

**Municipal Building  
Borough of Park Ridge  
February 25, 2014–8:20 p.m**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge was called to order at the above time, place and date.

Mayor Maguire led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Bertini, Councilmember Hopper, Councilmember Oppelt, Councilmember Cangialosi, Councilmember Bosi, Council President Galdi, Mayor Maguire

Absent: None

Also Present: John Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., Borough Attorney  
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk/Administrator

**Mayor Maguire Reads Compliance Statement**, as required by Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

**SUSPEND THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to suspend the regular order of business for the following:

A motion was made by Councilmember Oppelt and seconded by Council President Galdi to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,  
Council President Galdi

***PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION***

**FREDRIC (DICK) ROTHE  
FIRE INSPECTOR**

***OATHS OF OFFICE***

**TRAVIS CANGIALOSI  
FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT**

**THOMAS LEPORE  
FIRE INSPECTOR**

**Mayor Maguire:** Dick, forty years with Borough helping us out, doing all of those fire inspections, climbing those ladders, taking care of John Hansen. I don't know how you did it. We wanted to recognize you today for all those years of service and we put together this very nice plaque for you

***In grateful acknowledgement and appreciation for over 29 years of dedicated service by Fredric Rothe, as Fire Inspector in the Borough of Park Ridge from 1985-2014, presented this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 with the heartfelt thanks of the Borough's residents and governing body.***

**John Hansen:** I just wanted to say a few words. Actually, Dick was a fire inspector for twenty-nine years and he did an excellent job. Not only that, but he also was our accountant, our bookkeeper, our purchasing – he did everything. When Dick did something, it was always done right. We never had to worry about whether it was balanced. In fact, he actually got to be a pain in the behind sometimes. When you gave him money, or you received any money, it was like you had to sign for a receipt, then he gave you the receipt, then he kept one receipt and he put another one in the file, but he kept good records. I guess that's from being an accountant all these years. Being a fire inspector is not a rewarding job, actually trying to make people fire safe, it's more like when you go there – it is like they are saying, here he comes again, and what is it going to cost me this time. We did a good job, and thanks a lot.

**Dick Rothe:** I just want to say thanks very much. I had a great bunch of guys working with me and that's how we got all the work done on time, too. But anyway, John was a good leader for all of us. Thank you very much.

**Mayor Maguire:** Our next item on our agenda this evening is the swearing in of our new Fire Department Lieutenant and I'm going to ask Councilman Cangialosi to join me. I'm going to ask Councilman Cangialosi to swear in his brother on this auspicious occasion. I know Travis has been very busy – is his new bride going to come up and hold the Bible?

Congratulations to the whole Cangialosi family. I would like to take a moment to thank the Cangialosi family for their service to the Borough. It is very nice to see that a son is a Councilman, a son is a Fireman, and a former Councilman as well.

### **AGENDA CHANGES**

The following Ordinance is amended and reintroduced:

- Ordinance #2014 – 005 is being amended and reintroduced as Ordinance #2014- 005A - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 55A Entitled Electric Rates of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge.

The following Resolution is added to the Consent Agenda:

- #014 – 076 - A Resolution of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey designating Irish American Heritage Week March 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

### **PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone present wishes to be heard on any matter.

None

### **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION**

#### **BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-005A**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55A ENTITLED ELECTRIC RATES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to introduce amended Ordinance No. 2014-005A, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 55A Entitled Electric Rates of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge

A motion was made by Councilman Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Hopper to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,

Council President Galdi

Mayor Maguire asks the Clerk to read the Ordinance by title:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-005A**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55A ENTITLED ELECTRIC RATES OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge Board of Public Works has recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt various amendments to Chapter 55A of the Borough Code pertaining to Electric Rates to require security deposits for certain residential and non-residential users and to amend sections of the Chapter to provide for the payment of interest when payments are not made in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to amend said Ordinance to include the provisions recommended by the Board of Public Works,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION ONE.** Section 55A-1 is hereby amended to delete paragraphs 55A-1(E) and 55A-1(F) in their entirety. Paragraphs (E) and (F) of Section 55A-2 are hereby repealed.

**SECTION TWO.** Section 55A-2 is hereby amended to delete paragraphs 55A-2(F) and 55A-2(G) in their entirety. Paragraphs (F) and (G) of Section 55A-2 are hereby repealed.

**SECTION THREE.** Section 55A-3 is hereby amended to delete paragraphs 55A-3(F) and 55A-3(G) in their entirety. Paragraphs (F) and (G) of Section 55A-3 are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FOUR.** Section 55A-4 is hereby amended to delete paragraphs 55A-4(G) and 55A-4(H) in their entirety. Paragraphs (G) and (H) of Section 55A-4 are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FIVE.** Section 55A-5 is hereby amended to delete paragraphs 55A-5(G) and 55A-5(H) in their entirety. Paragraphs (G) and (H) of Section 55A-5 are hereby repealed.

**SECTION SIX.** Section 55A-8 is hereby amended to delete paragraph 55A-(F) in its entirety. Paragraph (F) of Section 55A-8 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION SEVEN.** Section 55A-10 is hereby amended to read it its entirety as follows:

"Section 55A-10. PAYMENT TERMS. Bills are due and payable when rendered. If unpaid at the end of twenty (20) days, a ten (10) day grace period will be allowed. Following the 30th day, the grace period will no longer be applicable and interest shall accrue from the first day of delinquency, retroactive to day 21, at a rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 and 18% per annum for any amount over \$1,500.00. Additionally, the Borough of Park Ridge reserves the right to terminate service following appropriate written notice."

**SECTION EIGHT.** Chapter 55A is hereby amended to include the following Section 55A-11 entitled Discontinuation of Services:

"Section 55A-11. DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICES. All Residential and Commercial users, both owner and tenant:

- a) who are delinquent 60 days or more from the billing due date are subject to discontinuation of services.
- b) whose service is disconnected will be charged a shut off fee of \$50.00. There will be no reconnect fee during the Park Ridge Electric Department's normal business hours of 7:30am to 3:00pm Monday through Friday.
- c) will be charged a \$100.00 reconnection fee during non-business hours, prior to 7:30am and after 3:00pm Monday through Friday."

**SECTION NINE.** Chapter 55A is hereby amended to include the following Section 55A-12 entitled Security Deposits by Residential Users:

"Section 55A-12. SECURITY DEPOSITS BY RESIDENTIAL USERS. Owners of record of property within the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All tenants within the Borough of Park Ridge shall be required to pay a deposit based upon estimated bills which would accrue for two months' services or a minimum of the following:

a)	Residential	\$200.00
b)	Electric Heat	\$200.00
c)	Senior citizen, lifeline and disability service	\$150.00
d)	Lehman Gardens	\$150.00"

**SECTION TEN.** Chapter 55A is hereby amended to include the following Section 55A-13 entitled Security Deposits for Commercial Users:

"Section 55A-13. SECURITY DEPOSITS FOR COMMERCIAL USERS. All new commercial users within the Borough of Park Ridge shall be required to pay a deposit as follows:

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| a) | General     | \$ 1,000.00  |
| b) | Large Power | \$10,000.00" |

**SECTION ELEVEN.** Chapter 55A is hereby amended to include the following section 55A-14 entitled Security Deposits Held On Account:

"Section 55A-14. SECURITY DEPOSITS HELD ON ACCOUNT. Security deposits must be paid in full within three (3) business days when an account is opened. Failure to pay said security deposit shall result in discontinuation of service. Such deposit will be held until the premises are vacated and all final bills are paid in full. Interest on the deposit is applied to the account when payable. The Board of Public Works shall have the right to increase the amount of a deposit if in its judgment such action is necessary."

**SECTION TWELVE.** Chapter 55A is hereby amended to include the following section 55A-15 entitled Delinquent Accounts.

"DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS. All Residential and Commercial users, both owner and tenant, whose account becomes thirty (30) days or more delinquent shall be subject to the following:

- a) Owner occupied residential and existing commercial users shall be required to pay a deposit as outlined in Sections § 55A-12 and § 55A-13, respectively.
- b) In addition, all delinquent users shall be subject to an increase in deposit based upon estimated bills which would accrue for two months' service calculated using an average of the two highest billings in the 12 months; or if service has not been in effect for 12 months, then the average would be calculated based upon time occupied.

**SECTION THIRTEEN: Invalidity.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of Park Ridge which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION FOURTEEN: Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, sentence, or part hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, said finding shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, sentence, or part thereof and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION FIFTEEN: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Maguire asks the Borough Attorney to give a brief description of this amended ordinance.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: This ordinance had been initially introduced at the last meeting. It is being reintroduced because of one amendment, the Section 12 of it. It just corrects a request made by the Utility Board to subject all users to potential increases in deposits for failure to make payment in a timely manner.

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone wishes to be heard concerning the amendment of this ordinance.

None

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to pass this ordinance by title and that it be published in full in the Ridgewood News with notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 11, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Oppelt to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,  
Council President Galdi

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-007**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 76-3 OF CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ENTITLED "IDENTIFICATION STICKERS:  
APPLICATION, ISSUANCE AND FEE"**

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 2014-007, An Ordinance Amending Section 76-3 of Chapter 76 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge Entitled "Identification Stickers: Application, Issuance and Fee"

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Council President Galdi to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,  
Council President Galdi

Mayor Maguire asks the Clerk to read the Ordinance by title:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-007**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 76-3 OF CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH  
OF PARK RIDGE ENTITLED "IDENTIFICATION STICKERS: APPLICATION, ISSUANCE AND FEE"**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge have determined that there has been an increase in administrative costs and related expenses with regard to the enforcement of Borough commuter lot parking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to amend Chapter 76 of the Borough Code to increase fees for parking identification stickers,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION ONE.** Section 76A-3 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(3) The annual cost for a decal shall be \$130.00; provided, however, that a decal purchased after October 1st shall be \$65.00."

**SECTION TWO.** Section 76A-4(a) of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(4)(a) One duplicate decal of the original decal shall be provided upon request for a fee of \$40.00. The resident must identify the license plate of the vehicle for which a duplicate is being issued.

**SECTION THREE:** **Invalidity.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of Park Ridge which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION FOUR:** **Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, sentence, or part hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, said finding shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, sentence, or part thereof and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION FIVE:** **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Maguire asks the Borough Attorney to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: Briefly, this is just an ordinance that increases the fees for parking permits for the municipal parking lot.

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone wishes to be heard concerning the introduction of this ordinance.

None

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading by title and that it

Be published in full in the Ridgewood News with notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 11, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Council President Galdi to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,  
Council President Galdi

**ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING**

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-006**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF  
PARK RIDGE TO ESTABLISH PAYMENT TERMS AND SECURITY DEPOSITS FOR  
PARK RIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT CUSTOMERS IN PARK RIDGE AND  
WOODCLIFF LAKE**

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-006, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 98 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge to Establish Payment Terms and Security Deposits for Park Ridge Water Department Customers in Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Council President Galdi to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,  
Council President Galdi

Mayor Maguire asks the Clerk to read the Ordinance by title:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-006**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE TO  
ESTABLISH PAYMENT TERMS AND SECURITY DEPOSITS FOR PARK RIDGE WATER  
DEPARTMENT CUSTOMERS IN PARK RIDGE & WOODCLIFF LAKE**

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge Board of Public Works has recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt various amendments to Chapter 98 of the Borough Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge Board of Public Works has determined that from time to time commercial users have either been late or defaulted on their obligations and the present security structure does not allow for adequate compensation to the Water Department for non-payment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works seeks to protect all water customers by providing for security deposits, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to amend the Park Ridge Borough Code to include the provisions recommended by the Board of Public Works,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION ONE.** Chapter 98 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended to include the following new Section 98-3 entitled Payment Terms and Security Deposits.

**"SECTION 98-3. PAYMENT TERMS AND SECURITY DEPOSITS.**

A. **PAYMENT TERMS.** Bills are due and payable when rendered. If unpaid at the end of twenty (20) days, a ten (10) day grace period will be allowed. Following the 30th day, the grace period will no longer be applicable and interest shall accrue from the first day of delinquency, retroactive to day 21, at a rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 and 18% per annum for any amount over \$1,500.00. Additionally, the Board of Public Works reserves the right to terminate service following suitable written notice.

**B. SHUT OFFS.**

1) Customers who are delinquent sixty (60) days or more from the billing due date are subject to discontinuation of services.

2) Customers whose service is disconnected will be charged a shut off fee of \$75.00. There will be no reconnect fee during the Park Ridge Water Department's normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

3) Customers will be charged a \$150.00 reconnection fee during non- business hours, prior to 7:30am and after 3pm Monday through Friday.

C. **SECURITY DEPOSITS-RESIDENTIAL USERS.** Owners on record of property within the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All tenants within the Borough of Park Ridge and all Woodcliff Lake residents shall be required to pay a deposit as follows:

\$200.00 (Tenants and Woodcliff Lake Residents)	\$400.00 (Residents with a lawn sprinkling system)
\$100.00 Senior Citizen, Lifeline and Disability	

D. **SECURITY DEPOSITS- COMMERCIAL USERS.** All new commercial users within the Boroughs of Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake shall be required to pay a deposit based on meter size as follows:

5/8", 3/4", 1", 1 1/2"	\$ 300.00
2"	\$1,000.00
3"	\$2,500.00
4"	\$5,000.00
6"	\$7,000.00

E. **SECURITY DEPOSITS HELD ON ACCOUNT.** Security deposits must be paid in full when an account is opened. Failure to pay said security deposit within three (3) business days shall result in discontinuation of service. Such deposit will be held until the premises are vacated and all final bills are paid in full. Interest on the deposit is applied to the account when payable. The Board of Public Works shall have the right to increase the amount of a deposit if in its judgment such action is necessary.

F. **DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.** All Residential and Commercial users, both owner and tenant whose account becomes thirty (30) days or more delinquent shall be subject to an increase in deposit based upon an estimated billing which would accrue for three months' services calculated using the highest quarterly billing from the preceding twelve (12) month period. If services have not been in effect for twelve (12) months, then an average would be calculated based upon time occupied."

**SECTION TWO: Invalidity.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of Park Ridge which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION THREE: Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, sentence, or part hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, said finding shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, sentence, or part thereof and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION FOUR: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Maguire asks the Borough Attorney to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: Similar to the last ordinance, this applies to water use within the Borough and provides for security deposits and increases in security deposits for users who don't pay timely.

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone wishes to be heard concerning the introduction of this ordinance.

None

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance and that it be adopted with notice of final passage to be published in The Ridgewood News.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Cangialosi to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,  
Council President Galdi

**Mayor Maguire:** Before we move on to the Consent Agenda, you will notice on the Agenda Changes that one of the Resolutions that was added to the Consent Agenda is a Resolution of the Borough of Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey designating Irish American Heritage Week, March 16-22, 2014. I can relate to this. Having both my parents immigrated to this country in the 1950's from County Cavan, Ireland, I certainly recognize the importance of designating the week of St. Patrick's Day as Irish American Heritage Week and all of the activities and dinners that go on. I will take this opportunity, and hopefully you all read the resolution that has been drafted. I won't read that aloud to you. But, I do find it interesting that at this time of the year there is a lot of Irish activities. The first you may have read in the paper – believe it or not, it was one of my Italian peers on the Council that brought this to my attention, Councilman Cangialosi, that on June 28<sup>th</sup> there will be the first ever Irish Festival at Overpeck Park. I don't know if any of you are aware or not, but there is a large similar event that occurs up in New York State, at Bear Mountain, called "The Feis" and every year it's a very large event. It looks to be a great event of Irish dancing and all types of different foods and I think there might be some beverages there as well. March 16<sup>th</sup> is the Bergenfield Parade at 2:00 p.m. On March 17<sup>th</sup> I will be in New York City at the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Pearl River Parade – starts at 1:30 p.m. and our own Elks Club here in Park Ridge has a very nice St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance. It is very reasonable, great entertainment, and an all-around great event. So, you can see what my calendar looks like for the month of March. Thank you all.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

None

Mayor Maguire asks if any Council member would like to abstain from voting on any resolution on the consent agenda.

None

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Oppelt to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,  
Council President Galdi

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 066**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONFIRMING  
APPOINTMENT OF FIRE INSPECTOR  
Thomas Lepore**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 60-5 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge provides for the creation of the positions of Fire Official and Fire Inspectors within the Borough of Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 60-5(C) of the Borough Code provides that the Fire Inspector shall serve three year terms and that Fire Inspectors "shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council and with regard to the recommendation of the Fire Official"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Official has advised that there will be a vacancy in the position of Fire Inspector effective March 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Official of the Borough of Park Ridge has recommended that Thomas Lepore be appointed Fire Inspector effective March 1, 2014, within the Borough of Park Ridge subject to the consent of the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge has agreed to appoint said individual as Fire Inspector, fulfilling the unexpired three year term as provided in Chapter 60-5 of the Borough Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to consent to the appointment of said Fire Inspector as required by Chapter 60-5,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Council hereby consent to the appointment of Thomas Lepore as Fire Inspector, effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, as provided by Section 60-5 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 067**

**PERSON - TO - PERSON TRANSFER OF  
 LIQUOR LICENSE 0247-33-003  
 (Pocket License)**

**DiBella 6, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed by DiBella 6, LLC with mailing address of 144 Kinderkamack Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 0247-33-003-008, heretofore issued to Brooklyn Amalgamated Resources, LLC with a mailing address of 5 Concourse Parkway, Suite 3000, Atlanta, GA 30328; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed and the police department reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby approve, effective February 25, 2014 the Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0247-33-003 to DiBella 6, LLC of 144 Kinderkamack Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 .

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate as follows: "This license, hereafter license number 0247-33-003-009, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to DiBella 6, LLC with a mailing address of 144 Kinderkamack Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656, effective February 25, 2014."

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 068**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) WITHOUT PAY TO MIRELLA HERNANDEZ**

**WHEREAS**, MIRELLA HERNANDEZ has requested an unpaid leave of absence from her position with the Borough commencing on February 27, 2014 and ending on or about March 12, 2014 pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Family Medical Leave Act; and

**WHEREAS**, said MIRELLA HERNANDEZ has previously utilized all available sick days, personal leave and other available paid leave time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have previously adopted a Resolution and taken other steps in order to eliminate the employment position previously held by MIRELLA HERNANDEZ; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Borough policy, MIRELLA HERNANDEZ will be required to make payments directly to the Borough for her portion of the employee contribution for medical insurance costs in the bi-monthly amount of \$ 71.45, said payment due the 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of the month, in order to continue her current medical insurance policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to grant the aforementioned unpaid Family Medical Leave request submitted by MIRELLA HERNANDEZ and the continuation of her medical insurance benefits subject to her payment of her weekly medical insurance contribution cost outlined above,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that MIRELLA HERNANDEZ is hereby granted an unpaid Family Medical Leave of absence in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) commencing on February 27, 2014 and ending on or about March 12, 2014. Said leave is contingent upon and subject to MIRELLA HERNANDEZ' continued payment of the monthly sum of \$ 71.45, said payment due the 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of the month, representing her required contribution for medical insurance costs. The granting of the within unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence shall not be construed to have any impact on the Borough's prior decision to eliminate the employment position held by MIRELLA HERNANDEZ.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 069**

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ROLE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE  
 BOROUGH'S WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge has received notification from the Bergen County Utilities Authority in a letter dated December 23, 2013, that the Borough is responsible for wastewater management planning under *N.J.A.C 7:15-5.13 (B)*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Utilities Authority in the same letter indicated its willingness to prepare a wastewater management plan for the portion of the borough in the Bergen County Utilities Authority service area provided the borough waives its responsibility for wastewater management planning within that area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body that the Borough of Park Ridge will not request the planning responsibility for the Borough of Park Ridge in the updating and amending of the Wastewater Management Plan from the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 070**

**Resolution Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration Awards**

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law reforms to the Arbitration process that took effect January 1, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the reforms capped arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2%, provided for random selection of arbitrators, expedited the determination of awards, required the arbitrator to provide a written report detailing the weight accorded to each of the required considerations and expedited the appeal process; and

**WHEREAS**, these reforms marked a dramatic change to the arbitration process and have helped municipalities to control the never-ending rise in public safety personnel costs; and

**WHEREAS**, a key element of the reforms, capping arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2% of the property tax levy will expire on April 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, while municipalities are statutorily limited to raise their property tax levy by no more than 2%, with very limited exceptions, failure to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards will force municipalities throughout the State to further reduce or even eliminate crucial services, personnel, and long-overdue infrastructure improvement projects in order to fund an arbitration award; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2% Interest Arbitration cap has controlled one of the largest municipal expense, public safety salaries, not only through arbitration awards but through contract negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, absent further action by the Legislature, any contract that expires on or after April 1, 2014, will be subject to all new procedures and requirements, EXCEPT the 2% awards cap; and

**WHEREAS**, without those limits, arbitrators will be able to impose awards that do not account for the 2% limit on the property tax levy, which would immediately threaten funding for all other municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, without the 2% cap on Interest Arbitration Awards but with the 2% cap on property tax levy local budget makers could be forced to reduce other essential municipal services to fund an arbitration award;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Park Ridge strongly urges the Legislature to permanently extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards prior to the April 1, 2014 sunset; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a that a copy of this duly adopted resolution be forwarded to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, the legislators of the 39<sup>th</sup> District State Legislative representatives, Governor Chris Christie, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 071**

**AUTHORIZE 2014 POOL FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge Pool Commission has recommended to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, pursuant to Section 28-5 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, the fees for membership in the Municipal Pool as stated below:

**2014 RATES**

<b>Resident Family</b>	\$360	(\$390 late fee)
<b>Resident Single</b>	\$260	(\$290 late fee)
<b>Senior Citizens</b>	N/C	

<b>Non-resident Family</b>	\$465	(\$495 late fee)
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**(maximum of 250 families)**

<b>Non-resident Single</b>	\$315	(\$345 late fee)
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**(maximum of 75)**

**Other rate increases:**

<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>	<b><u>Child</u></b>
<b>Weekday</b>	\$10	\$9
<b>After 5 p.m.</b>	\$5	\$4.50
<b>Weekend/Holidays</b>	\$13	\$10
<b>After 5 p.m.</b>	\$6.50	\$5

**7 Day Passes:**

	<b><u>Adult</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Child</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Child</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Child</u></b>
<b>2014</b>	\$60	\$45	\$35	\$30

**Swim/Dive Lessons:**

	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Child</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Child</u></b>	<b><u>Additional Children</u></b>
<b>2014</b>	\$20	\$14	\$10

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it hereby approves said 2014 Pool Fees as hereinbefore stated.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 072**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT  
 FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PARK RIDGE  
 WEBSITE TO SD SHIELDS LTD**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge is in need of website management services, including modification of the current Borough website; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has solicited proposals from individuals and companies to provide the required website management services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have determined that the proposal best suited to meet the Borough’s requirements and the most cost effective proposal was that submitted by S.D. Shields, Ltd., a Limited Liability Company of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has recommended awarding a Contract to S.D. Shields, Ltd. to provide the required website management services; and

**WHEREAS**, S.D. Shields, Ltd. is willing to enter into a Contract with the Borough to provide said website services for a period commencing March 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2014 at a cost of \$2,000.00 together with a monthly payment of \$700.00, a total amount that is less than the amount requiring any public bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to authorize the award of a Contract to S.D. Shields, Ltd. to provide the required website management services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds for the payment of said Contract are available in Account No. 4-01-20-100-000-061; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Contract with S.D. Shields, Ltd. in accordance with the terms and conditions of Option Two of the proposal attached hereto.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 073**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT  
FOR INITIAL AND CLEARANCE  
MICROBIAL TESTING**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge is in need of emergency services for the testing of microbial matter in the Borough Hall facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator upon the recommendation of the Borough’s Risk Manager contacted Hillmann Consulting, LLC to provide these required services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has recommended awarding a Contract to Hillmann Consulting, LLC. to provide the microbial matter testing; and

**WHEREAS**, Hillman Consulting, LLC. is willing to enter into a Contract with the Borough to provide said services for a total amount of \$3,971.00, an amount that is less than the amount requiring any public bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to authorize the award of a Contract to Hillmann Consulting, LLC. to provide the required microbial matter testing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds for the payment of said Contract are available in Account No.4-01-23-212-000-003; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Hillmann Consulting, LLC. in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in pages One, Two and Three of the proposal attached hereto.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 074**

**CANCELLATION OF ELECTRIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHROIZATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, certain Electric Capital Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects now complete; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Electric Capital Surplus and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled in the Electric Capital Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works of the Borough of Park Ridge has recommended to the Mayor and Council that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of the Electric Capital Improvement Authorizations be cancelled:

<u>Ordinance#</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>	<u>Cancelled To: Electric Capital Surplus</u>
2003-05	Improvement to Electric System	\$ 1,023	\$ 1,023
2010-15	Acquisition of Aerial Bucket Truck	\$ 26,248	\$ 26,248
		<u>\$ 27,271</u>	<u>\$ 27,271</u>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the CFO is authorized to cancel the noted unexpended and dedicated balances of the Electric Capital Improvement Authorizations.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 075**

**CANCELLATION OF WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHROIZATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, certain Water Capital Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects now complete; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Water Capital Surplus and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled in the Water Capital Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works of the Borough of Park Ridge has recommended to the Mayor and Council that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of the Water Capital Improvement Authorizations be cancelled:

<u>Ordinance#</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>	<u>Cancelled To: Water Capital Surplus</u>
2010-16	Various Public Improvements and Acquisitions	\$ 10,218	\$ 10,218
2010-15	Acquisition of Valve Truck Bucket Truck	\$ 1,559	\$ 1,559
		<u>\$ 11,777</u>	<u>\$ 11,777</u>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the CFO is authorized to cancel the noted unexpended and dedicated balances of the Water Capital Improvement Authorizations.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 076**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING  
IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK  
MARCH 16 – 22, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, from long before American independence to today, countless individuals have reached our shores, bringing vibrant cultures and diverse roots, and immeasurably enriching our Nation. This month, the Borough of Park Ridge honors the contributions made by the tens of millions of Americans who trace their heritage to the Emerald Isle; and

**WHEREAS**, Irish Americans fought for our independence, and nine of their signatures adorn the Declaration of Independence. When famine ravaged Ireland in the 1840's and 1850's many Irish men and women sought a new beginning in the United States. Though they faced poverty and discrimination, these immigrants transformed our cities, serving in our Armed Forces with honor, and winning more medals of Honor than any other immigrant group, as well as settling the frontiers of our young Nation. Their children, and succeeding generations of Irish Americans, have preserved their culture's values while becoming leaders in every facet of American life; and

**WHEREAS**, across the Atlantic, the people of Ireland continue to confront their own challenges with resolve and determination. In the face of violence perpetuated by some-testing a hard-earned peace the people of Northern Ireland have responded heroically. Undaunted, they and their leaders persist on the road to peace and prosperity enshrined over a decade ago in the Good Friday Agreement. The United States remains committed to supporting the political process and the work of those who have shown leadership in pursuit of a lasting peace; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the sons and daughters of Erin can look back with pride on their many contributions to the civic and cultural life of America. Like so many our Nation's ethnic communities, Irish Americans are people whose hard work and resilience have brought them great opportunity and success, AND WHOSE SERVICE TO OUR Nation has left it a better place;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the week of March 16 -22, 2014 shall hereby be designated as Irish American Heritage Week, and we call upon the residents to observe this week by celebrating contributions of Irish Americans both to our Borough and to our Nation with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A note from another countryman of mine – this message was received from William McDonald who was very appreciative of Police Officer Puglis. Mr. McDonald referred to Police Officer Puglis as a “White Knight.” Mr. McDonald said in Ireland, where he is from, when people help one another they are called “White Knights.”

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:**

**Councilmember Bosi:** Thank you, Mayor. On the Finance Committee front - tonight the Finance Committee along with our Borough Auditor will be presenting to the Mayor and Council our 2014 preliminary budget numbers that currently show no tax increase this year. We still have some work to do, but if the preliminary numbers that are being presented this evening hold up, there will no municipal tax increase in 2014. Over the past two years the Finance Committee has worked diligently to clean up unfunded liabilities along with other liabilities that needed to be addressed and in 2014 we are starting with a clean slate. In addition, we are expecting a large savings in health care costs by pursuing and gaining entry into the State Health Benefit Plan on May 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to no municipal tax increase, our surplus will be at levels not seen since 2007. All these contributing factors I have mentioned have led to the Borough of Park Ridge being upgraded by S&P. Much more detail will be coming out in the budget newsletter and the budget presentation which is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>. Some other critical dates are March 11<sup>th</sup> for the budget introduction, around April 4<sup>th</sup> will be the mailing of the budget newsletter, and as previously mentioned, April 8<sup>th</sup> for the Public Hearing on the budget with adoption of the budget on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On the Utilities front – Electric – as always, they are busy maintaining our system. Over the past few weeks, they have done some low swap outs which basically means they have moved some of the load off high usage cables to cables that are less used. This will help out greatly during the high demand usage in the summer months. There were a few minor weather related issues – basically they were just branches blown from the weight of ice and snow .....and putting services off of residents. Thank God, nothing major, and they were all addressed properly.

Road Department – As we are all aware, this season has been snowy and cold so far. This year we have had 18 snow events and counting, so far. As always, the Road Department has done an exceptional job. I would like to read two letters that we have received from residents just saying how good our guys are.

### **The first letter comes from Rob Sandt - 7 Gary Court**

*I would like to mention what a great job Park Ridge has done during this difficult winter. During each storm the roads have been cleared and in really good shape not long after the storm has passed. Especially when compared to other towns, Hillsdale in particular, Park Ridge has really shined.*

**Another letter comes from Dawn Falone -37 Mountain Avenue –**

*To the DPW Supervisor and Workers: I am writing you this note to thank you all for the wonderful way that you have maintained our streets during the horrible winter. All of you have done an exceptional job clearing, plowing, salting and sanding the roads. I am so impressed with your hard work and diligence taking care of all of us in town. I have been very proud to tell my friends in the surrounding towns how great you all have kept on top of these continuous snows and how I have had no trouble getting to work until I have to go to other towns outside of Park Ridge. I don't know how you do it, but I wanted to express my sincere thanks.*

On the Water Department side – there is ongoing maintenance on a daily basis and probably was the kiss of death when I said at the last meeting that there weren't too many water main breaks. There have been a few water main breaks both in Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake, which was addressed properly by the Water Department.

On the Police front – I am proud to announce that we passed our on site assessment for accreditation with flying colors. We are tentatively on the verge of formal accreditation. The next step is the hearing before the State Board which should just be a formality. For the month of January, there were 162 motor vehicle summonses issued for the month and 57 warnings issued. On the injury front, Officer Dan Hoffman had surgery on his rotator cuff and we wish him well and a speedy recovery. In speaking to the Chief late last week, Dan is actually doing very, very well.

An update on our two new Police Officers – in speaking to the Chief, they are doing extremely well at the Academy. I am happy to report that Reserve Officer, Jason Frudden, has been hired by the Atlanta Police Department. We wish Jason well and thank him for his time with the Reserves. In my short time with the Reserves, that's now four - the two that we hired here, one in Woodcliff Lake and one that has gone to the Atlanta Police Department - so it's just a credit to what a stepping stone the Reserves are here in the Borough.

Council President Scott Galdi and I took a tour of the County Dispatch last Friday and we will continue to do our due diligence regarding the County Dispatch and there will be more coming up with that regard.

On the Insurance Committee front - as everybody knows, it's been a long, arduous task but I believe we are on our way to switching from the BMED to the State Health Benefit Plan which will save the Borough and employees money. We are targeting a May 1<sup>st</sup> conversion date. Additional information will be coming as we get closer to the date.

And lastly, on Shared Services, Council President Scott Galdi and I have reached out to Montvale's Council President to set up meetings to toss around some ideas regarding some shared services. I know Scott talked to Sal, their Council President on Sunday, and more to come on that. Moving forward.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you, Rich. A lot of progress there. I do want to take a moment to thank you and the Finance Committee, Ryan and Colleen, and Kelley and our Auditor. Obviously, some good news there and looking forward to hearing the read out tonight on that and do also want to thank you for your leadership on the State Health Benefit Plan as well. Looking forward to savings associated with that as well. I can't say enough about the Road Department and what they have done with all the storms, and hopefully tomorrow we don't get any more snow or for the rest of the month for that matter.

**Councilmember Cangialosi:** Thanks, Mayor. First, I want to start out congratulating my brother. He is an individual who has always dedicated himself to public service, professionally and privately, and he always takes a humbled and hands on approach to his civic duty and I know he is very proud of it. I'm proud that I had the opportunity today to swear him in and I know it's going to be a long and successful journey for him, and knowing him well, I know that the Fire Department, its members, will be well served having Travis as one of its leaders and both Park Ridge and the surrounding communities are very fortunate and lucky to have my brother servicing all of our residents each and every day. So congratulations to him again and proud of him.

On Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> I actually had the opportunity to go out for a full day – 8 hours with Public Works in a snow plow and I got to see firsthand as they cleared the streets. It was a great experience and I want to thank Bill Diedtrich for taking the time to really teach me the ropes and how he goes about doing it. Residents come to all of us, letting us know how great our roads are all the time. In fact, the other night when we were at the county complex, we had a Park Ridge resident tell us how much better our roads are, and until you are out with them, you don't realize why they are much better. It's because they take a lot of time, detail attention and pride in what they do, and that's the reason why really they are that much better seeing how much time they put in just to do that little extra effort. That was a good experience and I appreciate that.

The Chamber of Commerce also wants to thank Public Works and Utilities for the work in clearing the streets, widening them out and removing snow to help with the parking situation so they are extending their thank you as well.

Last night the Board of Education had their monthly meeting. Unfortunately, snow impacted them as well. They used five snow days – only had three allotted – so those two days that they are looking to make up are Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – chipping away at their spring break but that's what you need to meet that state requirement. So I know when it comes, I'm sure all the students won't be happy, but it's what you have to do.

The lights on the turf field – they're up but they are awaiting wiring so we need to wait for the snow to melt for that to continue, but if anyone is interested in how the field actually looks with the turf, the school district website has photos on it. So if you go there, you can view it and it looks really great.

There are few upcoming dates that I would like to quickly acknowledge. Tomorrow, actually some students in our Exchange Club will be heading to California until March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We all wish them safe travels and an enjoyable trip and a trip, and at the end of the month, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the California students will be coming here. I know Park Ridge is going to be here, welcoming them with open arms so I'm sure they will have a great experience here.

This year's spring musical is "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm is the Senior Citizen performance and the show will continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday for anyone else who wishes to see it. Spring sports begin on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We wish all the athletes a healthy and successful upcoming season. Operation Graduation will be having their annual 5K on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – it's not too late to still sign up. You can go to the high school website and register for 5K if you like.

This is a couple of months ahead, but on May 19<sup>th</sup> the Board of Education will be honoring James Gandolfini with a plaque at the lobby of the Little Theatre so I am sure that will be a great event as well.

Also, this Friday is "Read Across America Day." Since 1997, "Read Across America" has been a nationally recognized event in local schools honoring Dr. Seuss. Research has proven that students who spend more time reading perform better in school, and our responsibility, all of us, is to do whatever we can to help ignite the joy of reading. Dr. Seuss said it best, "The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." So let's encourage each other to read a little bit. It will do us well.

Finally, on the Board of Ed front – I, recently, along with our shared services liaisons, Councilmembers Galdi and Bosi, we sat down with Dr. Gamper, Bob Wright, and Board President, Joe Bruno, to discuss shared services opportunities between the schools and the Borough. This was a very successful meeting. The Board of Education last night actually approved an inter-local agreement to enter into a joint bid opportunity with us for a paving program -so excited for that. Also, we've reached a verbal agreement regarding the maintenance of fields. Now we won't be duplicating equipment. The Borough will maintain their turf field and the Board of Education will maintain both baseballs fields down by Sulak, and that will allow us to move equipment up to Colony Field to maintain that. Things are going really well there and we are looking into new opportunities as well. We've had many meetings about the possibility of fiber. The Board of Ed is interested in it and the Borough is willing to

help them to meet that requirement to get it done so we are still having talks about that. So very, very good with the Board of Ed.

In terms of technology - tonight the Council appointed Scott Shields of SD Shields as the Borough's new webmaster. Scott is a talented and intelligent individual with a creative mindset and I'm happy to have him join the Park Ridge team. Over the coming months, Park Ridge will be undergoing a digital transformation. Our website will have a new look while continuing to provide the same valuable information, but will be more interactive. As a whole, the pages will be simpler to navigate while incorporating interactive maps, interactive web forms, and multi-faceted calendars. For community and fields on line registration for events, on line payments for taxes and utility bills, and Borough Hall forms on line in searchable PDF format among many other things. The key word here is "interactive" and the goal we are looking for is to no longer only have Borough Hall located at 53 Park Avenue but to create a virtual Borough Hall as well. So, that's in the coming months - excited to see that coming through.

With that too, is we are really going to focus on our emails with our newsletters. We are looking to do it every other week to inform residents on what's taking place here, as well in Emergency situations, so I encourage all residents to go to our website currently - sign up for it. We are really going to be looking to get information out to everyone in Park Ridge through that avenue.

With Finance - I was told a few months ago by a few people up here that if you really want to understand how the Borough operates, and if you want to be a better Councilman, learn finances. So I'm happy I've had the opportunity so far to serve on this Committee and I want to take a moment to thank Chairman Bosi, Mayor Maguire, Kelley, Colleen, Susan and Jeff Bliss, everyone else involved in the process. My initial budget year very positive, very beneficial. That said, the Finance Committee's budget process on our end is complete and we are looking to move it out into introduction at our next meeting. I think I can speak on behalf of all of us, we are confident in our budget and we are extremely proud of our work and we wouldn't have been able to get where we are without working together. I truly believe that the budget we are moving forward is not just solid but we've done right by the residents and that Park Ridge will be very pleased with the way that we all worked together and what we accomplished together. And then lastly, Irish Heritage Week - the Mayor and I had an opportunity last week to go over to the county complex where we learned about how the county is getting involved, but it's always good to acknowledge all the different cultures that we have within our communities so even though I'm not Irish, doesn't mean that I can't be a good Irishman, so I'm happy to recognize all the cultures and I'm excited for that.

**Maguire Maguire:** Thank you, Ryan. Certainly a great update and I'm sure your parents are as proud of your brother, as you are, and we are all thrilled to have him as a volunteer in the Fire Department. I am glad to hear of all the progress at the Board of Ed, specifically around the shared services and all the great programs they have going. Turns out my daughter is leaving tomorrow for the Park Ridge Exchange Program to California so she is excited about that as well. On Friday, I will be reading "Sam I Am" to East Brook and West Ridge students. Looking forward to that as well.

**Councilmember Oppelt:** Very short month of meetings. I've been dealing with this video we put together, *When I Was Mayor*, by the former Mayors. It's moving along pretty well. We've got a layout of the questions of things that we are talking about. Ned went into his history books a little bit, and dug out some things that he knew happened during their time frames so it's coming together nicely. We are pretty excited about it. I know the Mayor is going to be part of this - I'm not sure if you are going to be in the intro or the end yet. We are still flipping that back and forth, but we are looking forward to recording that as well. The other thing is, I am working with the Shade Tree to evaluate the work necessary at Veteran's Park. Numbers are coming together and hopefully we'll have that done I'm sure before the snow melts. One bad bit of news, and I know Terry knows this gentleman, I am an avid bowler and one of the teams that joined our league this year was headed by the Mayor of Dumont, and guess what team lost to the team from Dumont - so that can go in the minutes for the record. I was committed to say that at the meeting, so I said it.

**Mayor:** I have to call up Mayor Kelly.

**Councilmember Oppelt:** We took a beating - it was ugly.

**Mayor:** That's going to be tough to live down. Bob, thank you for the update and I certainly look forward to the former Mayors' videos. They are all quite characters and I hope to someday to be one of them.

**Councilmember Hopper:** That's a little tough to follow. First off, I would like to recognize and thank the DPW for their exceptional job that they have done on the storms and followed very closely by our Water and Electric crews working in this difficult weather. I know what they're going through and I can appreciate the difficult task at hand. Two of my committees that I have working with, actually three, the pool is preparing for another successful year. Recreation has reached out to the pool and they are looking into doing some joint ventures to leverage the pool and to use it as much as we possibly can for the benefit of our residents.

On the Green Team front – the end of January we submitted for a two million dollar grant for Electric Lake Pond. I would like to thank the Chairman and Vice Chairperson, James McDermott and Barbara Coleman, and our Administrator, Kelley, and Colleen, our CFO, and Eve Mancuso, our Engineer, and Brigette Bogart. The narrative for the grant was ten pages. We got eleven people to write letters in support of it and the total of the grant was 260 pages. So, it was probably about 140 hours between James, Barbara and myself but we are hopeful that we will get it, and after we submitted it, we got a letter of endorsement from the Army Corps of Engineers which we then followed along to the person who recognized the grant. That about sums it up. Thank you very much.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you, Steve. We are certainly keeping our fingers crossed about that grant application.

**Councilmember Bertini:** I have four of my groups to report on tonight and I have to say that every group is so enthused and so engaged in what's going on in town. It has been a real pleasure for me.

The Golden Age Club – I went to their meeting a couple of weeks ago and I was really impressed with their level of engagement and the number of questions I got. And by the way, when they asked me about that bump-out on Park and if we were going to do anything about it, and I said, "Oh, yes, we are – it is going to be removed" – several of them stood up and cheered.

**Councilman Galdi:** That's wonderful. We are cheering right behind them.

**Councilmember Bertini:** The Historical Advisory Committee - I think Ned has not met in a couple of years. The group got together for the first time in early February and it was a blizzard of ideas. So, we are going to start out with a mission statement so we can channel them and prioritize them and start to get things moving. We already have a draft of that which we are starting to circulate. Ned Barber has done an incredible job so far at getting people involved in talking about what he does as the town historian.

The Library – what a beautifully runned organization and I have to say they are going very high tech – they are looking at all different kinds of changes – and one of them is something called "Zinio" which is like an online newsstand and people who subscribe can just go online and read Newsweek, Cosmopolitan, almost anything they want. There is going to be more coming so it's a great group to be part of.

The Board of Health is very excited about the Mayor's Wellness Program that Mayor Maguire has signed us up for. We are looking at the first possible project which is a fitness and weight loss challenge and they're so excited they would like to see other groups in town involved, perhaps the Rec Committee, Chamber of Commerce, and some other groups to get restaurants to have special menus. They've got all kinds of ideas as well, and we have a conference call with the Bergen County Health Department because they are helping to implement this and we are already also looking at local business partners to help us mount this program. It should be something pretty exciting, and personally as someone who would like to be more fit and lose some more weight, can't wait to start. I guess that's it for now, thank you.

**Mayor Maguire:** June, thank you and thank you for the enthusiasm there. I'm sure it's contagious with these groups so thank you.

**Council President Galdi:** Thank you, Mayor. First, I would like to say that the last thirty days or so it has been wonderful working with all the different Councilmembers on all the different committees and projects. It has given me an opportunity to really understand what they're involved with and how they're progressing. It's creating a bigger spectrum and view for me of what goes on in the town and I really enjoy working with each of them trying to find solutions for the town and for their committees and groups, and I hope they feel the same way as I do. It's a lot of collaboration and it has been working very well, and thank you, each of you, for all the time you're allowing me to step in and get involved as well.

Reporting on the committees that I'm involved with, I attended an Officers meeting for the Fire Department the other day – what a great group of folks – and I echo Ryan's comments, Travis is just a delight and wonderful addition to the Officer's group at the Fire Department. Certainly just a well-respected individual, and I have to say that our whole Fire Department is led by such great leadership and heritage of leadership. It's wonderful to know and we can sleep at night knowing that our Fire Department is well-managed and well-organized and really thinks through how they should be participating to support our residents and our homes. During the last thirty days, they had 13 callouts, they've spent about 100 hours of manpower – they get involved in an assistance call to Woodcliff Lake on February 4<sup>th</sup> where there was a car fire. They also, on February 10<sup>th</sup>, got involved in dispatching to 15 Park Avenue, thinking there was a basement fire and it turned out to be a fire on the second floor apartment. As you know and saw tonight, there was quite a number of folks that got recognized, including Tom Lepore, for what he has accomplished in becoming the new Fire Inspector. He went through the certification, passed the exam, and we are delighted to see he did that.

The Fire Department did something that I thought was really impressive in preparation for the storm that we had. It was quite a storm. We all know what the DPW has done and they've done an outstanding job, but there are other departments that participate in preparing for it and the Fire Department actually staffed the firehouse, to man the fire house in case there was an emergency call that needed to be attended to. Following the storm the group decided to go out and dig out fire hydrants. They dug out over 80 fire hydrants which is very impressive. That's a lot of work and the Chief, BJ, has placed on the fire department website, the encouragement of our residents to please dig out the fire hydrants following a storm. It could be your home. It is very important that we try to dig those fire hydrants out, and they put their money where their mouth is. They dug them out – over 80 of them – I think that is very impressive so kudos on the Fire Department for doing that. We also have been working with the Fire Department with the other teams and the other departments, like the Rec Committee, for our up and coming summer day camp or dealing with the plans for the town picnic and the fireworks. All these departments and groups kind of intermingle and cross-pollinate and it is great to see that they are working together, as Steve Hopper mentioned, that we are working as the Rec Committee with the Pool Committee, to try to leverage that pool and work together to get benefits for our residents so I think that is just wonderful.

On to my Rec Committee report - we had our family ski trip up to Windham. For those that don't like the snow anymore, Mr. Oppelt, there are still some of us that still like the snow. I am a skier, I love the snow, I had a wonderful day up at Windham – I wish more people would attend. There were 25 people that took a bus up there. I got over 25 runs for the day. It was just a beautiful ski day. I do encourage anyone that does want to ski – look into the ski trips like that. It was a great event.

We do have up and coming Family Bowling Night, March 16<sup>th</sup>, a Sunday, certainly would like to break the 100 person mark. We're going to do it. I have a hard time breaking 100 when I bowl. Mr. Oppelt can vouch for that. We would like to see at least 100 residents if not more. I think we are going to break that number this time. We are looking forward to it. We have identified the town picnic, which is a big event and there's a lot already going into it. It will be Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date for June 8<sup>th</sup>. It is already being prepared. We are going to try to raise the bar on the town picnic. Hopefully, we can do it. We've got some ideas that I think will take it to a new level. Excited about that.

Also attended the PRAA meeting. They have some things coming up that I'm sure everyone wants to get onto their calendar. March 26<sup>th</sup> is going to be the Harlem Wizards coming to high school. It is a fund raiser and it should be quite an event. They are hoping to get several

hundred, up to 600-700 hundred people attending the event. That's March 26<sup>th</sup> so we want to see how well we do for that.

Also, as its been mentioned, I did get involved a little bit with some phone calls with the Tech Committee and the Webmaster and that's progressed very, very nicely. I'm really pleased to see what is going on there. As well, attended the Board of Ed meeting to help move that along.

There have been some Borough meetings that I've attended to focus on the facilities. I would like to take a moment and just thank our folks at the Borough for dealing with all of the conditions that we are dealing with in the current state. I realize it's a very difficult situation and I certainly appreciate everyone and how they are handling it. We are focusing quite a bit on trying to get that Borough Hall up to speed so that the work conditions are better.

As Rich mentioned, we did spend some time with County Dispatch. It was very enlightening. I really enjoyed seeing that and we've had some telephone conversations with some other folks that are involved in the County right now just to get their feedback and understand more about what's going on there so that has been good. We also had a conference call with a grant writer and interviewed that grant writer and we are looking forward to the grant writer coming in on the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. That will be very beneficial as well. I think that's it, Mayor.

**Mayor Maguire:** Scott, thank you. As always, an excellent report and I do want to take a moment to thank you for your excellent job as stepping in as Council President in addition to all your other duties. You're doing an excellent job – makes my job easier. So thank you for all your efforts and I, too, want to take a moment to mention that with the damage that we sustained from the last storm, it has been very disruptive to the staff in Borough Hall. I do also want to commend them for pulling together and figuring a way through this. I do want to also mention that we have relocated our Construction Department to upstairs and asked that the residents pardon our appearance for some time while we investigate and resolve the leak that we have. Thank you again for all of your reports tonight.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Closed & Work Session minutes dated February 11, 2014

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Council President Galdi to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi,  
Council President Galdi

### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Council President Galdi to adjourn the regular Mayor and Council meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kelley R. O'Donnell, RMC  
Borough Clerk/Administrator