

MINUTES

Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Meeting held electronically via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER –

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

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Papaleo called for a moment of reflection to keep in our thoughts COVID19 patients as well as our health care workers. The Mayor asked Councilwoman Kinsella to lead the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT –

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act: This meeting complies with the Open Public Meeting Act by notification on December 20th of this location, date and time to the Ridgewood News and the Record and by posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Web Site and filing a notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL – Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Chinigo, Councilman Gautier, Councilwoman Kaufman, Councilwoman Kinsella, Councilwoman Montisano-Koen and Mayor Papaleo were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

On motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, seconded by Councilwoman Busted the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting of April 27, 2020 were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

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

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

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier resolution #20-119 was approved unanimously.

Ray Poerio-said that this years budget was challenging and thanked all involved for their hard work. The municipal increase will be \$99.46 and he reminded our residents that we only have control over the municipal portion not the schools or the county.

#20-119 Resolution to Read Budget by Title

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

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met.

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

May 11, 2020

HEARING ON 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET –

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier to open the hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget was approved unanimously.

There being no public comments, the motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella to close the hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget was approved unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted, resolution #20-120 was approved unanimously.

#20-120 Adopting 2020 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the 2020 Municipal Budget was approved by resolution #20-111 on April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-6 was advertised in THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER on April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the budget was held on May 11, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Local Municipal Budget appropriating \$17,049,012.04 be hereby adopted for the fiscal year 2020.

May 11, 2020

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, seconded by Councilman Gautier the following appointments and personnel changes have been approved unanimously;

The appointment of Tyler Aronoff to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective May 11, 2020;

The appointment of Robert Schlossberg to the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective May 11, 2020;

The salary increase of Eric Phillips, Tree Trimmer from an annual Tree Trimmer I, Step I salary of \$68,754.00 to Tree Trimmer I, Step II - \$69,227.00 due to a step increase per the 2018 contract effective May 15, 2020.

ORDINANCES – 2nd Reading

Ray Poerio-explained that during the construction on Bogert Road, it was necessary to add a tapered lane and change parking signs to comply with NJDOT standards.

Mayor Papaleo read the title of Ordinance #20-4 into the record.

Ordinance #20-4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, CHAPTER 400, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, ARTICLE IV “SCHEDULES”, 400-27 “SCHEDULE I: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES”

Ordinance #20-4 was introduced by Councilwoman Kinsella, seconded by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen and unanimously approved at the April 27, 2020 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE ORDINANCE #20-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, CHAPTER 400, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, ARTICLE IV “SCHEDULES”, 400-27 “SCHEDULE I: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 400 “Vehicles and Traffic” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of River Edge is hereby amended by the addition of the following new section as follows:

SECTION I: 400-27, Parking Prohibited at All Times be amended as follows:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>SIDES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Bogert Road	Eastside	From a point 205 feet south of Howland Avenue to a point 100 feet north of Howland Avenue.
Bogert Road	Westside	From a point of 135 feet south of Howland Avenue to a point 100 feet north of Howland Avenue.

SECTION II:

All ordinances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

SECTION III:

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid, for any reason, by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such portions shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall be severable therefrom.

SECTION IV:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Thomas Papaleo, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

On motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman to open the hearing on Ordinance #20-4 was unanimously approved.

Lou Grasso-172 Lozier Terrace-asked if this is only on Bogert Road or the entire town?

Ray Poerio-replied that it's only for that area of Bogert Road.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to close the hearing on Ordinance #20-4 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman to adopt Ordinance #20-4 was unanimously approved.

Mayor Papaleo-asked Mr. Poerio to give brief descriptions of the ordinances.

Ray Poerio-explained that Ordinances #20-5, #20-6 & #20-7 related to various projects that had been submitted by the department heads. Over \$4 million worth of capital improvements were submitted to him and he and the Finance Committee whittled it down to these project.

Mayor Papaleo read the title of Ordinance #20-5 into the record.

Ordinance #20-5 CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$338,792 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Ordinance #20-5 was introduced by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Chinigo and unanimously approved at the April 27, 2020 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #20-5

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$338,792 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make the following public acquisitions and improvements in, by and for the Borough: (A) acquisition of various equipment for the use of the Police Department; (B) undertaking of various improvements to parks and recreation facilities; and (C) undertaking of various improvements to the River Edge Senior/ Community Center (supplemental funding). Said acquisitions and improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$338,792 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the acquisitions and improvements authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund, as hereinafter provided. The sum of \$338,792 is hereby appropriated from the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said acquisitions and improvements are lawful capital improvements of the Borough having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said acquisitions and improvements shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital 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 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Mayor Thomas Papaleo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

On motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella to open the hearing on Ordinance #20-5 was unanimously approved.

There being no comments by the public, a motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman to close the hearing on Ordinance #20-5 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded Councilwoman Kinsella to adopt Ordinance #20-5 was unanimously approved.

Mayor Papaleo read the title of Ordinance #20-6 into the record

Ordinance #20-6 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 A NEW FIRE TRUCK (PARTIAL FUNDING) 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 \$2,295,655 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, 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.

Ordinance #20-6 was introduced by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier and unanimously approved at the April 27, 2020 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #20-6

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 A NEW FIRE TRUCK (PARTIAL FUNDING) 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 \$2,295,655 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, 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 a new fire truck (partial funding) 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 and the various grants 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 grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) 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. Resurfacing of Reservoir Avenue. It is hereby determined and stated that such road being improved is 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	\$ 241,200
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 180,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,915
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 58,285
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Supplemental funding for the undertaking of the School Safety Improvement Project. It is hereby determined and stated that the Borough has heretofore appropriated the sum of \$450,000 for such improvement pursuant to Ord. No. 1837 adopted on June 15, 2015.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 110,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 105,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Undertaking of field renovations and installation of an irrigation system at Roosevelt Field.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 170,000
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 136,875
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,578
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 31,547
Period of Usefulness	15 years

D. Undertaking of the design phase for various park and recreation improvements.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 43,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,072
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 41,428
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) self-contained breathing apparatus equipment and (ii) radio equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 48,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,286
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 45,714
Period of Usefulness	10 years

F. Undertaking of (i) the design phase for the resurfacing of Bogert Road (Section 5) and (ii) the 2020 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 the list referred to in clause (ii) of the preceding sentence 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.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 663,555
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 31,598
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 631,957
Period of Usefulness	10 years

G. Supplemental funding for the undertaking of various improvements to the River Edge Senior/Community Center. It is hereby determined and stated that the Borough has heretofore appropriated the aggregate sum of \$1,743,700 for such improvement pursuant to the following six ordinances: Ord. No. 1789 adopted on May 6, 2013; Ord. No. 1806 adopted on April 21, 2014 (as amended by Ord. No. 1825 adopted on March 16, 2015); Ord. No. 1829 adopted on May 4, 2015; Ord. No. 1859 adopted on April 18, 2016; Ord. No. 17-12 adopted on May 1, 2017; and Ord. No. 18-10 adopted on April 23, 2018.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 200,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 9,524
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 190,476
Period of Usefulness	15 years

H. Undertaking of (i) various traffic and pedestrian safety improvements and equipment acquisitions and (ii) sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 306,300
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 14,586
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 291,714
Period of Usefulness	10 years

I. Undertaking of the design phase for electrical system improvements at the Department of Public Works ("DPW") Garage.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 40,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,905
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 38,095
Period of Usefulness	15 years

J. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the DPW consisting of (i) a pickup truck and (ii) a mason dump truck.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 124,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,905
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 118,095
Period of Usefulness	5 years

K. Acquisition of new information technology equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) mobile data terminals and (ii) SUVs.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 121,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,762
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 115,238
Period of Usefulness	5 years

L. Partial funding for the acquisition of a new rescue pumper fire engine, including original apparatus and equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 100,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,762
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 95,238
Period of Usefulness	10 years

M. Undertaking of (i) the Tree Planting Program and (ii) improvements to public buildings and property.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 127,850
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,089
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 121,761
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$2,295,655
Aggregate Grants Appropriated	\$ 316,875
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 94,232
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$1,884,548

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$509,155 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. The sum of \$180,000 received or to be received as a grant from the Bergen County Community Development Program, pursuant to the Federal Housing and Community Development Act, is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the resurfacing of Reservoir Avenue authorized in Section 4.A hereof.

Section 7. The sum of \$136,875 received or to be received as a grant from the County of Bergen Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the Roosevelt Field improvements authorized in Section 4.C hereof.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$94,232, 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 \$94,232 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,884,548 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 10. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,884,548 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 11. 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 12. 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 10.50 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 13. 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 \$1,884,548 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 14. 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 (other than the Federal and County grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), 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 15. 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 16. 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 17. 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 18. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Thomas Papaleo, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

On motion by Councilwoman Busted, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to open the hearing on Ordinance #20-6 was unanimously approved.

There being no comments by the public, a motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman to close the hearing on Ordinance #20-6 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella to adopt Ordinance #20-6 was unanimously approved.

Mayor Papaleo read the title of Ordinance #20-7 into the record.

Ordinance #20-7 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOGERT ROAD (SECTIONS 3 AND 4) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$509,200 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.

Ordinance #20-7 was introduced by Councilwoman Kinsella, seconded by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen and unanimously approved at the April 27, 2020 meeting as follows:

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #20-7

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOGERT ROAD (SECTIONS 3 AND 4) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$509,200 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 improve Bogert Road (Sections 3 and 4) in, by and for the Borough. Said improvements shall include road resurfacing, sidewalk, curb and driveway apron improvements, where necessary, and all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor, and shall be undertaken in accordance with plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Borough Engineer and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. Such plans and specifications are on file or shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during regular business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that said road being improved is 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").

Section 2. The sum of \$509,200 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 of this ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) because this ordinance involves projects to be funded by State grants. It is anticipated that grants in the aggregate amount of \$427,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (\$212,000 for Bogert Road (Section 3) and \$215,000 for Bogert Road (Section 4)) shall be received by the Borough to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 hereof. Said grant funds shall be applied as set forth in Section 9 hereof. 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 (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Borough, (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law, (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$509,200, (4) the estimated

maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$509,200, and (5) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$82,200, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of said purpose, 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 4. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$509,200 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 5. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$509,200 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 6. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue 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 7. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 8. 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 the Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$509,200 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 9. 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 said purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 10. 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 11. The Borough intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such 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 12. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 13. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Thomas Papaleo, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated:

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to open the hearing on Ordinance #20-6 was unanimously approved.

There being no comments by the public, a motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman to close the hearing on Ordinance #20-6 was unanimously approved.

On motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella to adopt Ordinance #20-6 was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

On motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman resolution #20-121 through #20-126 and #20-128 were unanimously approved.

#20-121 Extend Current Solid Waste Service Contract with BCUA for an Additional Year

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is in need of a facility to dispose of its solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the BCUA has developed a cooperative marketing program for the processing, transport, and disposal of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law {N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.} authorizes and permits contracting units, such as the BCUA, and the Borough of River Edge to enter into contracts for the services contemplated herein without competitive bidding for same, pursuant to

and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded on a unit price basis and maybe considered an "Open Ended Contract" under N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.3, in which case certification of funds is not required until such time as the services are ordered and prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, certification of availability of funds will be made by the Chief Financial Officer, and it shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds from the Chief Financial Officer as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract extension with the BCUA, for the disposal of the Borough of River Edge's solid waste for a term of one (1) year from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the BCUA.

May 11, 2020

#20-122 Authorize the Release of a Performance Bond for Zuccaro, Inc., for the 2018 Community Center Project

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge received a Performance Bond from Zuccaro, Inc., 248 Alberta Drive, Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663 for the 2018 Community Center Project; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the Performance Surety Bond was \$663,408.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has certified that the final inspection has been made and approval is given with regard to the 2018 Community Center Project and recommends that the Performance Surety Bond be released; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has received a Maintenance Surety Bond in the amount of \$593,231.00 which will run for a two year period from March 13, 2020 to March 13, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Performance Surety Bond for Zuccaro, Inc. on file with the Borough of River Edge be released in the amount of \$663,408.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Zuccaro, Inc., 248 Alberta Drive, Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663 and NGM Insurance Company.

May 11, 2020

#20-123 Self-Examination of Budget Resolution

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b 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 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 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 local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2020 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 & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's 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 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 increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with 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 and publicly advertised 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 will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

May 11, 2020

#20-124 Authorize Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Tax Bills for 3rd Quarter 2020 Taxes

WHEREAS, in light of the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the State delayed the adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS “*strongly recommends*” under Local Finance Notice 2020-07 “*that municipalities prepare to issue estimated property tax bills for 2020;*” and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 54:4-66.3, pursuant to Section 3 of P.L 1994 c. 72 and 54:4:4-66.2, the governing body has determined that the Tax Collector will be unable to complete the mailing and delivery of the tax bills due to the absence of a certified tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and has 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 Tax Collector requests the Council to approve the estimated tax levy; which is between the mandated estimated range proposed by the Local Government Services. Approval will enable the Borough to meet its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary cost of interest on borrowing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough for the third installment of 2020 taxes.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$52,660,629.10. The estimated tax rate for 2020 is hereby set at 3.555.
3. In accordance with law, the third installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer for their records.

May 11, 2020

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
CALCULATION OF PROPOSED 2020 ESTIMATED TAX RATE

ACTUAL PY TAX LEVY AND RATE			ALLOWABLE RANGE FOR ESTIMATED TAX LEVY (PERCENTAGE OF PY LEVY)		
	LEVY	TAX RATE		95.00%	105.00%
MUNICIPAL	\$ 12,858,380.00	0.877	MUNICIPAL	\$ 12,215,461.00	\$ 13,501,299.00
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	\$ 613,984.00	0.042	MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	\$ 583,284.80	\$ 644,683.20
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	\$ 145,904.21	0.010	MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	\$ 138,609.00	\$ 153,199.42
DISTRICT SCHOOL	\$ 16,917,366.00	1.154	DISTRICT SCHOOL	\$ 16,071,497.70	\$ 17,763,234.30
REGIONAL SCHOOL	\$ 15,780,418.00	1.077	REGIONAL SCHOOL	\$ 14,991,397.10	\$ 16,569,438.90
COUNTY	\$ 4,327,906.43	0.296	COUNTY	\$ 4,111,511.11	\$ 4,544,301.75
COUNTY OPEN SPACE	\$ 185,385.44	0.012	COUNTY OPEN SPACE	\$ 176,116.17	\$ 194,654.71
FIRE DISTRICT			FIRE DISTRICT	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 50,829,344.08	3.468	TOTALS	\$ 48,287,876.88	\$ 53,370,811.28
2020 ESTIMATED TAX RATE					
NET VAULE TAXABLE -	\$ 1,481,252,463.00				
ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	TAX RATE	NOTES:			
MUNICIPAL	\$ 13,185,685.72	0.890	ACTUAL (INTRODUCED)		
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	\$ 642,638.10	0.043	ACTUAL		
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	\$ 148,125.25	0.010	ACTUAL		
DISTRICT SCHOOL	\$ 17,255,713.32	1.165	ESTIMATED AT 2% INCREASE		
REGIONAL SCHOOL	\$ 16,824,909.00	1.136	ACTUAL		
COUNTY	\$ 4,414,464.56	0.298	ESTIMATED AT 2% INCREASE		
COUNTY OPEN SPACE	\$ 189,093.15	0.013	ESTIMATED AT 2% INCREASE		
FIRE DISTRICT	\$ -	0.000	N/A		
TOTALS	\$ 52,660,629.10	3.555			
\$ INCREASE	\$ 1,831,285.02				
% INCREASE	3.60%				
				<u>LEVY AMOUNT</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>
LESSER OF ESTIMATED AND MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BY STATUTE				\$ 52,660,629.10	3.555

#20-125 Authorize Tax Collector to Bill \$250.00 for a Senior Citizen Disallowed for 2019
WHEREAS, the following homeowners received a \$250.00 Senior Citizen Tax Deduction for the year 2019; 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 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to disallow the 2019 Senior Deductions and bill the homeowners for the following amounts.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
110/8	Varela, Isaura 295 Midland Avenue	167.81
506/4	Connors	250.00

259 Adams Avenue

905/29	Schuman 374 Valley Road	250.00
1209/35	Ong, Derrick Florendo Ting, Wei Jung 161 Howland Avenue	165.07
1302/14	Singh, Onkar & Dhiman, Priya 154 Kinderkamack Road	213.70
	Total:	1,046.58

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#20-126 Ratifying the Execution of a Contract Awarded to SHI International Corporation for Installation of Computer Aided Dispatch and Infoshare Records Management System and Authorizing the Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement for the Calendar Year 2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge Police Department was in need of services to install a computer aided dispatch system and integrate software with records management; and

WHEREAS, an agreement was presented by the River Edge Police Department by SHI International Corporation to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the InfoShare applications licensed to the River Edge Police Department and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) permits the provision and performance of goods and services for the support and maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software without public advertising for bids, and the River Edge Police Department has determined that the InfoShare applications are proprietary;

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge Police Department recommended and was desirous of entering into such agreement; and

WHEREAS, an InfoShare Software License and Usage Agreement was entered into by River Edge Police Department and SHI International Corporation under State Contract M0003 on October 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the River Edge Police Department maintains an annual maintenance and support contract with SHI International Corporation that needs to be renewed for the calendar year 2020 in the sum of \$19,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #0-01-25-240-105 of the Current Fund in the amount not to exceed \$19,500.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of River Edge hereby ratifies and approves the InfoShare Software License and Usage Agreement that was entered into by the River Edge Police Department and SHI International Corporation on October 18, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SHI International Corporation be awarded the annual support and maintenance agreement in the amount of \$19,500.00.

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Councilwoman Kaufman read resolution #20-127 into the record.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier to approve resolution #20-127 was unanimously approved.

#20-127 Payment of Bills

At a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, held on May 11, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge approve the following expenditures.

CURRENT FUND ACCOUNT	\$8,044,345.13
GRANT FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 179.00
ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT	\$ 6.00
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 2,739.90
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 11,196.70
DEVELOPER’S ESCROW ACCOUNT	\$ 840.00

May 11, 2020

#20-128 Change Order #2 Approval and Amendatory Contract for the 2018 Municipal Aid Program for Bogert Road (Section 2) Howland Avenue (Section 7, Phase V) Road Improvement Project to American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC

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 American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC on November 12, 2019 via resolution #19-361 and amended via resolution #20-105 in the amount of \$29,200.00 dated March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #2 reflects an increase in quantity for a total amount not to exceed \$19,775.20; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended the above change.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #C-04-18-024-200 of the Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$19,775.20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of River Edge shall enter into a written amendatory contract with American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC, for Change Order #2 for an increase of \$19,775.20.

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.

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NEW BUSINESS –

- Community Events – Ray Poerio, Borough Administrator reported that summer camp, Memorial Day and July 4th festivities are cancelled. They are working on virtual alternatives. There was a brief discussion whether wave birthday parties were allowed because there is still some confusion. Tom Sarlo said that the State Police did not want caravans but sometimes there is a delay in orders. He said that right now he thinks it's allow but he will look into it and get back to the council. Councilwoman Busted wanted to clarify for our residents that there will no in person Memorial Day, July 4th and Recreation Camp as recommended by the Health Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

On motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, seconded by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen to open public comments was unanimously approved.

Andrew Jaffe-asked if the Swim Club will be open this year.

Mayor Papaleo-said that he knows that the Swim Club had sent surveys asking if people would be willing to join with the new social distancing requirements. After receiving feedback, they will consider their options. The Mayor said that we don't have any authority over the Swim Club.

Councilman Gautier-stated that pools in the state are waiting to hear from the State Health Department on whether they can open.

Councilman Chinigo-said that they received something this week that condo and apartment complex pools could be not be open but residential pools could be.

Councilman Gautier-said that condo and apartment pools are considered public pools according to state law.

Tom Sarlo-said that the River Edge Swim Club is a quasi public entity and qualifies as a public pool. He feels that guidance will come quickly from the state.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier to close public comments was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilwoman Kaufman-sends her good wishes to those who are ill and thanked everyone for abiding by social distancing efforts to keep us all safe.

Councilwoman Montisano-Koen-recognized the social distancing of many and encouraged everyone to be mindful of distancing especially since the weather is getting nicer. She hopes everyone stays healthy.

Councilman Gautier-congratulated the new Fire Department members. He thanked our Borough Administrator, CFO, Finance Committee and Citizens Budget Committee for all their hard work on putting the budget together. He thanked all of our first responders and health care workers.

Councilwoman Busted-echoed everyone's comments and congratulated the new Fire Department members and wish them a long and safe tenure. She wanted to recognize National Police Week by thanking our Police Department for always being professional and their efforts to keep us safe. She also thanked first responders and health care workers as well as our residents for their efforts with social distancing.

Councilman Chinigo- thanked the Borough Administrator, CFO, Finance Committee and Citizen's Budget Committee for their hard work on the budget. He also thanked the Council for their hard work putting a budget together during tough times. He echoed everyone's sentiments in congratulating the new Fire Department members. He commended our Police Department for their great work in responding quickly and adequately to all emergencies.

Ray Poerio-reported that the Borough had applied for discretionary aid for Continental Avenue last year and have been anxiously awaiting a response. He received notification that the Borough has received a \$400,000 grant.

Mayor Papaleo-is very pleased that we received another grant and feels that it's good to save our residents money.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 P.M.

On motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Attest:

Mayor Thomas Papaleo

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: