

Municipal Building  
Borough of Park Ridge  
April 22, 2014 – 8:15 pm

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 Oppelt, Councilmember Bosi, Council President Galdi, Mayor Maguire

Absent: Councilmember Hopper, Councilmember Cangialosi

Also Present: John Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., Borough Attorney  
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk/Administrator  
Colleen Ennis, Chief Financial Officer

**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 proclamations:

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

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bertini, Oppelt, Bosi, Council President Galdi.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper, Councilmember Cangialosi

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**CONFRONTING THE HOLOCAUST: AMERICAN RESPONSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945—six million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

**WHEREAS**, we the people of the Borough of Park Ridge should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, we the people of the Borough of Park Ridge should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the Borough of Park Ridge to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims

of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 27, through Sunday, May 4, 2014, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 28, 2014;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence P. Maguire, Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 27, through Sunday, May 4, 2014, as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the Borough of Park Ridge, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

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### **SUPPORTING THE MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN**

**WHEREAS**, Fifty –five percent of New Jersey residents are obese or overweight; and

**WHEREAS**, Medical expenses for treating problems related to obesity in our state total billions annually; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has reported the highest incidence in the nation in obesity among low-income kids aged 2-5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, The current generation of children in America may have shorter life expectancies than their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor’s Wellness Campaign supports Mayors as champions of community health; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the campaign is to improve health, reduce health care costs related to obesity, and make New Jersey a national leader in the community-based health interventions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayors Wellness Campaign seeks to foster active living and healthy lifestyles by providing communities the structure and resources to implement healthy community initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayors Wellness Campaign will work to implement a comprehensive program of outreach, education and technical assistance activities to combat obesity and inactivity issues for the Borough of Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge cares deeply about all of its citizens and the future health of its children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I Terence Maguire, Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge ask that all residents of this community join me in supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I encourage the residents of Park Ridge to participate in the Mayors Wellness Campaign activities to promote exercise, eating properly and living healthier and better lives.

**Councilmember Bertini:** Thank you, Mayor, for that proclamation and for signing our town up for “Mayor’s Wellness” which is a broad program and this weight loss challenge is just part of it. It’s not just about losing weight, it is also about living healthy lives and being better in a very well-rounded way. The theme for this challenge, we would like to say, one-two-three. There are just three things for you to do. One is simply to register, and we have a large supply of registration forms out there and also the library has some, and each of our three partners has some. Two – you need to weigh in six times over a twelve week period - and at the end of that period if you’ve lost three pounds, you’ve helped meet the challenge. Some of us need to lose a little bit more than that, but three pounds is all that we are asking and we’re looking at a goal of 100 pounds for the town overall. But in addition to weighing in and losing three pounds, we also are going to have a number of healthy living activities. We are going to be having exercise

classes, lectures on nutrition, healthy cooking, and stress management and there will be a calendar posted about that on the Borough website and all of you who sign up will be getting an email about that as well. At the end, we are going to have a celebration and there is going to be valuable prizes, but really the biggest prize is better overall health for us and our town. This wouldn't be possible without some very special folks in our community and I would like to introduce them. We have three partners who will help with the weigh-ins and they are actually doing more than that. They are all providing time for you to get some exercise and learn more about healthy living. You will be hearing more about those things. Steve, CrossFit Ignite, would you like to come up and say hello? Maybe we can get a picture for the paper - Stephen Macioci, Juan Pla from "The Gym" and Liz McGuinley, Dr. Liz, from the Spine and Health Center of Montvale. Their hours when you can get weighed in are all on your material. It's on the forms that you've seen and you will get a personal tracking form that also has the hours. So really a special thank you to these three people, but an even more special thank you to Marla Klein, from the Bergen County Health Department. The Bergen County Health Department helps us be a healthy town and they have been doing it for many years. They do our health inspections and they tell us about special activities that we could all get involved in, and Marla, in particular, is our partner for these kinds of community health initiatives. We have some members from the Board of Health here. I wondered if you could also come up. Our President, Christine Deppert, Chad, Steve, Peggy Scheulen, Donna Szot, and there are two more people I need to introduce. A very special thank you to Elena Rega, who has volunteered to assist us. And last, but far from least, Carole Reen, who makes all things possible. Carole called me up one day and she said, "You know you're a crazy lady, you're doing all this stuff and I'm going to get you organized." - and she did. Would anyone like to add anything?

**Christine Deppert:** I would like to thank June and all the efforts that she has really taken "the bull by the horn" and gotten this thing going for our town. So, thank you June.

**Marla Klein:** I just want to say on behalf of the Bergen County Department of Health Services, and I also coordinate something called, "The Community Health Improvement Partnership" that is across the whole county that we really want to thank and applaud Park Ridge for being our fourteenth really active town to do this. We offered to assist all seventy towns and all twelve health officers in getting a wellness campaign going, and as June said, this is just the first step. We hope in the fall to do something with families and family health. Park Ridge was right there and they want to do such a great job, that they have taken a lot of time to figure it out, plan it, and really do it very properly with the resolutions and the proclamations and the support of the Board of Health and the town Council. I applaud you, not every town did this, very few towns did it. So, congratulations.

Hello everyone, my name is Juan Pla. I am the personal training director for The Gym in Montvale. I would like to thank Mayor Maguire, Councilmembers, and residents of Park Ridge and everyone in attendance. June is one of our members and personal training client to one of my trainers, Michael, and when June first approached me about the weight loss challenge, how can a gym possibly say no to that, so I was very careful with my words. I remember June speaking to me, and I listen very carefully to what clients have to say because most of the time people always start any exercise program or any kind of healthy lifestyle step with the words "I hate or used to hate." June didn't come out so forcefully with that, but June definitely made it very well aware of her attendance at The Gym and how much it has changed her mind set when it came to exercise, nutrition and a healthier lifestyle. From that point on, I knew I had to do something to accommodate her efforts in Park Ridge's weight loss challenge. I'm only hoping that, and I know we will be successful to have The Gym in Montvale meet the challenge, along with June and the rest of Park Ridge. In the next twelve weeks we will hold some classes available because as I'm seeing it develop, a fellow associate, CrossFit Ignite, Park Ridge - it seems that The Gym and CrossFit Ignite will help you in movement. It will definitely teach you how to move and to help you understand the value of movement at any age. In terms of Dr. Liz and The Spine and Health Center, it seems as I was hearing her speak in the hall, she is definitely going to have overall wellness and nutrition at hand. It seems that you have a pretty good support system available to you, residents of Park Ridge and everyone involved in this challenge, and I encourage you to really partake in this because in the next twelve weeks you can really do a lot to change not only your lives, but the lives of those around you, loved ones, friends, anyone, even the youngest around you. So I definitely encourage you partaking in the challenge, Councilmembers and Mayor alike, and I look forward to seeing hopefully every face that I see here this evening at our weigh-in. Hopefully, Steve will have the same outcome in terms of the

weigh in at his location, and like I said, let's get this done because twelve weeks is a long time to do a lot. Three pounds is very easy to lose, you can do that in a week – especially once you turn things around, start moving a little bit more, fruits and vegetables, stuff like that – three pounds is nothing. Within the next twelve weeks, you can easily end up losing twelve to twenty. It's basically how you go about doing it. I am here to tell you that if you do this, you're going to appreciate this at the end of this challenge. You are really going to love every, every result that you get out of this and you are going to love every moment that you partake in this. The Gym is going to be holding at least four events where we will encourage movement for Park Ridge residents and all alike, whether it's Montvale, Woodcliff Lake – Anyone that wants to get involved with this challenge, I strongly, strongly encourage that you do this, and like I said, you have a friendly face at The Gym in Montvale anytime you want to call, you want to visit. Any person that comes in for a weigh in, will automatically receive a one week pass to The Gym in Montvale because I want you to know how serious I am about you moving. Like I always say, "You move, you eat, you move, you eat, you move, you eat, etc. and that is how the way that life is supposed to be. And again, I thank you all for coming tonight. I thank you for having me. June, I thank you for approaching us about it and thank you very much for having us this evening.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you very much.

**Dr. Liz:** Hi, I'm Dr. Liz. He said everything pretty much that I was going to say but I'll say it my way. Thanks again to everybody here for including The Spine and Health Center in Montvale. We are a chiropractic, physical therapy - and we also run weight loss programs for our patients. I heard this from a Record article that Bergen County was offering it and I wanted to see what towns were interested and that is how I got linked up with June. What I bring to this community is everybody has great excuses not to lose weight and not to exercise. I'm too old – I don't have time – it's great to make excuses for exercising and weight loss. What the Spine and Health Center is going to offer, myself particularly, get rid of the excuses. Little changes make a difference. Just like, three pounds is a little bit to start - it will get the ball rolling. It will give you initiative. It will give you the ability to see that you can do this and everybody can do this as long as you make little changes. Thank you very much for including us and thank you for putting everything together and I hope this is going to be a great twelve weeks.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you.

**Steven Macioci:** Hello, Stephen Macioci, CrossFit Ignite. I am actually right around the corner on South Maple. I wasn't prepared to speak. It's funny, I teach classes of twelve to fifteen people, no problem, I get up here and I'm like... I think they both hit everything on the head. It starts with a lifestyle change. What we teach at my facility is not so much like, hey, you have to lose weight – hey, I have to do this. Those are all your basic rules of change. That is your initial start. What I think it really comes down to is the psychological standpoint of where you are in your brain. We work on a lot of stuff at my facility – it is your mental – your outlook on what you're doing, why you are doing what you're doing, why you keep falling back into what you're doing. Then, we relate all that to your training and everything. I think looking at this as a weight loss challenge is a great starting point and a great way to jumpstart into what you want to do. But, I believe at the end of the twelve weeks, what everybody is really going to find out is going to be so much more and it is very exciting. We are offering Saturday training for everyone – open at 9:30am every Saturday – you can just come in. It could be done by anybody. It's just movement. Like Juan said, move and eat, move and eat. You just need to move. Primitive movement patterns – we stand up – we sit down all day – that is all we do at our facility- so it is open to everyone in The Challenge, any of your friends, your family, and what not. We are a phone call away, an email away. I field emails all day so if you have any questions about anything, any fears of what we do, please contact us first and I believe the three of us working together is going to be a great marriage to really build on what you guys are trying to do. Thank you.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you. So make sure you all sign up. We will be looking for you to sign up. We all lead very busy lives, so eating healthy and exercising is a great thing. I'm excited about it and June thank you for all your efforts in putting this together and thank you to our partners. We have a full agenda that we are going to get to, you are all welcome to stay. We will be here till 11:00 pm.

We do have a Councilman joining us via the telephone, Ryan Cangialosi

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers Bertini, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi, Council President Galdi, Mayor Maguire

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper

**RESOLUTION NO 014-126**

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

**Resolution to Amend 2014 Municipal Budget**

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2014 was approved on the 11th day of March, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2014 be made:

CURRENT FUND	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
General Revenues		
1. Surplus Anticipated	\$ 670,700	\$ 680,700
Total Surplus Anticipated	670,700	680,700
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G: Special items of General Anticipated with prior written consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items:		
General Capital Fund Surplus	-	9,900
Total Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items	1,119,605	1,129,505
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,605,686	2,615,586
5. Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1,2,3 and 4)	3,416,386	3,436,286
7. Total General Revenues	\$ 12,401,049	\$ 12,420,949
CURRENT FUND	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
General Appropriations		
(A) Operations - Within "CAPS"		
Financial Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 117,347	\$ 114,547
Revenue Administration		
Salaries and Wages	28,400	31,200
Tax Assessment Administration		
Other Expenses - Property Appraisal	-	10,000
Insurance		
Employee Group Health	1,216,383	1,242,169
Employee Group Health - Waiver	-	17,000
Total Operations (Item 8(A)) within "CAPS"	7,915,551	7,968,337
Total Operations including Contingent - within "CAPS"	7,920,551	7,973,337
Detail:		
Other Expenses	3,778,765	3,831,551

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS" (continued)		
Police & Firemen Retirement System	\$ 461,714	\$ 431,863
Public Employees Retirement System	133,315	120,380
Total Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures Municipal within "CAPS"	855,290	812,504
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	8,775,841	8,785,841
(C ) Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Capital Improvements		
Various Building Roof Improvements	-	9,900
Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS"	29,200	39,100
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	3,070,208	3,080,108
(O) Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	3,070,208	3,080,108
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations	11,846,049	11,865,949
9. Total General Appropriations	\$ 12,401,049	\$ 12,420,949
11. APPROPRIATIONS FOR WATER UTILITY		
Operating		
Group Health Insurance	\$ 360,000	\$ 369,800
Statutory Expenditures		
Contribution to Public Employees Retirement System	112,323	102,523
11. APPROPRIATIONS FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY		
Operating		
Group Health Insurance	\$ 350,000	\$ 360,200
Statutory Expenditures		
Contribution to Public Employees Retirement System	102,194	91,994
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2014 local municipal budget so amended.		

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## **2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION NO. 014-126**

Mayor Maguire announces that this is the time, date and place for the presentation and adoption of the 2014 Municipal Budget Amendment

Mayor Maguire asks Councilman Bosi, Finance Committee Chairman to present the 2014 Municipal Budget Amendment

**Councilman Bosi:** There are some minor changes since the budget presentation about a month ago. I'll just explain them now. On the pension side, there is reduction in the Public Employee Retirement System of \$29,851. There is a reduction in the Police/Fire Retirement System of \$12,935. There is additional funds to employee group health of \$25,786. There is an addition to the Employee Group Health Waiver of \$17,000. There are revenues of surplus anticipated of \$10,000, and then we are adding \$10,000 to the tax assessment admin of \$10,000. In the Finance area, in Finance Admin, there is reallocation of \$2,800 and it's going to revenue tax administration plus \$2,800. And lastly, capital surplus of \$9,900. There is no need to readvertise due to the small amounts of these changes, Mayor.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you, Councilman Bosi.

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone in the audience wishes to be heard concerning the amendment on the 2014 Municipal Budget.

**George Heller – 80 Second Street** – Inasmuch as the Governing Body is amending its budget for this year, I would like to slightly amend my remarks at the Budget Hearing. We missed you, Terry, but Scott was very patient with me, as was Rich. I got kind of carried away with some really esoteric comments by Mr. Mehm. When I was through, I thanked George for his presentation and discussion on these items, but I overlooked expressing my gratitude to Rich for his presentation of the budget. It was good. We had some groups to get through, but we got through them alright and that was fine. I am pleased with the budget and I'm pleased with

Rich's presentation but it comes with a word of caution. You're able to present the budget with no tax increase and everybody kind of appreciates that but when you do that you should be cautioned. There have been, and are, some gratuitous things that have happened which have enabled you to present a budget with no tax increase but that's not really the mission. The mission is to provide for the services in Park Ridge in as reasonable a way as possible. If it comes with no tax increase, that's fine. If it doesn't, that can be fine also. In the past, there have been cases in Park Ridge in which much acclaim was made to the limited increase in the budget or no increase in budget, and sometimes it has been for reasons that have worked not so well for Park Ridge, and we've seen that during the recent crisis in which things that were done in Park Ridge fiscally were not really in the best interest of Park Ridge. So, the best thing is to do things the right way, fiscally conservative, continue doing a good job. There is nothing in my remarks which would indicate that you have done otherwise this year, but when you think you have really done a good job, it's time to look in the mirror and say, "watch out" because encores are very difficult this way and you'll try to do it and perhaps the only way you'll be able to do it is by doing something which is not in the best interest but those are my remarks amending what I said a week or two ago. Thank you.

**Rich Bosi:** I would like to answer that.

**Mayor Maguire:** Let me jump in first, Rich. Thank you for your amended comments, George. I would like to view myself as that mirror, having lived through a year where there was a zero percent tax increase put forth. During the same year, the surplus was drawn down - that was followed by a year in which there was a significant tax increase but it also triggered at that point the potential layoff of half of the Borough workforce. So I certainly was very cautious. You'll find that this budget, as I'm sure you read, is I think very cautious and prudent. We are actually increasing our surplus so it doesn't follow what happened during those years where that did occur. So, I certainly understand where you are coming from and certainly I can tell you and ensure you that we took all those considerations in when we made this decision.

**George Heller:** In response to your comments, I think Rich will back me up, I tested him, as he'll tell you, and looking for things such as you just mentioned....

**Mayor Maguire:** That doesn't surprise me.

**George Heller:** I wasn't able to find them. But there are some things which have occurred in the last year doing the budget which worked in favor of presenting a budget this year with a zero increase and which is fine. No reason to object to any of them, but these things happen. But, thank you anyhow, Terry.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you.

**Councilmember Bosi:** I would just like to add a couple of things. I echo what Terry said, 100%. In addition, yes, we were fortuitous; I think that's the word you used. Yes, we cleaned up a lot of things last year, George, in deferred expenses was \$98,000 which we don't have this year. Myself, Kelley, and Colleen worked hard to change our medical plan, George. We are saving \$125,000 there. So there was a lot of work that was involved. There was no one time revenue hits. We were actually conservative on some of the revenue line items, like the hotel tax. We could have bumped it up a lot more, but we took a conservative approach on miscellaneous revenues so this zero percent, and our outside auditor, Jeff Bliss, agrees, is a well put together, well thought out budget for 2014.

**George Heller:** Keep up the good work. Thank you, Rich.

**Councilmember Bosi:** I try every day, George.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you, George.

**Colleen Ennis:** I don't want to be remiss in terms of the Utility Board. Just to mention that there is a corresponding offset for the pension decrease. There is an increase in the water and utility health care lines also of about \$2,800.

**Mayor Maguire:** O.k., thank you for adding that to the list.

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone in the audience wishes to be heard concerning the amendment to the 2014 Municipal Budget.

There was no one.

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to adopt the 2014 Municipal Budget Amendment.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper

**ADOPTION OF 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS AMENDED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 014-127**

Mayor Maguire asks the Clerk to read the resolution adopting the 2014 Municipal Budget:

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to adopt the 2014 Municipal Budget.





**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS			
Within "CAPS"		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent		34-201	\$ 7,973,337
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal		34-209	\$ 812,504
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	
Excluded from "CAPS"		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		34-305	\$ 1,474,158
(c) Capital Improvements		44-999	\$ 39,100
(d) Municipal Debt Service		45-999	\$ 1,468,850
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal		46-999	\$ 98,000
(f) Judgements		37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)		29-405	\$
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	\$
(k) For Local District School Purposes		29-410	\$
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		50-899	\$ 555,000
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)		07-195	\$
Total Appropriations		34-499	\$ 12,420,949

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 22nd day of April, 2014. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2014 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 22nd day of April, 2014, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper

**John Ten Hoeve:** Just for the record, Councilmember Cangialosi is no longer present by telephone.

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmember Bertini, Councilmember Oppelt, Councilmember Bosi, Council President Galdi, Mayor Maguire

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper, Councilmember Cangialosi

### **AGENDA CHANGES**

The following Resolutions are to be added to the Consent Agenda:

- #014-135 –Authorizing Execution of Park Ridge UPSEU Non-Supervisory Clerical Staff Employees Agreement
- #014-136 – Authorizing Tax Appeal Appraisal and Payment of Appraisal

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

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

**George Heller – 80 Second Street** – Terry, who is in charge of signage in the Borough?

**Mayor Maguire:** That falls under the auspices of the Planning Board. The Planning Board generates the working with the planner, the sign ordinances. We actually are going to be adopting an amendment to the ordinance in the coming weeks – sign ordinance.

**George Heller:** Well, the reason I ask is I was very disappointed in the new sign that is put up relating to parking in the lot down here.

**Mayor Maguire:** Oh, that is a different matter.

**George Heller:** I don't know who is responsible for the wording on that sign but it is incorrect.

**Mayor Maguire:** So, I'll say that it all comes back to the Governing Body, I guess, at some point. The Mayor and Council adopted an ordinance changing the parking.

**George Heller:** It has nothing to do with the ordinance. It has to do with the wording.

**Mayor Maguire:** Is there a correction or something?

**George Heller:** Whoever wrote that wasn't paying attention in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade to his or her grammar lesson and I don't think that as a resident of Park Ridge and as a Governing Body, I don't think you want to be regarded as illiterate.

**Mayor Maguire:** I certainly appreciate you bringing that out at the public hearing with newspapers present, George, but I owe you one.

**George Heller:** So perhaps you can have a trusted soul look at the sign, determine what the error is, if they can't find it after inspection, I'll be glad to help him or her on it but think a

change of the sign is in order. The second matter is the Governing Body every year issues a budget letter to the people of Park Ridge and why do you do that?

**Mayor Maguire:** The Budget Newsletter?

**George Heller:** Yeah.

**Mayor Maguire:** We think it is important to communicate to the residents where their taxes are being spent and what our thought process is and what the issues of the day are facing Park Ridge.

**George Heller:** That's fine and I certainly agree with you. It has come to my attention that the...

**Mayor Maguire:** Something misspelled there too?

**George Heller:** I beg your pardon.

**Mayor Maguire:** Is there a misspelling on that too?

**George Heller:** You missed the meeting so you didn't have the pleasure of hearing the one or two glitches which we talked about which were minor. It has come to my attention that the School Board after a long period of time of issuing budget newsletters to the people of Park Ridge are not planning to do that this year. They are going to have a budget letter, I guess, of some sorts which they are not planning to distribute to the people of Park Ridge. It will be available if anybody knows about it, but it is not being distributed which I think is in very poor taste. It continues very poor taste by the School Board and changing the date of the election so that people in Park Ridge don't have the opportunity to vote on the budget and express their opinion that way, and for other, I think, adverse reasons, changing the date of the election of board members is bad, both on the part of the Governor and on the part of school boards who have changed the date of school board elections. But I thought that if you hadn't realized that already, I certainly will bring it...

**Mayor Maguire:** Sorry to interrupt. I just realized it because I read it in the paper - they actually posted that in the newspaper the other day that they would be making it available electronically or I think you can go into the school so they wouldn't be issued. We made a conscious decision to pay for the postage because that was the argument several years ago when the budget newsletter was stopped. There was several thousand dollars to mail it out, but we felt it was important to make sure we mail out a copy because a lot of people don't go on the website and don't stop into Borough Hall to pick it up. I don't know the reasons why the Board of Education did that, but I agree, they should continue to mail it.

**George Heller:** Well, I certainly agree with what the Governing Body did. I didn't appreciate not doing it that year, but that was a bad year all around. Since the School Board spends more than, I think, more than twice as much as the Municipal Government, I think it is in very poor taste by them and I just want to make public news of that before their meeting. One other question is the first Resolution is #128 to Affirm the Borough of Park Ridge's Civil Rights Policy, etc. - is there anything new herein besides presumably Section 6, 7, and 8 on this Resolution?

**Kelley O'Donnell:** That is a requirement of our insurance carrier of the MEL that every two years the Governing Body reaffirms their endorsements of the Civil Rights Resolution so you are going to see that on our Consent Agenda every two years. That is part of our EPL incentive program to reduce our premiums and our co-insurance.

**George Heller:** Through which group? I don't understand.

**Mayor Maguire:** Our insurance company, JIF.

**George Heller:** The insurance company cares about this particular policy?

**Kelley O'Donnell:** It is part of the employment practices and liabilities insurance that the Borough carries.

**George Heller:** Are 6, 7, 8 existing policies?

**Kelley O'Donnell:** Yes.

**George Heller:** Oh, o.k., thank you.

**John Ten Hoeve:** The insurance, just to make it a little more clear, the MEL is an insurance policy that covers the Borough in the event of wrongdoing by employees of the Borough, so if there was a violation of someone's civil rights by an employee of the Borough, they're the company that picks up the defense and pays any judgments. So they impose certain requirements on the Borough with regard to training and adopting resolutions.

**George Heller:** Oh, o.k., it is just important for the Borough to have this policy which covers the Borough or having at least tried to do what we all should be going.

**John Ten Hoeve:** Correct.

**George Heller:** Thank you.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you.

Mayor Maguire asks if there is anyone else present that wishes to be heard.

There was no one.

#### **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION**

NONE

#### **ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 2014 - 009**

##### **A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$17,000 FOR THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT VETERANS PARK BY THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE AND TO APPROPRIATE \$17,000 FROM THE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND**

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-009, A Capital Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$17,000 for the Making of Various Improvements at Veterans Park by the Borough of Park Ridge and to appropriate \$17,000 from the Open Space Trust Fund

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper, Councilmember Cangialosi

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

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2014 - 009**

**A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$17,000 FOR THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT VETERANS PARK BY THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE AND TO APPROPRIATE \$17,000 FROM THE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The improvement described in Section 2 of this Ordinance is hereby respectively authorized as a general improvement to be made by the Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey, for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2, there are hereby appropriated the sum of money therein stated as the appropriation made for said improvement or purpose, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made thereof and amounting in the aggregate to \$17,000 which is now available in the amount of \$17,000 from the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund.

**SECTION 2.** The Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to provide for the following:

Improvements to Veterans Park consisting of the planting of various trees and the removal of various existing trees and stumps, including any required irrigation and all work and materials necessary and incidental thereto \$17,000

**SECTION 3.** It is hereby determined and stated:

- (a) That said purpose is not a current expense. That the same is an improvement which the municipality may lawfully make and that no part of the cost of said improvement has been or shall be specifically assessed on properties specifically benefited.
- (b) It is not necessary to finance said appropriation by the issuance of obligations by the Borough of Park Ridge pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, for the reason that monies sufficient to cover the appropriation thereof shall be available from the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$17,000.

**SECTION 4.** The Capital Budget of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended or established to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended or temporary Capital Budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

**SECTION 5.** The sum of \$17,000 is hereby appropriated for the aforementioned purpose.

**SECTION 6.** It is hereby determined and stated that no supplemental debt statement is required to be made and signed in connection with said appropriation, since the gross debt of the municipality, as defined under the Local Bond Law, is not increased by this Ordinance and no obligations in the matter of notes or bonds are authorized by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall take effect after publication thereof and final passage as required by law.

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

**Ms. Ennis:** Simply, this Ordinance puts in place the funding for the project at Veteran's Memorial Park for \$17,000, and as mentioned, the funding is coming out of Municipal Open Space.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you, Colleen.

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone wishes to be heard concerning the adoption 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 Council President Galdi and seconded by Councilmember Bosi to confirm.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper, Councilmember Cangialosi

**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.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper, Councilmember Cangialosi

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 128**

**A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of Borough of Park Ridge to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of Borough of Park Ridge has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED** by the governing body of the Borough of Park Ridge that:

**Section 1:** No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Park Ridge by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Park Ridge shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough of Park Ridge.

**Section 2:** The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough of Park Ridge to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Park Ridge.

**Section 3:** Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

**Section 4:** The Borough Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

**Section 5:** No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

**Section 6:** The Borough Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough of Park Ridge as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

**Section 7:** The Borough Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

**Section 8:** At least annually, the Borough Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough of Park Ridge. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Park Ridge’s web site.

**Section 9:** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 10:** A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the official newspaper of the Borough of Park Ridge in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Park Ridge’s commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 129**

**ADOPTING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
TO CONFORM WITH  
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITIES INSURANCE RISK CONTROL REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, every two years the JIF/MEL requires various Employment Practices Risk Control updates;  
and

**WHEREAS**, this update includes training for the employees and supervisors as well as updates to the Borough of Park Ridge’s Employee Manual itself; and

**WHEREAS**, once these items are completed the Borough Attorney must sign off confirming the updates were completed and a copy of the form is sent to the JIF/MEL; and

**WHEREAS**, these Employment Practices and Risk Control Updates allow the Borough of Park Ridge to maintain the lower deductible (\$20,000 per claim vs. \$100,000 plus a 20% co-pay capped at \$50,000 vs. 20% of the entire claim); and

**WHEREAS**, attached to this resolution is the updated Employee Policies and Procedures Manual, Exempt Employees – Policies and Procedures Manual and the Managerial and Supervisory Policies and Procures Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator recommends these Policies and Procedures Manuals be adopted and the Borough Attorney concurs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the updated Employee Policies and Procedures Manual, Exempt Employees – Policies and Procedures Manual and the Managerial and Supervisory Policies and Procures Manual be adopted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Administrator circulate said Manuals to the respective Departments and that Department Heads insure that a copy of these manuals be provided to each employee and made available upon request in each department.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 130**

**SUPPORTING THE MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN**

**WHEREAS**, Fifty –five percent of New Jersey residents are obese or overweight; and

**WHEREAS**, Medical expenses for treating problems related to obesity in our state total billions annually;  
and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has reported the highest incidence in the nation in obesity among low-income kids aged 2-5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, The current generation of children in America may have shorter life expectancies than their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor’s Wellness Campaign supports Mayors as champions of community health; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the campaign is to improve health, reduce health care costs related to obesity, and make New Jersey a national leader in the community-based health interventions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayors Wellness Campaign seeks to foster active living and healthy lifestyles by providing communities the structure and resources to implement healthy community initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayors Wellness Campaign will work to implement a comprehensive program of outreach, education and technical assistance activities to combat obesity and inactivity issues for the Borough of Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge cares deeply about all of its citizens and the future health of its children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I Terence Maguire, Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge ask that all residents of this community join me in supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I encourage the residents of Park Ridge to participate in the Mayors Wellness Campaign activities to promote exercise, eating properly and living healthier and better lives.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 131**  
**ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FEES FOR 2014**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No 2009-07 requires the Mayor & Council to adopt a Resolution on an annual basis establishing the fees for both Resident and Non Resident Teams which have received the required permit to use any Borough fields for that calendar year and to establish the hours of operation and participation fees for the Summer Day Camp Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby approve the following fee schedule for the year 2014.

**Day Camp** - Day camp program shall start on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and shall continue for five consecutive weeks, ending Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 12:00 PM:

Park Ridge Residents (on or before 5/16/2014)	\$175 per camper. Families with 3 or more campers; \$175 for the 1 <sup>st</sup> child, \$150 for each additional sibling
Park Ridge Residents (after 5/17/2014)	\$195 per camper
Non Residents	\$250 per camper
Late Pickup After 12:10 PM per 10 minute increment	\$10

**Fields: Davies Field (Memorial), Sulak Fields (2), Colony Fields (2), Atkins Glen Field.** Field fees to be paid by each league. All using fields must adhere to all Borough codes and ordinances.

Adult club teams	\$500 per team per season not to exceed 3 months or 25 dates for resident teams. <b>**Night games add'l \$25.00/game</b>  \$750 per team per season not to exceed 3 months or 25 dates for non-residents teams. <b>**Night games add'l \$25.00/game</b>  Any additional time or dates will constitute an additional season
League Fees (minimum of 10 teams)	\$500 per team per season
Adult club teams per diem charge	\$50 for resident team. <b>**\$75.00 for Night Game</b> \$75 for non-resident team. <b>**\$100.00 for Night Game</b>
Tournament Fee	\$500 per day
Children (under 18) club teams	\$300.00 per resident team per season not to exceed 3 months or 25 dates.

	\$450 per non-resident team per season not to exceed 3 months or 25 dates.  Any additional time or dates will constitute an additional season.
Children club teams per diem charge	\$ \$50.00 for resident team.  \$ \$50.00 for non-resident team.
Exception to Field Use Fee	Fees are waived for children club teams which are 100% Park Ridge residents using Fields, except Davies Field (Memorial Field) Fees are waived for exempt non-profit veterans' organizations located within the Borough of Park Ridge

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 132**

**REFUND STATE COURT JUDGMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Court entered 2012 & 2013 Judgments; and

**WHEREAS**, taxes are to be refunded for on the following properties:

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Law Offices of Seth I. Davenport I/T/F Dean & Cynthia Albanis 219 Changebridge Road Montville, NJ 07045	\$2,279.00	\$2,375.00
 B:604 L:44 - 176 Colony Avenue		

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 133**

**STATE TRAINING FEES**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, \$1,110 based upon 37,409 cubic feet of new construction and \$ 561,427 of construction in alterations has been collected for the period of January 1 through March 31, 2014;

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

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 134**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL A2226  
TO ESTABLISH THE BERGEN WATERSHED FLOOD PREVENTION AND PROTECTION TASK  
FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge has experienced severe flooding in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of mitigating flooding in the borough in order to protect its populace and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough will support initiatives with the goal of mitigating flooding in the borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A2226 would establish the Bergen Watershed Flood Prevention and Protection Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the task force would review past flooding events in the Bergen Watershed (the Hackensack River, Sparkill Brook/Creek, Saddle River, Ramapo/Mahwah River and their tributaries, including those that cross the New Jersey New York border) and recommend measures to reduce future impacts of flooding on residents, businesses and local government units within the district and surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, the task force shall

- (a) Identify existing and projected flood hazards and options to remediate those hazards along the Hackensack River throughout the Bergen watershed;
- (b) seek to identify both short-term and long-term recommendations to enhance flood mitigation efforts and emergency response planning and streamline requirements that may impeded post-flooding recovery;
- (c) review the status and effectiveness of any emergency response plans for the Bergen watershed and the municipalities located therein;
- (d) identify opportunities to promote open space preservation and recreational opportunities along the Hackensack River and throughout the Bergen watershed and consider the potential for the purchase of properties that have been damaged by storms or storm-related flooding that appear likely to incur such damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage
- (e) offer recommended regulations, procedures, policies, planning strategies and model ordinances and resolutions pertaining to the protection, preservation, maintenance, management and enhancement of the Bergen Watershed area.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge support the passage of New Jersey State Assembly Bill A-2226; and

**BE IT FURTHER ESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to Assemblyman Tim Eustace, Assemblywoman Valerie Vanieri Huttle, Assemblyman Joseph A Lagana, Assemblywoman Marlene Caride, Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi, the Bergen County Freeholders, the mayor of every Bergen County municipality.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 135**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PARK RIDGE UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE  
EMPLOYEES UNION-NONSUPERVISORY CLERICAL STAFF EMPLOYEES AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge United Public Service Employees Union-Nonsupervisory Clerical Staff Employees Union (UPSEU) is the exclusive bargaining representative for the regularly employed, clerical, non-supervisory employees of the Borough of Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have engaged in lengthy negotiations with the UPSEU regarding the terms and conditions of the described UPSEU collective bargaining agreement with the Borough of Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council and the UPSEU have come to an agreement with regard to the terms and conditions of an agreement covering the calendar years 2011 through 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to authorize the execution of said agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge are hereby authorize the execution of the attached UPSEU Contract.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 136**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL APPRAISAL  
AND PAYMENT OF APPRAISAL FEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge is currently litigating a tax appeal with regard to premises known as Block 301, Lot 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough requires the completion of an appraisal of said property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge wishes to secure said appraisal from Robert McNerney, licensed professional appraiser of Real Estate Appraisal Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert McNerney has agreed to provide said appraisal for a fee of \$9,500.00 including all out of pocket expenses, together with any future required appearance fees,

**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 employ Robert McNerney to provide the aforementioned appraisal in accordance with the terms and conditions of his proposal dated April 9, 2014.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

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

**Councilmember Bosi:** Thank you, Mayor. On the Finance Side – we adopted our 2014 Budget that has zero percent budget increase. I would like to especially thank Colleen Ennis, Susan Corrado and Kelley O’Donnell for their hard work on the budget. It is never an easy task and there are a lot of back office items that need to be accomplished that go unseen by our residents. Thank you for all your efforts. It is greatly appreciated.

**On the Utilities Front – On the Electric Side** – this week there is sub-station maintenance going on and over the past few months the Electric Department is preparing for the upcoming summer season by making some changes on how power lines and how our electricity is delivered in certain areas. It was a large task that was done in the winter to make sure there are no outages in the summer.

**The Road Department** – the Road Department is out addressing potholes as quickly as they can. The bids just came back for Brae Boulevard and in the near future we will be repaving and addressing the drainage issues on Brae Boulevard. Along with filling potholes, the DPW has been attending to our fields and has done a great job. I would like to thank the Road Department for a great job they did in getting the fields ready for Opening Day and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Lastly, I would just like to remind our residents that the Recycling Center is now open from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays until the end of September.

**The Water Department** – besides the ongoing caring and feeding of the system – it is time for their annual flushing of the fire hydrants for both Woodcliff Lake and Park Ridge.

**On the Police Front** - during the month there were several speed enforcement details done. There were 205 motor vehicle summonses issued for the month and 43 warnings issued. Our two new police officers that are in the Academy are doing fine. We will have three reserve officers graduating from the Academy on May 5<sup>th</sup> and they will be recognized at the Mayor and Council Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Their graduation will be taking place next week at both OLM and then the following day at the Little Theater here for the public school.

Just a reminder, the DARE Golf Outing is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>.

On the Insurance Front – I am happy to report it is all systems go for our conversion to the State Health Benefit Plan starting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This was an extremely challenging endeavor but well worth the savings that the Borough will be seeing. I would like to personally thank Kelley O'Donnell and Colleen Ennis for their hard work and the fast amount of time it took to make sure that everybody was enrolled. A big thank you goes out to each of you. I realize how difficult it was to make this conversion happen. That's it, Mayor.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you, Rich. Thanks for all the work on the Finance Committee and a great budget for the year.

**Councilmember Cangialosi:** (Absent - Read by Councilmember Bosi)

Ryan would like to apologize for not being able to attend tonight's meeting as he is away on business. Also, thank you to the Mayor and Council for providing me the opportunity to vote tonight via telephone.

From the Board of Education – April's Board of Education meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Little Theater at 8:00 pm. May 6<sup>th</sup> is the Public Hearing for the Board of Education's budget – 8:00 p.m. in the Little Theater at the High School. At this meeting, they also plan to discuss and have input on "Common Core." I encourage all to attend. The regular scheduled Board Meeting for May won't be the final Monday of the month in observance of Memorial Day. It will be Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m. in the Little Theater. The Park Ridge Music Department will be hosting its annual Spring Concert tomorrow night, Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theater at the High School. They will be performing such favorites as "West Side Story," highlights from "Star Wars," "Birdland", "Carry On," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Feeling Good," "Gypsy Dance" and many more. There is no charge for admission.

Chamber of Commerce – On May 20<sup>th</sup> the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar, "Social Media for Small Business." It is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Park Ridge Marriott with a \$25 admission pre-paid, \$30.00 at the door, which includes hor d'oeuvres. If interested, please feel free to email Ryan Cangialosi at parkridgeboro.com or Michelle Matula at [mmatula@vozza.com](mailto:mmatula@vozza.com). In a day and age where everyone can communicate online, it is every more important to provide businesses with the know how to harness the power of social media, know the benefits, be wary of the consequences, and communicate efficiently and correctly. We are going to give the tools and the resources necessary to stand apart from the rest. We are thankful that Matt Krayton, a digital strategy consultant and founder of PublicityPR & Digital, has volunteered his time and service for this event. We hope that you can join us.

Technology – The Park Ridge Borough Facebook page is officially launched. Please be sure to go and "Like" Park Ridge Borough to stay abreast of all that is happening around the town. Meeting times, locations, and real time events and occurrences – it can easily be found at [Facebook.com/parkridgeboro](https://www.facebook.com/parkridgeboro). Please remember Borough as in "boro." The next Technology Committee meeting is Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Finance Administration – Ryan is proud we passed the budget unanimously and is thankful for the full support of the Finance Committee received from the Mayor and Council, Kelley O'Donnell, Colleen Ennis, and the Borough's Department Heads, employees and committees and board members. Thank you all, thank you to me for communicating these remarks on my behalf, and again, my apologies for not being able to attend.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thanks, Rich. Good job filling in for Ryan.

**Councilmember Oppelt:** Yes, Mayor – a few things. PKRG - they have been busy. We have a bunch of shows that are being edited that were filmed in March and early April, including the Boys Scout's visit to our editing suite, the K9 Veteran's Day at Bergen County Police and Fire Academy, the Park Ridge Science Fair, the Harlem Wizards' game, the PRAA Opening Parade, our Budget Meeting which has taken a lot of work to put together, and also our Egg Hunt.

Future shows that are going to be taped – The High School Band Concert, the Bi-State Clean-up that the Green Team is putting together, OLM DARE Graduation, as well as West Ridge and

East Brook Graduation, the DARE Golf Outing, the Scott Galdi Car Show, and the Gold Award Ceremony at the Elks.

Shade Tree – we passed the Resolution tonight for the work for Veteran’s Park. Plans are underway. We are pretty optimistic that we will have the work done by Memorial Day. The tree removal has gotten some questions from the town people, residents along Kinderkamack Road north of Park Avenue. Those trees are being removed because of the sidewalk replacement that is necessary. The trees also had some serious storm damage and actually have grown to the point where the pruning really destroyed the tops of the trees. They were just not attractive trees any longer. The sidewalk and pavers were being lifted by the roots so plans are in place to replace the six or seven trees that are more suitable for the area. We also are going to be installing grates which will make sure that the trees don’t push up the sidewalk the next time around and that they get plenty of water.

The Memorial Day Parade is May 27<sup>th</sup> – I’m going to miss the early meeting in May and the annual parade will include six former Mayors’ of Park Ridge. They will be riding in classic cars following the current governing body. Terry, you’re walking.

**Mayor Maguire:** I’m walking.

**Councilmember Oppelt:** You’re walking. That’s it, Mayor.

**Mayor Maguire:** It’s part of the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign. Thank you, Bob, and it is good to see people do notice that the trees are missing. I’ve heard that as well, so thank you for that update. The same was when Ridgemont Shopping Plaza cut down those trees. Those trees will be replaced too as part of a landscaping plan there. The residents do notice those trees along there. Thank you.

Does anybody have an update from Steve? No.

**Councilmember Hopper:** (absent)

**Councilmember Bertini:** I had a quiet month. Both the Library and the History Committee did not have a quorum this month so those meetings were cancelled. I could talk for another hour about Mayor’s Wellness and the “Weight Loss Challenge” but I think we’ve heard quite a lot. It’s been sufficient.

**Mayor Maguire:** It was very good tonight. Good job!

**Councilmember Bertini:** The only other news I have to report is that I received some information that the County does have a discount program for seniors at local merchants and I will be looking into that in the coming months.

**Mayor Maguire:** Excellent, thank you, June. It was a great event tonight and we are all excited about it so thank you for all your efforts there. I was thinking about Steve. I am sure he would want us to mention April 26<sup>th</sup>, so that is this Saturday, the Bi-State Cleanup, and I do see there are a lot of towns now that have joined us so the Park Ridge Green Team has done a great job of getting the word out and all the other towns are joining in now so it should be a great day.

**Councilmember Oppelt:** Is this the third or fourth one, I think, Mayor, cleanup?

**Mayor Maguire:** I think it might be the third.

**Council President Galdi:** Thank you, Mayor. I want to start off with the Fire Department - kind of a quieter thirty days. There were 13 callouts, not as many as normal so that means that Mr. Bosi is not driving one of the fire trucks as often.

**Mayor Maguire:** And that’s a good thing.

**Council President Galdi:** That could be, especially knowing that our new truck is right around the corner which is my next comment. Members of the truck committee will be heading out to Appleton, Wisconsin. It's a good time to head out to Appleton, Wisconsin because it is a little warmer, it's not the deep freeze that it could have been a month ago. For the final inspection next week, it is when they are going to be heading out. We've been able to see the photos and the progress of the truck and it is really great to watch how that has been progressing.

Firefighter, Paul Gebhardt attended the Fire Department Instructors' Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana which was very impressive. Firefighter Gebhardt took part in hands on live fire training and several days of classroom instruction.

Deputy Chief Derienzo, Lieutenant Travis Cangialosi, Firefighter Nicholas Caviello, Fire Reserve Chris Bruno and Firefighter Kyle Ladewig completed the Fire Ground Officer Development Program.

On the PRAA Front – the PRAA had their meeting last night. They did speak recently about their very successful Harlem Wizards – that was a really good event at the High School. It generated a lot of fund raising for the PRAA. I really believe that they are going to do that type of event again. It was very successful.

Over the past few weeks I have been participating the various softball and baseball coaches. They organized some very formal meetings with the coaches and their assistants to talk about things like the lightning detection system, the fields, and the maintenance of the fields. They really approached it in a very organized way. I was very impressed with how they conducted the meeting and organized the meeting and outlined it and the attendance was very strong as well. It was a good forum for me to discuss things like the lightning detection system and they were all very appreciative for all the work that has gone into the fields, painting of the dugouts, and the snack shacks. The PRAA is clearly seeing the step forward that the Borough is taking to try to improve on the fields and it is being welcomed. I want to thank the DPW for that work and all their involvement in taking care of those fields.

We also had a Recreation Committee Meeting last night and there was a presentation made on "Zumba." Don't know much about "Zumba," but I am going to find out more about it. It is something the Recreation Committee would like to support and have take place three nights a week, maybe working with the Pascack Reformed Church, and we've got a certified instructor that made the presentation. We think it could be a very low cost event for our residents – more to come on it but we're deep into that review.

The Egg Hunt was a big success. I want to thank the PKRG for all their help in videotaping it and the DPW for lending us the equipment we needed, and certainly the Rec Committee worked hard to make it all come together. Big success – lots of kids – no crying children which is always very nice. We had a tremendous amount of candy and want to thank Cyclesport for the donation of the bicycle and Shop Rite for their donation of the large Easter chocolate bunnies, which every kid loves, so it was a real nice event. We also mentioned the PRAA Softball and Baseball Parade went off very well. We had the Fire Department, the Police, the Reserves, and the Tri-Boro Ambulance. Everybody got involved. It was a real nice day, weather was great. What we noticed was that people hung around thereafter and just enjoyed the day. The Mayor did a great job.

**Mayor Maguire:** It was a great day. I always enjoy the first day of baseball/softball season and the kids are all rearing to go so it was a great day. Good job.

**Council President Galdi:** It really was. So moving on to our Car Show which is right around the corner – one day before Mother's Day – May 10<sup>th</sup> – we are looking forward to a real big success on the Car Show. All the pieces are coming together. I have to really commend Ray Mital for all the work he put into it –and puts into it every year. Again, it's a lot of energy behind the Car Show. We are hoping to exceed over a hundred cars this year. There is just a lot of talk and a lot of buzz so keep our eyes out for a great day and keep our fingers crossed for good weather. We do have a rain date and if it doesn't take place on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, it will be May 17<sup>th</sup> the following Saturday. We've got all kinds of folks – even the Scouts are coming in to help sell soda and do some fundraising so it should be a lot of fun. That's about it.

**Mayor Maguire:** Thank you, Scott, always a great report and look forward to the Car Show. It should be a fun event and I'll keep my fingers crossed for good weather. Last year we had a little of bit of rain. I don't know if you mentioned it the last meeting, but it was a great event where they honored John Thomas as an "Honorary Fire Chief" after 65 years. Incredible and very nicely done.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Maguire asks for a Motion to Approve the minutes as follows:

Closed and Work Session Minutes Dated March 25, 2014

Public Hearing Minutes Dated March 25, 2014

Closed and Work Session Minutes Dated April 8, 2014

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hopper, Councilmember Cangialosi

**ADJOURN**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Clerk