

Municipal Building
Borough of Park Ridge
March 25, 2014 – 8:15pm

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: Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk/Administrator

Also Present: John Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq. Borough Attorney
Colleen Ennis, Chief Financial Officer
Helyn N. Beer, Interim Temporary Deputy Clerk

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 Councilman Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Oppelt to confirm.

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

IRONWOMAN AWARDS
BASKETBALL

Grace Dimeo

Shay Monteverdi

Casey Urmanowicz

IRONMAN AWARDS
BASKETBALL

Venkat Abbaraju
Joshua Engler
Keith Sacco

Anthony Battaglia
Derek Fleming
Cole Triano

Devin Conkling
Luke Lagnese
Dylan Triano

AGENDA CHANGES

The following resolution is to be removed from the Consent Agenda

- Resolution #4 – Supporting the Mayor's Wellness Campaign
- Resolution # 3 of the Consultant's Agreement form is being removed at the request of the Borough Attorney and a new resolution was drawn by the Borough

Attorney and it is in your packets. It has been substituted so you can act on it tonight.

- Resolution #4 - the Mayor's Wellness Program – you'll notice the proclamation was removed but we've tabled the resolution so that it doesn't get lost and that is at the request of Councilmember Bertini and a new resolution, I believe it has been added, at the request of the Borough Auditor on a budget transfer.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

Mark and Kimberly Nagelhout – 45 Parkview Drive – Basically, what we are here to do is to propose a resolution to support “Bear Smart New Jersey.” We wanted to share a copy with each of you. We want Park Ridge to be a town that supports bear proofing garbage cans in case bears happen to come into Park Ridge - to educate and prepare for the future. It is not controversial at all, it is just for the wildlife.

Councilmember Galdi: You're scaring me about bears.

Mayor Maguire: Was there an article today in the paper about a coyote attack in Park Ridge?

Councilmember Cangialosi: No, it was right off of the 6W exit on the PIP in Orangeburgh.

Mayor Maguire: Was it a Park Ridge woman?

Councilmember Cangialosi: No.

Mayor Maguire: It was an Orangeburg resident.

Mark and Kimberly Nagelhout: There is actually a town in New Jersey, I think, that is in the process of making a life size bear statue in the coming two months. It's about a bear named Samantha – she lived in Wawayanda for 31 years, coexisted with people – no problems. They have a statue dedicated. Park Ridge residents are going to be part of it and only twelve people are going to be on that bear.

Mayor Maguire: We vacation every year in the “Irish Alps,” East Durham, New York, up in the Catskills. Actually it is Cairo, New York. They have a town, Cairo, and that's there thing. They have these painted carved bears. Each of the businesses have a bear outside. As the kids were growing up that's what they'd do. They would count how many bears they could see. This aside, take us through what you are proposing here.

Mark and Kimberly Nagelhout: Park Ridge doesn't really have to do anything, except supporting it. The goal is to get as many towns as possible in New Jersey to support this resolution and then it will sent to the state. It's brand new. What they propose is a bill to introduce a “Bear Smart New Jersey.” So if you live in bear country, so to speak, it will be required to have bear proof garbage cans - to be responsible homeowners. We did have a bear sighting not that far from here, not that long ago, right by the Blue Moon in Woodcliff Lake.

Mayor Maguire: I did hear that.

Mark and Kimberly Nagelhout: So they do move around. They might even be around - not to scare anybody. That's the other thing. They're a lot like deer. They look menacing, a lot more menacing than deer, but they usually want to be left alone. So, that's the whole point with the bear proof garbage cans. When the bears learn where the garbage is, where they can get a meal, they'll keep going back there. That's to prevent that so everyone can live peacefully.

Mayor Maguire: Sure, that makes sense to me.

Mark and Kimberly Nagelhout: To coexist. It would be a horrible world if we got rid of all the wildlife. I want my grandkids and great-grandkids to go to see bears – not to read about them in books – that kind of thing. We should coexist.

Mayor Maguire: I certainly understand them. We do try to coexist with all of the critters in the area. The deer are a struggle and the geese, but we seem to learn how to coexist with them as well. So I appreciate you coming out and educating us. The Council will review this and discuss it in our Work Session and they'll certainly give it consideration. Does anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Bertini: What constitutes the bear through the garbage can? Does it just need a lid? Does it need to be secured in a certain way or do people need to purchase their specialized type of can and get rid of the ones they have been using?

Mark and Kimberly Nagelhout: The way it closes – a mechanism to keep it shut where the bear can't rip it open. They cost around \$50-\$60 from my understanding – again, no one in Park Ridge would be required to get them, it's just those that live in bear country – like out in West Milford. Maybe one day it would be required.

Mayor Maguire: Anything else?

Councilmember Cangialosi: And this expense for those cans - that's on the homeowners not the municipalities of the state?

Mark and Kimberly Nagelhout: That would be on the homeowners - \$50 - \$60 a can. Now would we be notified when you support it?

Mayor Maguire: I think we could take an action item - we have your address. Right, it is 45 Parkview Drive.

Mark and Kimberly Nagelhout: I can give you my email address, my phone number if you need it. Thank you very much for your time.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Councilmember Bertini: Appreciate your concern.

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

None.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-008

CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-008, Calendar Year 2014 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

A motion was made by Councilmember Cangialosi and seconded by Councilmember Bosi 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. 2014-008**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2014
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% or the cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of living adjustment for calendar year 2014 budgets is calculated at 0.5% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$257,293 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Park Ridge shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$300,175, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Borough of Park Ridge be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

Colleen Ennis: Just to refresh everybody's minds – each year during the budget process there are limits set by the state in terms of how much the municipal budget can increase each year. By statute, its 2.5% or the cost of living, whichever is less. This year the cost of living was 0.5% so technically that's what we're supposed to follow within the statute, but the state does allow you to pass an ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the prior year budgets. Now it's

important to point out as we've mentioned in the prior meetings and what's going to be mentioned in the Mayor's budget newsletter, is that we are introducing, actually was introduced a Zero percent increase. The purpose of this CAP ordinance or CAP Bank is to help us in future years if there is any budgeting problems. What ends up happening is the amount that is not utilized gets put into a bank so that if there is problems in future years you can do it. I know there is a question last time with the explanation as to how much is in our bank. We presently have 433,510 including this year's portion if you end up carrying it. So again, it is like an insurance policy – if we don't need it, we don't use it.

Mayor Maguire: And it rolls every two years?

Colleen Ennis: Two years.

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

Dale Tallman - 236 Vitmar Place – I was just wondering what you meant by 0.5% of the...

Colleen Ennis: Prior year's budget.

Dale Tallman: Oh, o.k. I thought it was the cost of living.

Colleen Ennis: It was that much over last year's budget.

Dale Tallman: Ok, thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Good question.

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 Hopper and seconded by Council President Galdi to confirm.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Speaker: None

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

Speaker: None

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 - 095**

AUTHORIZE BID FOR 2014 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for the following project:

2014 Road Improvement Project Including Brae Boulevard, Russet Place (Colony Avenue to Mountain Avenue), Crown Street (Colony Avenue to Mountain Avenue) and Forest Street (Colony Avenue to Midland Avenue) and West Ridge Elementary School Parking Lot as per Interlocal Agreement with the Park Ridge Board of Education., subject to bid results.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 096**

Authorize Street Sweeping Services Contract – 2014

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge is in need of periodic street sweeping services for 2014; and

WHEREAS, since this is a recycling contract it is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law and no public bid is required; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public works has solicited quotations and there is one responsive quotation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has recommended that the contract for this work be awarded to Cristi Cleaning Services, 77 Trinity Place, Hackensack, NJ 07601 in the amount of \$18,600 as per the proposal attached dated November 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the funds will be appropriated in the 2014 Municipal Budget in the Clean Communities Account No.32-01-41-770-000-000 and in Account No. 4-01-26-290-000-177.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that a purchase order be authorized for issuance in the amount not to exceed \$ 18,600 for Street Sweeping Services in the Borough for 2014, subject to the provision of the required certificate of insurance naming the Borough of Park Ridge as an additional insured and other such requirements of the Borough Attorney.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 097**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT
FOR GRANT WRITING CONSULTANT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge is in need of the services of a professional grant writing Consultant to assist the Borough in securing available federal, state and county grants; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited proposals from grant writing Consultants and interviewed prospective candidates; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has filed a Certificate in accordance with statutory requirements confirming that it is not reasonably possible to draft grant writer specifications, confirming the informal solicitation of quotations and confirming that the execution of a contract with the Consultant complies with applicable statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the services to be provided by the Consultant constitute extraordinary unspecifiable services which are not subject to public bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to authorize the award of a Contract to Capital Alternatives Corporation for the provision of the described consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Contract for consulting services will not require the expenditure of any funds by the Borough unless the Consultant secures any grants for the Borough, in which instance the Consultant will receive a percentage of the amount of the grant as a fee

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 Capital Alternatives Corporation, a copy of which is annexed hereto and that a notice of this action be placed in the Borough Official Newspaper pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a).

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 099**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES FOR TOURNAMENT USE OF
SULAK FIELD**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have not yet set the 2014 permit fees for field usage; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council do not anticipate an increase in permit fees for 2014; and

WHEREAS, Gerard J. Maughan has requested permission to utilize Sulak Lane Field for a three-day baseball tournament held during the Fourth of July weekend in 2014, a tournament that has been held during past years at the Sulak Lane Field and High School Baseball field during the July 4th weekend; and

WHEREAS, Gerard J. Maughan; has advised the Mayor and Council that One Hundred Percent (100%) of the net profits from the tournament and proceeds of snack stand sales will be given to the Park Ridge High School Athletic program; and

WHEREAS, Gerard J. Maughan, has further agreed to provide the Borough with field treatments having a value estimated at \$600.00; and

WHEREAS, in light of the charitable nature of the tournament, Gerard J. Maughan has asked that the required \$500.00 per day charge be reduced for the use of the field for the three day tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this request for a waiver at their regularly scheduled meeting of March 11, 2014 and are willing to reduce the required field usage fee in light of the charitable distribution of tournament proceeds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the fee for the usage of Sulak Lane Field by Gerard J. Maughan for the purpose of holding a July 4th, 2014 three day baseball tournament is hereby reduced to a total fee of \$500.00 together with the provision of field treatment materials as referenced above, subject to the ability of Gerard J. Maughan to provide adequate insurance coverage naming the Borough of Park Ridge as an additional insured with coverages and amounts acceptable to the Borough Risk Management Consultant and subject to the presentation and approval of an Insurance Certificate naming the Borough of Park Ridge as an additional insured, again in a form acceptable to the Borough Risk Management Consultant.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 100**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF PARK RIDGE SWIMMING POOL PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, the Scott and Kristy McGregor, owners of property known as 71 Mountain Avenue, have advised the Borough that they are in the process of constructing a modular home on said property; and

WHEREAS, said property owners have advised that the modular home will be shipped to the site on several large tractor trailers that would have an impact on traffic and parking within the neighborhood if not provided with a staging area for the parking of said trailers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to permit the property owners to utilize the parking lot at the Park Ridge Swimming Pool to avoid the creation of parking and traffic issues subject to specific conditions regulating the use of said parking lot,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that said residents and the company transporting said modular home shall be permitted to utilize the Park Ridge Swimming Pool parking lot on May 5th and 6th, 2014 subject to the execution of an agreement in the form attached hereto to insure that no damage is done to the parking lot, that the residents execute an indemnification agreement to the Borough, that the residents provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough as an insured, that the residents provide the Borough with an adequate security deposit and guarantying that all vehicles are removed on or before May 6, 2014.

AGREEMENT TO ALLOW USE OF PARKING LOT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of March, 2014, by and between the **BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey whose address is 53 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656 (hereinafter the "BOROUGH"); and Mr. & Mrs. _____ McGregor (hereinafter the "RESIDENT"),

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, RESIDENT is in the process of constructing a modular home on property owned by RESIDENT within the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, RESIDENT has requested permission from the BOROUGH to utilize the Park Ridge Swimming Pool parking lot on May 5th and May 6th, 2014 for the parking of tractor trailers in said parking lot to assist in the staging of construction; and

WHEREAS, the BOROUGH believes that it is in the interest of the BOROUGH to permit the parking of said tractor trailers in order to minimize any impact on Borough traffic and on Borough streets during said construction; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to memorialize the terms of their understanding and to enter into an agreement to fix and define RESIDENT'S obligations with regard to the parking of said vehicles,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. RESIDENT shall be permitted to park tractor trailers in the parking lot of the Park Ridge Swimming Pool on May 5th, 2014 and May 6th, 2014 only.
2. RESIDENT shall execute the separate "HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT" which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference, obligating RESIDENT to hold the BOROUGH harmless with respect to any damage, injury or other loss arising by virtue of the RESIDENT'S use of the parking lot or the use of the parking lot by RESIDENT'S contractor or entity delivering said modular home.
3. RESIDENT shall also provide the BOROUGH with a Certificate of Insurance as also defined in and in accordance with the terms of "Exhibit A" attached hereto. Said Certificate shall be provided to the BOROUGH no less than 14 days prior to May 5, 2014. In addition, said Certificate shall be in a form that is acceptable and approved by the Borough Insurance Consultant. RESIDENT shall provide, at a minimum, general liability and automobile liability with a One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000.00) limit each and an excess liability insurance policy having a Two Million Dollar (\$2,000,000.00) limit naming the BOROUGH as an additional insured on all three policies. RESIDENT shall also provide evidence of Worker's Compensation Insurance acceptable to the Insurance Consultant.
4. RESIDENT shall post a cash security deposit with the BOROUGH in the sum of _____ . Said security shall be provided to insure that no damage is

done to the parking lot of the Park Ridge Swimming Pool and to insure that all vehicles are removed from said parking lot prior to midnight, May 6th, 2014. In the event any damage is done to said parking lot, RESIDENT agrees that said security may be utilized to complete such repairs as are necessary to restore the parking lot to its condition prior to use of the parking lot by RESIDENT. In addition, RESIDENT agrees that said security deposit may be utilized to pay any and all costs incurred in removing any vehicles in the parking lot after May 6, 2014 or for paying the liquidated damages specified in paragraph Five hereinbelow.

- 5. RESIDENT agrees to pay liquidated damages in the amount of _____ per day to the Borough in the event all vehicles are not removed from the parking lot by midnight, May 6, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto caused this Agreement to be signed by their proper officers and their corporate seals to be affixed hereto, or have hereto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 101**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LITIGATION WITH REGARD TO NOYES MANSION- PLAZA
REGENCY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, property located within the Borough of Park Ridge and known as Lots 1 and 2 of Block 1401 and Lot 5 of Block 1402 was improved in 1997 pursuant to an application heard by the Park Ridge Planning Board ; and

WHEREAS, said development, as stated in the Resolution of the Planning Board and in various other documents, was conditioned upon the preservation and maintenance of a mansion building located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a restrictive covenant was created in a Deed filed with the Office of the Bergen County Clerk, said restrictive covenant requiring the continued preservation and maintenance of the mansion known as the "Noyes Mansion"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has discovered that the current owner of the property has failed to comply with said restrictive covenant and that the Noyes Mansion is not being maintained but rather is in a state of disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to authorize the filing of a complaint against the current property owner to compel said owner to comply with the terms of said restrictive covenant,

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 Borough Attorney for the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby authorized to file litigation in the Superior Court of New Jersey to compel the current owner of the described property to comply with the terms of the aforementioned restrictive covenant.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 102**

REFUND STATE TAX COURT JUDGMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution # 013-170, for the Tax Appeal Settlement with Sony Corporation of America was approved in June 11, 2013: and

WHEREAS, the Stipulation of Settlement, stated 50% of the refund be refunded in 2013 and the balance 50% be refunded in April 2014 on the following property:

B 301/ L 1	Bruce J. Stavitsky, Esq.	2012	
	Stavitsky & Associates LLC		
	I/T/F Sony Corp. of America		\$ 57,900.27
	350 Passaic Avenue		
	Fairfield, NJ 07004		(Final 50%)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Park Ridge, that the CFO/Tax Collector is authorized to refund the monies requested by this Judgment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember Bertini: The Library has a new software plan called “Zinio” that has really been taking off. I think I mentioned it last time. You go to the library, you get the instructions and you can follow through and basically read any magazine you want to. It’s just like borrowing a book from the library. You can do it online or at home. It’s really a great thing and it has really taken off. I was into the usage information last time and they are very pleased with it and they are looking into other advanced technology to build up the library services. So that’s going really well.

The History Group is still meeting and defining its role and mission and organization. It is taking a little bit of time but it’s a very dedicated group that is looking forward to being really active in town.

The big news is coming out of the Board of Health which has been working on, as part of the Mayor’s Wellness Program, a weight loss challenge for Park Ridge and we are going to be asking the town as a whole to lose at least 100 pounds and individually to lose 3 pounds in twelve weeks, which is very achievable, even I can do it. There will be free activities, cooking demos, lectures, exercise classes, nutrition lectures and we are going to plan to celebrate our success at the end of twelve weeks, and that will include a drawing for very valuable prizes. The prizes are still coming in, and the more active you are in the program, the more chances you get to win a prize. So we are really excited about this. The kick-off is going to be April 22nd and there will be more information in Borough Hall, in the Library and online. Very excited about it.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you, June. I have to pull up “Zinio.” Can I access it from my iPad?

Councilmember Bertini: You probably can but you need to get the information from the Library on how to sign up for it. It’s pretty simple.

Mayor Maguire: Cool. Looking forward to the Mayor’s Wellness. Thank you for taking the initiative and I think it is going to be a great effort.

Councilmember Bertini: There is going to be other activities after the weight loss challenge and we’ll be looking at them soon. In fact, we have we have somebody from the County coming down

Mayor Maguire: We have to get the word out. So that will be on the agenda at our next meeting, right?

Councilmember Bertini: No

Mayor Maguire: At the April 22nd meeting. Thank you, June.

Councilmember Hopper: Thank you. From the Green Team - this coming Saturday, March 29th we are going to be giving away 400 trees so it has gone out on social media and emails. It hasn't seemed to make it to the papers but we will be giving away 400 trees. Arbor Day is coming up so we are hoping that people take this opportunity with the snow finally leaving the Borough to get a tree implanted and it's a good tradition to go with for Arbor Day.

There is going to be a Bi-State Cleanup the end of April. There will be more publicity on that to come. Towns and boroughs from Rockland County all the way down through the bottom of Pascack Valley are lined up to do that. We've been coordinating with United Water and the Hackensack Riverkeeper to get that going in the right direction. I believe the first year, we, Bob help me on this, I think it was 1600 lbs the first year, and then it dropped off to 800 pounds, but that was just Park Ridge. So, it's a good thing to keep our waterways clean and clean up the garbage and litter.

From the Park Ridge Pool – they are very excited about the pool opening up. You'll see in tomorrow's paper that there is an advertisement for membership, so that's a first. It has gone out on email. There is a cooperative effort with the Park Ridge Day Camp that they are going to be visiting the pool once a week and that's moving in the right direction. We're getting some buzz and excitement going on so we are hoping to increase membership this year. And from the Access for Seniors, there is a seminar this coming Saturday at Englewood Hospital so I'm hoping to get some more information to bring back from that. Also, Saturday, I was invited to a BBQ party at Lehman Gardens. So keeping all the oars in the water.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you, Steve. What's the date on the Bi-State Cleanup?

Councilmember Hopper: April 28th.

Mayor Maguire: So maybe the newspapers will pick up on it.

Councilmember Hopper: That would be nice.

Mayor Maguire: The pool advertisement I think is a great idea and the Park Ridge Pool remains the best bargain in the Pascack Valley. So, thank you.

Councilmember Oppelt: Couple of things. PKRG has a bunch of events going on. Some have been taped already. We started the Science Fair taping on the 21st. There is another fair on the 28th that we will be doing. The Dodge Ball has been taped. Tomorrow night we are doing the Harlem Wizards. I'm sure Scott will talk about that a little bit later as well.

The 5th of April - PRAA Opening Day – the 8th of April we will doing a live show of the budget presentation. Should be interesting – and then that will be rebroadcast as well throughout the next couple of months.

April 12th – the Egg Hunt – which is about a four minute taping. Doesn't take very long. Then we are doing the DARE Graduation at OLM on the 29th – and West Ridge and East Brook on the 30th of April.

Going forward with the “*When I Was Mayor*” video, it's moving along very well. We've gotten all the questions written and distributed to the former Mayors. They are reviewing it. So far, little or no complaints. The next step will be to start the interviews which we hope to start in April. Also, with the agreement of The American Legion Post #153, we have invited the Mayors to join us in the Memorial Day Parade on May 26th. President Galdi was kind enough to help us get some Ford Mustang convertibles so they will be able to ride in the parade in style. Looking forward to that.

One other event that PKRG did this past couple of weeks actually, and I have just some quick notes on it, we entertained two scout troops - one from Hillsdale, Troop #81, and another one from OLM. I don't have the group number but they were both eight year old groups. They had a presentation on PKRG that our Chairman, Bruce Goldstein, put together. I was not there – it was during work time, an actual studio. They had a green room set up. They had monitors set

up. They interviewed all the scouts. So there is video. They had canned questions that they were being asked. I got an interesting email from one of the residents of Hillsdale saying that her son said it was the best event that he has ever attended as a scout. Good job for the PKRG group. I wish I was there and we'll see the video. I understand that the editing room, the broadcast room - they had their own little green room with booths set up so it was pretty neat the way they did it, I understand.

Shade Tree Committee – plans are underway to repair and upgrade the Veteran's Park. Plans include replacing some of the damaged trees that were badly damaged during the storms. Also doing some landscaping. We also hope to repair lighting and the irrigations systems within the park. Just not sure when we'll get to it yet, but it will be done this year.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you, Bob. Good update.

Councilmember Cangialosi: Thanks, Mayor. Let's start with the Board of Education. First and foremost this year, the Mayor and the Council participated in the New Jersey League of Municipalities Louis Bay Second Municipal Leadership Scholarship Competition. Our local winner is Christian Ali and it is an essay on "*What My Municipal Government Does Best*" and so we are going to be sending that down to the League and Christian will be competing statewide with all the other local entries for one of three scholarships. So, congratulations to Christian. Then at last night's Board of Education meeting, and Council President Galdi was there, the Park Ridge members of the Park Ridge Emerson Wrestling Team were awarded their championship sweatshirts and this year they are the NJIC Champions. And if I recall correctly, and Scott correct me if I am wrong, it's the 4th consecutive league championship and their 18th title so that's pretty incredible. Obviously, congratulations there. Tomorrow night, and Bob kind of brushed up on it, and Scott will do more, the faculty is actually playing the Harlem Wizards. Dr. Gamper is the coach. Tonight they had a practice which was not open to the public, so they are all excited for it. Hopefully, that will go well.

Thursday, the Park Ridge Education Association is hosting their "Teacher for a Day." I know myself, I'm going to attend, and I believe June will attend, as well as other members of the community. I'll be teaching U.S. history in the High School, so we'll see how that goes. The school has ordered AED's, the emergency defibrillators, for East Brook, West Ridge, the new turf field which will be at the snack shack, and the field immediately behind the school, the baseball field, which will be installed immediately. There's a new law coming out that it needs to be done by September. They are being proactive. They wanted to push ahead and do that. I know, and I've had discussions with Council President Galdi, the Borough, and the PRAA – looking to do the same on our fields.

May 6th is the Public Hearing for the Board of Educations' budget – 8:00 p.m. at the Little Theater at the High School. Last night the preliminary budget was passed. The total expenditures and appropriations is 28,623,158 and that's with all the waivers included and as it stands, it's currently a 3.95% Board of Education tax increase. Approximately \$250.00 per household. It is important to note that is just the preliminary budget – that could change up until the date of the hearing so we'll see how that turns out. And also at this meeting, they plan to discuss and have input on "The Common Core" and also I know that Dr. Gamper will be going to the PTO meetings at East Brook and West Ridge this month to discuss "Common Core" as well with parents. The next Board of Ed meeting is April 28th at the Little Theater at 8:00 p.m.

With the Chamber of Commerce- we are working to try to get a seminar up and off the ground – a social media for small businesses, hopefully by the end of April, maybe early May. We have a digital strategy consultant who has agreed to come in, provide his services, and present to our local business owners really what they can do. And in a day and age where everyone can communicate online, it is ever more important to provide businesses with the know how to harness the power of social media and to know the benefits of it, be wary of the consequences and to communicate effectively and correctly. So, we are going to try to do what we can to give them the tools and resources necessary to really stand apart from the rest and be successful in that.

Within the Technology Committee – not much to report here. Our next meeting is tomorrow night, although we do hope within about maybe the week or two to have Facebook launched for the Borough itself. Within this, we'll look to fold in other Borough Facebook accounts into it.

Aside from the emergency services, the Police and the Fire will continue to stand and we will also be setting up a timeline for the launch of our new website.

And then, on Finance and Administration - Councilman Bosi will go into it more, but the Public Hearing, April 8th, 8:15 p.m., Council Chambers. So we look forward to hearing all of your input.

And lastly, I don't want any of you to get mad at me, but happy belated birthday to June and to Colleen. They both celebrated birthdays last week, so Happy Birthday.

Mayor Maguire: Now we are tracking birthdays. Thank you, Ryan, and thanks for the info on the Board of Ed and the Park Ridge Emerson Wrestling. I know that's a great record. I was also excited to hear that Park Ridge Emerson Lacrosse has started up and played the first game on the new turf fields.

Councilmember Galdi: They did. Tonight was the first scrimmage. My son actually switched from track to lacrosse as a result of getting a new field.

Mayor Maguire: Great stuff. I'm glad to hear about the AED's. I think we all read that story about the student at Pascack Hills that was resuscitated just this week.

Councilmember Cangialosi: Coach Brown responded quickly and they made that a priority and everything is already ordered on their end so they are just waiting for it to come in and to install.

Mayor Maguire: Beautiful, thank you, Ryan.

Councilmember Bosi: Thank you, Mayor. On the Finance Side – a bunch of newsletters will be sent out shortly and the public hearing on the budget is set for April 8th at 8:15 p.m. and will also be televised on PKRG as Councilman Oppelt stated.

On the Utilities Front – on the Electric Side – you may have seen on TV or in the papers, a rather large tree fell snapping several utility poles on Broadway taking down some wires. As usual, our Electric Department did a great job in getting service back to the affected residents as quickly as possible. One of the wires that actually did come down was the main feeder from the Hillsdale substation which was actually taken out of service for a good portion of the day. It just shows that the redundancy that the Borough does have and we were able to stay with power for the entire day just on the other feeder coming into the Borough.

On the Road Department side – the Road Department is out addressing potholes as quickly as they can. Brae Boulevard, as we all are aware, is in bad shape and is scheduled to be fixed in this upcoming road program which will address both drainage issues as well as the paving. Along with potholes, the DPW is attending to our fields to get them ready to play ball. Street sweeping the entire borough will start the week of April 14th.

As far as the Water Department – knock on wood, it has been relatively quiet, just basically repairing breaks in the system. The Police Department – I am proud to announce that the Chief and his members of the department attended a hearing before the State Board to affirm that we passed our accreditation. Congratulations to the Chief and the entire department.

For the month of February, there were 199 motor vehicle summonses issued and 39 warnings issued. Our two new police officers are doing well in the academy. On April 10th at the Park Ridge Marriott there will be a drug symposium with a pretty distinguished panel so I invite parents within the Borough to attend. Should be very educational.

On the Insurance Front – As we all know, it has been a long and arduous task. I would like to thank Kelley and Colleen for their hard work in the transition over from the BMED to the State Health Benefits Plan. This will save the Borough a lot of money, as well as our employees, and we still are on target for a May 1st conversion date. More to come on that. That is all I have, Mayor.

Mayor Maguire: Thanks, Rich, and looking forward to the budget presentation on the 8th and congratulations to the Police Department on the accreditation. I am wondering if we should have something formal.

Councilmember Bosi: They are. They are scheduled. I think Kelley was working on a date.

Mayor Maguire: Oh we did, beautiful. Thank you.

Council President Galdi -Thank you, Mayor. On the Fire Department Front - in the last thirty days we had 13 call outs. There was 160 hours of manpower expended on the different call outs ranging from cooking fires that were contained and removal of folks from elevators so they had quite a group of different events they had to attend. On February 28th they were dispatched to Plymouth Road in Hillsdale to stand by as the rapid intervention team for a small kitchen fire, and then on March 23rd they were dispatched to a Degroff Place residence for a smoke condition inside a home. The majority of the smoke was located in the basement one floor below the fireplace and after an extensive investigation they determined that there was a spring-loaded chimney cover that had malfunctioned and was forcing the smoke back down into the house and into the basement. In talking to the Chief, I really had concern about the carbon monoxide as well. That could have been a real, real bad disaster.

Other notes - Deputy Chief Derienzo and Chief Diedtrich met with Northwestern Bergen Central Dispatch, Director Jack Tancos, to review the current dispatch policies and update them. A few months back, Councilman Bosi and I met with Jack and we talked a little bit about those dispatch procedures and we brought that back to the Chief and he is taking the action on that.

On another front - the Chief has communicated some results of an insurance services organization review and he is proud to report that Park Ridge Fire Department was given a classification of a "3" on a scale of 1 to 10. A classification of "3" was only achieved by 2,237 fire departments nationwide. He is very, very proud of that rating. Also, we are getting weekly updates on the new fire truck. It's really great to watch the progress of it. I shared the last progress report with the Council. It's really looking like a fire truck. They're very hopeful that it will be here by the Memorial Day period and make it for our town picnic. So, looking forward to that. They are looking at a "Wetdown" - I think June 21st. Councilman Bosi is on that committee to make sure that the "Wetdown" is a success.

The Park Ridge Rec Committee had an incredibly successful bowling event thanks to the Montvale Bowling Lanes. We certainly want to extend our thanks to them as well as the Ridge Diner and Oritani Bank. We had 133 participants in our Bowling Night. We took over one whole side and another 30 or so on the other side. We are expecting that the next bowling event will literally take over the whole bowling alley. A lot of positive responses on Bowling Night.

We have the PRAA Softball/Baseball Parade coming up April 5th with a rain date the 6th, and the Mayor will be ready to pitch one of those first balls out. We have the Fire Department ready and everyone else so the PRAA and the Rec Committee are working together on making that a successful event. I heard mentioned the Egg Hunt, we'll be filming that - that is April 12th with a rain date the 13th. We are moving boxes and boxes of candy. We are going to overload these children with candy. There will be no crying children, I promise you that.

May 10th we do have the Car Show. We are looking forward to that event at the pool parking lot. We have been working together with the pool on coordinating that. We have a rain date of the 17th and we did a bunch of work in the past thirty days on the town picnic. A lot is coming together for June 7th with a rain date of June 8th. We are looking to raise the bar on the town picnic. As mentioned, I attended the PRAA meetings and the Harlem Wizards is coming up tomorrow night at the high school. They are expecting 500 plus attendees. We've been working with and thank you to the Reserve Police and the Police. We have quite a number of folks that are going to be attending so we had to coordinate all that with the Police and also with the Church as well as the town. We are going to be providing some additional lighting to make sure it is a safe situation when everybody is being let out of the event but it is going to be fun watching that faculty compete.

The other thing is that we met with the PRAA and the town to talk about the coordination of the fields. We have a lot on the agenda between now and opening day, April 5th. We'll be doing a lot of work on the fields and the dugouts and I have to commend the PRAA. They did a fantastic job in the past week coordinating coaches' meetings and assistant coaches' meetings, which I attended both, and we covered everything from maintaining the fields, putting the fields away properly, dealing with the lightning detection system, as well as the AED's and that's kind of where that whole AED came about. There was a lot of discussion about the AED's during our coaches' meetings last week and even this weekend. We have one more on the 29th coming up this Saturday, which by the way is my birthday, so we'll be covering the AED's. I've been working with Chris Brown as well on that subject. Frank Farinaro, myself, and Chris talked a lot about these AED's and where they are placed and where we need them and we want to make sure that we are covered everywhere. So there has been a lot going on for Opening Day for baseball. I think that's it. Thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Excellent. Thank you, Scott, and thanks everyone for some excellent reports. I realize all the hours that go into your liaison duties and attending meetings and what's behind all these reports. Good job on all the reports. I'm just hoping that there is no more snow. I hoping we're done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Closed & Work Session minutes dated February 25, 2014

Public Hearing minutes dated February 25, 2014

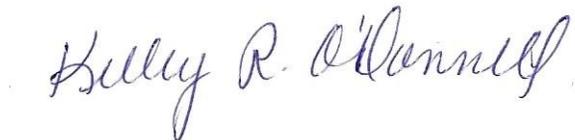
A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Council President Galdi to confirm.

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council President Galdi and seconded by Councilmember Bosi to adjourn the regular Mayor and Council meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Administrator