, they'll see that ours are some of the worst. He said that even if they approve this application, nothing will happen for a year or two and the girls who are playing now will not benefit from it. He's asking the Council to do something now. He suggested that they engage with the Board of Education the same way New Milford has with theirs because they had the same situation. He feels that our girls deserve to have something better and we need to work together to make that reality.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close the public hearing on Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund

OPEN HEARING ON 2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to open hearing on the 2019 Budget Amendment was unanimously approved.

CLOSE HEARING ON 2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to close the hearing on the 2019 Budget Amendment was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, resolution #19-196 was unanimously approved.

#19-196 Approval of Local Budget Review

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the borough of River Edge has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and

the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2019 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officers certification, the Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to the law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on the Property Tax Levy, Chapter 62, Public Laws of 2007 and to a limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and the appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-453 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth,
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, resolution #19-197 was unanimously approved.

#19-197 Adopting 2019 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the 2019 Municipal Budget was approved by resolution #19-110 on March 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-6, was advertised in THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER on March 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Municipal Budget was amended on May 13, 2019 via resolution #19-180; and

WHEREAS, the amending resolution was published in THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS on May 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the budget was held on May 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 28, 2019 on the budget amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Municipal Budget appropriating \$16,656,945.10 be hereby adopted for the fiscal year 2019.

May 28, 2019

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman, the salary change of Daniel Dekker, Laborer in the Department of Public Works from an annual Laborer II, Step 5 salary of \$45,371.00 to Laborer, Step 6 - \$45,878.00 effective June 23, 2019 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman, the salary change of Anthony Preziuso, Laborer in the Department of Public Works from an annual Laborer II, Step 4 salary of \$44,865.00 to Laborer II, Step 5 - \$45,371.00 effective June 17, 2019 was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Alan P. Negreann, CFO – Revenue Report – January & February 2019
Sustainable Jersey - \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant
First Environmental – 2019 Environmental Joint Insurance Fund (EJIF) Audit

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Municipal Land Use Board - February 6, 2019
Tax Collector - April 30, 2019

ORDINANCE – 2nd READING –

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #19-13 into the records.

Ordinance #19-13 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, AND NEW FIRE TRUCKS AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,787,395 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Ordinance #19-13 was introduced by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis and unanimously approved at the May 13, 2019 meeting as follows:

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #19-13**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, AND NEW FIRE TRUCKS AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,787,395 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

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

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

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

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. (i) Installation of a keyless entry door system at the Municipal Building and (ii) acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of computer equipment (including

printers) for the use of various Borough departments, offices and agencies.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 106,170
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,310
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 100,860
Period of Usefulness	5 years

B. Undertaking of the following public improvements: (i) roof restoration at the Department of Public Works ("DPW") Building, (ii) pump replacement at the Wayne Sanitary Sewer Pump Station, (iii) replacement of fencing at the Municipal Building parking lot, (iv) various exterior improvements to the Kenneth B. George Park Field House and (v) installation of an ADA-access concrete ramp at Veterans Memorial Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 215,206
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,241
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 203,965
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Undertaking of the following public improvements: (i) repair or replacement of various doors at the Municipal Building and (ii) rehabilitation of the sewer ejector pump and pit at the Public Safety Building.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 20,470
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,024
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 19,446
Period of Usefulness	15 years

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

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 78,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,925
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 74,575
Period of Usefulness	10 years

E. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a front end loader for the use of the DPW.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 150,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 142,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

F. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the DPW consisting of (i) a pickup truck and (ii) light bars and radios for installation on various vehicles and equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 56,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,800

Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 53,200
Period of Usefulness	5 years

G. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) fire hose, nozzles and adapters, (ii) turnout gear, (iii) radios and (iv) a command vehicle.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 143,200
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,160
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 136,040
Period of Usefulness	5 years

H. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) battery operated folding exhaust fans and (ii) a thermal imaging camera.

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

I. Acquisition of new fire trucks, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (i) a rescue pumper fire engine (partial funding) and (ii) a special operations truck.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 375,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 18,750
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 356,250
Period of Usefulness	10 years

J. Undertaking of the 2019 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program (including curbing and sidewalk improvements, where necessary) in, by and for the Borough, as set forth on a list prepared by the Borough Engineer and approved by the Borough Council and directed to be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during normal business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that (i) the Borough Council may, by resolution, amend such list from time to time within the appropriation made hereby and (ii) such roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 320,900
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 16,045
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 304,855
Period of Usefulness	10 years

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

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 242,574
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,379
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 230,195
Period of Usefulness	40 years

L. Replacement of various counter tops at the Public Library.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 13,025
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 652
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 12,373
Period of Usefulness	10 years

M. Acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of a computer system for online registration and facilities registration for the use of the Recreation Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 6,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 313
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 5,937
Period of Usefulness	7 years

N. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) a traffic counter, (ii) weapons and related equipment and (iii) an SUV.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 49,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,475
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,025
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,787,395
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 90,104
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$1,697,291

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$100,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$90,104, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$90,104 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,697,291 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,697,291 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of

outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

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

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 13.54 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,697,291 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

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

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

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

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

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #19-13

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilman Papaleo to open the public hearing on Ordinance #19-13 was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #19-13

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to close the public hearing on Ordinance #19-13 was unanimously approved.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #19-13

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo the adoption of Ordinance #19-13 was unanimously approved.

Stephanie Evans, borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #19-14 as follows:

Ordinance #19-14 – A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COURTS IN VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK IN SAID BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$37,640.00 FROM BERGEN COUNTY’S 2018 OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Ordinance #19-14 was introduced by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted and unanimously approved at the May 13, 2019 meeting as follows:

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #19-14**

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COURTS IN VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK IN SAID BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$37,640.00 FROM BERGEN COUNTY’S 2018 OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge shall undertake the Reconstruction of Courts in Veteran's Memorial Park. Such improvements shall include all work and appurtenances necessary and suitable for the use and purpose thereof. Such improvements shall be made in accordance with plans to be prepared thereof by the Borough herein authorized to be made.

Section 2. The Borough shall expend \$37,640.00 for the \$37,640.00 improvement authorized in Section 1. hereof. Said sum of \$37,640.00 is a grant from the Bergen County 2018 Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Section 3. Such improvement is hereby determined and declared to be a Capital Improvement, which the Borough may lawfully make pursuant to law.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #19-14

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to open the public hearing on Ordinance #19-14 was unanimously approved.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE – Ordinance #19-14

There being no comments by the public, the motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman to close the hearing on Ordinance #19-14 was unanimously approved.

ADOPTION – Ordinance #19-14

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded Councilwoman Davis the adoption of Ordinance #19-14 was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Chinigo resolution #19-198 through #19-212 were unanimously approved.

#19-198 Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer the 2016 Homestead Rebate Credit Amounts/Tax Overpayments from the 2nd Quarter 2019 to the 3rd Quarter 2019

WHEREAS, the 2016 Homestead Rebate Credits were received and revised billing for the 2nd Quarter 2019 was issued; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers paid the original 2nd Quarter Tax amount billed creating an overpayment in the 2nd Quarter; and

WHEREAS, the tax office has received written requests from homeowner(s) and/or their mortgage companies and/or has received permission from the Division of Taxation to transfer the credit amounts to the 3rd Quarter 2019.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
618/8	Ellis 574 Center Avenue	304.61
1002/9	Smith 413 Lafayette Avenue	202.24
Total Taxes to Transfer:		506.85

May 28, 2019

#19-199 Cancel Unexpended and Dedicated Balance

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

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

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

<u>ORDINANCE</u>	<u>UNFUNDED DEFERRED CHARGES</u>	<u>CAPITAL FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>
17-11		\$2,339.18	
17-19	\$1,000.00		
18-20	\$4,524.00		

May 28, 2019

#19-200 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund a 2019 2nd Quarter Duplicate Payment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received a duplicate tax payment for the 2019 2nd Quarter taxes on the following property; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from PrimeTime Title Agency to refund the overpaid amount directly to the homeowner.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Tax Qtr.</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
1205/9	Levon Barghamian 212 Oak Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	2 nd	3,144.62

May 28, 2019

#19-201 Resolution Relieving the Borough of Implementing a Process for Special Assessments on the Transportation Alternative Program Grant and Safe Routes to School Program Grant

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:56-1 *et seq.*, provides for a municipality to raise monies for improvements by way of special assessments levied upon surrounding property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has had a past practice of levying special assessments for the construction, reconstruction, curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons on municipal roads when confirmed by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, this practice has been in effect since at least 1977; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a legal opinion from a former Borough Attorney, Saverio Cereste, Esq. which indicates that state aid should be viewed as a means of reducing a municipalities cost for construction of local improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has also had a past practice when receiving a grant to pay for the construction portion of the local improvement, to only assess on engineering design costs and an administrative fee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is eligible to receive two (2) grants from the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, these grants, specifically the Transportation Alternative Program Grant and Safe Routes to School Program Grant are funded by the federal government and subject to their rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Borough Administrator, Raymond Poerio has investigated the possibility of implementing special assessments for the adjacent property owners who will derive a benefit from the improvement; and

WHEREAS, he has been advised by the Department of Transportation that it is not in the best interest of the Borough to impose these special assessments as it may jeopardize the receipt of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that no special assessments shall be levied upon properties included in the Transportation Alternative Program Grant and Safe Routes to School Program Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that the Borough Administrator, Raymond Poerio, the Tax Assessor, James Anzevnio, the Chief Financial Officer, Alan P. Negreann and the Tax Collector, Maureen Murphy are hereby relieved of implementing a process for special assessments on the Transportation Alternative Program Grant and Safe Routes to School Program Grant, awarded to the Borough of River Edge.

May 28, 2019

#19-202 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2019 2nd Quarter Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate and/or tax overpayments for the 2nd Quarter 2019 taxes on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, a written request was received from their mortgage company to refund the overpaid amount directly to the mortgage company.

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

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>HOMEOWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
607/3	LAFERLITA 157 Adams Avenue	Duplicate	2,308.60
616/12	TRINH 16 Madison Avenue	Overpayment	311.24
809/1	MURATI 501 Kinderkamack Road	Duplicate	3,099.63
		TOTAL:	5,719.47

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

May 28, 2019

#19-203 Approve the Appointment of Part-time Summer Help in the Department of Public Works

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Joseph Daniele be and he is hereby appointed as a part-time summer employee of the Department of Public Works effective May 29, 2019.

May 28, 2019

#19-204 Approve Renewal of Liquor License

WHEREAS, application for renewal of liquor licenses have been filed with the Clerk of the Borough of River Edge by the following licenses; and

WHEREAS, reports have been received from the Police Department, Fire Prevention Official and the Department of Health that the following premises holding liquor licenses in the Borough have been found in order in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Borough and the required fees have been received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of River Edge that the following licenses be issued for the premises described for a period of one (1) year commencing July 1, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk, be directed to sign and deliver said licenses on behalf of the Borough of River Edge.

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

0252-44-005-004	E.G. Holding Corporation, T/A Total Wine & More 1001 Main Street, Store 303 River Edge, New Jersey 07661	\$2,500.00
0252-44-003-004	Wine and Liquor River Edge LLC T/A River Edge Liquors, 504 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, New Jersey 07661	\$2,500.00
0252-44-002-012	Country Wine & Liquors, LLC T/A Country Wine & Liquors 842 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, New Jersey 07661	\$2,500.00

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE W/BROAD PACKAGE PRIVILEGE

0252-32-006-008	River Edge Inc, T/A River Edge Diner & Restaurant 516 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, New Jersey 07661	\$2,500.00
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CLUB LICENSES

0252-31-008-001	Knights of Columbus The Columbian Club, T/A River Edge Columbian Club,	
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770 Kinderkamack Road
River Edge, New Jersey 07661

\$ 50.00

May 28, 2019

#19-205 Change Order Approval and Amendatory Contract for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant, Resurfacing Project at Oxford Terrace and Rutgers Place, Phase IV to Frank A. Macchione Construction Inc., 168 Midwood Road, Paramus, NJ 07652

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.2 lists the requirements for all Change Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge awarded a contract to Frank A. Macchione Construction Inc., on March 11, 2019 via resolution #19-116; and

WHEREAS Change Order #1 reflects an increase in quantity of \$13,398.73; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1823-200 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$13,398.73.

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended the above change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge shall enter into a written amendatory contract with Frank A. Macchione Construction, Inc., for Change Order #1 for an increased amount of \$13,398.73.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exact form of this amendatory contract shall be at the discretion of the Borough Attorney and the Mayor and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute said contract, and Change Order #1.

May 28, 2019

#19-206 Change Order Approval and Amendatory Contract for the 2017 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement at Intersection of Kinderkamack Road and River Edge Road to Jo-Med Contracting Corp., 300 South Second Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.2 lists the requirements for all Change Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge awarded a contract to Jo-Med Contracting Corp. on August 13, 2018 via resolution #18-256 and amended via resolution #18-367 dated December 10, 2018 in the amount of \$12,650.29; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #2 reflects a decrease in quantity in the amount of (\$11,048.82);
and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended the above change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge shall enter into a written amendatory contract with Jo-Med Contracting Corp., Change Order #2 for a decreased amount of (\$11,048.82).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exact form of this amendatory contract shall be at the discretion of the Borough Attorney and the Mayor and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute said contract, and Change Order #2.

May 28, 2019

#19-207 Trust Fund Application Municipal Endorsing Resolution

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$136,875.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: KBG Ball Field Upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Governing Body held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above names project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

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

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of May 29, 2019, as established by the County; and
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and
- 3 That the Mayor and Council are committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, ad local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

May 28, 2019

#19-208 Amend Resolution #19-194 Appointing Battaglia Associates, LLC for Financial Management/Consulting Services for the Calendar Year 2019

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2019 via resolution #19-194 the Governing Body awarded a contract to Battaglia Associates, LLC related to financial management/consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the resolution did not reflect the dollar amount of the contract or a certification of funds; 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 #of the Current Fund in the amount of \$20,006.00 for the period June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and \$40,000 from Account #01-2010-20-1302-028 of the Current Fund for the period January 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020. All amounts are contingent upon the Governing Body passing and including an appropriation in those current fund budgets and subject to all of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.3 with respect to multi-year contracts.

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

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall not exceed \$150.00 per hour for additional work outside of the scope of services including special projects and attendance at council meetings and work sessions.

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 Battaglia Associates, LLC; 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to adjust their records accordingly.

May 28, 2019

#19-209 Resolution Appointing Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 4:22-1 requires the governing body of a municipality to submit at least one applicant for designation as a municipal humane law enforcement officer who shall be responsible for animal welfare within the jurisdiction of the municipality, and who is required to enforce and abide by the animal cruelty laws of the State and ordinances of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the municipal humane law enforcement officer shall be authorized to perform all the duties set forth in N.J.S.A. 4:22-14.2 including but not limited to enforce, investigate and sign complaints concerning any violation of the animal cruelty laws of the State of New Jersey or ordinances of the Borough of River Edge and to act as an officer for the detection, apprehension, and arrest of offenders against the animal welfare and animal cruelty laws of the State of New Jersey and Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 4:22-14.2 requires for an application for designation as a municipal humane law enforcement officer be submitted by the governing body of a municipality to the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality shall examine the character, competency, and fitness of the applicant for the position, including initiating a criminal background check at the expense of the applicant; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of an examination of an applicant, the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality shall approve or reject the applicant and provide a written determination to the applicant and to the governing body of the municipality which, if applicable, shall state any reasons for rejecting the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the designation of Roni Wildoner, Sergeant in the Bergen County Sheriff's Department, Animal Control, as municipal humane law enforcement officer for the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey hereby appoint Roni Wildoner to serve as the municipal humane law enforcement officer for the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

May 28, 2019

#19-210 Authorize Tax Collector to Bill \$250 for a Senior Citizen Deduction Disallowed for 2018

WHEREAS, the following homeowners received a \$250.00 Senior Citizen Tax Deduction for the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the following properties were disallowed the \$250.00 Senior Deduction because they either sold the property or the homeowner exceeded the \$10,000 income requirements to qualify for the Senior Citizen Tax Deduction for the year 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to disallow the 2018 Senior Deductions and bill the homeowners for the following amounts.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
305/12	Lauricella 205 Wales Avenue	147.26
506/4	Connors 259 Adams Avenue	250.00
607/4	MTGLQ Investors 669 Bogert Road	184.93
707/24	New Life Renovations 230 Kensington Road	208.22
905/29	Schuman 374 Valley Road	250.00
906/37	Boston 380 Fifth Court	250.00
Total:		1,290.41

May 28, 2019

#19-211 Authorize Tax Collector to Adjust 4th Quarter 2019 Taxes for a Senior Citizen Deduction Disallowed

WHEREAS, the following homeowner was disallowed the \$250.00 Senior Deduction because they exceeded the \$10,000.00 income requirement to qualify for the Senior Citizen Tax Deduction for the year 2019 and/or has requested in writing to remove the deduction and/or has passed away in 2018 and the property no longer qualifies for the deduction and/or the property was sold in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the deduction is listed in the 2019 Tax Duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to disallow the 2019 Senior Deduction and adjust the 4th quarter taxes for the following amount.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
809/25	Movesian 429 Windsor Road	250.00
910/15	Abraham 219 Beech Drive South	250.00
Total:		500.00

May 28, 2019

#19-212 Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, c72

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has adopted its budget on May 28, 2019 and the County Board of Taxation is unable to certify the tax rate at this time and the municipal Tax Collector will be unable to mail the tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the municipal Tax Collector in consultation with the municipal Chief Financial

Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54-4-66.3, and they have signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Governing Body requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the estimated tax levy if exceeding 105% listed below. Approval will enable the municipality to meet its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey on this 28th day of May 2019 as follows:

1. The municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the municipality for the third installment of 2019 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed upon approval from the director and take such actions as permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2019 is hereby set at \$50,798,277.20.
3. In accordance with law the third installment of 2019 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of; the end of the grace period, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

May 28, 2019

Councilwoman Kaufman read resolution #19-213 into the record.

On motion by Councilman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Chinigo, resolution #19-213 was approved unanimously.

#19-213 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	\$474,223.53
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$208,653.43
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 1,241.47
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 400.00
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 9,655.27

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

May 28, 2019

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATORS TOPICS –

Library Improvements –

Ray Poerio reported that he had sent correspondence to the Mayor and Council regarding the Library improvements. There was a lot of dialogue going back and forth as far as what bond ordinances were still in existence, which one's had been re-appropriated so he sent quite a bit of documentation that solidified the funds that are available and the funds that were cancelled or reappropriated for other projects. In the bond ordinance, there were 4 items associated to the Library. One was for HVAC, the second was for a generator, the third was for security cameras and the fourth was for ADA improvements. As they move forward with the Community Center, his thought process is, since the Library is looking to have the HVAC replaced would we want to wrap it up into one contract and hopefully some economy to scale. Before speaking with the architect stating that we want to put this together because it makes sense from a financial standpoint, he will need direction from the Council. For the bid documents we would want to tie the two of those in. He knows there was discussion regarding a proposed multi-purpose room, as it relates to the HVAC, his thought process is that in the area that is being proposed for that room potentially adding some additional vents and a return in that area that way down the road if the Council decides to move forward with that, you've already done the HVAC component of it. We all know when you try to retrofit something after the fact it usually costs 2 or 3 times more expensive. The second point relates to the generator which he gave several different options not only for the Library but for the Community Center as well. He explained each of the options that he had provided. He will need direction from them on what they want before he moves forward with the bid documents to tie it all together. He said the ADA is more of a separate component which deals more with a children's desk and doesn't necessarily tie into what we're doing with the Community Center. As far as security cameras, he feels that they may be able to handle that as a separate item. He suggested that they might want to tie it into Recreation if they are going to do it for the Library.

Councilman Papaleo-stated that he doesn't feel that he has enough information at this time to make a decision about the generator. He feels that they would need what the different options would cost, what they would mean with regards to a platform. He knows that the generator at Co. #2 required a concrete pedestal at a certain height. He wondered whether that would be something they would have to include in the bid and would it be more economical to have 2 or 1, what is the value having 2 versus 1, what is the cost, etc. He again stated that he doesn't have enough information to proceed.

Ray Poerio-asked if a generator, which is one of the options that he had sent to them, is something that they interested in exploring.

Councilman Papaleo-feel that it's a need.

Ray Poerio-said if that's how Council feels, he can go ahead and start putting numbers to the 4 or 5 different options. He has heard from different sources that they weren't going to do a generator. If the thought process is for him to gather more information so they can choose from one of the options, he can do that.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if anyone on the Council has heard that we did not want to put a generator there?

Council President Busted-said that they've talked about the generator as part of the Community Center project. She doesn't remember saying that we didn't want to do it.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if Ray was going to provides options for both, individual for the Library and Community Center and Library combined?

Ray Poerio-replied yes. There was 5 different scenarios, the last saying do nothing. He'll work with the professional to get prices on what the other 4 options would be.

Councilman Papaleo-stated, as Councilman Gautier said, we want to know the value of doing in separately or doing jointly. He suggested that our OEM Coordinator weigh in on this as well.

Councilman Chinigo-said that Ray mentioned 1, 5 or ten years from now if we decide.....he asked what he was referring to decide? Was it as to the vents or the room?

Ray Poerio-replied, the room.

Councilman Chinigo-said that it was his impression that we had already said to the Board, if that's the direction they want to take to go ahead.

Ray Poerio-said that if you go back to see what was reflected in the minutes it was a question of funding. He asked if they're giving the authority to do it but then they have to create the funding?

Councilman Chinigo-said that it is his understanding that they had the funding. He asked Daragh O'Connor, Library Director if they have the funding?

Daragh O'Connor-replied that they have \$25,000.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if they had gotten a price?

Daragh O'Connor-replied yes. He explained that the total project is \$77,000 plus \$27,000 for furniture.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if the \$77,000 includes the bathrooms?

Daragh O'Connor-replied, it has nothing to do with the bathrooms.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if the \$77,000 was just to put up 4 walls?

Daragh O'Connor-replied yes, but the HVAC part is \$15,000 in the budget that they have.

Ray Poerio-stated that he thought overall it was \$100,000.

Council President Busted-asked for clarification because this was discussed quite a while ago. She wanted to clarify that this was the creation of a room in the existing interior of the Library not in an addition, but to use interior space that exists to make a new space.

Councilman Papaleo-said that none of the walls were load bearing.

Daragh O'Connor-replied, correct none of the walls would be load bearing.

Councilman Chinigo-asked why it costs so much?

Daragh O'Connor-explained that the most expensive thing on the budget is the glass wall. During certain programs, you wouldn't need supervision inside the room because it would allow supervision from outside the room.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if that could be accomplished with a camera? He feels that there might be other alternatives other than an expensive collapsible wall. He asked if the Board would consider an alternative so that we can get this project moving.

Daragh O'Connor-stated that this is the plan the Board likes. Of course, when you have a plan like this, there are always places that you can cut. For example, they have carpeting left over so they could probably cut the \$3,000 for carpeting.

Ray Poerio-said it was his understanding that the glass wall had to deal with sound proofing and more of isolating that room and not necessarily security.

Daragh O'Connor-said that there's one line item for sound proofing ceiling. The walls are floor to ceiling and designed to hold in as much sound as possible. It would serve as a study area or a place where you could have a youth program where they could be as loud as they want.

Councilman Chinigo-asked Daragh to give them an idea of the cost because he has said that this wall and sound proofing is the majority of the cost.

Daragh O'Connor-replied, \$25,000 for the glass wall and \$15,000 for the HVAC.

Council President Busted-asked what are we looking to do? Are we looking just to hear from Daragh what his update is?

Councilman Gautier-said that if were to enclose the room and the HVAC system wasn't designed

properly, you would have pockets in the Library that are very hot and some that are very cold.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he thinks that incorporating the funding that they've already approved for the Library HVAC and the funding they've approved for the Community Center HVAC into a single bid makes a lot of sense. He asked Robert Costa who was in the audience what his opinion is.

Robert Costa, Borough Engineer-said that unless there's an immediate need.....

Councilman Papaleo-said that we're preparing for the eventuality.

Robert Costa-explained that having one contractor is much easier otherwise fingers start pointing. He feels that they would better off combining the two. As far as a generator, he and Ray spoke about this a few weeks ago and he said it depends on the service. There's one service coming into the Library and the questions is whether or not you'll have two services running the two buildings that are connected. PSE&G might not allow that anyway so ultimately the decision may be theirs. He said that he can't imagine that the two buildings combined would need more than the generator at Borough Hall. He said that you'd have to maintain two generators and the costs could go on and on and feels that they're betting off with one. He explained what they had done at the Wayne Avenue pump station and recommended they do the same.

Daragh O'Connor-said that the library construction bond funding is starting to slowly get moving and that's something else that makes it more complicated. He explained that there is funding available from the State for matching grants for library construction.

Council President Busted-asked what the timing is for that application process?

Daragh O'Connor-said he just completed a very simple survey and they're trying to get an idea of what all of the combined libraries in the State of New Jersey are asking for. He feels that it's really in the early stages.

Council President Busted-said that it's her understanding that they give them a budget to manage how you see fit so if there would be money in next year's budget to move them towards that match, that may be something where they timing would work out.

Councilman Papaleo-said that they'd be asking for \$25,000, we'd be giving you \$25,000 and therefore you'd had \$75,000. He explained that the \$15,000 for HVAC has included in a bond that's already been approved so we're really talking about \$75,000 minus.....

Daragh O'Connor-said would it be in effect putting two applications in for matching funds.

Councilwoman Papaleo-said that he doesn't think the Council's qualified to make that decision. He suggested that he speak with the Borough Administrator and bond counsel to make that decision.

Ray Poerio-asked why he would think they would be putting in two applications?

Daragh O'Connor-stated that that you would want to get as much money as you can when you're talking about a generator and HVAC.

Councilman Gautier-said if we could get half of it paid for why not.

Ray Poerio-said that the question is the timing and when we're going to move forward with our project.

Council President Busted-felt that the grant application would provide for that with a timeline.

Ray Poerio-said that they haven't delineated any of that from the State.

Council President Busted-asked if there is a letter of intent?

Daragh O'Connor-replied, not yet.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if Daragh has provided copies of the actual plan for the room to the Council?

Ray Poerio-replied yes.

Councilman Papaleo-recommended that they tie the HVAC and generator together and move forward with that and everything else.....

Councilman Papaleo-thought that we already funded that.

Council President Busted-thought that they decided to hold off until the Community Center was more flushed out and they also wanted the Police to weigh in on.....

Councilman Papaleo-asked if we put it in the capital budget?

Council President Busted-replied, I don't believe we did.

Ray Poerio-said that it is in the capital budget. He explained that it was included in the bond ordinance from 2018, Ordinance #18-10 and covers the 4 items that were discussed. He explained that you can go

ahead and have the architect design the plans and if the Library doesn't come through with the application then at that point in time, Council will have to make a decision whether they want to move forward with the available funds and forego the grant or split it back out and try to go for the grant as a separate stand alone project. He said that they don't need to make that decision tonight. He said that they can ask the architect to start costing it out and get the ball moving forward.....

Councilman Papaleo-asked if they were talking about the HVAC and not the room?

Ray Poerio-responded, the HVAC.

Councilman Papaleo-asked Daragh if he thought that was fair?

Daragh O'Connor-said that he just hopes that we don't miss out on the funding that's available.

Council President Busted-commented, neither do we. She asked if there's anything the legislators can do to provide guidance or help move the process along?

Ray Poerio-said it doesn't hurt to call but said it's a very slow process.

Boy Scout Shed – Ray stated that he was asked by a Council members if we could find a suitable location on municipal property for a storage shed the Boy Scouts are willing to purchase. He emailed the Mayor and Council pictures locations by the cul-de-sac by Memorial Park where he thought that it could go. He said that Recreation's perspective is that it should go at KBG but after speaking with Jason Milito, if they put the shed outside of where the existing shed is in the parking lot, the problem then becomes plowing. The only other spot down there would be in a flood area. He feels that we're limited to Memorial Park and if they did choose to place it at KBG, the Scouts would risk the chance of it getting flooded or damaged.

Council President Busted-the hesitation about the 2 locations at Memorial Park that were recommended were, the photos were outdated to begin with, so where they wanted to put the shed by the small playground north, there's actually 2 sheds there already and to add a third shed is not feasible. The other location was too close to a residential property and would be encroaching on that residents quality of life. She explained that that's why KBG came up as the alternative.

Councilman Papaleo-asked how does this fall under our jurisdiction?

Council President Busted-replied, they're asking to use our property for a shed.

Councilman Papaleo-asked, isn't that Rec's decision?

Ray Poerio-said that it's ultimately your decision. He explained that Rec can make a recommendation but because of the re-doing of the ordinance, it's.....

Council President Busted-said that she would echo the commissioner's concerns about the 2 locations at Memorial Park because she doesn't think they are suitable.

Councilwoman Kaufman-asked if there were any other places?

Ray Poerio-said that he and Jason had gone out to look at locations.....

Councilman Chinigo-asked what about by the River Edge train station?

Council President Busted-asked, do you mean by the Shade Tree office?

Ray Poerio-said that he isn't sure where they would put it over there.

Councilman Papaleo-suggested the end of the parking lot. He doesn't know how much of that property we can improve because then we would run into an environmental issue.

Council President Busted-explained that they're looking to store camping and cooking equipment and the types of things that would normally be stored in a Cub Master's garage.

Councilman Chinigo-suggested telling them they have to get something that's waterproof which would eliminate the problem. He said he was contacted because there are former Cub and Scout Masters that have a basement full of things and they're trying to centralize everything so it can be utilized by.....

Ray Poerio-said from personal experience, his troop actually rented a storage unit for about \$25.00 a month.

Councilman Chinigo-said that they probably can't anything under \$100 around here.

Council President Busted-said that if KBG is the best location.....they'd have 24/7 access.

Councilman Chinigo-said that it makes sense. He asked about placing it next to where the bathrooms/snack stand is? He suggested making a platform for the storage shed where they can access

but is lifted a little bit.

Council President Busteed-suggested that a rep from the troop go down with Jason to walk around and he can show them the different options. If they need something water proof, then that's what they'll get.

Councilman Papaleo-asked about the east side of the fence next to the swim club.

Council President Busteed-thought that there was a gated area there. She asked if everyone was in agreement that someone from the troop should meet with Jason?

Councilman Chinigo-said that Ken Lehmann would be the one to do it because he's the one who made the request. He said that he will reach out to him and give him Jason's contact information.

Councilwoman Kaufman-asked if there was an empty lot near the Cherry Hill park?

Council President Busteed- said it's either the school or the church.

Councilman Papaleo-said that they have the tree farm area.

Ray Poerio-said that there's no road access.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

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

Michele Cariddi-193 Wayne Avenue & Maxum Koenig-Bernal - Member of Boy Scout Troop 184- Michele is presenting a small project which needs to be completed by June 28th. She explained that Max is going to build an arbor with "L" shape raised beds in a small section of Cherry Blossom Park. In the raised beds, they're going to try and grow vegetables. Max explained that they are also considering the idea of creating a retaining wall because of the existing flooding issue. They're also considering planting corn along the edge. Michele said that she was interested in planting corn in areas of Cherry Blossom Park so that the stalks could be used in the fall because they're very expensive.

Councilman Papaleo-told Michele that he had spoken with the Mayor and the Council about the corn stalks so that Beautification wouldn't have to buy them come Halloween time and when they decorate the light poles.

Michele Cariddi-explained that the corn stalks are very expensive and every fall she spends between \$300 - \$600 on them and they only last a few weeks. Michele explained that this project will be one more addition to the park. Max explained that they will paint the arbor to make it blend into the grass and trees surrounding it. He said that it will probably take a few weeks.

Council President Busteed-asked if this is his Eagle Scout project?

Max Bernal - replied, yes it is.

Council President Busteed-asked if there is a life span that this project must have as far as maintenance, etc. She knows that with other Eagle Scout projects, they are required to be maintained over time.

Max Bernal-said that he asked the same question and was told that they're not allowed to maintain this overtime and make this an obligation of the Boy Scouts of America. However, what he can do is create a volunteer list which he can send out to organizations in our area such as the Girl Scouts.

Council President Busteed-said that it sounds like a really exciting project but she has concerns about the retaining wall and asked if that's part of the project?

Michele Cariddi-explained where this will be going, the ground slopes down so they're going to build a little area on the back end of the project just to keep the soil from eroding down. It doesn't have anything to do with the major problem that the park faces.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he thinks that they need some sort of design and also suggested that they speak with Mr. Costa.

Council President Busteed-said that this has to be completed by June 28th.

Max Bernal-said that he already has a design that he acquired from the internet. He already has the blueprints as well as the exact cuts that they'll need for the wood.

Michele Cariddi-explained how tiny the area is.

Council President Busted-said if the Council is okay with this, she would like to have Mr. Poerio meet with Max and Michele in the coming days to put more on paper of what it is they're looking to do and take a recommendation from Mr. Poerio.

Ray Poerio-said that if they're okay with the general concept, he'll work through the nuances of trying to help this young man achieve Eagle Scout.

Council President Busted-asked if he spoke with Carolyn Baldanza?

Max Bernal-replied yes, she was the original contact who in turn referred her to Michele.

Council President Busted-asked if everyone was okay with this?

Everyone replied yes.

Council President Busted-said that they'll look forward to seeing him at the Court of Honor.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to close public comments was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilwoman Davis-commented on how nice the retirement dinner was for Alan at the Stony Hill Inn and said it was great seeing past Mayor's and Council members. She also said that he was deservedly honored and everyone seemed to enjoy the roast. She reported that the River Edge Ambulance Corp. had 52 calls in April and 241 so far for the year. 34 medical and 18 traumas; 2 calls for Paramus and 1 for Oradell. The Fire Department had an issue with a tri-boro call where all of the pagers did not work. They wanted her to let the Council know that the sirens are still needed because of incidents like this. She attended the drill at 230 Kinderkamack Road at the new apartment complex. They had ladder trucks from New Milford, Oradell, Hackensack and our own to make sure they could get in and out of the complex. She stopped by SCORE on Monday where they had a senior program put on by a Historical Impressionist, Pete Small. She commended Carolyn for doing a great job. She informed everyone that tomorrow they will be having a senior health fair sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Councilman Gautier-spoke on behalf of the Open Space grant and feels that we can find common ground because this is very important. He continued to say that this is a lot of money that we're going to be receiving.

Councilwoman Davis-agreed and said that she was going to save her comments for closed session.

Council President Busted-asked what she would've liked to say?

Councilwoman Davis-stated that she would have said that they will take everything under advisement and do look forward to working together. She would have like to give them a little hope before they left.

Councilman Gautier-agreed. He also feels that they should work with everyone to find common ground for the benefit of everyone and agrees that our facilities need to be improved for our young ladies. He also mentioned the Bergen County Wellness Fair where many organizations there who provide mental health services and raise awareness about mental health. He is very proud that here in River Edge we're stigma free.

Councilwoman Kaufman-said that she also enjoyed the retirement party for Alan. It was great to hear and meet people that she's never met before and to learn about the many things he's accomplished in his 37 years. She announced that November 14th will be the 100th anniversary party for Roosevelt School from 7 to 9 p.m. and there will be more details to come.

Council President Busted-asked Ray Poerio to sit with Carolyn and come up with a structure with an umbrella committee to discuss facility needs. She would like them to contact the organizations quickly to let them know that we've heard what they've said, listened to what they've said and that we are going to open up a better line of communication with all interested parties to come up with a strategy for what our programs need.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATORS TOPICS –

DOT Grant – Bogert Road

Robert Costa – stated that we need to get the grant applications in by June 28th. With that said, Ray had asked him what streets we should stick on. With Bogert right now, we’ve received 3 grants close to \$600,000. If the Council wants to progress towards Route 4, we would need more money and his recommendation would be to stick there. Whether or not you want to do angle parking spaces, that’s a different story because it will create a lot of aggravation with the neighborhood there.

Council President Busted-thought it was the purpose of the grant to get angled parking to increase the number of spots available in that section.

Robert Costa-that’s what we originally went in for but again it’s up the Council. He’s not sure if there’s been any pushback from the apartments because he hasn’t heard anything.

Councilman Papaleo- asked if there was inquiry about how wide the road would be?

Council President Busted-said it was her understanding that this would not affect the residential home.

Robert Costa-replied, correct it would be on the easterly side.

Council President Busted-recalls that the Mayor had mentioned that some of those apartment buildings were going to be increasing their own parking spaces and asked if that’s true?

Robert Costa-said that they haven’t started yet. He said that they have an approval from the Land Use Board but they have not started construction yet.

Council President Busted-asked if he’s saying to start at Howland and work down?

Robert Costa-explained that right now the plans are ready to be submitted to DOT. For Howland we received a discretionary grant in order to finish the Howland Section which is roughly by the church and a little bit to the west. They allowed us to combine the discretionary with the other two grants that we received on Bogert. He explained that basically we would be doing the “T” down to two block south. The problem is if we don’t have enough money, you can’t really stop half way. We may have to combine this grant depending on how the bids come in, combine all four grants in order to get a stop in a block.

Councilman Chinigo-asked for clarification on where the project would be. Howland down two blocks to Reservoir or Rutgers?

Robert Costa-he feels that it would go a little further than Reservoir.

Councilman Chinigo-asked about the trees.

Robert Costa-said that we’re saving the trees.

Council President Busted-asked while the project is going on, those parking spots will not be available, correct? How many parking spots are we going to be eliminating for this project? We should have a conversation with the apartment dwellers and there needs to be public communication of what’s going to happen and when.

Robert Costa-said that if we’re going to construct this over the summer, we need to move relatively quickly. He said that we’re ready for submission. On a side note, the only reason he didn’t put it down to DOT is right now he’s doing a project for Leonia and DOT came back with comments that they don’t have an ordinance in place for angled parking. What they want to do is complete streets, bike lanes and if anyone has been Hoboken recently, they have back in angled parking which is what DOT is pushing.

Councilman Chinigo-asked why?

Robert Costa-replied safety for bicycles. So if you have a complete streets with bicycles and cars, you’re pulling out. He went to Hoboken to see how this would work on a street as busy as Washington Avenue and his personal opinion is that it does not work. He watched one woman driving an SUV, making three tries and was still over the double yellow line in the opposite lane trying to angle back in. Once you get in the space, it’s easy to get out but getting in is a challenge. Unless this Council says we need bike lanes on Bogert.....

Council President Busted-doesn’t feel that we do. The rest of Council agreed.

Councilwoman Davis-said that he mentioned something about changing from angled parking but asked isn’t that what the grant was for?

Robert Costa-explained that the grant was to do angled parking to allow for more parking. He said that it will only impact the east side where the apartments are.

Council President Busted-asked what he's looking for from them?

Ray Poerio-explained that they need to get the grant application done and prepped and sent out. They wanted to make sure everyone on Council was on board with the primary as well as the discretionary DOT.

Robert Costa-said that they would need a resolution for that at the next meeting. The other idea was to put in for discretionary funding. They had a meeting with DOT a few weeks ago and there is money in discretionary and the thought process was that maybe start Continental again. Continental looks like it needs a little resurfacing.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if we don't use these funds for this project, can we apply them to something else or it has to be used for this project?

Robert Costa-replied that it has to be within the scope of the project.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if this is matching?

Robert Costa-replied, no.

Councilman Papaleo-feels that this is a good plan and they should move forward with it.

Councilman Chinigo-asked if we've notified the residents to make them aware of project?

Robert Costa-said that he doesn't know if they've ever had public outreach for this.

Councilman Papaleo-said that he knows that the residents knew about it because when he walked the town 2 years ago for his campaign, the topic came up and many voiced their concerns.

Councilman Chinigo-thought that they would be happy about it.

Council President Busted-said that they would yield more spaces as a result. She thinks that they should determine who the stakeholders are, the apartment owners, the dwellers, the school.....

Councilwoman Davis-asked if it is part of the grant to have a public hearing?

Robert Costa-replied, no.

Council President Busted-said that they have discussed this multiple times and again feels that the stakeholders should be informed that this is going to happen and explain why this is such a good thing.

Ray Poerio-said that they applied in July, we would likely be awarded it in November. The looming deadline is to make sure that we get something in.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if we need to direct Mr. Sarlo to modify our parking ordinance so that we have angled?

Robert Costa-replied, yes.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:35 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 p.m. was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:35 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier to go into closed session at 8:35 p.m. was unanimously approved.

#19-214 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain enumerated circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances will or presently exist.

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

1. That the public shall be excluded from the May 28, 2019 regular meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

<u>Closed Session</u>		<u>Statutory</u>
<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Reference</u>
19-5/28-2	Fire Department – Procedure Report	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(6)
19-5/28-3	Contract Negotiation – Robert Costa New Bridge Landing Apartments	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)
19-5/28-4	Contract Negotiations – 250 Johnson Ave., Hackensack Sewer Agreement	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)

2. Formal action may/may not be taken by the Borough of River Edge’s Mayor and Council at this meeting.

May 28, 2019

RE-OPEN – 9:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL –

Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Gautier, Councilwoman Kaufman and Councilman Papaleo were present; Mayor Mignone was absent.

Council President Busted-said that there was a question as to why Feather’s was taken off resolution #19-204.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk-explained that they did not send in their \$200 to the State to renew the State portion of the renewal. They did everything else including the municipal fee, their tax clearance came through but some reason or another they did not send the State their fee.

Council President Busted-asked if they do not have an active liquor license?

Stephanie Evans-replied, they do until June 30th.

Councilman Papaleo-asked if they are aware of this?

Council President Busted-asked who is obligated to let them know they’re deficient?

Stephanie Evans – said it’s up to them. It’s not up to us to let them know but she has sent emails and made phone calls.

Ray Poerio-said that he received an email from a Council person asking if there’s anything that they can go ahead and do at Cherry Hill as far as the drainage is concerned. He’s broken it into two pieces; there’s the general maintenance which is dealing with the clay then it becomes how you deal with the drainage. You have the board behind the backstop and we know the dugouts are too low and we know we have to put some drainage in which is a much larger project.

Councilman Gautier-said that he also heard that there was a sewerage smell at one of the games.

Ray Poerio-said that he hadn’t heard that. He said that they could do what they did at Roosevelt to Cherry Hill which cost about two days labor and \$1,000 to straighten it out.

Councilman Chinigo-said he thinks they should do it. The little boys who play there are wading through mud too just like the girls did at Roosevelt.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilman Gautier to make the same

improvements that were made at Roosevelt fields to Cherry Hill fields was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:09 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: