

Approved November 25, 2014

Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
October 28, 2014–8:22 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 Hopper, Councilmember Oppelt, Councilmember Cangialosi, Councilmember Bosi, Council President Galdi, Mayor Maguire

Absent: None

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

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

Mayor Maguire: Before I suspend the regular order of business for the presentation of the Community Service Awards, just while you are all here, a good friend of mine, and you may or may not know him, a fellow by the name of Rich Burton, is gravely ill and there is going to be a fundraiser for him on Sunday, November 2nd from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Park Ridge Elks so if you are all available it should be a nice event and it will help him and his family get through this time. Thank you.

SUSPEND THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Maguire calls for a motion to suspend the regular order of business for the presentation of the Mayor's Community Service Awards.

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

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

Mayor Maguire: This is my favorite time of year and I am so excited to have you all here and have such a big turnout because this is what it is all about – this is what Park Ridge is all about– volunteerism at its finest. A lot of you are here tonight because the organization that you participate in and volunteer in wanted to recognize you. A lot of you work behind the scenes. There are a lot of you that may or may not get the recognition for all the hours you put in at band practice, and put it together for different fund raisers and different events, but we think it is important and that is why we are all here today and we want to make a big deal about this so don't be shy. This is the point where we want to recognize everybody and get excited and thank everybody for everything they do for Park Ridge. We have a lot of awards and I am going to try to say a little something about everybody so bear with me.

2014 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

AMERICAN KOREAN WAR & KOREAN WAR SERVICE VETERANS OF NJ CPL. JEDH C. BARKER MEMORIAL POST 153 AMERICAN LEGION CPL. JEDH C. BARKER MEMORIAL POST 153 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY EAST BROOK PTO WEST RIDGE PTO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GOLDEN AGE CLUB OF PARK RIDGE GREATER PASCACK VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB GREEN TEAM PARK RIDGE DEMOCRATIC CLUB PARK RIDGE ELKS CLUB PARK RIDGE GIRL SCOUTS PARK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND PASCACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY PASCACK MENTAL HEALTH CENTER PARK RIDGE PLANNING BOARD PARK RIDGE POLICE RESERVE PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY PASCACK REFORMED CHURCH PKRG – TV PRIDE LACROSSE RECREATION COMMITTEE RECREATION COMMITTEE ROTARY CLUB OF PARK RIDGE, NJ TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM TRI-BORO VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP	JOHN VALERIO REGINALD DUNCAN BARBARA MUSSO KATHLEEN LUSTIG TAMMY LEVINSON DEBORAH TERRACE JUSTINE SHIFRIS JUDITH BRENDEL BETSY THOMASON MICHAEL MINTZ BEVERLY MANCINI ELIZABETH FARRAJ TINA MARCOPOULOS ROBERT MATHEZ DIANE DOUGHERTY DON BROWNE KYLE DUTCHER DR. ROBERT G. BALENTINE EDWARD MARTINE SUE TUDISCO TOM GIBSON CHERYL SHAW ROB CERABONA PHILIP WELLS KEVIN BRUNN JO-ANN LUDWIG
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AGENDA CHANGES

None

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

Betsy Thomason – 36 Mountain Avenue – Well, I thought I would take this opportunity to hang around and share something that is near and dear to my heart at this season of the year. I want Park Ridge to fall in love with leaves and I'm suggesting a five or maybe a seven year plan to get leaves off the street in the fall. It's dangerous, it's costly, and we are wasting - each homeowner is wasting valuable resources as the town is in picking up leaves. If we could get 10% of the community, and the Green Team would love to work on this, if we could get 10% of the people in town to compost leaves on their property next year, calculate how much money we might save. Now, I have been doing it on my property since I moved in in 1986. I have a pile of black gold that is a foot deep, a half an inch every year, and I have four to five huge, maybe a hundred year, seventy-five, year old maple trees on my property. It is doable. It might take 25 sq. ft. of dedicated space with some shrubbery hiding it if you need that - so that is my offering for this evening and please be in touch with the Green Team.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you, Betsy, and I think it is like you said. It's an education thing – if we could get folks educated to the benefits of it, and yes, good stuff.

Betsy Thomason: Thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Councilman Cangialosi: Mayor, if I might add, I think maybe even a start to something in that direction might be to look at some of the sustainable Jersey grants because I know that sustainable Jersey tries to fund projects like that to raise awareness and to help conservation or anything along those lines. I know that they do it with water conservation sometimes and they will give residents certain pots so maybe that is something that we can keep an eye out for. If any of those sustainable Jersey grants come across maybe we can see if we can apply and get funding for composters for some of the residents and we can start that way.

Mayor Maguire: I don't know if those composters are really meant for leaves.

Betsy Thomason: No, they are not for leaves. You know what, I just put them in a pile under some pine trees.

Mayor Maguire: But your point is well taken.

Betsy Thomason: By spring time a pile this high is a foot high and it really takes care of itself. You don't have to turn it. You just leave it alone for years and years and years and underneath it is just fabulous black gold.

Mayor Maguire: So just leave the leaves.

Betsy Thomason: Leave the leaves alone – you don't have to turn them – you don't do anything – just leave them alone.

Councilman Hopper: Actually, we did two programs. I think it was in 2010 and 2011 on composting with having the bins available and PKRG, Bob Howell, actually filmed it. Maybe we can get PKRG to run that a couple of times more and now that we are in the fall, since we hadn't filmed it this way, they don't have to give the program to everybody

Mayor Maguire: PKRG is a great tool for doing that stuff.

Councilman Hopper: That's why we had it archived if you will.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you, Betsy.

Betsy Thomason: You're welcome.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97-32 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE II, NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-024, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 97-32 Entitled "Schedule II, No Parking Certain Hours" of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey.

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 - 024**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97-32 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE II, NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Chapter 97-32 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge establishes regulations restricting the parking of vehicles on various streets within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge believe that it is in order to protect the safety of the residents of the Borough, and in order to provide for appropriate vehicular traffic and parking, said Chapter should be amended to restrict the parking of vehicles on both sides of Alberon Drive from Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of an Ordinance restricting parking on Alberon Drive has been recommended by the Traffic Control Division of the Park Ridge Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Chapter 97-32 entitled "Schedule II- No Parking Certain Hours", of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE: Chapter 97-32 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby amended to include the following new, additional no parking restriction:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
Alberon Drive	Both	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday to Friday"	Entire

SECTION TWO: All other provisions of Chapter 97-32 shall remain unchanged.

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

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

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

Mr. Ten Hoeve: It is an ordinance to restrict parking during certain areas in the street that is located near Pascack Hills High School to prevent problems with teachers and students parking.

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

Will Fenwick – 5 Mae Court - Yes, actually, when I saw this ordinance I thought it was something else completely, so that my comment isn't in regard to this ordinance but something related. I commute regularly to New York City and I often times park on Broadway along the train station and I noticed that a couple of times I've come back, actually after parking is permitted in that parking area because parking is only permitted there I believe until 11:00 p.m., yet there are trains that come back – I think the last train arrives at 12:40 a.m., or something like that, so there are occasions where commuters – I've seen other people park there just driving by

– you know, people not intending to park there overnight, just intending to come back on the very last train, but it provides maybe like a one hour and forty minute window where the train station is still open because people will still be arriving back from Hoboken, yet it is actually illegal according to town ordinance to park there according to at least what I believe the last time I saw it.

Mayor Maguire: The sign says – does it say 11:00?

Will Fenwick: I believe the sign still says 11:00 so I don't know if the ordinance had been amended or, you know.

Council President Galdi: It's all night the train, but the train schedule goes beyond even 1 o'clock – it goes to 4 o'clock in the morning.

Will Fenwick: The last train to Park Ridge, I believe, well at least it leaves Hoboken, I know, at 12:40 a.m. There are no trains after that train. There are trains that come back through Park Ridge but they don't stop. They don't have anybody on them. They are just coming back to the main station in Spring Valley to be turned around on the turnabout to go back in the morning.

Mayor Maguire: We'll have to take a look at it. I don't know if we put something in there to try to discourage overnight parking there so we will have to take a look at it.

John Ten Hoeve: Have the Traffic Committee – Police look at it. We've never had a complaint by anyone who received a summons for having parked there beyond that time period.

Will Fenwick: It just dawned on me sitting. Like I said, I saw the title of this ordinance, Amending Parking, and I was like, oh, this problem might be getting fixed but I didn't know if you guys were aware of it. Thank you very much.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you. We'll take a look at it.

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 on November 10, 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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

There was no one.

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

There was no one.

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, Hopper, Oppelt, Cangialosi, Bosi, Council President Galdi

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 295**

RESOLUTION URGING TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND REUTHORIZATION AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, local officials know that investments in our rapidly deteriorating transportation infrastructure must be made, since failure to do so can compromise the safety of the public, the economic vitality of our communities and the security of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) reports that New Jersey's municipalities are responsible for 64 percent (28,539 center line road miles) of our roads, county governments are responsible for another 22 percent (6,649 center line road miles), and together, local governments are responsible for 39 percent of our bridges; and

WHEREAS, local roadways and bridges carry about 55 percent of all of New Jersey's traffic; and

WHEREAS, just last year, the American Society of Civil Engineers reported that 651 of the 6,554 bridges in New Jersey (9.9%) are considered structurally deficient and 1,717 (26.2%) are considered functionally obsolete, and that driving on roads in need of repair costs New Jersey motorists \$3.476 billion a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs – \$601 per motorist, and that 66% of New Jersey's roads are in poor or mediocre condition; and

WHEREAS, in the first year of the Transportation Trust Fund (FY 1985), Local Aid funding represented almost 22 % of total Transportation Capital funding, but over the years, the Local Aid portion was reduced to 16% in FY 1997, 12% in FY 2004, and 15% in FY 2013, so that the average Local Aid funding over the first 29 years of the Transportation Trust Fund was just under 15%, and

WHEREAS, the need for investments in local roads and bridges has not decreased since 1985, and no one has suggested that it will decrease in the future; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, New Jersey DOT then-Commissioner Jim Simpson announced that the State's Transportation Trust Fund is just 14 months away from a \$620 million deficit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Park Ridge joins with the New Jersey League of Municipalities in supporting the "Forward New Jersey" coalition, and we call on State policy-makers to:

1. Reauthorize the Transportation Trust Fund to ensure adequate and reliable funding to meet State and local transportation infrastructure funding needs for the next 10 years;
2. Increase Local Aid funding to ensure adequate and reliable funding to meet all local transportation infrastructure needs; and
3. Increase the municipal share of Local Aid funding and ensure fair funding for all municipalities; and be it, further,

RESOLVED, that given the extent of the local infrastructure, and given the need for strong and steady investment in that infrastructure, we will call for assurances that Local Aid will represent, at a minimum, 25% of annual Transportation Capital spending, and for adjustments in funding, to account for the effects of inflation; and be it, finally,

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation Jamie Fox, our State Senator Gerald Cardinale, our two representatives in the General Assembly Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi and Assemblyman Robert Auth and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 296**

AUTHORIZE RECEIPT OF SEALED BIDS

Department of Public Works – Fire Hydrants

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge Department of Public Works, due to normal operation and maintenance of the water distribution system needs to purchase a number of fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, over a one (1) year period, the anticipated expenditure for said maintenance is over \$36,000; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of New Jersey Statute 40A:11-4 requires the public advertising for bids when anticipated expenditures are over \$36,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby authorize the receipt of sealed bids for unit prices for the purchase of fire hydrants.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 014 – 297**

**Award of Contract to Replace Roof at DPW Facilities
Sayers Construction, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge included in the 2014 Capital Improvement Budget allocations for the replacement of the Roof at the DPW Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Peter Wayne, General Supervisor of Public Works has solicited proposals on behalf of the Borough for this project; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public Contracts Law allows for the award of a contract when the estimated value is less than \$36,000 and a minimum of two proposals are received; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were received for these renovations;

Hackensack Roofing	\$28,860.00
Sayers Construction, LLC	\$21,000.00
Barkocy Brothers, Inc.	\$21,600.00

WHEREAS, Peter Wayne has recommended that the Mayor and Council award the contract for replacement of the roof at the DPW Facilities to Sayers Construction, LLC of Hillsdale, NJ in an amount not to exceed Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the funds are available in Account Nos. C-04-55-941-400-003 and C-04-55-943-000-001 .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the contract for replacement of the roof at the DPW Facilities be awarded to Sayers Construction, LLC of Hillsdale, NJ in an amount not to exceed Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to Sayers Construction, LLC, 79 Beech Street, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 within ten (10) days of adoption.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to approve the minutes as follows:

Public Hearing Minutes dated September 23, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Cangialosi 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 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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