

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Monday, August 12, 2019

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER –

Council President Ellen Busted called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 everyone to remember those who have been killed by gun violence in our country over the last few weeks in California, Texas and Ohio. Council President Busted also asked that everyone remember former Police Chief Ken Quinn who passed away recently. Council President Busted asked Councilman Papaleo to lead the salute to the flag.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to **table** the approval of the following minutes until the next meeting on September 9, 2019 was unanimously approved.

- a. Approval of the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of July 8, 2019
- b. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2019
- c. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of July 8, 2019
- d. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 6, 2017
- e. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of May 15, 2017
- f. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of June 5, 2017
- g. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of July 11, 2017
- h. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of September 18, 2017
- i. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of October 2, 2017
- j. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of October 17, 2017
- k. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of November 20, 2017
- l. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of November 26, 2017
- m. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of December 4, 2017
- n. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of December 11, 2017
- o. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of December 18, 2017
- p. Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of December 19, 2017

PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS –

Council President Busteed read the Proclamation Declaring August 21st as National Senior Citizen's Day into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on August 19, 1988 President of the United States Ronald Regan declared August 21, 1988 as "National Senior Citizens Day"; and

WHEREAS, this observance was established in honor of senior citizens in the United States who have made positive contributions in their communities; and

WHEREAS, this day was also created to bring awareness of social, health and economic issues that affect senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, with improved health care and more years of productivity, many older Americans are embarking on second careers giving the younger generation a fine example of responsibility, competence and determination.

WHEREAS, here in the Borough of River Edge, Senior Citizens serve a vital role as productive members of our community. Not only do we serve our Seniors, but our Seniors serve us. Many River Edge senior citizens serve our community as volunteers on advisory committees and independent boards and commissions. We have Seniors on our Recreation Commission, Green Team, Planning and Zoning Boards, Traffic and Safety Committee, Library Board, Beautification Committee, Fire Department, Citizens Budget Committee, Environmental Commission and S.C.O.R.E., Police Auxiliary and R.E.V.A.S. just to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ellen Busteed, Council President of the Borough of River Edge, do hereby proclaim:

August 21, 2019

as

Senior Citizen's Day in River Edge

and ask that all River Edge residents honor our local senior citizens for their long and full lives and for their contribution to the successes to our community.

Council President Ellen Busteed

Dated: August 12, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

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

Police Officer Patrick Diamond-asked if they will speak about the DOT grant this evening?

Council President Busted-stated that they are going to have a first reading on angle parking.

Police Officer Diamond-said that Traffic & Safety didn't get a chance to review it and something came up today with Costa that they were hoping to review.

Raymond Poerio, Borough Administrator-explained that they need to move on it tonight because it's part of the grant application.

Police Officer Diamond-explained that the concern is the way the angles are.

Council President Busted-asked when the next Traffic & Safety meeting will be?

Police Officer Diamond-said the next meeting is in October but they can call for a special meeting.

Council President Busted-suggested that they hold a special meeting.

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the resignation of William Fitzpatrick, Laborer in the Department of Public Works effective July 26, 2019 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis the salary increase of Lisa Hessman, Administrative Assistant in the Department of Public Works from an annual salary of \$56,766.00 to \$57,246.00 due to an increase in longevity from \$960.00 to \$1,440.00, effective August 28, 2019 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Gautier, the salary increase of Patrick Diamond, Patrol Officer from an annual salary of \$81,255.00 to Patrol Officer 13th grade - \$89,661.00 effective July 23, 2019 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier, the satisfactory completion of the six-month probationary period and salary increase of Alana Szober, part-time Deputy Court Administrator from an hourly probationary rate of \$16.00 to a Step I hourly rate of \$20.35, effective August 14, 2019 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Papaleo, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the salary increase of Peter Stitz, Mechanic in the Department of Public Works from an annual Mechanic I, Step II salary of \$77,207.00 to Mechanic I, Step III - \$77,783.00 effective September 5, 2019 was unanimously approved.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

- Fire Prevention - April 1 – June 30, 2019
- Historic Commission - June 2019
- Tax Collector - June 2019
- Land Use Board - May 2019

Environmental Commission - July 2019
CFO-Revenue Report - August 6, 2019

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING -

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

Ordinance #19-19 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #19-19

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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

SECTION 1. The purchase of equipment for improvements desired in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as improvements and purchases to be made by the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey for the purpose of the purchase of said equipment and the making of said improvements, there are hereby appropriated the sum of \$25,000.00 of which \$25,000.00 is from the General Capital Fund Balance.

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

- a. Repairs and improvement to public buildings and grounds,
- b. Repair and improvement of the elevator in the Public Safety Building.

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

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

Mayor Edward J. Mignone

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk read the title of Ordinance #19-20 into the record as follows:

Ordinance #19-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 400 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” ARTICLE II “PARKING, STANDING AND STOPPING”.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman, the first reading of Ordinance #19-20 was approved unanimously as follows:

THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 19-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 400 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” ARTICLE II “PARKING, STANDING AND STOPPING”.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has deemed it in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to supplement, amend and revise its Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance as codified in Chapter 400 of the River Edge Borough Code to provide for angle parking along Bogert Road from Howland Avenue to Reservoir Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Article II, §400-10, entitled “Angle parking” provides for angle parking in all commercial parking yards and parking places open to the public or to which the public is invited situated within 100 feet of the center line of Kinderkamack Road in the Borough of River Edge from Main Street to Voorhis Avenue, and

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

SECTION 1. §400-10 is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following section:

Angle parking shall be permitted upon the following streets, portions of streets or designated points:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Angle (degrees)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bogert Road	East	45	From a point 195 feet south of the easterly curb line of Howland Avenue to Reservoir Avenue

SECTION 2. Except as set forth in Sections 1, the balance of Chapter 400 shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This chapter is intended to supplement existing ordinances and other laws pertaining to Chapter 400, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” of the River Edge Borough Code and shall not be construed to excuse any person from complying with such other ordinances and laws.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. If any part, sections, provisions, or total of any of the aforementioned sections are held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, the findings or judgments of which court are applicable in the State of New Jersey, that the balance and remainder of such sections shall remain

in full force and effect as an Ordinance of the Borough of River Edge.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stephanie Evans
Borough Clerk

Edward Mignone
Mayor

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Council President Busted-asked for clarification on resolution #19-276 and #19-290 which are purchases for radios through state contract for the Fire Department. She noticed that the only difference was the dollar amount and asked if it was a duplicate?

Raymond Poerio-said no, one is hard wired and one is hand held.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, resolutions #19-266 through #19-292 were unanimously approved.

#19-266 Amend 2019 Budget

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a grant for a Reserve for Clean Communities Grant Unappropriated in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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

Increase an item of revenue entitled:

3. Miscellaneous Revenue – Section F

Clean Communities Grant.....\$1,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$1,000.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

- (A) Operations excluded from the “CAPS”
- Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Clean Communities Grant.....\$1,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer forward a budget amendment request based on this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

August 12, 2019

#19-267 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to LaToscana Pizzeria for the Property Located at 637 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 614, Lot 8.02

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

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
614/8.02	LaToscana Pizzeria 637 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$37.50

August 12, 2019

#19-268 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to the River Edge Diner for the Property Located at 516 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 804, Lot 8.04

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

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
804/8.04	River Edge Diner 516 Kinderkamack Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$2,500.00

August 12, 2019

#19-269 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow to Feiler Realty LLC for the Property Located at 1060 Main Street, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 1406, Lot 1.03

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

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1406/1.03	Feiler Realty LLC 1060 Main Street River Edge, NJ 07661	\$12.50

August 12, 2019

#19-270 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to Northern New Jersey Eyelids, LLC for the Property Located at 63 Grand Avenue, River Edge, Block 1406, Lot 7

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

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1406/7	Northern New Jersey Eyelids, LLC 63 Grand Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	\$1.09

August 12, 2019

#19-271 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Sewer Jet & Vac Unit Through Sourcwell (Formally NJPA)

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge Public Works Department has need to acquire heavy-duty vehicles necessary for performing the variety of tasks performed by that Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has been a member of Sourcwell (formally NJPA) since October 15, 2007, Membership #10112; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, as amended by P.L. 2011, c.139, authorizes the Borough to purchase goods or to contract services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing system that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, when available, subject to the submittal and acceptance of certain documentation by Jet Vac Equipment; and

WHEREAS, Jet Vac Equipment, 195 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866, is an authorized dealer for Sewer Equipment under Sourcewell contract #122017-SCA (maturity date is February 20, 2022); and

WHEREAS, under Sourcewell Contract No. 122017-SCA, Jet Vac Equipment, can provide one (1) 2019 Sewer Jet & Vac Unit as per their quote dated July 1, 2019 in the amount of \$428,556.42 to the Borough of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, notice of the within purchase has been published on July 11, 2019 in the Record, with a 10-day comment period as required by Local Finance Notice 2012-10 and;

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined that the use of the offered National Cooperative Contract will result in cost savings after all factors, including charges for service, material and delivery have been considered and has verified that such equipment is not available at a better cost savings through State Contract awarded by the Division of Purchase and Property in the New Jersey Department of the Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-56-1810-550.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) 2019 Sewer Jet & Vac Unit through Sourcewell Contract No.122017-SCA for a price not to exceed \$428,556.42.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase order shall contain a requirement that “the vendor shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request”.

August 12, 2019

#19-272 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party of Berkeley Road

WHEREAS, on or about August 12, 2019, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Patricia Rodio, 217 Berkeley Road, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Berkeley Road between Elm Avenue and Fifth Avenue on Saturday, September 14th starting at 1:00 p.m. (rain date Sunday, September 15th) in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

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

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

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

August 12, 2019

#19-273 Amend Agreement with Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, 955 State Route 34, Suite 200, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 for Professional Services as Special Counsel for a Personnel Matter

WHEREAS, there exists a need to retain legal services for the purpose of Labor and Employment Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has previously awarded a contract to Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, 955 State Route 34, Suite 200, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 on April 8, 2019 via resolution #19-154 in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for legal services; 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, Matthew Giacobbe, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Matthew Giacobbe, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge Governing Body in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Matthew Giacobbe, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-20-1552-028 of the Current Fund in an amount not to exceed \$4,225.00.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amended agreement with Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, 955 State Route 34, Suite 200, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 in the amount not to exceed \$4,225.00.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service performed is by a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.

April 12, 2019

#19-274 Resolution of Certification of the Annual Audit

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2018 has been filed by the Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been

received by each member of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52-27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6-5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body has reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Governing Body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:30-6-5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local Governing Body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or members of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

August 12, 2019

#19-275 Resolution to Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Report for the Borough of River Edge

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires the Chief Financial Officer to file a “Corrective Action Plan” outlining the actions to be taken by the Borough of River Edge relative to the findings and recommendations in the annual audit report; and

WHEREAS, the “Corrective Action Plan” shall be prepared by the Chief Financial Officer with assistance from other officials affected by the audit findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is required by resolution, to approve said “Corrective Action Plan”; and

WHEREAS, the “Corrective Action Plan”, as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and approved by the Governing Body, shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge hereby approves the “Corrective Action Plan” for the year 2018 Audit Report submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

August 12, 2019

#19-276 Purchase of Radios for the Fire Department Through State Contract

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to purchase eight (8) portable radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the vendor, Motorola Solutions, Inc. is an approved State Contract participant, bearing the State Contract #83909; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1913-600 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$46,625.20; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 requires that any local contracting unit purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, must award the contract by a resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to accept the State Contact bid on the purchase of eight (8) portable radios as per the State’s specifications in an amount not to exceed \$46,625.20.

August 12, 2019

#19-277 Purchase of Turnout Gear for the Fire Department Through State Contract

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to purchase six (6) sets of turnout gear from New Jersey Fire Equipment, 119-131 Rt. 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812; and

WHEREAS, the vendor, New Jersey Fire Equipment is an approved State Contract participant, bearing the State Contract #A80945; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1913-625 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$18,000.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 requires that any local contracting unit purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, must award the contract by a resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to accept the State Contract bid on the purchase of six (6) sets of turnout gear as per the State’s specifications in

an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00.

August 12, 2019

#19-278 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Center Avenue

WHEREAS, on or about August 12, 2019, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Beth Higgins, 696 Center Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Center Avenue between Tenney Avenue and River Street on Sunday, September 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (rain date Sunday, October 6th) in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

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

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

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

August 12, 2019

#19-279 Cancel Unexpended and Dedicated Balances

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>
1763		\$19,255.22	
1787		\$14,551.12	

August 12, 2019

#19-280 Authorize Refund from Recreation Dedicated Account

WHEREAS, residents had signed up and paid in full for various Recreation Programs; and

WHEREAS, for various reasons they were not able to participate in these programs and have requested a refund; and

WHEREAS, a refund will be made to the following:

Michelle Byrnes 339 Valley Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$ 53.00	Women's Softball
Elizabeth Gonnerman 42 Tenney Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661	\$ 20.00	Camp Trip
Matt Watkins 918 Bogert Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$ 40.00	Men's Softball
Ray Guinta 601 Bogert Road River Edge, NJ 07661	\$160.00	Met's Game

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a total of \$273.00 be refunded from the Recreation Dedicated Account to the above listed residents.

August 12, 2019

#19-281 Authorize Mayor to Sign Lease with Temple Avodat Shalom for Rental of Premises Located at 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey for the Recreational Needs of the Senior Citizens of River Edge

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is aware of, and recognizes that there is a need for greater concern for the good and welfare of senior citizens of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in River Edge for adequate facilities to conduct a meaningful and ongoing program as it relates to the recreational needs of the senior citizens of River Edge; and

WHEREAS, Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey has agreed to make available to the senior citizens of River Edge such facilities that are deemed necessary to carry out a senior citizens recreational program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15(i), as well as N.J.S.A. 40A:48-9.4, permit the leasing and funding of facilities for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available from Account #01-2010-27-3602-100 of the Current Fund for 2020 in the amount of \$19,000.00 subject to the Governing Body making sufficient funds available in the year 2020 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed a lease agreement prepared by the Borough Attorney and have accepted the form of that agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said lease agreement on file with the Borough Clerk and the Borough Clerk is authorized to attest said signature for a lease period commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

August 12, 2019

#19-282 Resolution to Refund Planning Board Escrow Money to McDonalds for the Property Located at 1118 Main Street, River Edge, New Jersey, Block 1408, Lots 1, 2 & 3

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

WHEREAS, all professionals have been paid.

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

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1408/1, 2 & 3	McDonalds 1118 Main Street River Edge, NJ 07661	\$4,895.31

August 12, 2019

#19-283 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Bogert Road

WHEREAS, on or about August 12, 2019, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Kristin Gomez, 847 Bogert Road, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Bogert Road between Woodland Avenue and Midland Avenue on Saturday, August 31st starting at 1:00 p.m. (rain date Sunday, September 1st) in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

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

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

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

August 12, 2019

#19-284 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Seventh Avenue

WHEREAS, on or about August 12, 2019, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Cindy Bequeaith, 745 7th Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Seventh Avenue between Continental Avenue and Webb Avenue on Saturday, October 12th starting at 12:00 p.m. (rain date Sunday, October 13th) in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

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

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

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

August 12, 2019

#19-285 Authorize Cancellation of Accounts Payable

WHEREAS, there exists various accounts payable on the books of the Current Fund; and

WHEREAS, the various purchase orders and contracts creating these accounts payable have been investigated and it has been determined that these should be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following accounts payable in the following amounts are hereby cancelled.

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
32053	Millbrook Village Townhouse	\$6,346.00	Snow Reimbursement
32486	Robert Costa	\$ 500.00	Oxford Phase III

August 12, 2019

#19-286 Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on The Fenway

WHEREAS, on or about August 12, 2019, the Borough of River Edge granted permission to Colleen Kiely, 489 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on The Fenway between Wayne Avenue and Kensington Road on Saturday, August 31st starting at 3:00 p.m. (rain date Sunday, September 1st) in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

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

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

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

August 12, 2019

#19-287 Purchase of Solargard Metal Roof for the Department of Public Works Through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to purchase a Solargard metal roof from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, OH 44122; and

WHEREAS, the vendor, Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. is an approved Cooperative Pricing participant, bearing the Contract #ESCNJ/AEPA IFB #017-F; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1913-275 of the Capital Fund in the amount of \$145,350.00 and Account #04-2150-55-1913-110 in the amount of \$4,534.01 for a total amount not to exceed \$149,884.01; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 requires that any local contracting unit purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), must award the contract by a resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to accept the Cooperative Pricing System bid on the purchase of a Solargard Metal Roof as per the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System's specifications in an amount not to exceed \$149,884.01.

August 12, 2019

#19-288 Authorize the Tax Collector to Refund 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 Taxes due to a NJ Tax Court Judgment

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on 5/8/19 and the same was received by the tax office on 6/24/19 reducing the assessed value on the property owned by 570 Kinderkamack LLC., Block 804, Lot 1, located at 574 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge; and

WHEREAS, the 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 taxes are paid in full.

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

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Old Value</u>	<u>New Value</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2015	846,800	774,400	2,329.11

2016	933,825	807,700	4,144.47
2017	993,316	809,400	6,183.26
2018	1,025,400	825,400	6,790.00
		Total:	19,446.84

Make check payable to: Michael Vespasiano/570 Kinderkamack LLC
c/o Law Office of Michael Vespasiano
331 Main Street
Chatham, NJ 07928

August 12, 2019

#19-289 Approval to Waive a Portion of the Police Outside Duty Rate for Bergen County Historical Society

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Historical Society will host an event celebrating Baronfest – a celebration of General Baron Von Steuben at Historic New Bridge Landing on Saturday, September 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Historical Society has requested one (1) uniformed officer for the duration of the event; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Historical Society has made an appeal to the Mayor and Council to waive the administrative fee portion of the \$135.00 per hour rate and be billed for the officer’s overtime rate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter at their work session of August 12, 2019 and have indicated that the outside duty rate of \$135.00 be waived and that the actual overtime rate of the police officer assigned to that duty be charged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Department and the Chief Financial Officer are instructed to adjust their billing accordingly and to notify the Bergen County Historical Society of the fee to be paid for the services provided.

August 12, 2019

#19-290 Purchase of Mobile Radios for the Fire Department Through State Contract

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to purchase mobile radios from Motorola Solutions; and

WHEREAS, the vendor, Motorola Solutions, Inc., 123 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677 is an approved State Contract participant, bearing the State Contract #83909; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1913-575 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$13,349.75; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 requires that any local contracting unit purchasing pursuant

to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, must award the contract by a resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to accept the State Contract bid on the purchase of mobile radios as per the State's specifications in an amount not to exceed \$13,349.75.

August 12, 2019

#19-291 Resolution Authorizing Advanced Travel Expenses for the Fire Department

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A5-16.1 permits the governing body for any local unit to authorize payment in advance toward expenses for authorized official travel; and

WHEREAS, certain officers of the Fire Department have requested an advance payment of travel expenses for attendance at the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention in Wildwood, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Section IV, Subject 9, Leave and Conferences and Conventions of the Borough's Personnel and Policy Procedure Manual, provides a policy for Fire Department members to attend certain conferences and enumerates regulations pertaining to travel expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #01-2010-25-2552-041 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Officers of the Borough of River Edge will verify their expenses and any excess cash will be repaid to the Borough of River Edge along with a detailed bill or items of demand, and the certification or affidavits required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16 which will be submitted by the officers within 10 days after the completion of the travel for which the advance was made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Supervisor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby instructed to make up a \$5,000.00 check payable to the River Edge Fire Department for life members to go to the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention, September 12, 13, 14, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution as well as the policy of the Borough with regard to travel expenses, to each of the Fire Department Officers receiving the advance.

August 12, 2019

#19-292 Authorize a Person-to-Person Liquor License Transfer

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person-to-person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 0252-33-004-002, heretofore issued to PBJ Restaurant LLC, T/A Feathers for premises located at 77 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby approve, effective August 12, 2019, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to PBJ Restaurant LLC and does hereby direct the Borough Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to PBJ Restaurant LLC, effective August 12, 2019

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Councilwoman Kaufman read resolution #19-293 into the record.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, resolution #19-293 was unanimously approved.

#19-293 Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, vouchers for the payment of goods and services rendered to the Borough of River Edge have been received; and

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

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$8,506,111.53
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 336,771.06
RECREATION ACCOUNT	\$ 24,724.83
ANIMAL WELFARE ACCOUNT	\$ 10.20
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 26,222.33
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 7,533.27
TRUST OTHER DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT	\$ 12,392.50

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

August 12, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

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

Casey Connors-259 Adams Avenue-commented that the ramp at Sixth and Continental still isn't right and explained how they should be constructed.

Raymond Poerio-said that this is one of the ones that we had on the list. There were 7 or 8 that were brought to his attention that were the priority but they can't do all of them at one time. He said that the ramp at 6th and Continental is one of the items that has been given the go ahead to be addressed.

Casey Connors-said that another one that is at the top of the list is Adrian Way and Millbrook Road.

Councilwoman Davis-said yes, it's on there.

Raymond Poerio-said that the Council has conveyed to him that this is a priority and needs to be addressed. He explained that there are 4 of them that they have available funds to do. He read the names of the streets that are the priorities as follows: Millbrook and Adrian, Elm and Tenney, Millbrook and Adams and Jefferson and Fifth. As he said in work session, he's put together a plan to go ahead and start some of these immediately and the balance of them, including Continental would be part of next years capital plan.

Casey Connors-he complained that there are sidewalks on Webb or Wales that go down to Kinderkamack that have to be removed.

Raymond Poerio-asked why?

Council President Busted-asked if they are the cobble stone streets? She asked if they are historically designated?

Councilwoman Kaufman-replied, yes.

Casey Connors-said it doesn't matter, stairs are not allowed in the middle of the sidewalk.

Raymond Poerio-said he will do some research on that.

Casey Connors-said that he's been complaining for 20 years.

Councilwoman Kaufman-said that we're trying and feels that it's good news.

Raymond Poerio-said that the important part is that they've laid out a plan. Although he doesn't know the whole 20 year history, he told Mr. Connors that this Council has made it a priority and have asked him to go ahead and address it.

Cindy Bequeaith-745 Seventh Avenue-said that she had submitted a letter requesting a block party and may need to change the date. She asked what she will have to do?

Councilwoman Busted-said that the Clerk has the authority to approve block parties so she should go through the Clerk.

Cindy Bequeaith-said that she read an article in the newspaper stating that the Mayor had not turned in a resignation. She asked for an explanation or procedure of what's happening now and how they will go forward?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-stated that until the Mayor turns in his resignation, he's still the Mayor. He still owns a house here and he believes that there are one or two projects such as the transit project that he still wanted to stay involved in because it was near the end of completion. He believes that the Council had asked him to try and stay involved in that. Once he turns his resignation in, there's a process by law to fill his term for the remaining year.

Cindy Bequeaith-asked if there is a down side to him not actually being present in the room?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-explained that the form of government that you have here is a weak Mayor form of government where really the Mayor has no power, it's a strong Council. The Mayor doesn't have a vote unless it's a tie breaker. He said that there is really no down side. It's almost like the Mayor took a two

week vacation and went out of state, there's a process in place where Councilwoman Busted steps in as Council President. Even if he resigns, it's the same process. The Borough continues existing as all the department heads report to the Borough Administrator who then reports to the Council.

Cindy Bequeaith-asked if there is a target date or could this go on?

Tom Sarlo, Esq.-said that he doesn't know and doesn't want to speak for him. He feels that it's a benefit to the Borough to keep him involved with the transit project because of his engineering background.

Casey Connors-asked what the summer hours are for Borough Hall.

Stephanie Evans-replied that regular hours except for the summer are 8 to 4. During July and August it's 8 to 4 Monday to Thursday and Friday 8 to 3.

Cindy Bequeaith-feels that there needs to be more care taken at the beginning of the July 4th parade because many of the participants were not listening to instructions and parked in the middle of the street which made it difficult for anyone to get through in case of an emergency.

Casey Connors-asked how soon did they know they were going to have a closed session?

Raymond Poerio-said during the past day or two.

Casey Connors-feels that the meetings and times should be listed somewhere.

Raymond Poerio-said that we can accommodate the start component of that, but the regular session time you don't know because you don't know how long the closed session will take.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilwoman Davis-reported that the Ambulance Corp. has had 436 calls this year. For the month of July they've had 69 calls; 38 medical, 15 traumas, 8 motor vehicle, 6 overdoses and they helped out on 2 fire calls. They also responded in Oradell twice and New Milford once. She reported that the Fire Department has had 178 alarms year to date; 40 alarms in July and three drills. They had one meeting, 2 structure fires, a cooking fire, natural gas, carbon monoxide, odor of smoke, activated fire alarms and brush and rubbish. They also responded to mutual aid calls in Oradell and New Milford. They were very busy with smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms sometimes at 3:00 in the morning.

Councilman Papaleo-reported that he is in regular contact with Jason at the DPW. He also reported that there was an issue with rats in town between Concord and Manning. They brought in an exterminator who baited traps and has been there regularly and met with residents. There has been very little bait taken which means it's not an infestation. Our Superintendent of Public Works has directed the exterminator to continue through the end of August even though they thought the issue was resolved. He reported that the front loader that was ordered through capital is due to come in during the next few days and will make a big difference because they will use it all year long. He reported that the road repavements finished about two weeks ago and they did a great job but they still have striping to do. Our new jet vac, which we use on our storm drains to make sure that flooding does not occur in town, is another piece of equipment that we use all year round and should be coming in within the next month or so. The Borough air conditioning has been repaired and as the Borough Administrator had reported, the Library HVAC had an issue and the downed unit should be replaced by Wednesday. He thanked DPW workers for the phenomenal job they've done in maintaining our lawns and properties throughout the summer and also thanked Beautification for doing a beautiful job here at Borough Hall as well as other locations. He knows that the Beautification Committee wants to offer a special thanks to DPW for their responsive and supportive nature in helping out. He said that Shade Tree also wanted to extend their thanks to DPW for all that they do to support them.

Councilman Gautier-echoed Councilman Papaleo's sentiments. The DPW and Beautification Committee have been doing a wonderful job on a number of projects and wanted to let them know it's very much appreciated.

Council President Busted – congratulated Carolyn Baldanza, the Recreation Camp Staff and all of the

Counselors for another successful record breaking attendance year for the summer playground program. They added some new things to the program this year including trips to the Swim Club which were very much appreciated by the campers and parents alike. She again thanked everyone for their hard work and doing a great job in providing a fun, safe environment for the River Edge children. She also thanked Cindy Bequeaith for helping with the July 4th parade. Council President Busted reported that the Environmental Protection Commission and Green Team continue to work throughout the summer. We completed our commitment to the Hackensack Riverkeeper litter survey that they're doing in coordination with Montclair State. We went out and surveyed in New Milford, by Palmer Brothers and down Gates Avenue. Council President Busted participated personally and within 30 minutes they collected over 150 cigarette butts, one of the largest pollutants of our waterways and something that does biodegrade at all. She explained that the filters are more of a problem than plastic straws. She did bring to the EPC and Green Team, Terocycle which does unique recycling and does have cigarette butt receptacles which they are considering asking the DPW to hang one down at KBG. Although that area is a smoke-free environment, cigarette butts are the largest item that is collected during the river clean-up and she feels that encouraging people to deposit their butt in a little receptacle, would keep those things out of the waterway. She met with OEM Coordinator Starace today and wanted to share statistics regarding Nixle. In one year we've gone from 1,700 registered users to 2,500 registered users which exceeds Nixle's average rate of 10%. She said that the tax stuffer will have very clear directions on how to get residents to register for Nixle and encourages everyone out there listening to register for Nixle. Director Starace is doing a very good job in getting advisories out and he has offered to send out advisories for any borough departments. She wanted to comment on the recent ordinance that Oradell passed regarding the fee implementation. They sent us a certified letter stating that they were planning to start enforcing that ordinance on August 8th. We had gone to one of their meetings asking them very strongly to rescind the ordinance because we felt that it was unfair that they would charge Oradell residents a \$5.00 participant fee and non-residents a \$75.00 participant fee. They put a three month moratorium on the enforcement, however, they have notified us that they plan to start enforcing it. She wanted to set the record straight that our Borough Administrator, at the Council's request, has made several overtures with their Borough Administrator to sit down with them as professionals to understand what fee issues they have regarding their facilities. They have rejected the offers to have those conversations and she just wanted to have the record be clear that our Borough Administrator and Recreation Director stand ready to meet with the appropriate parties in Oradell to have these conversations. She said that we are not ignoring any request to meet, however we feel that these are the appropriate parties. We're sad that they've decided to enforce the ordinance, but that is their ordinance to enforce, not ours.

Cindy Bequeaith-asked for an explanation as to what the ordinance is?

Council President Busted-explained that they passed an ordinance last November that required certain classes of participants, Classes 1, 2 & 3 to pay to register with the Borough of Oradell as either and Oradell resident or non-resident. Oradell residents would be charged \$5.00 a year to participate and use their fields and non-residents would be charged \$75.00.

Cindy Bequeaith-asked if that is per person?

Council President Busted-replied, per participant. So if you have 5 children you would pay \$375.00 annually.

Councilwoman Davis-stated that the teams are River Dell teams.

Council President Busted-said that our position was very clear and she wanted to go on the record that they have notified us that they now are enforcing it and our position has not changed. Our professionals are ready to meet with their Administrator at any time.

Councilwoman Davis-stated that right from the beginning, several members of our Council and the Mayor went up and spoke with them at a meeting.

Councilman Gautier-agreed and stated that the Mayor and Council members expressed their dismay over this ordinance at the Oradell Mayor and Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:44 P.M.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Attest:

Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: