

Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
August 12, 2008 – 7:55 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Ruschman, Council members Henning, Ciannella, Wells, Brouwer and Levinson

Absent: Councilmember Maughan

Also Present: Kelley O'Donnell, Acting Borough Clerk
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator

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

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Council President Henning to suspend the regular order of business for the presentation of certificates of appreciation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman thanked the scouts on behalf of the Mayor and Council and Recreation Committee for all their hard work, before, during and after the Annual Town Picnic. Mayor Ruschman asked Scout Leader Ken Dutcher to come forward to help with the presentation of the certificates.

Ken Dutcher thanked the Mayor and Council and Steve Hopper for allowing the scouts the opportunity to help the Recreation Committee with the set up, take down and clean up at the town picnic. They also helped Sunday morning with the dirty job of degreasing the deep fryers and grills. Over that weekend the scouts logged over 100 cumulative hours. Ken Dutcher thanked all those present for their support.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION
TO TROOP 80 BOY SCOUTS
FOR THEIR HELP WITH THE 2008 TOWN PICNIC**

David Baird	Kenny Bertani	Christopher Bruno
Matt Bruno	Nick Bruno	Mark Ciccaglione
Morgan Crannage	Scott Desmond	Kyle Dutcher
Scott Galdi	Owen Giannangeli	Jonathan Hales
Scott Hansen	Vincent Lemba	Marcus Loo
Alec Maccaro	Vinny Maccaro	Kevin Markle
Christopher Murphy	Steve Nagel	Elias Rosner
James Smith	Dominick Whitaker	Brian Whitney

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Ruschman asked the Clerk to read the Agenda Changes. The Clerk states that the following resolutions are to be added under the Consent Agenda:

18. Extend Third Quarter 2008 Grace Period
19. Refund State Court Judgment
20. Payment of Bills

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

Margaret Knudsen – 171 No. Maple Avenue

Ms. Knudsen stated that she is a homeowner, taxpayer and wants nothing done to the pond. She further stated that they want the dam repaired and they want it to remain. Save your \$15,000 that it will cost to have it looked at. They want nothing done to it, it is their front lawn. There is nature there, it's a nature preserve, and it is an absolutely beautiful area. Ms. Knudsen invited the Mayor and Council to come down and take a look at it. Mayor I believe you performed a wedding there, it is absolutely gorgeous and you can't take that away from us.

Mayor Ruschman agrees that it is a beautiful area. Mayor Ruschman states that since it appears that everyone is in agreement with Ms. Knudsen's comments he would like to limit individual speaking times to five minutes each. Mayor Ruschman states that he does not want to have to cut anyone off, and asks for help in sticking with the time limit. Mayor Ruschman stated that at the end of the public's opportunity to speak, there will be a statement given as to where we actually stand on this subject. We certainly cannot tell you how we feel about this, because we have not looked into it yet.

Charles Soulas – 6 Quackenbush Lane

- Mr. Soulas states that he objects on many levels and proceeded to list his concerns:
 - Concerned about the river stabilization
 - Have the towns down river been notified, for example Woodcliff Lake
 - The pond as it is now acts as a giant catch basin and filters the water downstream gradually
 - Never seen it overflow its banks into the street
 - I have been there for two years, through some major rain falls
 - Has the army Corps of Engineers been called in?
 - Economic justification
 - Underutilized park across the street, Colonial Field
 - Why do we need another park so close?
 - Historic Significance
 - Traffic and Parking Impact
 - A lot of traffic already; as cars use it as a pass through between Grand Avenue and Pascack Road
 - We do not need any additional traffic
 - Environmental Impact – Has the Department of Environmental Protection been contacted
 - I have seen on that pond
 - Great Blue Heron, White Egret, Carp, Bass, Crayfish, Painted Turtles, Snapping Turtles, Bullfrogs, Fish Eagle, two types of Kingfisher, American Bald Eagle and Eastern Box Turtle; which I believe the NJ Department of Fish and Wildlife consider this as a possession which is forbidden.
 - There is a lot of stuff going on in that pond that I don't think you know anything about. To do anything to that is going to incur not only the wrath of the residents of Park Ridge, but also the Department of Environmental Protection.
 - We will not let this go unchallenged.
- One more question, how did this firm in Morristown, New Jersey get involved with a Hydraulic study in our little town of Park Ridge. I don't know where they got the information from, why are we even considering this. Where is the flood control? Who is the Hydraulic Engineer? What type of Hydraulic modeling are they doing? Are they going to do an actual model? Are they going to do their methodology through numbers? What are they going to do? This is a lot of money to spend, and I have not seen an explanation as to how they are going to do this. I know it takes at least four years to do a study.
- Don't spend the money, dredge it, and fix it. It's a beautiful pond.

Mayor Ruschman stated that he wished to address some questions at this time, rather than waiting to the end as previously stated. Mayor Ruschman states that no one has been notified yet because we are just "scratching the surface". We had this firm come in and make a small presentation. The Council has not voted on anything. What we have asked them to do as the first step is to get in touch with the DEP; to see what is feasible if anything. One of the things that we have going is that we have been told by the DEP that we must fix the dam. Before we do

anything, we want to find out if the DEP will allow the Borough to postpone the fixing of the dam. That is the first thing we want to do. The only thing we have done is place a resolution on this evening's agenda to allow them to contact the DEP to see what is feasible, if anything, other than repairing the dam. That is the only thing we have done so far.

Mr. Soulas asked if the DEP does get involved is it possible to get State or Federal funding.

Mayor Ruschman states that is something that will be addressed as we go along and continue to look into this. Mayor Ruschman wants everyone to rest assured that nothing has been done yet. The newspaper brought it out because of a presentation and discussion that took place at a meeting. That is as far as it has gone. We have not discussed it much further than that. Mayor Ruschman states that he has lived in town for 44 years, he loves the Mill Pond. Most of us have the history of Mill Pond and what it means to all of us. We are not rushing into anything, but we certainly want to do what is right for the entire town. There may be a \$2 million investment that we have to make with this dam repair and dredging, whereas there may be something we can do of a lesser degree that would save the taxpayers' money. That is why we have to look into what other options there may be.

Connie Moccia – Pond Ridge Condos – 163 No. Maple Avenue

Ms. Moccia stated that she has lived here for nine years, and like the others she loves the pond. Because of the love that she has for the pond, she would never consider removing the pond and putting another park there; that would be awful for her and the residents of the town that use and enjoy the pond all year long; Ice Skaters, kayakers, rafters, walkers, joggers. She went on to say it is a special place; if the Mayor and Council truly thought the pond was beautiful they could not think of removing the pond or reducing it by three quarters, because the wildlife there is spectacular and it is growing every year. Because of the other construction around Montvale and Park Ridge there is no place else for the deer and birds to thrive like they do there at the pond. Furthermore, Ms. Moccia requested that the Mayor and Council form a committee. She said she would like to sit on that committee and be informed of the specifics of everything that is going on with regard to the pond. She felt that it was very distressing to the residents to find this out, whether it happens in four years or six years. In 2002 that dam was requested to be repaired. We are now in 2008, and the residents of Pond Ridge would like to see the dam repaired and the pond remain in its state. If they have anything to say about it they will keep it that way. They would like the committee formed so that they may come back with their input and feedback to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Ruschman thanked Mrs. Moccia.

Penny Peed – 37 Colony Avenue

Mrs. Peed stated that she lives in Park Ridge; she was born in Park Ridge. She further stated that she has been in Park Ridge almost twice as long as the Mayor. Mrs. Peed feels this entitled her to talk about the history of the pond, which she felt had not been mentioned. Mrs. Peed stated that Park Ridge was probably the only town that had a hydroelectric museum since 1904. This is a treasure. It is unique. She went on to say that Park Ridge was probably the first town in all this area to have electricity, and to have water. It would be a shame to relinquish that history to make a park. Mrs. Peed held up a pamphlet that was sent out by the Utility Board in 2004 that tells the whole history of the pond.

Mayor Ruschman thanks Mrs. Peed.

Al Quackenbush – 8 Willet Street

Mr. Quackenbush said that he wanted to talk about the pond, he has lived there for 56 years. My greatest concern is flooding. He went on to say that they were flooded out with Hurricane Floyd, as was the whole town. Mr. Quackenbush stated that he does not know how a new plan would handle all the water coming down if there is nothing to block it up. That is his biggest concern, the flooding.

Ben Martin – 149 No. Maple Avenue

Mr. Martin stated that he sits on the Pond Ridge Condominium Association Board and represents 84 owners; resident and non-resident, and the tenants. In addition to the environmental impact that has been touched on by some of his neighbors, there needs to be a serious concern for the

resale values of the properties not only on Mill Ct. but also the resale values of the condominiums. If that pond disappears you have cut a lot of the potential resale value from their units, and that is a big economic concern to the owners in Pond Ridge. Mr. Martin encouraged the Mayor and Council to look at the economic impact as well as the environmental impact. Mr. Martin addressed the Mayor when he stated that with all due respect he disagreed with him, if the Mayor is concerned with whether or not the DEP will allow the Borough to delay repair to the dam and proceed with any changes to the pond, than he thought that the Mayor and Council should do the responsible thing; leave the pond and nature as it is, repair the dam and do the responsible thing and then the town would not have to worry what the DEP thinks. Please keep the people informed, get the people involved before any final decision is made.

Betty Papirio – 91 Mill Road

Mrs. Papirio stated that she has lived in Park Ridge for two years. Prior to moving to Park Ridge she lived in River Vale for forty years. Mrs. Papirio further stated that due to her poor health, her son sold his house in Westwood and sold her house in River Vale and bought a house in Park Ridge. Her kids were raised on the Electric Pond; they skated there, they fished there and threw rocks in the pond. She finds it inconceivable that the Mayor and Council would even consider doing away with the pond. It is the beauty place in Bergen County. She asked, where else in Bergen County do you have a pond in the middle of a small town that is of the beauty and nature that this pond is? Ms. Papirio stated that if the Borough is considering doing away with the pond because of financial considerations, she would ask that they look at the cost to do away with the pond. She said it starts with an advisory committee and so forth. Her other question was how did the Mayor and Council get a firm that is not even from the area and pay them money to come here and do away with our pond. It does not make sense. Mrs. Papirio went on to say if the Mayor and Council go through with doing away with the pond, leaving the stream; because you have to, and put a park there, what will it cost in the future? If you put a park there you have to build a parking lot; what we have now is too small for any number of cars, and you will have to put in grass and benches and maintain them and upkeep. In her opinion the expense is not that great now keeping the water there. She is concerned that in the long run, financially it is a poor investment and she is concerned that the Borough would lose one of the true beauty spots of Bergen County.

Harry Herrmann – 235 No. Maple Avenue

Mr. Herrmann stated that at the complex (Pond Ridge Condominiums) if you eliminate the pond you are going to reduce their property values because they will not be considered a lake front community. That would cause them to have their properties reassessed and their neighbors as well. The entire western boundary is on the water, so the properties along the entire western boundary will have to be reassessed. Mr. Herrmann went on to say that he is sure there is also the infrastructure of sewer, a gas line, and electrical piping that goes in and out of that area; someone is going to have to study how that is situated. Someone else had mentioned about the ecosystem. You have fish, fowl and plant life; you will have to do a study to see what the environmental impact of eliminating or reducing the size of the pond would have. Another thing he would like to suggest is putting some micro turbines down there and get it generating power again. There was an article done recently about Westwood trying to do that to the brook on Westwood Avenue. In the recent edition of the Progress newsletter the Mayor spoke about electric conservation. Mr. Herrmann feels the flip side of that is generation. He does agree that the town needs to dredge the lake. He would also like the Mayor and Council to look at where the water is flowing in from Rockland County, through Montvale and into Park Ridge. He believes that before or after you dredge the pond you need to put a boom or gate containment system by the bridge by W. Grand Avenue that would prevent a lot of the debris that flows in freely now from getting in. I think if you change the hydrology of the pond and stream there is at least one well on Mill Road that may be adversely affected by it. He did not know of the affect on the rest of the town's well water system but I think you need to look into that as well.

Mayor Ruschman thanked Mr. Herrmann. Mayor Ruschman asked Council President Henning if he recalled if there was ever a boom at the bridge by W. Grand Avenue. Council President Henning said there was a boom many years ago at the southern end of the dam that used to catch trash as it went over the dam. Council President Henning stated that the boom worked too well and was taken down. It was a lot of work to continuously remove the trash that was caught.

Margaret Knudsen – 171 No. Maple Avenue

Ms. Knudsen asked what actually happened to the first contractor who came in and cleared out a lot of trees and broke the fence, then disappeared.

Mayor Ruschman asks Borough Attorney John D'Anton to respond. John D'Anton stated that the first contractor was awarded the contract and then could not perform. Ms. Knudsen asked who put up the bond. If the contractor could not perform then he is in default. Mr. D'Anton stated he is in default and the contract is over, specifications are being reviewed to go back out to bid; but that decision has to come from the Council. Ms. Knudsen asked if the Borough will fine him or sue him. Mr. D'Anton stated that it is in litigation so he is not at liberty to discuss it. Mr. D'Anton stated that all he can say is that the Borough has not forgiven him. Ms. Knudsen asked if the contractor had been local. Mr. D'Anton stated that he believed that he was from Essex County. Ms. Knudsen asked why a middle man was necessary to discuss the pond and dam with the DEP, when the DEP came in on their own to Park Ridge and said the dam needed to be repaired. Why does the Borough need to spend money for a middle man? Mayor Ruschman stated that many times you will find out that a group such as The Louis Berger Group will have an inroad that we would not have ourselves, and for the DEP to answer that question is paramount to the town and the cost is only \$2,000. This will let the Council know the DEP will permit them to postpone the repair of the dam. It is paramount that the Borough get that out of the way before doing anything else. If the DEP says they will not forgive us and the dam has to be repaired that puts a whole different complexion on this whole thing. We want someone that has inroads in to the DEP and deals with them every day to do that particular portion. Mrs. Knudsen asked where the recommendation came from to use this firm. Mayor Ruschman stated that it was a local contractor that recommended them. Mrs. Knudsen stated that they were all there to make sure that it goes no further than their feelings. If the DEP tells us this is what we have to do then we will certainly do it; but if it is going to be cheaper to go another way and the DEP agrees with that we will fight it to the end.

Mayor Ruschman explained to Mrs. Knudsen that he and the Council understood their feelings and the Mayor and Council are there to listen and represent the public; to hear what the public has to say regardless of what it is.

Mayor Ruschman asks that there be only one or two more speakers. He further stated that he and the Council have gotten their message and understand where they are coming from.

Connie Moccia – 163 No. Maple Avenue

Ms. Moccia asked if any monies have been given to The Louis Berger Group yet. Mayor Ruschman stated that there has not been any money given yet. There is a resolution on this evening's agenda to be adopted to give them \$2,000. Ms. Moccia stated that the residents of Pond Ridge strongly opposed any money being given to The Louis Berger Group; their only two alternatives are to build a park, or to build a park and remove the dam completely, or do away with the pond completely. She further stated that the Mayor and Council wanted their input; this is their input and the neighboring communities, not just Pond Ridge. They do not want to spend any monies on a project that they totally disagree with. They will try every way they can for this project not to happen.

Mayor Ruschman stated that he understood. Ms. Moccia asked if the Mayor and Council still planned to retain the Louis Berger Group after hearing their feelings. Mayor Ruschman stated that he and the Council hear what is being said by all of them tonight, and that they represent a certain constituency, a certain area in town. Mayor Ruschman went on to say that he and the Council have to also consider the rest of the town, as to how money is spent. If the Mayor and Council consider this money well spent, to take care of this paramount point that I mentioned before, than yes we will probably spend the \$2,000 to make sure that it is addressed quickly. We cannot be fooling around and waiting when it should be taken care of by the DEP saying we can or we can't, so that is money that is well spent. Ms. Moccia asked if we had a hurricane that impacted the area like Floyd did and we have not repaired the dam, as the DEP recommended in 2002 will the Borough be liable for damage downstream. Mayor Ruschman answered her by saying that it is possible the DEP will say that. That is what they need to find out. Ms. Moccia asked why the original plan to repair the dam and dredge the pond was stopped; and why now the Borough wants to look at other alternatives, why not continue with the DEP's recommendation and the work that was started in 2006-2007. Mayor Ruschman stated as he said before, the Borough is looking at the feasibility of looking at other alternatives. The DEP may very well say there are no other alternatives. Ms. Moccia stated that she would like it to be known that not only herself and the other Pond Ridge residents, but others have strong feelings

about Mill Pond. They do not want this firm or their two alternatives and would like to know when you will put together a committee and when they will be contacted, and asks to be included in the committee. Mayor Ruschman said that they have gotten the message. Ms. Moccia asked if the Mayor would entertain the idea of a committee. Mayor Ruschman said that it will need to be discussed with the Council.

Mayor Ruschman asks for one more speaker.

Joe Mandarino – 159 No. Maple Avenue

Mr. Mandarino stated that earlier it was mentioned that nothing has been done yet. There are things that were done, beautiful trees have been lost, and there is a tremendous overgrowth right now. It looks terrible and we don't have the access that we had, you used to be able to walk to the library from our complex, the weeds are too high. Mayor Ruschman responded by saying they will look into the overgrowth of weeds by the complex.

Eun Choi – 71 Mill Road

Ms. Choi stated that she has lived here for four years. She went on to say that she bought the house because of the pond. A lot of children play by the road there. The speed limit is 25mph, but the cars drive by very fast and she is concerned with the children fishing and playing that someone will get hurt. She would like to see speed bumps or lower speed limit.

Mayor Ruschman thanked Ms. Choi.

Mayor Ruschman stated this is the last speaker on this subject.

Christine Bauernfeind – 175 No. Maple Avenue

Ms. Bauernfeind stated that she grew up in Montvale. As a Montvale resident she learned how to ice skate on that pond and she knows of many families in Montvale that did the same as well. Not only Park Ridge residents enjoy that pond, but Montvale does as well.

Council President Henning thanked Christine and stated that he has lived here in Park Ridge for 48 of his 49 years. He grew up skating on that pond, skipping rocks and enjoying that Mill Pond for almost all of his life as well. He went onto say that he thought that all of us here on the dais understand your angst in moving forward with a project. He asked that they also must understand, as Mayor Ruschman stated, that they are here representing all of the residents of Park Ridge. They need to take a look at a potential solution. The Council knows that if they desilt the pond, it will come back. The last project was done in 1983 and it has been 25 years and you know how big the island is at the mouth of it by the health center. They also know how shallow it is now. They know that there is a cost of preserving it. Council President Henning stated that he is unaware of where the idea of a park came from. There is no intention of turning anything into a park. The intention, at least of what the Council has scene, is to continue to stream. Council President Henning asked who in the audience had been to Cape May. He further explained that there is an area along Sunset Drive that is more natural; that is what we are examining. The Mayor and Council have not even examined it yet. Council President Henning stated that he, along with the Mayor and Council understood what the public was saying and how much they would like to continue to see it as a pond. He also assured them that in moving forward they will certainly take that into consideration, and the idea of having several members as part of a task force with us is not a bad idea as well so you are briefed and understand all that is going on. Council President Henning went on to say, as a former skater himself, they would not be doing their jobs if they did not look into seeing if there is any potential at all for the Borough. No decision has been made tonight, and no decision will be made certainly within the next couple of months until we understand if there are possibilities and that is all this is. It is to examine if there are alternatives and he understood how that could be a bit frightening.

Mayor Ruschman thanked Council President Henning. Mayor Ruschman went on to say that before anything is decided you will certainly, as residents in the area and in town, be given invitation to come in and listen to any presentation if we proceed down that line. The suggestion of a committee is a very good one. Mayor Ruschman thanked the residents for their input.

Mayor Ruschman asked if anyone in the audience had anything else to say on anything other than this particular subject.

Joe Mandarino – 159 No. Maple Avenue

Mr. Mandarino asked Mayor Ruschman what he meant in the latest Progress newsletter when he stated that the Mill Pond Dam is a priority of his and that he would like to have something done by the end of the year. Mayor Ruschman answered by saying that he wants to know what direction the Council might be taking with the Mill Pond Dam project and the Post Office property by the end of the year, and if that is not known, he will resign as Mayor.

Steve Hopper – 114 De Groff Place

Mr. Hopper wanted to clarify what was meant by the area being overgrown with weeds. He stated he was actually back by the water tower and there was a set of stairs going up to the bank to where the hydroelectric museum is and it is all free and clear. He was unaware of any area that is overgrown by weeds. Mayor Ruschman stated that he believes it is on the other side and the Borough will be taking a look at it.

Betty Jean Quackenbush – 4 Quackenbush Lane

Ms. Quackenbush asked if the company that is contacting the DEP is the same company that would benefit if another decision was made other than repairing the dam. Mayor Ruschman answered by saying that The Louis Berger Group is the company that made the presentation, but what the Borough told them was that nothing would be done until direction is given by the DEP. Mayor Ruschman further stated that he understood what Ms. Quackenbush was asking but at this time The Louis Berger Group is the only firm the Borough can work with very quickly to get answers from the DEP.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2008 -11 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2008

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to introduce on first reading by title Ordinance No. 2008-11, an ordinance Establishing the Classification and Compensation for Certain Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Borough of Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2008.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brouwer and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

An Ordinance Establishing the Classification and Compensation for Certain Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Borough of Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2008.

Mayor Ruschman asks the Borough Attorney, John D'Anton to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Mr. D'Anton stated that this is an ordinance establishing the 2008 salaries for those generally known as exempt employees.

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wished to be heard concerning the introduction of this ordinance. There was no one.

Mayor Ruschman 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 September 9, 2008.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brouwer and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008 - 12 AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 2008-12, an ordinance Determining Positions Eligible for the Defined Contribution Retirement Program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

An ordinance Determining Positions Eligible for the Defined Contribution Retirement Program

Mayor Ruschman asks Borough Attorney John D'Anton to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Mr. D'Anton stated that this ordinance is a response to the Governor's directive to remove certain part time positions and part time employees from the retirement system.

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wished to be heard concerning the introduction of this ordinance. There was no one.

Mayor Ruschman 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 September 9, 2008.

A motion was made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51: TO INCREASE DEVELOPMENT FEES IN THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 2008-13, an ordinance Amending Chapter 51: To Increase Development Fees in the Borough of Park Ridge

A motion was made by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 51: To Increase Development Fees in the Borough of Park Ridge

Mayor Ruschman asks Borough Attorney John D'Anton to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Mr. D'Anton stated that the Legislature created a statewide mandate for development fees charged on nonresidential development be increased from 2% to 2.5% of the assessed value on all new nonresidential development.

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wished to be heard concerning the introduction of this ordinance. There was no one.

Mayor Ruschman 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 September 9, 2008.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Ruschman states that under the resolution for the Payment of Monthly Bills the following Council members will abstain from voting on the following payments:

Henning: Pascack Community Services; Levinson: SCI; Ciannella: Jacobsen Landscaping

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

Councilmember Levinson asks to have Resolution #11 – Authorizing the Hiring of the Louis Berger Group, removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business for further discussion. Council President Henning agrees with this recommendation.

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

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the abstentions and elimination so noted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for the position of Police Officer on the Park Ridge Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the hiring process was conducted in accordance with Civil Service requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee has recommended Todd R. Stowe of 8 Laurel Hill Road, Park Ridge, NJ be hired as a Probationary Police Officer and has reserved a seat for him in the Police Academy effective July 17, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that Todd Stowe is hereby appointed as a Probationary Police Officer with the Borough of Park Ridge effective July 30, 2008 at a salary of \$32,510.40

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

SALARY INCREASE FOR ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have deemed it appropriate to increase the salary of the Acting Borough Clerk for 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the base salary for the Acting Borough Clerk Kelley O'Donnell be increased by \$2,000 retroactive to July 1, 2008.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

EXTENSION OF LIQUOR LICENSE 0247-33-003-007

WHEREAS, an application has been filed by Michael S. Kopelman, Esq., Assignee to the Benefit of Creditors of Tyler Restaurant Group LLC, with mailing address of 55 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 for an extension of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0247-33-003-007; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all aspects, the fees have been paid; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby approve, effective May 27, 2008, the extension of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0247-33-003-007 to Michael S. Kopelman, Esq. , Assignee to the Benefit of the Creditors of Tyler Restaurant Group LLC, 55 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate as follows: "This license number 0247-003-33-007, subject to all terms and conditions, is hereby extended to Michael S. Kopelman, Esq., 55 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 effective May 27, 2008."

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

EMPLOYEE DEFERRED COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, in order to attract and retain qualified employees there exists a need to adopt and implement a DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN for the employees of the Borough of Park Ridge (hereinafter referred to as "Employer"), which will provide employees the opportunity to enhance their financial security at retirement through savings of compensation on a deferred basis as provided by Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Employer adopted a DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN provided by AXA-Equitable and assigned the plan identifier (66-PD- Equitable-053107) Park Ridge by the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the offering of additional investments from another contractor will provide additional retirement investment options to participating employees; and

WHEREAS, there is no direct financial cost to the Employer to adopt and implement an additional employee deferred compensation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Employer solicited written proposals from two or more contractors for a Deferred Compensation Plan that meet the requirements of the Municipal, County and Authority Deferred Compensation Programs Rule N.J.A.C. 5:37; including AXA Equitable and Nationwide.

WHEREAS, the following contractors submitted written proposals:
AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company (hereinafter referred to as "AXA Equitable) and Nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge reviewed the proposals and met with representatives of the responding contractors of deferred compensation services; and

WHEREAS, it was deemed that AXA Equitable has the ability to: (1) maintain complete records of accounts; (2) manage accounts with absolute fidelity; (3) provide advice concerning various categories of investments; and (4) provide continuing consultation to participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute the Service Agreement (bearing the identifier: 66-SA-Equitable-053107 assigned by the New Jersey Division of Local Government) with AXA Equitable for the provision of administrative and investment services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby designated as Local Plan Administrator for the administration of the DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of AXA Equitable in the selection of AXA Equitable as contractor for the administration of the Service Agreement pursuant to N.J.A.C. Section 5:37-5.7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Park Ridge is adopting a deferred compensation plan substantially similar to one on which a favorable Private Letter Ruling has been previously obtained from the federal Internal Revenue Service except for provision added by reason of The Small Business Job Protection Act 1996 (United State Public Law no.104-188), the Tax Payer Relief Act 2001 (United States public law no.105-34) and the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act 2001 (United states public law no.107-16) , and all such provisions are stated in the plan in terms substantially similar to the text of those provisions in the Internal Revenue code section 457. The use of the Ruling is for guidance only and acknowledges that for Internal Revenue Service purposes, the Ruling of another employer is not to be considered precedent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and all necessary required documents shall be submitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND

WHEREAS, JAMM Realty Corp., 90 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, New Jersey, known as Lots 1,3 & 4, in Block 1901, on the Tax Map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted a Performance Bond in the amount of \$409,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the Performance Bond was reduced to \$122,760.00 in March, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has completed the outstanding items in the engineer's March 17, 2008 letter; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested the release of the remainder of the Performance Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed and inspected the site; and

WHEREAS, the engineer has submitted a report, dated June 27, 2008, which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the engineer has recommended that the applicant's Performance Bond be released subject to receipt of a two-year (2) Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$51,150.00 and subject to review and approval of said Bond by the Borough Attorney.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended to the Mayor and Council that the Performance Bond of \$122,760.00 be releases subject to receipt of a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$51,150.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Performance Bond of \$122,760.00 posted by JAMM Realty Corp. be released subject to receipt of a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$51,150.00.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND

WHEREAS, LC Developers LLC, North Fifth Street, Grand Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, known as Lots 3 & 28 in Block 1001, on the Tax Map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted a Performance Bond in the amount of \$260,386.80; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested that his Performance Bond be reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed and inspected the site; and

WHEREAS, the engineer has submitted a report, dated June 27, 2008, which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the engineer has recommended that the applicant's Performance Bond be reduced from \$260,386.80 to \$137,446.80 to ensure completion of the remaining items; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended to the Mayor and Council that the Performance Bond of \$260,386.80 be reduced by \$122,940.00 leaving \$137,446.80 for reasons given,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Performance Bond posted by LC Developers, LLC, be reduced by \$122,940.00, leaving \$137,446.80 for the completion of the remainder of the improvements.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, BERGEN COUNTY, NJ

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, County and local governments to work

together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity;

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, County and local homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, County and local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, County and local organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes.

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge do hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Borough standard for incident management.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

AMENDING PISTOL RANGE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge has operated a pistol range facility which is shared by the Boroughs of Woodcliff Lake and Montvale pursuant to a written agreement executed in November 2005; and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires each of the towns to pay their prorated cost as the fee per town; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 projected costs are set forth on the attached schedule "A" which is incorporated herein, the projected cost to Park Ridge is \$6,500.00 (Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Park Ridge that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute an amended pistol range agreement approved as to form and substance by the Borough attorney which will provide for the cost allocation and payment as set forth on schedule "A" for the use of the pistol range by the Boroughs of Woodcliff Lake, Montvale and the private club; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution be sent to the Borough administrators in Woodcliff Lake and Montvale within ten days from the date of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

INSTALLATION OF LDSS LIGHTNING ALERTING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seek to have installed a Lightning Alerting System in various public facilities and parks throughout the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Weather Decision Technologies, Inc. 3100 Monitor Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma 73072 to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Park Ridge, Montvale and Woodcliff Lake propose to do this as a partnership each of them sharing equally in the monthly fee and the cost to these municipalities is \$216.66 (Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Sixty Six Cents) per month; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge choose to have the hardware for the detecting system located in seven locations, West Ridge School, Colony Swim Pool, Davies Field, Sulak Lane Fields both North and South, East Brook School and Atkins Glen at a total hardware cost of \$8,890.00 (Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars); and

WHEREAS, this cost will be shared by the Borough, the Park Ridge Board of Education and the Park Ridge Athletic Association as follows:

The Borough will pay \$3,810.00 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Dollars), the Borough of Park Ridge Board of Education will pay \$3,810.00 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Dollars), and the Park Ridge Athletic Association will pay \$1,270.00 (One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars); and

WHEREAS, the monthly fee of \$216.66 (Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Sixty Six Cents) will be allocated in the same proportions among these three groups; and

WHEREAS, there will be shipping charges billed separately which will be allocated in the same proportions amongst these three groups; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that a contract is awarded to Weather Decision Technologies, Inc. of 3100 Monitor Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma 73072 for the purpose of the installation of lightning alerting system to seven locations described herein at a cost not to exceed \$8,890.00 (Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars) shared among the three entities described herein and a monthly service fee of (Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Sixty Six Cents) allocated in the same proportions as the hardware cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract approved as to form and substance for this purchase by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Boroughs of Montvale and Woodcliff Lake within ten days from the date of passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Weather Decision Technologies, Inc. 3100 Monitor Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma 73072.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**APPOINTING WILLIAM L. KOENIG AS
AN ARCHITECT FOR LANDSCAPE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seek to make certain improvements to Veterans Park in the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a proposal from William L. Koenig dated July 14, 2008 which proposes the preparation of bid specifications and plans at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00 (Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars); and

WHEREAS, such professional services are needed in order to place this improvement out for public bid; and

WHEREAS, this is an appointment made as an exception to Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge William L. Koenig is hereby appointed landscape architect to develop landscape plans and specifications for improvements to Veterans Park at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00 (Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract approved as to form and substance by the Borough Attorney between the Borough of Park Ridge William L. Koenig of 28 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey to provide these services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because this appointment is done as an exception to Local Public Contracts Law notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of record within ten days from date of passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution shall be sent to William L. Koenig within ten days from the date of passage of the resolution.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

RELEASE OF ESCROW FEES

WHEREAS, G. Mathis posted \$2,000.00 in engineering fees for the Construction office; and

WHEREAS, there is a balance of \$1,090.50 in the account; and

WHEREAS, a refund for taxes was sent in error for \$2,261.94; and

WHEREAS, the remaining engineering fees will offset part of the balance due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the \$1,090.50 remaining escrow be transferred to the Current Account.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

REFUND OF ESCROW

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Mercy deposited \$2,500.00 with the Construction Office to cover engineering related to their project; and

WHEREAS, One Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$122.50) were the only expenditures related to the work, leaving a balance of \$2,377.50 and all vouchers have been paid and the project is finished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the unexpended balance of \$2,377.50 be returned to Our Lady of Mercy.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

APPROVAL OF BANNER REQUEST

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it hereby approves the following request, subject to the availability of space and other conditions which may occur that would not permit banner to be hung at this location:

Banner:

Labor Day Concert
Park Avenue – Front of High School
August 25 – September 2

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HEAVY DUTY STATIONARY COMPACTOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge Public Works Department is in need of the purchase and installation of a heavy duty stationary compactor; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated expenditure for the equipment and installation is over \$29,000; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of New Jersey Statute 40A:11-4 requires the public advertising for bids when anticipated expenditures are over \$29,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has recommended that the Mayor and Council authorize the receipt of sealed bids for the purchase of a Heavy Duty Stationary Compactor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby authorize the receipt of sealed bids for the purchase of a Heavy Duty Stationary Compactor.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ROAD REPAIRER

WHEREAS, the promotion of Peter Wayne to the position of Road Supervisor has left a vacancy in the position of Senior Road Repairer; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations and the General Supervisor of Public Works have performed an evaluation of the Road Department's organizational structure and have recommended that the open position be filled; and

WHEREAS, the job opening was posted for as required in the Agreement with the Borough of Park Ridge Utility Employees Association; and

WHEREAS, the General Supervisor of Public Works and the Director of Operations have performed a thorough evaluation of all candidates who applied for said open position; and

WHEREAS, based on their evaluation, the Director of Operations has concluded that William Diedrich has the best qualifications for the open position of Senior Road Repairer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has recommended that William Diedrich be appointed to the position of Senior Road Repairer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that William Diedrich of 60 Colony Avenue, Park Ridge, New Jersey be promoted to the position of Senior Road Repairer, effective August 18, 2008, at an annual salary of \$63,020 which conforms to requirements in Schedule B of the Agreement with the Park Ridge Utility Employees Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution be sent to William Diedrich within ten (10) days of its adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENT
WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$3,000 in 2008-2009 Community Development Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities in the Borough of Park Ridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and hereby authorizes Mayor Donald Ruschman to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Colleen Ennis to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council that the Borough of Park Ridge is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

EXTEND THIRD QUARTER 2008 GRACE PERIOD

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen delayed certification of the Borough of Park Ridge's 2008 tax rate; and

WHEREAS, this delayed the issuance of the tax bills until August 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, State Law requires a twenty five day period from the mailing before payment is due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge establishes a no interest grace period for the third quarter tax payment until September 12, 2008. Payments remitted after that date will accrue interest from August 1, 2008, as mandated by State Law.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
REFUND STATE COURT JUDGMENTS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Court entered 2007 Judgments; and

WHEREAS, taxes are to be refunded for 2007 on the following property;

103-3 Michael Schneck, Esq. \$2,103.66
C0262 Trustee for Aurora Sevilla
 262 Hampshire Ridge

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017988	08/12/2008	623	TILCON NEW YORK, INC.	ASPHALT 7TOP/R	1,449.90
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017991	08/12/2008	651	KELLEY R. O'DONNELL	REIMBURSE EXP	156.45
017992	08/12/2008	660	NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	6/08 LEGAL ADVERTISI	102.45
017993	08/12/2008	668	ETD	WHEEL ALIGNMENT	64.95
017994	08/12/2008	689	NEW CONCEPT OFFICE SUPPLY	MESSAGE STAMP	81.45
017995	08/12/2008	692	BERGEN COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY	DRUG TESTING D HOFFM	35.00
017996	08/12/2008	704	GRAINGER	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	2,180.94
017997	08/12/2008	708	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	INVT STOPS LAWBLL	362.50
017998	08/12/2008	715	WILFRED MAC DONALD, INC.	HUSQVARNA PARTS	225.85
017999	08/12/2008	757	UNDERWRITERS LAB, INC.	INSPECT LADDERS	1,641.75
018000	08/12/2008	777	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,072.16
018001	08/12/2008	786	RUGGED OUTFITTERS, INC.	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE	117.97
018002	08/12/2008	806	BCD SOUND DESIGN & VIDEO	CD SPINDLES	126.50
018003	08/12/2008	814	ORGANIC RECYCLING, INC.	RCY BRUSH 06/2008	5,650.00
018004	08/12/2008	833	ATLANTIC BUSINESS PRODUCT	3RD QTR MNTNC AGMNT	504.69
018005	08/12/2008	847	METROPOLITAN CENTER FOR FORENSIC	PHYCH EVALU CAPT	1,250.00
018006	08/12/2008	876	MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.	APPRAISER FOR OPEN S	3,500.00
018007	08/12/2008	890	BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMP BENEFIT FUND	8/08 GRP INS BILLING	87,785.00
018008	08/12/2008	896	CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	SOD HYDROXIDE	938.48
018009	08/12/2008	909	CLEAN AIR COMPANY	ANNUAL SVC	712.60
018010	08/12/2008	940	PREMIER SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	325.60
018011	08/12/2008	1008	JOSEPH J. MADDEN	REIMBURSEMENT EXP	85.31
018012	08/12/2008	1019	M. BERNSTEIN & SONS	COFFEE SUPPLIES	153.35
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018016	08/12/2008	1107	E. J. NAPOLITANO	REIMBURSEMENT EXP	379.62
018017	08/12/2008	1110	HEATHER C. NICOLAS	MED SUPPLIES DAYC	212.16
018018	08/12/2008	1121	GOODYEAR GEMINI AUTO SERVICE CENTER	TIRES	1,711.08
018019	08/12/2008	1129	BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE	CHC 07/2008	30.00
018020	08/12/2008	1130	DANIEL J. KNOTHE	NITRO GOLD SOAP	22.95
018021	08/12/2008	1151	GENE VINCI	6/08 REIMBURSEMENT	67.16
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018025	08/12/2008	1259	HILLCLIFF GLASS & BATH, INC.	DOOR CLOSERS	280.00
018026	08/12/2008	1274	VERIZON WIRELESS	6/08 MONTHLY BILL	757.07
018027	08/12/2008	1324	ROBERT LUDWIG	PHONE REIMBURSMT	194.62
018028	08/12/2008	1370	S C I	7/08 MO CLN SVC FD	289.19
018029	08/12/2008	1392	MARC'S DELI	MEETING REFRESHMENTS	3,937.90
018030	08/12/2008	1423	SHRED-IT NEWARK	SHREDDING BULK	92.20
018031	08/12/2008	1440	WITMER ASSOCIATES, INC.	STREAMLITE VEHMNT	93.99
018032	08/12/2008	1449	SCHULTZ FORD LINCOLN MERCURY, INC.	PARTS FS50	1,165.31
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018034	08/12/2008	1492	NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS CORP.	MONTHLY BILL 7/08	2,144.21
018035	08/12/2008	1512	MACO OFFICE SUPPLIES	CLIP BDS/FILE FLDRS	114.99
018036	08/12/2008	1582	AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	6/08 UNIFORM SERV	509.20
018037	08/12/2008	1597	CAROUSEL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH	8/08 MONTHLY MNTNC	334.64
018038	08/12/2008	1604	NETWORK BILLING SYSTEMS, LLC	7/08 MONTHLY SVC	586.81
018039	08/12/2008	1809	REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	NICAD AAA BATTERY	168.85
018040	08/12/2008	1818	BOLKEMA FUEL COMPANY	55 GAL DRUMS	160.00
018041	08/12/2008	1931	H.V.A.C. DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	REPLACMNT FILTERS	186.24
018042	08/12/2008	2069	COOPERATIVE COMMUNICATIONS INC	7/08 MONTHLY	69.93
018043	08/12/2008	2131	FEDEX	OVERNIGHT BROOKER	21.58
018044	08/12/2008	2193	VANWELL ELECTRONICS, INC.	SVC ALARM SYSTMS	212.50
018045	08/12/2008	2219	TIMBER TREE	TREES REMOVED	2,370.00
018046	08/12/2008	2224	SICOMAC DAIRY FOODS	7/08 DAIRY FDS BILL	101.00
018047	08/12/2008	2273	ALLIED OIL COMPANY	7/2/08 UNLEADED GAS	44,369.76
018048	08/12/2008	2276	AVAYA, INC.	8/08 MONTHLY BILLING	466.02
018049	08/12/2008	2300	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	8/08 DISABILITY INS	1,791.49
018050	08/12/2008	2354	I.D.M. MEDICAL SUPPLY COMPANY	OXY REFILLS	110.50
018051	08/12/2008	2597	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ, INC.	6/08 MONTHLY BILL	20,551.81
018052	08/12/2008	2622	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT, INC.	ATKINS GLEN SITE	85.92
018053	08/12/2008	2854	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.	STAPLES	375.72

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000887	08/12/2008	411	MELROSE FUEL OIL CO.	HEATING FUEL	671.86
000888	08/12/2008	420	NAUTILUS SWIMMING POOL SUPPLIES	HYPOCHLORITE	31,254.45
000889	08/12/2008	425	VERIZON	7/08 MONTHLY BILL	25.01
000890	08/12/2008	502	BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, ELEC DEPT	6/08 ELEC MONTHLY BI	2,972.76
000891	08/12/2008	645	DURIE LAWMOWER & EQUIPMENT	LAWN MOWER REPAIRED	96.90
000892	08/12/2008	674	TOBY'S ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.	FLURBALST/LAMPS	369.42
000893	08/12/2008	1201	TOM BAUER	REIMBURSEMENT EXP	90.16
000894	08/12/2008	1214	AFFORDABLE LUXURY LANDSCAPING, INC	SPRING CLEANUP	8,055.00
000895	08/12/2008	1250	COVISTA COMMUNICATIONS	7/08 MONTHLY BILL	6.99
000896	08/12/2008	1358	THOMAS J. MAZZARELLA	FAUCET/SHOWER	300.00
000897	08/12/2008	1374	KOEHLER CONST. & CONTRACTING, INC.	MISC REPAIRS	915.00
000898	08/12/2008	1522	WILD RIDGE SALES & PROMOTIONS, INC.	TABLES/UMBRELLAS	6,960.95
000899	08/12/2008	1608	NICK TSAPATSARIS & ASSOCIATES	ENGRG 01/2008	125.00
000900	08/12/2008	9999	TOM BAUER	REPLENISH PETTY CASH	237.26
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001068	08/12/2008	51	B & C COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	VFH MOBIL RADIO	5,431.20
001069	08/12/2008	211	BROOKER ENGINEERING, P.L.L.C.	6/08 ENGINEERING SVC	4,508.40
001070	08/12/2008	264	COUNTRY CASUAL	TRASH CONTAINERS	2,945.00
001071	08/12/2008	318	BEN SHAPPER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	DAVIES FLD SWINGS	411.72
001072	08/12/2008	367	ALL AMERICAN FORD, INC.	CHIEF'S FD EXP 4X4	27,198.00
001073	08/12/2008	392	O'BRIEN & GERE ENGINEERS, INC.	MILLPOND DAM PROJ	5,700.00
001074	08/12/2008	394	JOSEPH DENISE	SS FLOWER BOXES	4,125.00
001075	08/12/2008	777	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	GPS FD CHIEF'S CAR	499.98
001076	08/12/2008	846	NORTHERN SEAMLESS GUTTER SYS., INC.	BLDG GUTTER REPR	3,095.00
001077	08/12/2008	909	CLEAN AIR COMPANY	VENTILATION SYS	25,629.40
001078	08/12/2008	1139	ROGUT MCCARTHY TROY LLC	BOND SVC SPC EMG NOT	566.66
001079	08/12/2008	1297	BERGEN DATA, INC.	COMPUTER	1,315.00
001080	08/12/2008	1374	KOEHLER CONST. & CONTRACTING, INC.	PLANTER BOXES	1,980.00
001081	08/12/2008	1525	PALISADES SALES CORPORATION, INC	COMPUTER UPGRADE	450.00
*** FUND TOTAL ***					83,855.36
*** GRAND TOTALS ***					1,451,496.40

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TRUST ACCOUNT:			
Check #	Vendor	Description	Amount
2548	AW Imageworks	DARE Bike a thon sponsor form	\$ 297.93
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	1 Sayers Court	\$ 82.50
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	1 Sayers Court	\$ 247.50
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	65 Glendale	\$ 330.00
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2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	Lollipop Day Nursery School	\$ 330.00
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	Ellin Drive	\$ 165.00
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	Lafayette/Grand/N 5th	\$ 330.00
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	1 Sayers Court	\$ 82.50
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	Lafayette/Grand/N 5th	\$ 225.00
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	37 Park Ave	\$ 247.50
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	40 Park Ave	\$ 660.00
2549	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C.	Hespe Subdivision	\$ 507.50
2550	Burgis Associates, Inc.	Jamm Realty	\$ 72.50
2550	Burgis Associates, Inc.	37 Park Ridge, LLC	\$ 610.00
2550	Burgis Associates, Inc.	PRAH	\$ 1,480.00
2550	Burgis Associates, Inc.	PRAH	\$ 471.25
2550	Burgis Associates, Inc.	PRAH	\$ 2,900.00
2551	EDU-Psych Outreach Center, Inc.	Asst Counselor Leadership Training	\$ 61.71
2552	North Jersey Media Group	6/08 Legal Advertising	\$ 171.79
2553	Judith Youngman	Reimbursement Exp	\$ 39.20
2554	Judith Youngman	Reimbursement Exp	\$ 39.20

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DOG ACCOUNT:			
Check #	Vendor	Description	Amount
2348	New Jersey Department of Health	7/08 Monthly License Report	\$ 15.00

NEW BUSINESS:

Council discussion on the wording of the resolution authorizing the hiring of the Louis Berger Group for Phase I at a cost of \$2,000 and the possibility of hiring them for Phase II at an additional cost of \$13,500. John D'Anton stated that he wrote the resolution giving the Council the ability to move forward with Phase II if they chose to. The Council would still have to agree upon the decision and the Council is the only one to authorize payments.

Council President Henning stated that after hearing the concerns of the residents tonight he would like the Council to discuss it further. We have heard the proposal of The Louis Berger Group and the pursuit of alternatives to repairing the dam. Tonight we have heard the opinion of at least 100 residents who do not want the dam removed and want the pond dredged. Going forward with the resolution tonight is not an indication that we are going through with the proposal of The Louis Berger Group, I think that is just means that we are looking at the possibility of having options to spending the 2 million dollars; half to repair the dam and half to dredge the pond, which we know we will have to do again.

The Council further discussed that the initial expense of \$2,000 is money well spent to have an expert speak with the DEP and ask all the right questions about delaying the dam repair and alternatives.

Councilmember Wells stated that in the past the alternatives The Louis Berger Group proposed to the Borough might not have been available years ago. Now they are presented to us and it would be irresponsible of us to all the residents of the town if we did not have the answer to the questions of spending \$2 million dollars, knowing that the problem will come back again and the money will have to be spent again. Councilmember Wells further stated that it troubled him that one resident would state the liability of the Borough if the dam was not repaired. He disagreed with this statement, because the Mayor and Council have acted responsibly as the information has unfolded and dealt with every step of that. This is just one more responsible action as the information has unfolded that we need to go to the DEP and ask the question and make sure that we spend the \$2 million wisely and in a timely manner.

Councilmember Levinson asked at what point the residents would be invited in to see the presentation by The Louis Berger Group. Gene Vinci stated that Phase II is the project scoping. Once the project scoping is determined the residents would be invited to a public hearing to be included in the process. The Council further discussed that the residents will be informed every step of the way.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to approve Resolution #11 on the Consent Agenda Authorizing the Hiring of The Louis Berger Group Inc.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING HIRING OF LOUIS BERGER GROUP INC.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council want to explore modification of the Mill Pond Dam and the surrounding property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that the first step would be to determine if the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection would be amenable to the proposed improvements to Mill Pond Dam; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a proposal from Louis Berger Group Inc. of 412 Mount Kemble Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey to do some preliminary work and to contact the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to determine the feasibility of the proposed modification at a cost for the first phase of \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) and the second phase if used would be for \$13,500.00 (Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars); and

WHEREAS, this hiring is made as an exception to Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Park Ridge that the Louis Berger Group Inc. is authorized to proceed with Phase I as described in their proposal of July 11, 2008 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Clerk authorize to execute professional service contract approved as to form and substance by the Borough attorney with the Louis Berger Group Inc. for the services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge preserve their right to authorize the Louis Berger Group Inc. to proceed with Phase II at a later date at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.00 (Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Louis Berger Group Inc. within ten days from the date of adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action as an exception to Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in the newspaper of record within ten days from date of Passage.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ruschman states that he has received a letter that he was asked to read at tonight's meeting. However, it deals with personnel and with generalities and a complaint by a resident in town about some of his neighbors. At this time I will not read it. I will acknowledge receipt of the letter.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember Ciannella:

Hoped that everyone noticed the flower boxes on the bridge. There are also new benches in town thanks to the Park Ridge Rotary Club and Stu Gold in Veteran's Park and Depot Square, they bear the names of the 9/11 victims that were Park Ridge residents. There are also new trash containers along Park Avenue. Next week flower containers will be placed along Park Avenue and in Depot Square. Those will be planted in the fall. I have been contacting those groups who expressed an interest in helping the Downtown Beautification Committee. Progress is being made on Veteran's Park. Councilmember Ciannella thanked Lou Turli and the DPW for their efforts in town, she has received emails thanking them for the work they are doing.

Councilmember Ciannella stated that she thinks Lou Turli is doing a great job as supervisor. Mayor Ruschman said that one of the first things that happened when he became Mayor was the tragedy of 9/11. He further stated that he felt it was very admirable that the Rotary chose to support and commemorate the victims of 9/11. He asked that in the future the Beautification Committee acknowledge, in some way, the veterans who lost their lives in other wars. There are a total of 24 and he would like to see something commemorating them as well. Councilmember Ciannella stated that was a great idea. Councilmember Ciannella was asked if the benches would be secured to the ground and she stated that they would be.

Councilmember Brouwer:

Stated that it has been a quiet summer on the school board. The school board will be meeting next on the 24th.

Councilmember Wells:

Vision Plan Committee has met with a charrette group; it continues to be a quiet summer. As a committee they have been given some homework; summer reading to prepare themselves for the fall, when they can complete the information gathering. They are hopeful in developing a Vision Plan before the end of the year. They would then present their plan to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

The Planning Board is also enjoying a quieter summer; only a few applications. Councilmember Wells stated the concern that he has which he considers part of the Planning Board would be our Pistol Range. Councilmember Wells stated that he would just like to say for the newspapers benefit that there are local communities looking at the possibility of building new pistol ranges when we already have a pistol range. Councilmember Wells further stated that at a time when communities are being encouraged by the County and State and locally to try to share services, it is of concern as to why the communities cannot work together to utilize the assets that are

already in place and paid for. Councilmember Wells would encourage the Planning Board, Vision Plan Committee and Mayor and Council to promote the use of our pistol range beyond our borders.

Council President Henning:

Thanked Councilmember Wells for bringing the subject of the Pistol Range. Council President Henning further stated that he will bring it to the attention of the Police Chief and see if there are ways in which they can market the Park Ridge Pistol Range; see if we can get other towns interested in it.

Open Space Committee has already submitted Bergen County Grant Applications for open space, recreation and park fund. There will be a meeting tomorrow night with some of the Bergen County Freeholders to walk through the property which is off of Colony Avenue near Forest Avenue. A presentation will be made to the County on September 8th as well as applying to the State for funds for the purchase of the property. There have been several other properties of note that have been brought to our attention for possible acquisition. The Open Space Committee will meet to prioritize the list.

Technology Committee will be making a recommendation this evening for a software package for the Borough's Finance management. There may be additional hardware purchased as well. Colleen Ennis, CFO has been overseeing that project with help from Bill Beattie and the Technology Committee. Council President Henning thanked Mayor Ruschman and Councilmember Wells for meeting with Regional Plan Association of New Jersey. In an attempt to round out a plan for the Borough going forward 5 years or 10 years, a charrette brings together the many stakeholders that exist within the town; council, fire, police and business community for example, all the groups that have been part of the Vision Plan Committee meetings so far this year. Together with the input from all groups a plan can be put in place moving forward.

Councilmember Levinson:

Stated that she would just like to remind those present of a few upcoming dates; Historic Preservation Committee will be making a presentation to the Planning board on August 13th, There will be a 2nd Adult Night at the pool on Friday, August 15th. In the event of rain it will be the following Friday. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

DARE will be holding their Teen Pool Night on Monday, August 18th.

The Recreation Committee will be hosting a concert on August 30th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, rain date will be Sunday.

The Golf Committee is underway, the outing is scheduled for October 8th at Valley Brook, forms will be available at the counter in the Borough Hall.

Councilmember Levinson stated that she was approached by Joe Bruno and asked to help with the school's bicentennial. They are doing a t-shirt and looking for sponsors; the cost to sponsor is \$250.00. They expect to print 2,000 shirts. They would like to know if the Mayor and Council wish to be a sponsor. Mayor Ruschman asked councilmember Levinson to give him the sponsor form.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Public Meeting Minutes dated May 27, 2008

Abstain: Councilmember Maughan

Public Meeting Minutes dated June 10, 2008

Abstain: Councilmember Maughan

Public Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2008

Abstain: Council members Maughan and Wells

Public Meeting Minutes dated July 8, 2008

Abstain: Council members Henning, Maughan and Wells

Public Meeting Minutes dated July 22, 2008

Abstain: Council members Brouwer and Maughan

Closed and Work Session Minutes dated July 8, 2008
Abstain: Council members Henning, Wells and Maughan

Closed and Work Session Minutes dated July 22, 2008
Abstain: Council members Brouwer and Maughan

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly R. O'Donnell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text of the meeting adjournment.