

Approved October 13, 2009
Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
May 26, 2009 – 8:20 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge was called to order at the above time, date and place. Mayor Ruschman led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan,
Viola, Council President Wells, Mayor Ruschman
Absent: None
Also Present: Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator
Robert Mancinelli, Esq., Borough Attorney
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk

Mayor Ruschman read the Compliance Statement, as required by Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

AGENDA CHANGES

None

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE TO THE FLOOR:

Mayor Ruschman asked if there was anyone present wishing to be heard on any other matter. There was no one.

PUBLIC HEARING 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-132
AUTHORIZING READING OF BUDGET BY TITLE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the resolution permitting the budget to be read by title.

Motion made by Councilmember Ciannella that a resolution be adopted permitting the 2009 budget to be read by title. Seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-132
AUTHORIZING READING OF BUDGET BY TITLE

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-8, the budget may be read by its title at the public hearing if 1) a complete copy of the budget is made available for public inspection at the municipality's free public library; 2) the budget is made available to each person requesting same; 3) a resolution is passed by the majority of the full membership of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the 2009 Park Ridge Municipal Budget was placed in the Park Ridge Library on May 1, 2009, and the Borough Clerk is in receipt of an attestation of same; and

WHEREAS, the budget has been made available to each person requesting same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the 2009 Park Ridge Municipal Budget shall be read by its title only.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Ruschman announces that this is the time, date, and place advertised for the public hearing on the 2009 Municipal Budget and asks for a motion to open the public hearing.

Motion made by Councilmember Maughan that the public hearing on the 2009 Municipal Budget be opened. Seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

Councilman Maughan, Chairman of the Finance Committee did a PowerPoint presentation of the 2009 Municipal Budget. He opened by stating that the Mayor and Council were presenting a budget with no municipal tax increase.

Councilman Maughan said he would have a few comments to make followed by Councilman Kane and Councilperson Levinson if they both wished.

The budget presented is \$11,600,000 and Councilman Maughan then discussed how the money was being used. He said approximately 2.7 of the \$11,600,000 is being used for salaries and contractual obligations, other municipal expenses is about 2.4 million and the balance of the budget is primarily fixed...pension, health care, insurance, Bergen County Sewer Utility, Library, debt service...basically these are somewhat fixed and not controlled by the borough and even those under the control of the borough such as salaries and other expenses, we have relatively little control over contractual obligations.

Councilman Maughan explained that the Finance Committee had opted not to participate in the State offered Pension Plan three-year deferral, that there were no layoffs, furloughs or contractual freezes and even though the Post Office rent agreement could be accelerated if they moved, the council had elected not to do so. He indicated State Aid was on the decline throughout the State and that the primary reason they were able to present a budget with no municipal tax increase was due to the increased contribution by the Utility Board of approximately a quarter-of-a-million dollars to the town.

He said that in addition to just presenting the budget tonight the Finance Committee and Mayor and Council had done a three-year projection but it was not being included tonight. He then gave a summary of Municipal Income and what loomed ahead for the borough in the coming year.

Councilman Kane said he wanted to share a backdrop of where the Finance Committee was this year. He said it was a very difficult economic year for the nation with 8 to 9% unemployment, so when we sat together to work on the budget we were shooting for a "no tax increase" if it were possible. He said they realized a lot of people were out of work and were hurting. Councilman Kane said that on behalf of the Finance Committee they were very proud of having achieved a budget with no municipal tax increase. He said in working these past two months on the budget with the department heads, they really had gotten everyone involved. He said when they took out the fireworks this year, it was controversial but it saved a good deal of money and enabled the borough to be able to maintain their current number of employees. He said it was a very, very tight budget.

Borough Administrator Vinci went through the Municipal Appropriations stating it was in the newsletter. He said they tried to break it down into categories for easier understanding of where the dollar changes were. He said the bottom line was \$11,600,000 in appropriations of which the largest piece of the pie was public safety close to 26%.

Mr. Vinci then went through the slides explaining the various appropriation changes, the 3-Year Capital Budget and Plan, the Debt Service Schedule and the shared services. He said the County had not yet struck their rate and the tax increase was attributable to the public school.

Councilman Maughan summarized it all by saying the Finance Committee had looked at the budget very carefully and what you are seeing is your state government asking the local government to try to operate most efficiently with a decline in State Aid factored in. He felt the budget presented will continue to give Park Ridge the level of services that it has seen over its recent history. He said they had tried to be very, very cost conscious. He said it was not something they took lightly, had spent many, many hours and had engaged the council in all this and had some lively debates. He said what is being presented is unanimously supported by the council and he thanked each of them as well as the committee.

Mayor Ruschman thanked Councilman Maughan and his committee for their work and introduced the Utility Board President, George Mehm.

Before presenting the Utility Board budget, Mr. Mehm acknowledged the appointment of Dr. Charles Moore to the board after a 21-year hiatus. He said Bill Hahn had been promoted to Supervisor of Water and Sewers and Justin Mezzadri had joined the borough as project engineer.

Mr. Mehm then presented the budget using PowerPoint.

Mr. Mehm discussed shared services of which the biggest is the purchase of electric power. The managed contract approach has resulted in a lower power cost.

He said the borough belonged to the Public Power Association and as such shares in legal, engineering and consulting fees. He said they keep an eye on changes in the industry. He said we were also members of the N.J. branch of the American Waterworks Association.

Mr. Mehm noted the borough has a new leaf vacuum trailer to do the main roads. He said over 2,000 tons of recyclables went through the Recycling Center last year. He said Lou Turli was the Supervisor of the Road Dept.

He discussed the installation of new monitoring equipment and plans for 2010 and some new generators, also noted that residents pay less for Park Ridge water than surrounding towns using water from United Water, whose present rate is 17% higher.

Mr. Mehm also discussed the Utility Board's long range planning including the installation of a solar system on the utility garage. He said a financial analysis had been done showing a 14-year payback.

He made note of the fuel depot, the sewer flusher and the use of a sewer camera

Mr. Mehm said the Electric Department's extra benefits to the municipality were approximately \$1,000,000; the Water Departments extra benefits were \$479,000.

Mayor Ruschman thanked Mr. Mehm and his finance committee for their work.

Mayor Ruschman asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to ask any questions.

George Heller, 80 Second Street thanked Councilman Maughan and Mr. Mehm for their presentation. He said he had a bunch of questions but the main thing is that year after year the Utility Board gives fine service and product with low cost.

Mr. Heller asked for an explanation of the \$491,000...he thought it was the first three items listed because it came close.

Councilman Maughan replied that a couple of other things had been included such as community grants, energy receipt stats...items # 1, 2 & 11.

Mr. Heller questioned the use of the word "anticipated" in the second paragraph.

Mr. Vinci responded that the word "anticipated" was used because after the budget was adopted last year, the State came up with more aid for Park Ridge. We had anticipated less money than we had gotten from the State, we had gotten less money but more than was

anticipated.

Mr. Heller questioned the cell tower rent as being very erratic.

Mr. Vinci said there were some co-locators on the tower which may have resulted in some one-time fees.

Mr. Heller asked whether the building rent for the post office would go through all of 2009 and part of 2010.

Councilman Maughan concurred,

Mr. Heller asked if it was the original agreement.

Councilman Maughan responded that the borough had the option of rolling it in 2009 but opted not to and have it go to October 2010.

Mr. Heller questioned the amounts budgeted for the Master Plan.

Councilman Maughan said you have timing differences between when items get paid and when they get approved for as you would in a business setting. That is the primary responsibility for the difference, it is actual versus budget.

Mr. Heller asked if a grant for Stormwater Maintenance had been used to offset an expense.

Mr. Vinci responded that in '08 on the Revenue side a grant income that we anticipated. When you have a grant you have to offset it in appropriations and we don't expect to have it in '09, so it is not in the appropriations.

Mr. Heller asked about the Tri-Boro Safety now that it has been transferred from local to Ridgewood.

Mayor Ruschman said it was definitely working but there are always some wrinkles in anything which are being worked on but it is working the way it should be.

Mr. Heller asked if the police and fire departments were happy with it.

Mayor Ruschman said he believed so but the wrinkle is in the Fire Department, they are a little concerned about certain things.

Mr. Heller said one of the things in E is \$30,000 increase in leaf disposal but he can't find the leaves in F.

Mr. Vinci said it was in recycle collection, F-5.

Mr. Heller questioned H-2, Utilities...asked why the under run of \$60,000 was recognized last year and why there was such an increase in '08-'09.

Councilman Maughan replied that it was a timing issue once again, bills came in later for payment and therefore got carried over.

Mr. Vinci said it eventually gets charged to '08 and we show it as a reserve at the end of the year. These are typically bills that are received in the ensuing year. We receive them in the beginning of '09 but we charge it to '08 against the reserve.

Mr. Heller said there was something "nasty" going on with pensions and social security and would they comment on that.

Councilman Maughan said in 2006 the borough and the police union finally settled up on an arbitration number and it took the department's pensions approximately two years to catch up with that settlement and pass on to the borough in 2008 a retroactive charge to 2006. During the 2008 period we were charged with an approximate \$200,000 increase representing

the retro to the arbitrated wage settlement in 2006.

Mr. Heller asked if the same thing occurred in item J.

Councilman Maughan agreed.

Mr. Heller said on page 5, Capital Budget Plan, item 2...is the ADA Municipal Pool improvements and he said last year he indicated he thought the town should pay for it and it looks like that's what's happening.

Councilman Maughan said there were some matching community block grants.

Mr. Heller asked if the municipal improvement was the borough hall roof?

Councilman Maughan replied the roof and firehouse exterior.

Mr. Heller commented that the library was having trouble with its roof and while the borough hall roof was being looked at, the library roof should also be looked at at the same time.

Mr. Heller asked for an explanation of parking meters

Councilman Maughan said they were for Broadway, updated meters.

Mr. Heller said there was a strange number sticking out in the Debt Service, \$120,000 that isn't attached to anything.

CFO Ennis responded but was not at a microphone so the majority of her explanation was not picked up but she basically agreed that the charge did not belong there it was a charge to the borough as an emergency and did not belong in the Debt Service, it was just put in there.

Mr. Heller and Ms. Ennis continued the dialogue of which Ms. Ennis' responses were not heard.

Mr. Heller was still not satisfied and said he would leave it as an open question.

Mr. Heller next said he did not recall the Green Acre Loans and asked how much we had borrowed, from whom and when.

Councilman Maughan answered it was the improvements made to Memorial/Davies Field and the artificial carpet that had been put on. A loan was taken out from the State of New Jersey under the Green Acres Loan program and goes back to 2003 and the cost was in the neighborhood of \$600,000 to \$700,000. We took the loan in order to carpet the field and make improvements.

Mr. Heller asked about the decrease in interest in '09 & '10 doesn't tie in to the repayments.

Councilman Maughan said it was a schedule of interest and amortization that the borough was following.

Mr. Heller asked if there had been any progress made with regard to the very generous retirement and health plans for borough retirees and seeking some contribution from the retirees?

Councilman Maughan said nothing had been changed as yet but it was an open item on the table with the various unions. He said people will be expected to begin paying on some level but that level had not been decided as yet.

Mayor Ruschman said that since the borough was involved in some contractual discussions it would not be prudent to discuss this any further.

Mr. Heller said he had expressed this in the past years that there should be some type of formal system for checking, especially the retirees, with respect to their health benefits. He said it is easy for people you do not see on a day to day basis to have changes in their beneficiaries who then may be receiving health benefits they are not entitled to and have no financial incentive to report since they do not paying for it.

Councilman Maughan said employees are provided with annual questionnaires to verify coverage.

Mr. Heller said that once again he offered his compliments on doing a good job and for answering all his questions but he did have a few for Mr. Mehm.

Mr. Heller said that last year a system of well monitoring was discussed and asked how it was doing.

Mr. Beattie answered from the audience and was not picked up.

Mr. Heller's questions regarding solar were picked up but no responses were done on microphone and were not heard.

Mr. Heller after his few remaining questions thanked both Councilman Maughan and George Mehm for their presentations and answering of his questions.

Ken Brouwer, 40 Third Street complimented the council and Finance Committee on following the path of previous councils in fiscal responsibility. He asked about the big uptake in income in the "in lieu of taxes", he asked if this was from the post office.

Councilman Maughan said the post office goes through 2010 with their lease. He said the increase on line 2 was utility payment. He said there were three places noting utility income and there always had been.

Mr. Brouwer asked if it was expected that tax appeals would go down since it seemed as if building permits were flat so why would there be an increase.

Mr. Vinci replied the allocation of staff was part of it. Ms. Ennis supplied the rest of the answer (not picked up).

Mr. Brouwer asked if there was no longer a budget for DARE.

Mr. Vinci replied that the borough had not received a grant.

Mr. Brouwer asked how the budget of '07 compared..with what we are spending in '08 and what is not encumbered as yet. Can a comparison be done?

Ms. Ennis responded. (not picked up)

Terry Maguire, 78 Lafayette Avenue congratulated the Finance Committee and Mr. Mehm on their budgets. He asked about the reduction in the Planning Board budget.

Mr. Vinci said it was a change in the schedule of one of the employees.

Mr. Maguire asked if the professional service charge was due to the Master Plan.

Mr. Vinci said it was.

Mr. Maguire asked about the extra \$100,000 from the Board of Public Utilities and the addition of another \$125,000 and if they were both one-time charges.

Councilman Maughan said they had discussed with the Utility Board that it was the council's hope that it would not be a recurring event however, it would be discussed on an annual basis.

Steve Hopper, 114 DeGroff Place said one of the great things about Park Ridge is that it is a community that works well together and this past weekend the CHIPS program was held with everyone working together on it. He said Councilman Kane had mentioned that the fireworks had been cut out of the budget but the Recreation Committee had managed to raise enough money to host the fireworks at zero tax dollar cost.

Motion was made by Council President Wells to close the hearing on the budget. Seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

2009-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 – MUNICIPAL POOL COMMISSION, SECTION 28-5 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2009-12; an ordinance amending Chapter 28 Municipal Pool Commission, Section 28-5 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey..

A motion was made by Council President Wells to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-12 amending Chapter 28 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge. Seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

Mayor asks the Borough Clerk to read the ordinance by title.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28; MUNICIPAL POOL COMMISSION, SECTION 28-5 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exist in the Borough of Park Ridge a Municipal Pool Commission pursuant to Chapter 28 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Auditor has recommended certain changes to the ordinance requirements for the collection of fees; and

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Section 28-5 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE: § 28-5. Disposition of moneys collected; approval of expenditures shall be amended to include the additional provision as follows:

The Mayor and Council shall adopt a Resolution on an annual basis establishing the fees for membership in the Municipal Pool after consulting with the members of the Municipal Pool Commission Members.

SECTION TWO: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION THREE: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

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

Mayor Ruschman asked the borough attorney to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Mr. Mancinelli said this was the second reading of this ordinance to create a mechanism by which the pool commission can establish the collection of fees which will be set by the Mayor & Council on an annual basis with the pool commission's input. This change has been recommended by the new borough auditor.

There was no one present wishing to be heard on this ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Viola that the public hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted and published by title in The Record with notice of final passage. Seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

2009-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77A-2; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS OR NARCOTICS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-13; an ordinance amending Chapter 77A-2; alcoholic beverages, drugs or narcotics, of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge. A motion was made by Council President Wells. Seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

Mayor asks the Borough Clerk to read the ordinance by title.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77A-2; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS OR NARCOTICS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 26:2B-7 provides that it is the policy of the State of New Jersey that alcoholics and intoxicated persons may not be subjected to criminal prosecution because of their consumption of alcoholic beverages, but rather should be afforded a continuum of treatment in order that they may lead normal lives as productive members of society;

WHEREAS, Chapter 77A-2 of the Borough Code could subject an alcoholic to criminal prosecution within the Borough of Park Ridge for appearing intoxicated within a Borough park or recreation area which may be in direct conflict with the aforesaid state statute.

NOW, 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 77A-2 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE.

§ 77A-2, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS OR NARCOTICS

The following words within the parenthesis shall be deleted in their entirety:

“No person who appears to be under the influence of (*intoxicating beverages*), drugs or narcotics shall be permitted within a Borough park or recreation area.”

SECTION TWO: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION THREE: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

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

Mayor Ruschman asked the borough attorney to give a brief description of the ordinance.

Mr. Mancinelli said this ordinance was required as a result of policies set by the State of New Jersey, which dictated that the prosecution of an intoxicated person should not be subject to the criminal court system, recognizing that it is a disease. This amendment deletes reference to the "intoxicating beverage", all other remaining behavior remains.

There was no one present wishing to be heard on this ordinance.

A motion made by Councilmember Levinson that the public hearing be closed and the ordinance be adopted and published by title in The Ridgewood News with notice of final passage. Seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

2009-14 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 78-12; LOITERING BY INTOXICATED PERSONS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2009-14; an ordinance repealing Chapter 78-12; loitering by intoxicated persons, of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Levinson that the Public Hearing on Seconded by Councilmember Kane.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

Mayor asks the Borough Clerk to read the ordinance by title.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-14

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 78-12; LOITERING BY INTOXICATED PERSONS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 26:2B-7 provides that it is the policy of the State of New Jersey that alcoholics and intoxicated persons may not be subjected to criminal prosecution because of their consumption of alcoholic beverages, but rather should be afforded a continuum of treatment in order that they may lead normal lives as productive members of society;

WHEREAS, Chapter 78-12 of the Borough Code could subject an alcoholic to criminal prosecution within the Borough of Park Ridge for loitering while under the influence of intoxicating liquor in or on any street, park, public place or public conveyance which may be in direct conflict with the aforesaid state statute.

NOW, 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 78-12 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge be and is hereby repealed and shall take effect immediately following final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Ruschman asked the borough attorney to give a brief description of the ordinance.

Mr. Mancinelli said it was the same reason as the previous ordinance amendment and eliminates in its entirety Chapter 78-12, as per State policy.

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wishes to be heard. There was no one present wishing to be heard.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella to close the public hearing on the ordinance and that it be adopted and published by title in The Ridgewood News with notice of final passage. Seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm..

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Ruschman asks if any Councilmember would like to abstain from voting on any resolutions. There were none.

Mayor Ruschman asks if any Councilmember would like to have any resolution removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business. There were none.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to accept the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Council President Wells and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Council President Wells.

RESOLUTIONS:

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 09-131

Self Examination of Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Borough of Park Ridge has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2009 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Committee of the Borough of Park Ridge that the 2009 annual budget be examined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification. The governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, if applicable, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget.
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year

- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law).
 3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
 4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated;
 - b. Items of appropriations are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
 5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
 6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-133
APPOINTMENT OF A ZONING OFFICER**

WHEREAS, there exists the need to appoint a part time Zoning Officer for the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Borough Administrator, Gene Vinci that Nick Saluzzi be appointed as Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, the salary for this position in 2009 has been determined to be \$8,000 effective March 1, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that Nick Saluzzi be appointed as part-time Zoning Officer effective March 1, 2009 at a salary of \$8,000 per year.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-134
ACCEPTANCE OF VISION PLAN REPORT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council created a Vision Plan Committee in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed members to the Vision Plan Committee in July 2007 with Council members Richard Henning and Peter Wells as Co-Chairman; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Vision Plan Committee was to develop a community-wide visioning process focusing on the downtown by scheduling regular meetings with appointed boards and committees as well as residents of the community to solicit their input; and

WHEREAS, these meetings culminated in a town-wide Charrette that was held March 7, 2009 under the guidance of the Regional Plan Association; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Plan Association prepared their final report and has presented that final report containing their findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Council in May 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept the Final Report of March 2009 as presented by the Regional Plan Association and recommend it to the Planning Board for consideration during their Master Plan process.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-135
AUTHORIZE PART TIME LABOR

WHEREAS, there is a need for part time help in the Finance, Tax and Utility Departments during the 2009 year; and

WHEREAS, the following individual was recommended by the Director of Finance/CFO and the Board of Public Works to be appointed for the periods listed with the rates listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Work Period</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Annie Moylan	During School Breaks	\$ 9.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it recommends to the Board of Public Works that said employee be hired as part time office help during school breaks.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-136
Opposing the Age-Restricted Housing Conversion

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly have approved Senate Bill No. S-2577 known as the "Age-Restricted Housing Conversion Bill"; and

WHEREAS, S-2577 allows a developer, under certain conditions outside the control of the Borough, to convert an approved age restricted development into a market rate housing project without age restrictions without applying for a zoning variance; and

WHEREAS, this bill would impose an additional property tax burden on local residents by increasing the number of school children in the community with concomitant education costs and facility expenses; and

WHEREAS, this legislation restricts the ability of Local Governments to make sound local planning decisions and would allow state government and developers to usurp those decisions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby oppose this bill and urge Governor Jon S. Corzine to veto this ill-advised legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Senator Gerald Cardinale, Assemblyman John E. Rooney, and Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-137
RETIREMENT OF EILEEN HELGESON

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has been advised that the Municipal Court Administrator Eileen Helgeson will be retiring as of July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, she has certain accrued benefits some of which will be used beginning June 15, 2009 until June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Helgeson and the Borough of Park Ridge will enter into a retirement agreement which will set forth the rights and obligations of both parties upon her retirement including the lump sum payment of her unused vacation and sick days on or before May 31, 2010 the estimated payoff is \$ 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents).

WHEREAS, Eileen Helgeson shall receive full family medical insurance coverage as set for in the Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Borough Employees Association dated January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge except the retirement of Eileen Helgeson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Eileen Helgeson within ten (10) days from the date of adoption.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-138
2009 MUNICIPAL POOL FEES

WHEREAS, the Municipal Pool Commission of the Borough of Park Ridge have recommended the following fees for the 2009 Season:

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Family Membership	\$ 290.00
Individual Membership	\$ 190.00
Senior Citizen	FREE
(A \$20.00 Late Fee will be assessed on payments received after 5/22/09)	

I.D. Photo	\$ 5.00
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SWIMMING & DIVING LESSON INSTRUCTION

1 st Child	\$ 16.00
2 nd Child	\$ 10.00
Additional Children	\$ 6.00/child

Individual, private swim lessons for adults and children can be scheduled at a charge of \$15.00 per ½ hour.

GUEST RATES

	Adult	Children	Senior
Weekday	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 4.00
After 5pm	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.00
Weekends	\$10.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00
After 5pm	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.50

7 Day Guest Passes

Adults	\$45.00
1 st Child	\$35.00
2 nd Child	\$25.00
3 rd Child	\$20.00

14 Day Senior Guest Passes - \$45.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby approve the fees as set forth above for the 2009 season.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-139
2009 SUMMER DAY CAMP FEES

WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has recommended the following fees for the 2009 Summer Day Camp:

Park Ridge Residents

Grade K-7	\$ 100.00 per camper
Second Camper from same family	\$ 75.00 per camper

Additional Campers from same family \$ 50.00 per camper
 (There will be a \$20.00 late fee assessed on registrations received after May 15th)

Extended Day Care Options

Pre-Registered Before Camp, all weeks \$ 55.00
 Pre-Registered Before Camp, per week \$ 25.00
 Pre-Registered Before Camp, per day \$ 10.00
 No Pre-Registration, per day \$ 15.00

(There will be a \$10.00 late fee assessed on Extended Day Care Options pre-registered after May 15th)

Late Pick-Up

After 12:10 p.m., per 10 minute increment \$ 10.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge approve the fees as set forth above for the 2009 Summer Day Camp.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ruschman said he had received a rather long communication but he felt he should highlight what it says since it is a compliment to “your finance officer, Colleen Ennis”. He said the writer indicated that Ms. Ennis had turned a difficult task for the writer into something that was easier to swallow and that she was a distinct asset to the borough. He said and he quoted from the letter, “you and your wise council have made an excellent choice for she is not only accountable but also patient and extremely agreeable. Ms. Ennis makes you feel at ease and tackles the task efficiently and with great follow-through, we are happy and lucky to have her”. Sincerely Gerard Langley and Inez Lavin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Ruschman announced that this coming Saturday from 3:00pm to 9:00pm is the 200th Anniversary of the Park Ridge Schools.

Motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelley O'Donnell, RMC
 Borough Clerk