

Approved March 15, 2010

Municipal Building

Park Ridge, NJ

January 1, 2010 – 12:00p.m.

The Sine Die meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Ruschman at the above time, date and place. The Mayor led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Viola,
Maughan (on telephone), Council President Wells,
Mayor Ruschman

Absent: None

Also Present: Robert Mancinelli, Esq., Borough Attorney
Helene Fall, Borough Administrator
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk

Mayor Ruschman read the Compliance Statement as required by Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wishes to be heard on any matter not scheduled for public hearing. There was no one.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Ruschman states that under the resolution for the Payment of Monthly Bills the following Council members will abstain from voting on the following payments:

Councilmember Ciannella: Jacobsen Landscaping.

Mayor Ruschman asks if any Councilmember would like to have any resolution removed from the consent agenda and placed under New Business. There was none.

Mayor Ruschman asks if any Councilmember would like to abstain from voting on any resolution on the consent agenda.

Councilmembers Levinson, Kane and Viola stated they would abstain from voting on Resolution #6.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda (with the abstentions so noted).

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm.

RESOLUTIONS:

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 09-321

CANCELLING SMALL BALANCES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 provides that a municipality may authorize the processing of tax refunds of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and the cancellation of tax delinquencies of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process, without any further action on the part of the Governing Body, any property tax refund of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process, without further action on the part of the Governing Body, the cancellation of any property tax delinquency of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be provided by the Municipal Clerk to the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-322**

**AUTHORIZE EXPLORING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH PASCACK
VALLEY COOPERATIVE FOR 2010 NJDOT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge has in prior years successfully participated in the Pascack Valley Cooperative in order to save on the cost of preparing plans and specifications and construction management for these grant funded projects and to ensure consistent oversight and inspections; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has recommended exploring participating in the Cooperative to combine all Professional Engineering Services on similar grant funded NJDOT Road Projects within the Pascack Valley for the 2010 NJDOT Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby authorize the Borough Administrator to examine participating in the Pascack Valley Cooperative to combine all Professional Engineering Services as hereinbefore described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator shall provide a recommendation to the Governing Body for its prior approval upon determination of the Professional Engineering Services cost estimate.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-323**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT ROOF REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF
CRYSTALLINE PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR POWER SYSTEM ON THE UTILITY GARAGE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council did authorize the receipt of sealed bids for the asphalt roof replacement and installation of a crystalline photovoltaic solar power system on the Utility Garage; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice to Bidders, duly advertised, four bids were received on December 29, 2009 as follows:

Pfister Energy of Paterson, NJ -	\$229,209.00
Cumberland USA Inc. of Ramsey, NJ -	\$283,528.00
Astral Construction of Bergenfield, NJ -	\$517,000.00
Faigon Electrical Contractors of Piscataway, NJ -	\$252,000.00

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has reviewed the bids and has determined that Pfister Energy in the lowest responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works concurs with the Director of Operations recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the bid amount is within the range of the budgeted and expected cost; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the funds are available in Account Nos. 9-05-55-512-000-551 and 9-07-55-512-000-551.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that that the bid for the asphalt roof replacement and installation of a crystalline photovoltaic solar power system on the Utility Garage be awarded to Pfister Energy of Paterson NJ in the amount of \$229,209.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute a contract approved as to substance and form by the Borough Attorney with Pfister Energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Pfister Energy of Paterson, New Jersey within ten (10) days of adoption.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 09-324

AUTHORIZE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND

WHEREAS, 37 PARK AVENUE, LLC, 37 Park Avenue, known as Lot 4 of Block 1505, on the Tax Map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted a cash Performance Bond in the amount of \$96,660.00; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Performance Bond was reduced to \$80,910.00 in October 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Performance Bond was further reduced to \$74,910.00 in December 2009; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested their Cash Performance Bond be further reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed and inspected the site; and submitted a report dated December 11, 2009, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the Cash Performance Bond be further reduced by \$11,000.00 for the remedial work completed on site; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended to the Mayor and Council that the Cash Performance Bond be reduced to \$63,910.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Cash Performance Bond be further reduced by \$11,000.00 for the completed remedial work, leaving a balance of \$63,910.00.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 09-325

STATE TRAINING FEES

WHEREAS, the State Bureau of Construction Code enforcement of the Department of Community Affairs instituted a State Training Fee that is based on the cubic feet volume of new construction; and

WHEREAS, the municipality collects these fees for the state and pursuant to NJAC 5:23-4.19 payment of these fees must be made quarterly; and

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WHEREAS, \$2,050 based upon 151,958 cubic feet of new construction and \$812,160 of construction in alterations has been collected for the period of October 1 through December 31, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Treasurer be and she is hereby directed to draw a check to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-326
EMPLOYEE SALARIES 2010**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge has entered into a collective bargaining agreement with the Park Ridge Borough Employees Association, Park Ridge Utility Employees Association, and the Park Ridge Police Department Employees Association; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will adopt Ordinance 2010-01 on January 26, 2010 which will specify the contractually obligated minimum and maximum ranges for the positions contained in the agreements; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to specify the exact salaries each employee shall be paid within the aforementioned ranges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following employees shall receive the salaries designated below, said salaries being within the ranges set by Ordinance 2010-01; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized and directed to pay salaries and wages to the aforementioned employees in accordance with the schedule below, said salaries to be effective as of January 1, 2010.

PARK RIDGE BOROUGH EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>STEP</u>
Katica Bukvic	Principal Account Clerk	\$62,528.00	5
Linda Campion	Municipal Court Admin.	52,107.00	3 1/1/10
		54,712.00	4 6/1/10
Joan Higgins	Sr. Accounts Clerk/Registrar Secretary Board of Health	62,528.00	5
Joseph Barnes	Senior Cashier	60,216.00	5
Lucille Bosco	Police Records Clerk	60,216.00	5
Helyn Beer	Secretary, Zoning Board	17,228.00	5
Helyn Beer	Secretary, Planning Board	25,821.00	5
Nancy Russell	Principal Accounts Clerk	49,501.00	2
Liz Maggio	Principal Accounts Clerk	52,107.00	3 01/01/10
		54,712.00	4 12/01/10
Lillian Denmark	Deputy Court Clerk	28,442.00	5 01/01/10
		29,735.00	6 05/01/10
Elena Rega	Technical Assistant Planning/Zoning Board	39,832.00	5 01/01/10
		41,391.00	6 09/01/10
Jessica Mazzarella	Account Clerk/Cashier	40,955.00	3 01/01/10
		43,003.00	4 11/01/10
Karen Prezant	Receptionist/Typing	37,469.00	5 01/01/10
School Crossing Guards		20.30/hour	

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PARK RIDGE UTILITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

2010 contract is being negotiated. Salaries are based on 2009 contract and will be revised upon contract settlement.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>STEP</u>
Paul Longo	Supervising Line Worker	87,461.00	7
James Leichtman	Senior Line Worker	83,392.00	7
Robert Minugh, Jr.	Line Worker	79,319.00	5
Russell Kent, Jr.	Line Worker	79,319.00	5
Paul Neumann	Line Worker	79,319.00	5
Shane Geanoutes	Line Worker	79,319.00	7
Robert Murken, Jr.	Electric Meter Repairer	73,853.00	5
Kenneth Reynolds	Water Supervisor	76,391.00	5
Timothy Malloy	Senior Water Repairer	70,183.00	5
Jay Ottens	Water Repairer	64,210.00	5
James Babcock	Water Repairer	64,210.00	5
Mark Gronbeck	Water Repairer	64,210.00	5
Kevin Altomare	Sewer/Water Repairer	64,210.00	5
Daniel Boyle	Water Repairer	64,210.00	5
John Reynolds	Meter Reader	63,769.00	5
Peter Wayne	Road Supervisor	75,952.00	5 1/1/10
William Diedtrich	Senior Road Repairer	69,742.00	5
John Woods	Road Repairer	58,455.00	5 01/01/10
		61,112.00	6 10/01/10
Richard Solimando	Road Repairer	50,483.00	2 01/01/10
		53,141.00	3 05/01/10
Joseph Zuccaro	Road Repairer	50,483.00	2 01/04/10
		53,141.00	3 08/01/10
Charles Deitrich	Buildings/Grounds	63,769.00	5
Kenneth Nibbling	Mechanic	69,705.00	6 01/01/10
		72,735.00	7 05/01/10

PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Joseph Rampola	Lieutenant	124,316.00	
Peter Mauro, Jr.	Sergeant	114,809.00	
Nicholas Errico	Sergeant	114,809.00	
Anthony DiBlasi	Sergeant	114,809.00	
Charles Barthel	Police Officer	105,518.00	
Paul Marchese	Police Officer	105,518.00	
Scott Laughton	Police Officer	105,518.00	
Scott Malloy	Police Officer	105,518.00	
Gregory Stalb	Police Officer	105,518.00	
James Babcock	Police Officer	105,518.00	
Matthew Eitner	Police Officer	94,186.00	3 01/01/10
		105,518.00	2 08/01/10

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Michael Babcock	Police Officer	60,197.00	7 01/01/10
		71,527.00	6 07/01/10
Christopher Puglis	Police Officer	53,873.00	7 01/01/10
		60,197.00	6 08/01/10
Daniel Hoffman	Police Officer	45,276.00	P 01/01/10
		58,873.00	7 02/01/10
Todd Stowe	Police Officer	45,276.00	P 01/01/10
		53,873.00	7 08/01/10
John Gleason	Probationary Officer	36,850.00	P 01/01/10
	Police Officer	45,276.00	7 08/01/10
John Szot	Probationary Officer	36,850.00	P 01/01/10
	Police Officer	45,276.00	7 08/01/10

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-327

PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following approved bills in the sum of \$58,821.61 and that the Mayor, Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

PAYMENT OF BILLS		
December 31, 2009		
CAPITAL	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$9,352.58
CURRENT FUND	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$49,469.03
RESERVE	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
DOG ACCOUNT	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
POOL	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
TRUST	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
COAH	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$58,821.61

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Check Register By Check Date

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Range of Checking Accts: 04CAPITAL to 04CAPITAL Range of Check Dates: 12/23/09 to 12/31/09
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Super Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Number
04CAPITAL		CAPITAL			
1299	12/31/09	BOROU050 BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE(BOROUGH)	8,568.83		535
		<i>1300 12/31/09 Borough of Park Ridge-Interest 783.75</i>			
Checking Account Totals					
		Paid	Void	Amount Void	Amount Paid
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	Checks:	1	0	0.00	8,568.83
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
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Range of Checking Accts: 01CURRENT FUND to 01CURRENT FUND Range of Check Dates: 12/23/09 to 12/31/09
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Super Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Number
01CURRENT FUND					
21551	12/23/09	BOROU061 BORO OF PARK RIDGE-PAY/AGENCY	4,071.43		506
21552	12/24/09	PARKR160 PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY	44,394.31		507
21556	12/31/09	COLLE020 COLLEEN ENNIS	219.53		531
21558	12/31/09	UNITED060 UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	783.76		534
Checking Account Totals					
		Paid	Void	Amount Void	Amount Paid
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	Checks:	4	0	0.00	49,469.03
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	4	0	0.00	49,469.03
Report Totals					
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	Checks:	4	0	0.00	49,469.03
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	4	0	0.00	49,469.03

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-328**

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, certain 2009 Budget Appropriations are in excess of requirements; and

WHEREAS, other 2009 Budget Appropriations are insufficient to pay expenditures contracted before the end of the fiscal year and are payable at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following appropriations transfers be made:

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Current Fund			
From		To	
Tax Collection - S&W	\$30,000.00	Municipal Clerk-S&W	\$7,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance - O/E	\$5,000.00	Fuel Pump Repair	\$48,000.00
Administration-S&W	\$15,000.00	Social Security	\$2,000.00
Uniform Const. Code - S&W	\$20,000.00	Contingency	\$31,000.00
Municipal Court - S&W	\$15,000.00	Zoning Board of Ad.	\$5.00
Mayor's Special Committee	\$2,500.00	B&G - O/E	\$2,000.00
Police Reserves - O/E	\$1,500.00	Public Defender - S&W	\$315.00
OEM - S&W	\$1,000.00	Public Assistance-S&W	\$65.00
OEM - O/E	\$885.00	Engineering	\$5,000.00
Zoning Board - S&W	\$5,000.00	Municipal Clerk - O/E	\$2,776.00
Sewer - S&W	\$4,500.00	Uniform Const.-O/E	\$2,905.00
Road Department - O/E	\$1,181.00		
Total	\$101,566.00		\$101,566.00

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember Kane - thanked Councilmember Ciannella and Wells for their dedicated service to the Borough of Park Ridge and said it had been a pleasure working with them this year and wished them continued success in the future.

Councilmember Ciannella: reported that the solar panels for the Utility garage were voted on; commented on the DPW who had been out in force the previous day on the snow removal; reported an increased number of containers would be placed next year by the Downtown Beautification Committee.

Council President Wells: said he had served on three different committees during the past year and wanted to do an year-end report...Community Development Committee newly formed two/three years ago as a team effort of 12 civic leaders who wrote a vision plan for the borough (he commented that it was on the back wall of the council today) and hoped that in 10 years one could look back and see what was accomplished; a one-day Charrette was held with 120 people attending helping to redefine the downtown and some of the community facilities....Planning Board in the last couple of years has wrestled with how to meet the borough's affordable housing commitments and have worked with some of the downtown business owners to work to improve the apartments so they would meet COAH standards and urged his colleagues to continue to work with the board in this effort because it does make a difference with families who can't afford a place to live and then he said the board worked the past year on a comprehensive Master Plan, which was adopted in December of this year as a response to the 6-year reexamination of Master Plan mandate

by the State instead of simply reexamining the plan as it had done previously...Chamber of Commerce, which at one time Park Ridge had and then it lapsed and was abandoned, three years ago a small group of businessmen got together and recreated the Chamber and over the last couple of years it has grown and currently Dave Vozza is serving as its president, which now adds a business voice to the Mayor and Council's decisions and he encouraged any business in Park Ridge to join and add their voices....he then thanked all for the opportunity to serve and thanked the volunteers of each of those committees.

Councilmember Levinson: thanked Councilmembers Ciannella and Wells for the pleasure of working with them these past years and thanked them for sharing their time and talents. She wished everyone present a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Maughan: wanted to add his voice to those on the podium and thank Councilmembers Ciannella and Wells for their years of service.

Councilmember Viola: said when he was sitting in the audience last year and listened to Councilmember Levinson say how much she was going to miss the outgoing Councilmembers, he really hadn't understood it until now. He said he was truly going to miss Councilmembers Ciannella and Wells...in particular Councilmember Ciannella's love of the earth and green spaces, which while different than his is nonetheless wonderful and a contribution to the environment in which we live today...and for Councilmember Wells his intellect, which will truly be missed, his vision and ability to see things in the future for what, in the long term, was best for the borough. He said he would miss both tremendously and thanked them both for their time and dedication.

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson to adjourn the Sine Die meeting and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm.

Sine Die meeting was adjourned at **12:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kelley O'Donnell, RMC
Borough Clerk