

MINUTES
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER –

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

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Papaleo called for a moment of reflection and asked Councilwoman Busteded 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 Busteded, Councilman Chinigo, Councilman Gautier, Councilwoman Kaufman, Councilwoman Kinsella, Councilwoman Montisano-Koen and Mayor Papaleo were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting of May 11, 2020 were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

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

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilwoman Kaufman the resignation of Alana Sober, Deputy Court Administrator effective May 29, 2020 was unanimously approved.

Mayor Papaleo-thanked Alana for her service to River Edge and wished her the best in her new full-time position in Ridgewood.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

On motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella resolution #20-129 through #20-134 were unanimously approved.

#20-129 Authorize Tax Collector to Refund 2020 Quarter Tax Overpayment

WHEREAS, the tax office has received duplicate and/or tax overpayments for the 2nd Quarter 2020 taxes on the following property(s); and

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

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

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>HOMEOWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
903/1	CAVANAGH, JAMES J & DORINDA A 409 Valley Road	DUPLICATE	5,950.21
		TOTAL:	5,950.21

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

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#20-130 Resolution to Refund Land Use Board Escrow Money

WHEREAS, the following application has been made to the Land Use 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>
506/2	Hannah & Jason Cha 269 Adams Avenue	\$ 375.00
614/8.02	Sendai Sushi 651 Kinderkamack Road	\$2,267.50

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#20-131 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Continental Avenue Improvement Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LAIF-2019-Continental Avenue-00110 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of River Edge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of River Edge and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL

 Mayor

 Borough Clerk

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Councilwoman Kaufman-questioned why the resolution stated North Haledon in the County of Passaic. Ray Poerio-said that it was a typo.

On motion by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella, resolution #20-132 was approved unanimously as amended.

#20-132 Form of Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S. 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$59,000.00, which is now available from "Bergen County CDBG - 2019" in the amount of \$59,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$59,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption "Bergen County CDBG - 2019"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from Bergen County in the amount of \$59,000.00.

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#20-133 Award Bid for the Reconstruction of the Basketball Courts and In-Line Rink at Memorial and Brookside Park to Sport Tech Construction Corp.

WHEREAS, in 2017 and 2018 the Borough of River Edge applied for matching grants through the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Borough was awarded those grants in the amount totaling \$98,030.00 for improvements to hard court services at Memorial Park and Brookside Park; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, the Borough received three (3) sealed bids to perform the work at these facilities; and

WHEREAS, Sport Tech Construction Corp 410 Route 22 Brewster, NY 10509 was the low bidder including alternates in the amount of \$222,862.73; and

WHEREAS, the Accounts Supervisor has certified that funds are available from Account #C-04-19-004-200 in the amount of \$60,390.00; Account #C-04-19-014-100 in the amount of \$37,640.00 and T-12-55-286-000 in the amount of \$124,832.73 for a total amount not to exceed \$222,862.73.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid is hereby awarded to Sport-Tec Construction Corp. 410 route 22 Brewster, NY 10509 in the amount of \$ \$222,862.73 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

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#20-134 Award of Contract for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Curb Replacement Project at Reservoir Avenue to AA Berms LLC, P.O. Box 180, Belleville, New Jersey 07109

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020 seven (7) sealed bids were received for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Curb Replacement Project at Reservoir Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid was received from AA Berms, LLC in the amount of \$56,525.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #G-02-41-031-003 in an amount not to exceed \$56,525.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract is hereby awarded to AA Berms, LLC, P.O. Box 180, Belleville, New Jersey 07109 in the amount not to exceed \$56,525.00 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

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Councilwoman Kaufman read resolution #20-135 into the record.

On motion by Councilwoman Kaufman, seconded by Councilman Gautier resolution #20-135 was unanimously approved

#20-135 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 26, 2020.

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

CURRENT FUND ACCOUNT	\$178,135.44
CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT	\$277,529.59
GRANT FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 1,026.00
TRUST OTHER ACCOUNT	\$ 1,040.00
OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT	\$ 3,061.52
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 1,062.26
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST	\$ 5,121.07
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW	\$ 5,240.00

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NEW BUSINESS

Raymond Poerio- explained the Cultural Affairs Committee made the request to hand the pride flag at Borough Hall and Memorial Park and he recommended that it be listed on the agenda for Council discussion.

Councilwoman Busteded-was very pleased that the Cultural Affairs Committee made this request as one of their first efforts and she also informed everyone that they are also working with the Stigma Free Initiative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilwoman Montisano-Koen-wanted to share the Shade Tree Commission's new program called "trees please" which encourages residents to plant trees on their property. She said that more information may be found on the borough's website and that this program is in lieu of Arbor Day. The Shade Tree Commission also has a limited number of lawn signs available for residents.

Councilwoman Kinsella-thanked all workers for their efforts and the residents for their cooperation. She reported that River Edge is at an 80% rate for the 2020 Census poll. She said that we already met 2010's numbers in response rate and have until December to get a higher percentage. She thanked Ray for helping to get the signs and Jason and the DPW for putting the signs up around the Borough.

Councilman Chinigo-thanked Councilwoman Kinsella for all of her efforts in spearheading the 2020 Census. He reported that the Traffic & Safety Committee will be holding a meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 and the information will be posted on the Borough's website. He thanked everyone for continuing to social distance.

Councilwoman Busted-thanked our residents for social distancing and thanked our employees for keeping us going during this time. She reported that the tennis courts are open and they've received a positive reaction from the public. She thanked Carolyn Baldanza for all her hard work. She requested that proclamations for Gun Violence Awareness Month and Pride Month be listed for the June 8th meeting. She also requested that orange bows be placed at Borough Hall and the Library.

Councilman Gautier-echoed everyone's comments regarding social distancing and thanked all veteran's for their service.

Councilwoman Kaufman-also thanked Councilwoman Kinsella for the 2020 census signs and Councilwoman Koen for providing Shade Tree information and signs. She thanked Carolyn for putting together the virtual Memorial Day service, all 1st responders, all those who are social distancing and hopes that all who are sick are on the road to recovery.

Mayor Papaleo-apologized to Councilwoman Kinsella for not getting her comments at the last meeting. He thanked all of our veteran's for their service and those who are currently serving in the military who are protecting our country and allowing our freedoms to grow and prosper. He also commended Carolyn Baldanza, our Recreation Director putting together the Memorial Day presentation. He said that the Mayor and Council frequently receive copies of thank you letters to our Police Department and thanked Chief Cariddi and his department for continuously doing outstanding work. He especially thanked Patrol Officer Diamond for helping a resident who had car trouble at the New Bridge Landing intersection and Sergeant Griffith and Officer's Shouldis and Staron for responding to a 911 call which required CPR. He again thanked the Police Department for fostering a tremendous community police effort in town. The Mayor thanked the 1st responders who had their pictures taken with their masks on and asked everyone to come out clapping in support of all health care workers at 8 p.m. on Friday. The Mayor said that he will continue to post weekly COVID19 updates on Friday.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:28 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Gautier, seconded by Councilman Gautier to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Mayor Thomas Papaleo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk
Dated: