

Approved April 27, 2010

Municipal Building  
Park Ridge, NJ  
February 9, 2010 – 8:18 pm

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge was called to order at the above time, date and place. Acting Mayor Levinson led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Councilmembers Kane, Viola, Maughan, Acting Mayor Levinson, (Mayor Ruschman via telephone, listening not participating)  
Absent: Councilmember Maguire  
Also Present: Robert Mancinelli, Esq., Borough Attorney  
Helene Fall, Borough Administrator  
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk

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

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

Borough Clerk advised of the addition of Resolution #5, Authorizing Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholder.

**PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

There was no one.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Acting Mayor Levinson asks if any Councilmember would like to have any resolution removed from the consent agenda and placed under New Business.

There were none.

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

Acting Mayor Levinson advised she would be abstaining from voting on Resolutions 1,2,and 3.

Acting Mayor Levinson asks for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the abstentions so noted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Viola and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Kane, Viola, Maughan, Council President Levinson.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 010 – 039**

**APPOINTMENT OF RATE ENGINEER**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge Board of Public Works requires the professional services of an individual or firm to provide Rate Engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointments and contracts for “Professional Services” are exempted from the competitive public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et. seq.), pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge Mayor and Council have chosen to award these contracts as fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2009 the Borough of Park Ridge Mayor and Council issued Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) from qualified engineering firms or individuals for said professional service; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2009 the RFQ's were opened and distributed to the Board of Public Works for their review; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing all of the RFQ's received for said professional service, at the January 6, 2010 meeting of the Park Ridge Board of Public Works, the personnel committee recommended Quad Three Group of 37 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 be appointed as Rate Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works concurs with this recommendation of the personnel committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has met with the Board of Public Works and has advised them that the appointment can be made retroactive to January 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, although the appointment will be after the thirty days required for the professional appointment, the Borough Attorney has also advised the Board that said requirement shall be waived.

**WHEREAS**, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and attached to the original of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby appoint Quad Three Group of 37 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 as Rate Engineer effective January 1, 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign an agreement approved as to form and substance by the Borough Attorney with Quad Three Group; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of this action shall be published in The Bergen Record within ten (10) days of adoption.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 010 – 040**

**APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge Board of Public Works requires the professional services of an Environmental Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointments and contracts for "Professional Services" are exempted from the competitive public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et. seq.), pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge Mayor and Council have chosen to award these contracts as fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

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**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2009 the Borough of Park Ridge Mayor and Council issued Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) from qualified environmental engineering firms for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2009 the RFQ's were opened and distributed to the Board of Public Works for their review; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing all of the RFQ's received for said professional service, at the January 6, 2010 meeting of the Park Ridge Board of Public Works, the personnel committee recommended that Leggette, Brashears and Graham, Inc. of 6 Arrowhead Road, Suite 103, Ramsey, NJ 07446 be appointed as Environmental Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works concurs with this recommendation of the personnel committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has met with the Board of Public Works and has advised them that the appointment can be made retroactive to January 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, although the appointment will be after the thirty days required for the professional appointment, the Borough Attorney has also advised the Board that said requirement shall be waived.

**WHEREAS**, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and attached to the original of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby appoint Leggette, Brashears and Graham, Inc. of 6 Arrowhead Road, Suite 103, Ramsey, NJ 07446 as Environmental Engineer effective January 1, 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign an agreement approved as to form and substance by the Borough Attorney with Leggette, Brashears and Graham, Inc.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of this action shall be published in The Bergen Record within ten (10) days of adoption.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 010 – 041**

**APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL RATE COUNSEL  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge Board of Public Works requires the professional services of a Special Rate Counsel to provide legal services pertaining to public power supply and wholesale power purchase issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointments and contracts for "Professional Services" are exempted from the competitive public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et. seq.), pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge Mayor and Council have chosen to award these contracts as fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2009 the Borough of Park Ridge Mayor and Council issued Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) from qualified legal service providers; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2009 the RFQ's were opened and distributed to the Board of Public Works for their review; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing all of the RFQ's received for said professional service, at the January 6, 2010 meeting of the Park Ridge Board of Public Works, the personnel committee recommended that Betts and Holt, LLP of 1333 H Street WS, West Tower 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC 20005 be appointed as Special Rate Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works concurs with this recommendation of the personnel committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has met with the Board of Public Works and has advised them that the appointment can be made retroactive to January 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, although the appointment will be after the thirty days required for the professional appointment, the Borough Attorney has also advised the Board that said requirement shall be waived.

**WHEREAS**, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and attached to the original of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby appoint Betts and Holt, LLP of 1333 H Street WS, West Tower 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC 20005 as Special Rate Counsel effective January 1, 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign an agreement approved as to form and substance by the Borough Attorney with Betts and Holt, LLP; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of this action shall be published in The Bergen Record within ten (10) days of adopt

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 010-042**

**AUTHORIZE RECEIPT OF BIDS**

**BARRIER FREE AND ADA COMPLIANT IMPROVEMENTS TO**

**BATHROOMS AT MUNICIPAL POOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to make improvements to the bathrooms facilities at the Park Ridge Municipal Pool; and

**WHEREAS**, these improvements will create barrier free and ADA compliant facilities at the Park Ridge Municipal Pool; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge adopted a Resolution at its August 26, 2008 meeting to enter into a grant agreement for 2008 - 2009 Community Development Block Grant Funds for ADA Improvements to Municipal Pool as part of its cooperative participation in the 2008 Community Development Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge adopted a Resolution at its September 8, 2009 meeting to enter into a grant agreement for 2009 - 2010 Community Development Block Grant Funds for ADA Improvements to Municipal Pool as part of its cooperative participation in the 2009 Community Development Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated expenditure for these improvements is over \$21,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of New Jersey Statute 40A:11- 4 requires the public advertising for bids when anticipated expenditures for a project are over \$21,000; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby authorize the receipt of sealed bids for the Barrier Free and ADA Compliant Improvements at the Municipal Pool.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 010-043**

**AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION**  
**MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on November 28, 2007, a lien was sold on Block 1908 Lot 6, also know as 106 Highland Street in Park Ridge, for 2006 delinquent taxes; and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #928 was sold to Robert U. DelVecchio Pension Trust for 18% interest and,

**WHEREAS**, American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc. on behalf of Daniel and Dianne Tamburro, owner, has effected redemption of Certificate #928 in the amount of \$31,111.57.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$31,111.57, payable to Robert U. DelVecchio Pension Trust, P.O. Box 196 Hawthorne, NJ 07507, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #928.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Acting Mayor Levinson asked for a motion to authorize the Borough Planner, Brigitte Bogart of Burgis Associates to:

1. Prepare an ANJEC Grant Application on behalf of the Borough for the construction of a Pedestrian Bridge over the Mill Pond Dam; in an amount not to exceed \$2,000; and
2. Conduct Special Planning Studies as a result of the Goals and Objectives outlined in the recently adopted Master Plan; in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Viola and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Kane, Viola, Maughan, Council President Levinson.

Acting Mayor Levinson advised the action would be memorialized by resolution at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Mayor and Council meeting.

**REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:**

**Councilmember Kane:** Technology Committee met and reorganized electing a new Chairman, Chris Haken and Vice-Chairman, Paul Wharton and is actively working on projects that were scoped last year, working with the borough for grant solutions and continuing the efforts on Email notification, trying to build it up; Board of Health met and elected a new President, Peggy Scheulen and have submitted a request to the budget committee for the canvas of dogs and cats in the borough and have recommended that an outside group conduct it, total number of dogs registered in Park Ridge today is 500 and

cats is 10.

**Councilmember Viola:** no report except to say the Fire Department has done some remarkable stuff.

**Councilmember Maughan:** no particular report but he did meet the two new police officers and their instructional officers, said they both did extraordinary well at the Academy and Christian Szot had finished first in his class and was the Commanding Officer of his class.

**Council President Levinson:** Chamber of Commerce has cancelled their event due to the impending snow storm; also Proclaimed a Centarian's Birthday for Edie Beck this past Saturday.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Viola to adjourn the regular Mayor and Council meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelley R. O'Donnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'O'.

**Kelley O'Donnell, RMC**

**Borough Clerk**