

Approved April 28, 2015

Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
March 24, 2015 – 8:30 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 Bosi, Councilmember Cangialosi, Council President Misciagna
Mayor Maguire

Absent: None

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

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

PROCLAMATION

**GREATER PASCACK VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB – 25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP**

WHEREAS, **The Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club** was chartered on April 12th, 1990 in Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, it is a part of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs, the General Federation of Women's clubs is the largest volunteer organization of women in the world; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Club is to encourage friendship among the women of our communities by providing social activities and to promote the well-being and interests of its members by providing opportunities to participate in community service, and

WHEREAS, their mission statement is to provide opportunities for education, leadership training and community service through participation in local clubs, enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others one project at a time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on behalf of the grateful citizens of Park Ridge and the Governing Body, that, I, Terry Maguire, Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby extend our thanks, appreciation and good wishes to the entire membership and proclaim **April 12th, 2015** as **The Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club Day** in Park Ridge.

SUSPEND THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to suspend the regular order of business for the swearing in of Fire Reserve members.

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

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

Mayor Maguire: We are excited to have two more reserves joining the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Reserve group. This is a great group that helps out a lot and we certainly appreciate their service to the Borough.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Reserve Member Joseph C. Derienzo

Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Reserve Member Robert Jeune

AGENDA CHANGES

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

#015-086 – 2014 Appropriation Reserve Transfers

#015-087 – Authorizing Rejection of Bids for Borough Swimming Pool Improvements and Authorizing the solicitation of New Bids

#015-088 – Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Senior Van

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

David Huber – 38 Randolph Street - My concern is with the parking lot situation down at Memorial Field. I didn't know anything about it until I went down there about a week or so ago to check on how the field was doing. I haven't been down to the field since November. First time I was down there it just looked like there was a lot of snow piled up. The next time I went down there I saw all the curbs and everything that was sticking out and you're basically making the parking area unusable. I just don't think that it is a well thought out plan. You can't get buses in and out of there. You certainly don't have enough parking spaces for a normal Saturday worth of sports there. If you come here on a Saturday there could be four or five soccer games on a Saturday. Well, if you have fifteen kids on a team and each kid's family only brings one car – I mean everybody all piles into their one car – you have 30 thirty cars that need to be down there for the first game. Then, you have the next thirty cars showing up for the second game while you are waiting for the other people to get off the field. It is already crowded down there. We've lost more than half of the parking spaces. And again, we use that field for softball tournaments and for softball and for soccer. The school uses it and when there is no thought to buses. When the question is asked, "Well, what about the buses" and the response is, "Buses – nobody said anything about buses" – that tells me that it was not a well thought out plan.

Mayor Maguire: I'll try to address your comments as they come. Certainly, we apologize and we are frustrated but there was no good time to do this project. We started it last year but we had an early winter just like the winter is dragging on – so we would have liked to have it ready for the spring as well. In terms of not knowing about it, since 2012 the project had been discussed in public. There has been a lot of presentations about it. I'm sorry you missed it.

David Huber: We were under the impression that the parking lot was being paved.

Mayor Maguire: So, if were under the impression that there was a project pushed through here and that no public input was obtained and you're being misled or mistaken...

David Huber: But, when they answer the question about buses....

Mayor Maguire: Let me finish. I don't know who you asked about the buses because buses were talked about. This was presented at least six times to this Mayor and Council in public. This was presented at the town picnic. There was a table at the town picnic with a presentation of this. There is a document hanging on the wall outside the Library describing this project. It is on the Borough website. In terms of us trying to get the word out there about this, in terms of communicating with the stakeholders, there was a concerted effort to get everyone's input since 2012 on this project. We had input from – you name it – Fire Department, Scott Galdi was on and gave a lot of input on the Day Camp – PRAA – you name it, there was input on this project.

David Huber: I spoke to PRAA and they said they knew nothing about the parking lot being paved in that configuration. Parking lot being paved, yes. Things that are out there are ridiculous. You have all the cars pushed up to the backstop now. As soon as I saw that, my first comment was that we are going to have busted windshields because foul balls come straight back over the backstop and where you put the parking spaces are in the landing zone for the foul balls. So, nobody spoke to anybody on the men's softball league or the high school softball league in regards to that field because we would have said to you that you shouldn't be parking there. Case in point, first foul ball today shattered out a back window of the minivan.

Mayor Maguire: I realize that. It sounds like the net is broken as well, so that is part of the issue.

David Huber: The net would have had nothing to do with it. The net doesn't go all the way behind the backstop. The net stops on the first baseline.

Mayor Maguire: We'll get the net fixed.

David Huber: You said you talked about buses. How is your plan to get a bus in and out of there until I brought it up and we talked about taking them over the bridge because once you have cars down there, you are not getting a bus turned around in there?

Mayor Maguire: Everybody else can jump in and we have the Borough Engineer here tonight as well.

Kelley O'Donnell: The turnaround of buses was accommodated. Our Borough Engineer can address the current parking layout maximizes parking spaces down there – legal parking spaces - and also satisfies ADA requirements.

David Huber: And why is that we are not allowed to park along the berm there? We always parked along the berm at the edge of the brook. Why is it that we are not allowed to park there?

Eve Mancuso: Good evening. I'm Eve Mancuso, Borough Engineer. As the Mayor stated, we apologize for the condition of the field and the parking area right now. We had all intended that the work would have been completed last year and the fields would be in good condition but unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate. In terms of planning this layout and this design, this design evolved over the course of probably about two years through the Open Space Committee and various groups that was noted and it was sort of a work in progress. They had solicited input from different committees. Unfortunately, all of the wishes or all of the wants of every committee could not be met and the plan developed to sort of melt together the best of all of the ideas to the best really of our ability with the configuration of the land we had available. The project is basically the continuation of Mill Pond Phase I, which as you all know, was the project that took the path over the brook, over the pedestrian bridge, so it was linking up Mill Street down through the recreation area. This Phase Mill Pond II was intended to complete that connection from the bridge, the vehicular bridge, through the site and up to Park Avenue and that was done for pedestrian safety, children safety. As you all know, before it was just a gravel road. Some of the road was paved but the bulk of it was gravel. The spaces were not defined. The pathway was not defined and what the project really sought to do was to introduce a pedestrian link, pedestrian safety, introduce the green area and organize the parking. I can

appreciate the parking is different. You are not going to be able to park up along the berm as the gentleman suggested.

David Huber: Why is it that we are not allowed to park on the berm where we used to park there?

Eve Mancuso: Part of the reason for moving away from the berm was because of the DEP. There are regulations that you should be approximately 25 ft. or more away from the top of the bank of the Pascack and we are in some instances not able to hold the 25 ft. but we did try to implement some of the environmental regulations to the best of our ability.

David Huber: Why is it that we have to be 25 ft. away?

Eve Mancuso: That is a DEP regulation. As you know, it is a Category 1 stream. You are supposed to be 300 ft. away, but as it is already a developed area, there are guidelines implemented that allow you to be preferred 25 ft. As you know, some of the parking is closer than 25 ft. We've implemented a detention area that is again going to fill to the water coming off the pavement going toward water quality at the Pascack Brook but those are state regulations.

David Huber: Last year we had like forty cars down there during a regular game. Now we can't even fit fifteen or twenty.

Eve Mancuso: It is actually designed – I believe the count is thirty-three. It may not be apparent right now because the project is under construction. It is not completed yet. There are a number of stacked spaces. During the evolution of the plan that was discussed actually with some of the coaches. They had no problem with that. They would say the coaches are the first ones in - would park in that inner row and the people could park behind them.

David Huber: So now what if the guys are playing baseball, playing softball – he has to stop the game to move his car?

Eve Mancuso: As I said, that was discussed and that was a viable solution.

SPEAKER: Why didn't we just put a driveway around the other side – you can't park there but why can't you drive there?

Eve Mancuso: It goes to the same.

Dave Huber: No - the roads run along the brook. You're telling me that you can't park there but now you can't drive either so we are going to close all the roads in Bergen County because you can't drive over a brook or next to a brook. Why can't we put a pathway going out so you have a car going in one way – and a car being able to go out the other? In other words, right along the berm you have your sidewalk and then maybe a single lane car lane so cars can then go out that way.

Mayor Maguire: Circle it out.

Eve Mancuso: There isn't enough land area to be able to do a circular drive. That was one of the plans initially – one of the first concept layouts that was presented actually had sort of a circular, like a cul-de-sac type of drop off and there was actually less parking in that plan.

Mayor Maguire: We did try to optimize the parking here. The parking was a large topic of conversation with all the committees involved and the Mayor and Council. To your point, when all the cars are parked back there you can get forty spots behind the firehouse in those areas but they are essentially triple-parked. There are people pulling in along the stream and then they do two rows of parking. People get boxed in. When that lot is full it is hard to circle around through there when you get forty cars back there.

Speaker: (Inaudible)

Mayor Maguire: Like I said, those forty spots – you are parking up on the grass. You are parking where the ambulance should be able to access the field. You are parking in spots that

really shouldn't so if you really squeeze them in you can get forty cars. Now you are talking thirty-three. With this project we also picked up spots in front of the Library so between the firehouse and the library we picked up a few spots there. So all in all, we didn't lose any legit parking spaces.

David Huber: That is not true.

Mayor Maguire: It is true. This is a satellite image.

Frank Fuchs: You put that in a radius – she's an Engineer – you take a straight line – you take a radius – how much more spaces do you have – you have 100 ft. – I got 170 ft. of radius and what you did is you put a straight line with bump outs. It is an ill-conceived plan. You are spending Park Ridge money to do it. I want to know how much it costs and the part that you said that everybody knows - 98% percent of the residents of Park Ridge don't know what this Council did.

Mayor Maguire: So, if you want to make a statement, maybe we can have you come up to the podium and you can make a statement.

Frank Fuchs: I would like to ask some questions for a second. I just had practice there tonight at 7:30 – it was a zoo. The cars were mangled – no one could get in – no one could get out. Every parent came up to me and said, “What did they do here.” And I said, “I don't know – there is a meeting about it tonight.” All you have to do is come down there on a Tuesday or Thursday night at 7:20 and observe for yourself, sir. Just observe it.

Mayor Maguire: I appreciate it.

Frank Fuchs: And when you see the chaos and you see that it is maybe not a safe environment, you'll get concerned that a kid might get hit and this is going to be a disaster for the town. You can't say, “Parents don't come in here and let your kids walk up” – because there is no lighting so that is not safe. There are girls practicing right down there now – 13-year old girls. I wouldn't send them through the side of the firehouse on either side. That side is unsafe and this side is unlit. You have a safety problem here. This is dangerous, you know, and honestly, I thought I was probably asleep at the wheel – how did this happen? You know, I think I'm staying on top of stuff – I read your quarterly news – didn't see it there. I went through a year's worth of agenda material – never saw it there. Went to the Green Space and looked and there was a Green Space plan for 2009 – read it cover to cover – didn't mention it. Mentioned the pool that you might have repaved and put the beautiful little flowers in. I saw that but no mention here - just the walkway. Then I went to each individual group, working groups' Minutes and I noticed that there are none for 2015. There are none for 2014. I don't know if that is because the website is in transition, but I couldn't look up a single piece of documentation on this change and that is scary because every single mother that I've run into has driven down here and has gone nuts. This was not something that was very well articulated – very well designed.

Mayor Maguire: I'll let the rest of the Council jump in here because this was voted on. Like I said, six times it was actually public votes and it was unanimous. It was a unanimous vote.

Frank Fuchs: But what was it called? I've looked in every single minutes.

Mayor Maguire: August 14, 2012 – Mayor and Council Minutes - Ordinance #012-013, September 11, 2012 there is an Ordinance in there.

Frank Fuchs: I already went through last year – so this happened in 2012?

Mayor Maguire: February 26, 2013 – there was another Ordinance that this was in there. August 12, 2014 – there was another Ordinance and meeting of public hearing on this.

Frank Fuchs: Was it called Memorial Field?

Mayor Maguire: Mill Pond Phase II is what it was called.

Frank Fuchs: Mill Pond Phase II – I’ll look again. I’ll take your word for it now because I looked “Memorial.”

Mayor Maguire: Please do, and like I said, we did everything we could to try to get this out there and make people aware of it. The number one reason for doing this was safety. Pedestrian safety was the main driver for this. Steve Hopper came to us – came to this Council and explained to us that there is a safety issue with kids walking on that street and cars driving in and out of that entrance. One of the solutions that came up was to put a sidewalk so that the kids can safely walk back there. Guys, if you want to make a statement, please come up to the podium - what we have to do is follow the process here. These meetings are taped and for the record we need to have everybody come up and just introduce themselves.

Alex Cerrato – 30 Ruth Place – I’m the Commissioner of the men’s softball league. I would like to ask if any of the members have been down to watch a softball game – whether its girls, boys, or men. The only one that I know of is Steve.

Mayor Maguire: I was down there today, Al. I was down there over the weekend.

Council President Misciagna: I have three children, Al. I’ve been down there many times.

Alex Cerrato: You go there? You watch the girls play? Have you watched them? Have you seen what it looks like?

Council President Misciagna: Since when?

Alex Cerrato: Excuse me?

Council President Misciagna: Since when?

Alex Cerrato: Has the Engineer been down there? Have you been down to any games to see what it looks like? Have you been down there recently? You have. I haven’t seen you. I’ve been down there and I’ve got the men’s league I wanted to start in the beginning of April. I can’t start until the end of April which pushes us back into July and August. That means that we can’t take our vacation because of what it looks like. I’ve got guys coming down there and they tell me, “Who is the shoemaker who designed this” because that is what it looks like. It looks horrible. How do I tell these guys to pay - we pay a good amount of money to the town for the use of the league. Last year it cost us \$4,500 to use the field. You think you want to come down there and pay \$4,500 to play on that. I don’t think so.

Mayor Maguire: Mr. Cerrato, certainly we appreciate the frustration. We wanted this project done and I think it is going to look a lot better when it is done. In the meantime, we do have some options.

Alex Cerrato: Excuse me, Mr. Mayor. It is the meantime. This is the meantime. We are getting ready to get it going.

Mayor Maguire: We have the ability the park on the other side of the bridge and we also have the parking by the library. These spots are available. If we need to put up signs and maybe direct people to alternate parking on the other side by the pistol range maybe that is an option. Believe me folks, if we get this done and it’s not right, we are going to fix it.

Dave Huber: Just so you know, the Police Department told us we are not allowed to park on the other side of the bridge. We went to the Police Department yesterday and they said you cannot park on the other side of the bridge.

Mayor Maguire: Dave, I’m sorry. We have to have one person talking and that is the way it has to be recorded. I’m sorry. Mr. Cerrato, did you have something else you wanted to add?

Mr. Cerrato: I just want to know when will it be fixed and if it is going to be fixed?

Mayor Maguire: Good question, yes. As soon as it warms up, that was the issue. We can't dig in there. One of things we have to do is to get that contractor to get the vehicle out of there. He is taking up a parking spot with this vehicle so that is in the works. We are going to get that out of there.

Mr. Cerrato: Can we come and see you again if it isn't?

Mayor Maguire: Absolutely.

Mr. Cerrato: Thank you, sir.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Dave Huber: Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt and do it the wrong way.

Mayor Maguire: Not a problem. Thank you.

Dave Huber: The Police have told us that we can't park on the other side over there. If you want to talk to them and ask them to open that up for us, that would be huge.

Mayor Maguire: Absolutely.

Council President Misciagna: I will speak to the Chief of Police tomorrow.

Dave Huber: O.k., because I know one of our parents stopped at the Police Station and said there was no parking – can I park on the other side of the bridge? And he was told emphatically, no, you cannot park over there.

Council President Misciagna: I will speak with the Chief of Police tomorrow.

Dave Huber: O.k.

Council President Misciagna: There is no ordinance that says you can't park there. I will speak with him.

Mayor Maguire: We've been through this with the Police.

Dave Huber: Now, my second question is that we have a softball tournament on the 25th of April. We have ten towns coming in and playing on that field - that is dangerous the way it is right now. Somebody is going to step off that high curb and break an ankle which my wife almost did today. You don't realize that it is not a 4" step down, it's a 9" step down. There are piles everywhere. There is iron there. The bleachers are nowhere near the side of the field so we can't watch softball right now. We have ten towns coming in and that field is in no condition to have other towns come in here. This tournament has been on the schedule for over a year. My question is – is that going to be cleaned up? I don't want to know that it was a bad winter because all this week I've been down there every single day and they could have been down there, maybe not paving and doing that stuff, but cleaning it up. It is a train wreck down there right now and somebody is going to get hurt.

Mayor Maguire: I appreciate the frustration, David, and all I can say is, and Kelley or Eve, I know I've reached out to the contractor. I don't know if we have the status on when he is coming.

Eve Mancuso: Unfortunately, I can appreciate baseball season has started and spring is here – softball season – but actually I did reach out to the contractor numerous times. His men are actually not even working yet. They are still laid off for the winter.

Mayor Maguire: We've reached out to the owner of the company.

Eve Mancuso: Typically, he brings back his men on or about April 1st. With that said, I said I would reach out to the owner and have maybe him mobilize some guys to come back in. But what remains to be done now is still some concrete work, and as you know, the temperatures

are still dropping below freezing at night, so he can't do concrete work and it is still too cold to do pavement work. There is still frost in the ground. As soon as the weather warms up – I'm hoping within the next two to three weeks, we are hoping to get him back out there.

Dave Huber: Four weeks and three days till we have all these towns coming in.

Mayor Maguire: We've escalated it, believe me. We want to get it done just as much as you do.

Mr. Cerrato: Would you be able to attend any of our softball games?

Eve Mancuso: I would be happy to attend your game.

Mr. Cerrato: You'd be happy, but you won't be there.

Eve Mancuso: My children play sports as well and I go to their games quite often.

Mr. Cerrato: You are supposed to have a job to take care of what we do and what the town does.

Eve Mancuso: You are absolutely right.

Mr. Cerrato: That is supposed to be a priority.

Eve Mancuso: You are absolutely right.

Mr. Cerrato: Your priority is not your priority.

Mayor Maguire: We'll make it a priority, Mr. Cerrato.

Mr. Cerrato: Thank you, sir.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Eve Mancuso: That is actually why we are reaching out to the contractor.

Mayor Maguire: We are trying to capture this for the minutes so the question was, can emergency vehicles get back there?

Eve Mancuso: That is why we are reaching out to the contractor because now that the fields are active that's of primary importance to make sure there is clear access.

Dave Huber: Right now, kids are playing there. Kids are on the field now – they're practicing now (inaudible) and you're telling us that part of the reason that you're doing this whole thing was because people were parking illegally and blocking the ability for an ambulance to get on the field, but now we have a backhoe and six piles blocking an ambulance from getting on the field. So right now, no ambulance can get on the field because of the project.

Mayor Maguire: So maybe between the Fire Department and the town we'll make sure that we have access. I mentioned it to Eve today that if that contractor doesn't come and move that backhoe we are going to move it for him.

Eve Mancuso: We will make it safe to get emergency vehicles in.

Mayor Maguire: We'll get a bigger backhoe and move his backhoe.

Mr. Fuchs: Is it possible to open up that back road that circles the park exits through the fire – that might relieve a lot of pressure out of that area?

Mayor Maguire: I think that we've talked about that and the Fire Department objected to it.

Mr. Fuchs: Well, maybe we should revisit it and find out what their objection is. I know the Fire Department objects to it because it is in their path and it's their domain but honestly I think the firemen standing there during an emergency situation would be receptive.

Mayor Maguire: Maybe we'll ask Councilman Oppelt to bring it up with the Fire Department.

Councilman Oppelt: I'll check with the Chief.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Mr. Fuchs: I think if people had one way in and one way out that would solve the safety problem and the flow problem because what I saw at 7:30 was predominately drop offs. Let's see, I have fifteen kids on my team – there is another twenty on Jim's team, and there is going to be another team down there – so we going to have fifty to sixty kids – some of them are carpooling, a lot of those are individuals, and to think that everybody at the same time is going to try to do a three point turn to get out might be a little too much.

Mayor Maguire: Are you talking about that by the pavilion or the lane that goes right in front of the firehouse?

Mr. Fuchs: By the pavilion and then out the Firehouse.

Mayor Maguire: Because they could drop off in front of the Firehouse by the Library.

Mr. Fuchs: If it was properly lighted. Right now it is a little dangerous and it's murky.

Mr. Fuchs: That was a potential to do that – one way in, around the pavilion, and out.

Mayor Maguire: On game nights – we'll ask the Fire Department.

Mr. Fuchs: Maybe that would help.

Mayor Maguire: Good suggestion.

Robert Vasoll – 31 Ruth Place – I have a couple of questions for you. You've got bump outs coming out and they are actually coming out in the middle of the parking lot. What are you planning on putting in there? Please don't tell me plants because you know the kids are going to destroy them.

Mayor Maguire: I am pretty sure it's a tree. Eve, you want to address that.

Robert Vasoll: Why, so kids can climb on the things and fall off and break a leg.

Eve Mancuso: Are you referring to the curb lines?

Robert Vasoll: You have bump outs coming out.

Eve Mancuso: The curb line that is coming out - that will be planted and there will be trees and shrubbery.

Robert Vasoll: So kids are going to go over and tramp on them and stamp on them with their bicycles and stuff. I've been down there when there were games and there are kids down there. Let me tell you that they literally destroyed that place and the parents are nowhere even to be found because they are too busy texting here, talking here - they don't know what their kids are doing.

Eve Mancuso: The area immediately adjacent to the fields, I'd say the east side of the road, a lot of that will be paved. There will be a path, a bike rack – there will be things like that that are suitable for the kids to pull up and leave their bikes and stuff there.

Robert Vasoll: I'd give it a year. Also, when you come in there is no room for two cars to come in. You have to pull off into the middle of the parking lot and let the cars come through. If you have about four or five cars come through there, you have to wait for these cars to give you courtesy to come down into the parking lot. You are going to have nothing but chaos down there.

Eve Mancuso: Actually, it may difficult to see now because we are under construction, and I agree with you that you can't fully utilize the full width of the road, but the road is actually a full 10 ft. wide lane in each direction similar to what you have on a major highway. It is deceiving now because we are in the middle of construction.

Robert Vasoll: Maybe when everything gets done, but I'm going to tell you something right now, down there it looks like a war zone.

Eve Mancuso: I would agree with you now that it looks terrible but I think you'll be pleased when it's done.

Robert Vasoll: The thing is we are trying to uphold a nice town here. We've done a lot of money to the fields there and a lot of money to Sulak over here, a lot of money and a lot of the towns come here because they want to play.

Eve Mancuso: Well, we are in the middle of construction. That's the problem.

Mayor Maguire: We are mid-project, but to your point, we want it to look nice too, believe me.

Eve Mancuso: Once it is completed it will be something you could be proud of.

Robert Vasoll: I pay taxes here and I want to make sure that this town looks halfway decent.

Eve Mancuso: And that is the goal – more than halfway decent. It is really going to be really lovely once it is completed.

Robert Vasoll: I hope so.

Eve Mancuso: It will be.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Claudio Ippolito – 4 Kyle Court – I've been lucky enough to be the new outdoor soccer Commissioner. My only worry right now is what to tell all the teams that are playing and the next set of teams that are coming in. Usually they come in a half hour before the game starts. There is a game going on already – what do I tell these teams that are coming in ready to play – where are they going to park – how are they supposed to navigate the parking lot - what do they do with their kids? Has there been any thought of what the Commissioners should be telling the teams on how to coordinate everything?

Mayor Maguire: So in terms of drop off – by car or by bus or both?

Claudio Ippolito: Not even drop offs – the parents are going to be there for their games so they are going to be waiting for the next game to finish before their game starts. Like somebody mentioned before – a lot of cars in there.

Mayor Maguire: I appreciate it. We will talk to the Police and have somebody on site – maybe we'll direct people to park on the other side of the bridge.

Claudio Ippolito: High School teams coming in with the big buses – how do they navigate the parking lot?

Council President Misciagna: The buses could go across the bridge and they could turn around. That will work - even if they have to stage them that is probably the best place. There is a far lot – they could turn around there. They could leave the buses there during the tournament. I would suggest that there is a big grass lawn right on the other side and that is where the cars could park until we finish the project.

Claudio Ippolito: When will the Commissioners know that everybody is on the same page with the Police?

Mayor Maguire: Steve, you are the PRAA liaison – I'm assuming you will follow up.

Councilmember Hopper: Yes, I think that we'll use that blast – put it on Facebook and put it on the website.

Claudio Ippolito: Last thing I want is for parents to be getting tickets from the Police.

Council President Misciagna: I'll speak to the Chief tomorrow morning – maybe tonight and I'll express the concern until this project is done. We will make accommodations for all of the soccer moms, my wife being one, and we'll take care of it.

Claudio Ippolito: Thank you.

Mayor Maguire: I appreciate you coming out tonight and expressing your concerns. Obviously, the Council has the same concerns as you and we are going to work through this and try to expedite it as quickly as possible. Thank you.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ORDINANCE NO. 2015- 006

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$129,131 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CURB RAMPS ALONG PARK AVENUE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE AND TO APPROPRIATE \$129,131 FROM A BERGEN COUNTY ADA COOPERATIVE CURB RAMP CONSTRUCTION GRANT.

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 2015-006, A Capital Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$129,131 for Construction of Curb Ramps Along Park Avenue to be Undertaken by the Borough of Park Ridge and to appropriate \$129,131 from a Bergen County ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction Grant.

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

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

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

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ORDINANCE NO. 2015- 006

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$129,131 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CURB RAMPS ALONG PARK AVENUE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE AND TO APPROPRIATE \$129,131 FROM A BERGEN COUNTY ADA COOPERATIVE CURB RAMP CONSTRUCTION GRANT.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body 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 capital 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 herefore made thereof and amounting in the aggregate to \$129,131 which is now available from the Bergen County ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction Grant Program.

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

Construction of Curb Ramps along Park Avenue from Pascack Road to Kinderkamack Road, including all work, materials and costs necessary therefore or incidental thereto	<u>\$129,131</u>
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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 be 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 a Bergen County ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction Grant in the amount of \$129,131.

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 details 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 \$129,131 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 Borough Clerk / Administrator to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Ms. O'Donnell: It is the introduction of an ordinance that will put the funding in place as part of the county cooperative program to install ADA Compliant Ramps inside walks along Park Avenue from Pascack Road to Kinderkamack Road.

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

There was no one.

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading by title and that it Be published in full in the Ridgewood News with notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 14, 2015.

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

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

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-007**

A GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-013, AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2013-002, AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2014-018, AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO MILL POND PARK AND DAVIES (MEMORIAL) FIELD TRAILWAY AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$60,000 FROM THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 2015-007, A General Capital Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2012-013 Amended by Ordinance 2013-002, Amended by Ordinance 2014-018, Authorizing Improvements to Mill Pond Park and Davies (Memorial) Field Trailway and Appropriating an Additional \$60,000 from the Borough of Park Ridge Open Space Trust Fund.

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

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

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

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-007**

A GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-013, AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2013-002, AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2014-018, AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO MILL POND PARK AND DAVIES (MEMORIAL) FIELD TRAILWAY AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$60,000 FROM THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body 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. Ordinance 2012-013 of the Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey adopted by the Governing Body thereof on September 11, 2012, amended by Ordinance 2013-002 adopted by the Governing Body thereof on March 26, 2013, amended by Ordinance 2014-018 adopted by the Governing Body thereof on September 9, 2014 is hereby amended to the extent and with the effect that Section 1, Section 2, Section 3(b) and Section 5 thereof shall read as follows (changed text is underscored):

SECTION 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this Ordinance is hereby respectively authorized as a general capital 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 herefore made thereof and amounting in the aggregate to \$310,010 of which from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Improvement and Development for 2011 Award Year pursuant in the execution of Contract No. TFMP-PR-12-00305 dated July 19, 2012, from the Executive Director of the Open Space Trust Fund; \$55,855 has been awarded and the amount of \$254,155 is funded from the Borough of Park Ridge Open Space Trust Fund, a portion of which is a dollar for dollar match for the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Improvement and Development for 2011 Award Year grant.

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

The purpose for which these appropriations are authorized is to install a pedestrian trail through Mill Pond Park and Davies (Memorial) Field as a continuation of a borough-wide trail system including all work, materials and costs necessary therefore or incidental thereto \$310,010

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined and stated:

(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 Borough of Park Ridge Open Space Trust Fund in the amount of \$254,155, a portion of which is a dollar for dollar match for the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Improvement and Development for 2011 Award Year grant in the amount of \$55,855.

SECTION 5. The sum of \$310,010 is hereby appropriated for the aforementioned purpose.

SECTION 3. 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 details 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 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication thereof and final passage as required by law.

Mayor Maguire asks the Borough Clerk / Administrator to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Ms. O'Donnell: This is to put additional funding in place through the Borough's Open Space Trust Fund for the completion of the Mill Pond Phase II project.

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

There was no one.

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading by title and that it Be published in full in the Ridgewood News with notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 14, 2015.

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

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

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ORDINANCE NO. 2015-005

CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-005, Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank.

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

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

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

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-005**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2015
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

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

WHEREAS, the cost of living adjustment for calendar year 2015 budgets is calculated at 1.5% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2; and

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 2.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$175,717 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Park Ridge shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$307,505, and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Borough of Park Ridge be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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

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

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

Mayor Maguire asks the Finance Committee Chair to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Councilman Bosi: Each year during the budget process there are limits set by the state which must be adhered to. The state statute limits the increase over the prior year's budget to 2.5% of the cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the prior year appropriation. The cost of living for 2015 is 1.5%. Utilizing the 3.5% instead of the 1.5% allows an additional appropriation increase of \$175,717. I would like to be clear that we will not be using the permissible increase. If this ordinance authorizing the 3.5% increase is approved, the statute allows for a CAP Bank. The purpose of the CAP Bank is to provide for unusual expenditures in future years. It allows for the difference between the 3.5% increase and the actual increase to be added to the CAP Bank. The difference is carried for the next two budget years. The total amount in the CAP Bank from 2013 and 2014 is \$459,294. This ordinance will allow for this year's unappropriated increase of \$236,952. to be added bringing the total to \$696,246. Again, this is like an insurance policy for unexpected expenditures in the future.

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

There was no one.

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

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

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

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 Councilmember 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 Councilmember Hopper to confirm.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 015 – 081**

**APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF VOLUNTEER FIRE
RESERVE APPLICANT - DERIENZO**

WHEREAS, Fire Chief William I. Diedtrich, Jr. has approved an application prepared by Joseph C. Derienzo, 107 Highland Street, Park Ridge, NJ, for the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Reserve Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby approve the membership of Joseph C. Derienzo in the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Reserve Program.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 015 – 082**

**APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF VOLUNTEER FIRE
RESERVE APPLICANT - JEUNE**

WHEREAS, Fire Chief William I. Diedtrich, Jr. has approved an application prepared by Robert Jeune, 21 Ruth Place, Park Ridge, NJ, for the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Reserve Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby approve the membership of Robert Jeune in the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Reserve Program.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 015 – 083**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 7 CATCORD CONSTRUCTION
BOROUGH HALL RENOVATIONS**

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2014 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge adopted Resolution Number 014-280 awarding a contract to CATCORD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. for the completion of various improvements for a project known as Park Ridge Borough Hall Renovations; and

WHEREAS, during work the Borough discovered that several changes to the specifications and project work were required by virtue of the discovery of various unforeseen conditions, specifically the following changes:

Change Order No. 7- sawcut brick at both sides, clean, finish, prep existing walls for new finish, 220sf new EFIS Coat at wall increasing costs by \$3,660.00,

WHEREAS, the project cannot be properly completed without the additional work required in the aforementioned change orders; and

WHEREAS, whereas the additional costs incurred by virtue of the aforementioned change orders will result in a new contract price total of \$177,660.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations and Borough Administrator has recommended to the Mayor and Council that the Borough approve the requested change orders as described above and as set forth in written change order request from the Contractor, copies of which are attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the requested change order, together with any prior approved change orders, will not increase the cost of the project by more than twenty percent (20%) of the original contract price; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has provided the necessary Certificate of amended Certificate of Availability of Funds as listed in Account C-04-55-942-000-001,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Change Orders Numbered Two, Three and Four for the Contract with Catcord Construction Company, Inc. for improvements to the Park Ridge Borough Hall in the amount of \$3,660.00 are hereby authorized and that the Contract with Catcord Construction Company, Inc. shall be amended to reflect said increases.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 015-084**

REFUND STATE COURT JUDGMENTS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Court entered a 2010 Judgment; and

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

2010

Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.
 165 Passaic Avenue
 Suite 103-A
 Fairfield, NJ 07004
 Park Ridge, NJ 07656

\$964.61

For: B 103/L3 Qual: C0263
 John & Carol Kilkeary
 263 Hampshire Ridge
 Park Ridge, NJ 07656

WHEREAS, the interest of 5% was waived by the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Director of Finance/CFO refund the monies as requested by the Judgments.

TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET RESOLUTION #15-085
 3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated Total Cost	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid And Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current Year 2015	Future Years				General	Self Liquidating	Assessment	School
Construction of Curb Ramps Along Park Avenue	\$ 129,131			\$ -		\$ 129,131	\$ -			
Improvements to Mill Pond Park and Davies (Memorial) Field Trailway	\$ 60,000					\$ 60,000				
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$ 189,131			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189,131	\$ -	\$ -		

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution creating the temporary capital budget section adopted by the Governing Body on the 24th day of March, 2015.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
 RESOLUTION NO. 015 – 086**

2014 APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, certain 2014 Budget Appropriation Reserves are in excess of requirements; and

WHEREAS, other 2014 Budget Appropriation Reserves are insufficient to pay expenditures contracted before the end of the fiscal year and are payable at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following appropriation transfers be made:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
Legal – O/E	\$20,000	Police – S&W	\$ 5,000
Tri-Boro Radio-O/E	\$10,600	Recycling	\$13,000
		Buildings & Grounds-O/E	\$500
		Board of Health – S&W	\$400
		Gasoline	\$6,700
		Finance – O/E	\$5,000
Total	\$30,600	Total	\$30,600

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
 RESOLUTION NO. 015-087**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BIDS FOR BOROUGH SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF NEW BIDS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge recently advertised for bids for the completion of specific Borough swimming pool improvements including the installation of a slide; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice to Bidders, duly advertised, the Borough received only one bid, specifically a bid from Tsivicos Enterprises, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said bid, the only bid received, was substantially higher than the price estimated for the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough also wishes to modify the bid solicitation and rebid the modified project; and

WHEREAS, as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, a contracting unit may reject a bid or all bids if the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the proposed goods or services or if the contracting unit wishes to substantially revise the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator recommends that the bid be rejected as exceeding initial estimates and in order to modify and rebid the project,

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 above listed bid for the completion of pool improvements is hereby rejected and that the Borough solicit new bids for the completion of the modified project.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
 RESOLUTION NO. 015-088**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR SENIOR VAN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge recently adopted an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a shared services agreement with the Boroughs of Montvale and Woodcliff Lake for the joint purchase of a senior van; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake has advised the Borough of Park Ridge that it is no longer willing to participate in the joint purchase of said van; and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Montvale and Park Ridge have agreed to continue to participate in a joint services agreement with each paying one-half of the cost of the purchase of a senior van with the Borough of Park Ridge acting as the lead agency with respect to said purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge wishes to solicit bids for the purchase of said van,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the purchase of a senior van with said purchase being subject to acceptance by both the Boroughs of Park Ridge and Montvale pursuant to the aforementioned shared services Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilman Cangialosi: I'm going to be quick tonight.

Technology Meetings - we've had meetings scheduled but the snow past couple of months has really gotten in the way of that so we are hoping to get that off tomorrow night – really kind of delving into what we can do to continue to improve the websites, our online communications which we've really bolstered this past year and half, and then also in terms of understanding technology from an employee's standpoint. So we'll be looking into that.

Board of Ed – not much I really want to say there but April 15th is their “Teacher for a Day” so that should be exciting for whoever will be doing that. I know we all get invited each year for that.

Shared Services – we are going out with solicitations of bids for the senior van tonight. That is one step in the right direction. We are continuing to look at other avenues that we can explore to see how we can save some dollars with services.

Grant Writing – we had our kick off meeting with Millennium Strategies a few weeks ago. We have a few grant ideas that we are going to be going after – new projects that we told them to keep an eye on of what we are interested in with the scope of work so we are really excited to see what happens there.

Business Community – not much – I just wanted to say Stephen Brandman – owner of Brasserie Brandman – his wife gave birth to his third child yesterday, so congratulations to him. I guess the business community is having a lot of new fathers lately so that is exciting.

I just want to end it that this past weekend was June's birthday so Happy Birthday.

Mayor Maguire: Very good, thank you, Ryan.

Councilman Bosi: Thank you, Mayor.

The Library – being the first year on the Library Board is actually one of the better organizations. The total transactions for year to date through February were 15,552 and they've had almost 5,000 people going to the Library. It's a great little organization –always doing things to improve it. They have movies – they have E-books, they have free tickets to the museums in the city, so I encourage our residents to use that resource as much as possible.

On the Utilities Front – the roads –many of the roads took a beating this year due to the weather and they are aggressively filling potholes as quickly as possible. We do have a very large road program this year that should be going out to bid shortly and be addressing some of the roads that have not been paved in a very long time. I would like to thank Pete Wayne and his crew for a job well done this past winter and hope that we have seen the last of the snow.

On the Electric Front – we had a lineman resign and move back to Florida where he had initially came to us several years ago. We have started the search for an additional lineman (electric lineman). Throughout the winter we did not have any power issues even though it was

extremely cold and windy days and that's a tribute to Bill Beattie and Paul Longo on their routine maintenance and the caring and feeding of the system.

On the Water Front – over the past month we had a few water main breaks due to the weather. The most notorious one was the one on Grand Avenue where a small sinkhole was created and you may have seen pictures maybe in the paper or Facebook where a pickup truck was caught in there. All the breaks were addressed by the Water Department very quickly and had very little if any impact on our residents.

On the Finance Committee Front – as reported at the last meeting regarding the 2015 Budget, which has now been completed, the increase for 2015 is .9% which relates to a \$2.00 a month increase to the average homeowner. The Budget Newsletter is currently being worked on and will be out in advance of the Budget Hearing which will take place on April 14th at 8:15 p.m.

On the Insurance Front – our transition to the State Health Benefit Plan has gone extremely smooth and there have been very few if any issues lately. That's it, Mayor, thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Thanks, Rich.

Councilmember Oppelt: Yes, sir. Couple of things. One, I've been busy with the Legion this year. We are getting ready for the May 25th Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony at 9:00 a.m. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. We have been active talking to some of the other committees in town, PRAA, the Recreation Committee, the Golden Age Group and June is very helpful - getting two cars of members in the parade with them. Emergency Management is going to have representation so we are trying to get more and more of the local groups into the Parade as well. Along with that, we have an exciting announcement that for the first time in fifteen years we are going to be televising the parade live on PKRG so I have plans pretty well under control. We will be videoing it actually right out in front of the Borough Hall. We have a master of ceremonies – already volunteered - who will be doing interviews during the parade – the breaks – that type of thing and I'm sure she is going to add a little humor to the parade too. She is an interesting person. PKRG is also doing a live broadcast of the budget meeting on the 14th so we'll that out and of course we will be showing it regularly afterwards. We are hoping to get along of press about the parade being live in the papers so that we can get the people that are stuck at home to watch it and let them enjoy it as well. That's pretty much it, Mayor.

Mayor Maguire: Thanks, Bob, I'll be sure to wave at the camera. I had the privilege of being down at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year and found it interesting. Cardinal Dolan was given a shalaylee which he proudly carried throughout the parade and held above the crowd as he walked along.

Councilmember Bertini: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I am very happy to report that the Mayor's Wellness Committee is starting the second annual Weight Loss Challenge as part of the Wellness Program. It starts on Thursday. It is going to be an 8-week program and it will run until May 20th. We have some wonderful partners who will conduct the weigh-ins and they are also offering free classes, free exercise sessions and we are already seeing a lot more enthusiasm than the first year so we expect to have a really good turnout. I am also counting on every member of the Council to join in on this and I'll be distributing registration forms to you all later. In addition, the Mayor's Wellness combined with the Board of Health is sponsoring a Chronic Disease Management Program in May and June. It is a 6-week program and it is for folks with all sorts of chronic diseases as well as their caretakers. It is the second time we are doing it. We did one a few years ago and it was very successful. In addition, as a follow-up to the 50th Anniversary of the Golden Age Social Club, we've been working with Ned Barber, our Borough Historian, and he is putting together what will be I think a wonderful PKRG program about the Golden Age Club. In addition to footage from the wonderful celebration that they had, he has conducted interviews for several of their members and that will be distributed with photos going back to the 1970's about all the different trips they've had and some of the fun they've had so we will see a lot of their memorabilia from dates gone by so we are pretty excited about that. That is all I have to report today.

Mayor Maguire: Thanks, June. I'm glad to see the Wellness Program is gaining momentum and I think part of it is the social media. I see it on Facebook and in the emails and I think it is getting the word out.

Councilmember Bertini: Absolutely. We've also been working with the schools and the high school to get the word out through their Parents' Associations.

Mayor Maguire: Great, good job.

Councilman Hopper: Thank you, Mayor.

Couple of things – this coming Saturday we have for Recreation the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 so I hope folk can come down there. It is always a fun event. The Rec Committee is preparing for the Car Show in May and the Picnic in June.

On the Green Team Front - April 18th is the 3rd Annual Bi-State Cleanup and in the past three years – this is the third year we are having it – throughout the towns that have been active in it – they've logged 6.5 tons of debris so I thought that was pretty good. The BCUA Grants this year that go to the school is going to be going for flower gardens for the three schools.

Access for All - haven't had Committee meeting during the winter, quite frankly, because the cold weather is not very favorable to people in wheelchairs. The arthritis kicks in and things like that. Actually, dropped off to Lehman Gardens two elevated flower pots because when they are in their wheelchair it is hard for them with the flowers being at ground level so they are elevated about 2 ½ feet tall – so that is worth that to them.

PRAA – Opening Day Parade is April 11th and as you heard earlier, baseball and softball practices and games are already underway.

Mayor Maguire: Thanks, Steve. A lot of activities – hopefully the weather clears up for a lot of reasons. Thank you.

Council President Misciagna: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just want to mention that we are losing a good public servant at the end of this month, March 31st. Lt. Nick Errico will be retiring. It's a sad day – Nick has been a long time member of our Police Department. I believe he has been there twenty years. There was a little confusion on that because he was a State Trooper before that and I think he served on another department. He was a valuable asset to our community and we'll miss him but combined with the other retirement of Officer Marchese last year it has opened a couple of spots for some new guys so it's a sad day to lose some of the experienced guys. We have two young guys who are doing tremendous at the Academy. We got good reports back from them and we are looking forward to them getting out in June and serving on the department. That's it for my report.

Mayor Maguire: Thanks, Keith. The only item I wanted to add is, I think we announced it previously, but our CFO Colleen Ennis resigned to take a position in Waldwick and we wish her well and thank her for help working with us during the transition. The Borough has hired The Canning Group to help us with a CFO search and we are looking to somehow bridge the gap between when we get the CFO between now and then. More to come on that issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelley R. O'Donnell".

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