Approved February 10, 2009

Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
September 9, 2008 – 8:10 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, Wells, Ciannella, Levinson and Maughan
Absent: Councilmember Brouwer
Also Present: Kelley O'Donnell, Acting borough Clerk
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator
John D'Anton, Borough Attorney
Colleen Ennis, CFO

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

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to suspend the regular order of business for a swearing in and presentation of certificates.

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

Mayor Ruschman stated that it is a rare occasion that we have the opportunity to have two nice things happen in one night.

Mayor Ruschman asked Council President Henning, as Police Commissioner, to join him at the podium for the swearing in.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER

TOOD STOWE

Police Chief Joseph Madden thanked the Mayor and Council for their support throughout the hiring process. Chief Madden went on to say that Todd is the first product of their new and improved selection and background investigation. The department recently upgraded the selection process. Chief Madden stated that Todd is a lifelong resident of Park Ridge. He has a history with the civil air patrol and has many of the qualities that he, as a new Chief, likes to see in his officers; he is here for the right reasons, great connection with the community, here to help people and wants to improve himself as a police officer and a person. The Chief stated that Todd Stowe is a great fit with the department and the community. Chief Madden congratulated Todd Stowe and welcomed him to the department.

Todd Stowe was asked to say a few words. He stated that he has been fortunate enough to attend the academy for approximately one month now; it is a tough work out, but he welcomes the challenge. Todd further stated that he is looking forward to being out in the community and seeing everyone out there and helping to keep them safe.

Chief Madden stated as Chief he would like to congratulate the boy's baseball team on their championship.

Mayor Ruschman asks the baseball coaches to come forward and help with the presentation of the certificates. Coach Gary Kochakian came forward to call the player's names.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

PARK RIDGE BASEBALL MINORS A
10U CHAMPIONSHIP

James Bargmann	**Danny Confreda**	**Kyle Green**
Glen Hafemeister	**Craig Kochakian**	**Raymond Lavender**
Sean Mahoney	**Evan Matthews**	**Sam Schneider**
Luke Thompson	**Matt Vasel**	**Derek Zeug**

Coaches:

Gary Kochakian	**Brian Mahoney**	**Randy Green**
Gerry Matthews		

Mayor Ruschman stated that the achievements of the athletes are a credit to the volunteers that help. Mayor Ruschman further stated that today's champions are the future of the Park Ridge High School athletics. Mayor Ruschman continued by saying that we seem to get more and more of these athletic presentations and it is a credit to the town, to the coaches and speaks loudly of the volunteerism in town.

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Ruschman asks the Clerk to read the Agenda Changes. The Clerk announced that Ordinance No. 2008-14 would be introduced; authorizing additional funding for the Borough Road, Curbs, Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements Project.

Under the consent agenda we are adding the following resolutions:
8. Fire House Improvements
9. State of New Jersey DEP Green Acres Enabling Resolution
10. Authorizing Receipt of bids for Landscape Planting and Related Work at Veteran's Park

Mayor Ruschman thanked the Clerk.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

Tracy Dickinson – 2 Oneto Court
Ms. Dickinson thanked the Mayor and Council for honoring her in July and presented the Mayor with a thank you note.

Burton Hall – 98 North 5th Street
Mr. Hall commented on how nice it was to see nice things happening in town. Mr. Hall stated that he had a couple of questions. One being an older issue; which deals with Metropolitan Homes and North 5th Street; he asked if there has been any further effort made to purchase this property. John D'Anton stated that there have been no further conversations. Mr. D'Anton further stated that the owner has no desire, at this time, to sell the property to the Borough. Mayor Ruschman stated that the Borough has reached out to the owner more than once.
Mr. Hall asked the history of the Mill Pond; and which council member had suggested the pond be filled in. Councilmember Ciannella stated that no one recommended that the pond be filled in. She further stated that there were many options discussed and others that had not yet been discussed. Mr. Hall stated that was why he was at this evening's meeting and wanted to state that he felt Mill Pond helped to define the character of the town. Councilmember Ciannella stated that they would be meeting with the DEP and that they would be looking at what the options could be. Mr. Hall asked if there had been a bond a few years back for repairing the dam. Mr. D'Anton stated that it was a low cost bond ordinance that was in place eight or ten years ago. Mr. D'Anton stated that some of that funding was used for the initial rehabilitation work that was done. Mr. Hall asked if the public would be included prior to any decision being made on work at Mill Pond. Mayor Ruschman stated the public would be included in any discussions; if the Borough moves forward a committee would be formed,

including residents. Mayor Ruschman assured Mr. Hall that nothing would be done behind closed doors.
Mr. Hall asked in light of the recent newspaper articles if the Borugh had been involved with Mr. Ouri or Mr. Ferriero at all on any town business. John D'Anton stated that no the Borough had not.

ORDINANCE - INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-14

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE BOROUGH ROAD, CURBS, SIDEWALKS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF $77,500.00 AND PROVING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE BOROUGH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to appropriate additional funding for the Borough Road, Curb and Drainage Improvements.

Section 2. The sum of $77,500.00 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement authorized and described in section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from Capital Surplus of the Borough. The sum of $77,500.00 is hereby appropriated from Capital Surplus of the Borough to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said improvements is a lawful capital improvement of the Borough having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take affect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

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

Mayor Ruschman asks Colleen Ennis, CFO to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Ms. Ennis stated that at the last meeting there was a resolution cancelling old balances from various road projects from prior years dating back to 2002. Cancellation was in the amount of approximately $92,000. This ordinance re-appropriates that money to be used for this year's projects which came in higher than anticipated. This will allow us to award of the bid once the ordinance is passed. The difference between the $92,000 and the $77,500 is remaining in capital surplus to be used at a later date for a down payment if necessary.

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 23, 3008.

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

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the compensation paid certain officials, appointees and employees of the Borough of Park Ridge shall be as follows:

SECTION 1. That the minimum and maximum range of salary, wage or compensation to be paid to certain officials, appointees and employees or servants of the Borough of Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2008 is hereby fixed as follows:

POSITION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	BASIS
Mayor	-	$7,200	Per Annum
Councilmember	-	6,000	" "
Administrator	100,000	135,000	" "
Borough Clerk	39,000	50,000	" "
Municipal Court Judge	12,500	25,000	" "
Public Defender	2,000	4,000	" "
Borough Prosecutor	7,500	11,000	" "
Planning Board Attorney	3,000	9,000	" "
Zoning Board Attorney	3,000	8,000	" "
Director of Operations	85,000	120,000	" "
General Supervisor, Elect. Dist.	65,000	100,000	" "
General Supervisor, Water & Sewer Maint.	65,000	81,000	" "
General Supervisor, Roads, Parks Recycling, Bldgs & Grounds, Vehicle Maintenance	50,000	85,000	" "
Recycling Coordinator Stipend		1,000	
Deputy Borough Clerk	2,000	8,000	" "
Collector Treasurer	30,000	55,000	" "
Utilities CFO	30,000	55,000	" "
Assistant Municipal Treasurer	35,000	50,000	" "
Utilities Treasurer	35,000	50,000	" "
Assistant Utilities Treasurer	35,500	53,000	" "
TriBoro Consultant		50	Per Hour
Tax Assessor, P.T.	15,000	15,000	Per Annum
Zoning Officer, P.T.	5,000	33,000	" "
Construction Code Official	35,000	60,000	" "
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	5,000	5,000	" "
Electrical Sub-Code Official, P.T.	5,000	12,000	" "
Fire Sub-Code Official, P.T.	5,000	12,000	" "
Fire Official, P.T.	3,500	8,000	" "
Fire Code Inspectors, P.T.	2,500	6,000	" "
Public Assistance Director, P.T.	3,500	10,000	" "
Secretary, Board of Public Works, P.T.	5,000	15,000	" "
Pistol Range Facility Coordinator	3,000	4,000	" "

SECTION 2. In addition to the salaries set forth above, department heads and other eligible employees shall be paid longevity pay on the following basis: (a) 49th month through 60th month of service: $500 for that year of service; (b) 61st through 120th month of service: $300 per pay per year for each year of service; (c) 121st month and over: $200 per year for each year of service. Payments shall be part of the bi-weekly pay.

SECTION 3. All salaries shall be retroactive to January 1, 2008.

SECTION 4. In addition to the salaries set forth herein employees in the following positions shall be paid an additional sum of $1,000, said amount to be designated, "Exempt Stipend," in recognition of the additional hours and duties required of their positions. The eligible positions are: Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Collector-Treasurer, Ass't Collector-Treasurer, Director of Operations, General Supervisors of Electric Distribution, Roads/Parks/Bldgs & Grounds/Vehicle Maint., Water Distribution and Sewer Maintenance, Chief of Police, Supervising Communications Operator and Zoning Officer.

SECTION 5. In addition to the salary set forth herein, the Fire Official, P.T., shall each be paid an additional stipend of $500 in recognition of additional hours required as the administrative duties associated with residential smoke detector certifications.

SECTION 6. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, the Fire Official, P.T., and the Zoning Officer, P.T., shall be paid an additional stipend of $500 each in recognition of additional hours associated with the Mayor's Housing Task Force.

SECTION 7. In addition to salary set forth herein, the Fire Officials, P.T., shall each be paid an additional $17.00 per hour for court appearances in recognition of the hours spent in Court associated with summons issued for violations.

SECTION 8. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are expressly repealed.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall become effective after final passage and publication as required by law.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on 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 Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella 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 states that this is a raise for all exempt employees; the amount is 4%, the employees are listed. This is an annual increase based on 2007 work.

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

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to close the public hearing and that this ordinance be adopted and that it be published by title in the Ridgewood News with notice of final passage.

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson 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

Whereas, the State Legislature recently adopted Chapter 92 of the Laws of 2007 (N.J.S. 43:15C-1 et seq.) to create the Defined Contribution Retirement Program to provide retirement benefits to various county and municipal officials; and,

Whereas, N.J.S. 43:15C-2 requires the governing body of each county, municipality, and other local entity to adopt, as appropriate, either a resolution or ordinance to determine the positions that are substantially similar in nature to the advice and consent of the Senate for appointments by the Governor of the State, pursuant to guidelines or policy that shall be established by the Local Finance Board in the Department of Community Affairs, and for which officials appointed to such positions shall be eligible for and shall participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program, subject to the provisions of law; and,

Whereas, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge has considered the guidelines issued by the Local Finance Board;

Now, Therefore, Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S. 43:15C-2, the following positions are deemed to be eligible for and shall participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program:
    a. Business Administrator;
    b. Municipal Attorney;
    c. Municipal Engineer;
    d. Municipal Prosecutor;
    e. Municipal Court Judge;
    f. Public Defender
    g. Mayor & Council
2. Individuals serving in the following positions are exempt from Defined Contribution Retirement Program membership, pursuant to N.J.S. 43:15C-2:
    a. Certified Health Officer;
    b. Tax Collector;
    c. Chief Financial Officer;
    d. Construction Code Official;
    e. Qualified Purchasing Agent;
    f. Tax Assessor;
    g. Municipal Planner;
    h. Registered Municipal Clerk;
    i. Licensed Uniform Subcode Inspector;

j. Principal Public Works Manager.

3. If an individual is appointed to one of the positions listed in Section 1 and the individual is not serving in a position as described in section 2 above, the Pension Certifying Officer of the municipality may determine that the individual is not required to join the Defined Contribution Retirement Program if that individual;
   a. Was an active participant in the Public Employee Retirement System on July 1, 2007 and continuously since that time; or
   b. Has been appointed pursuant to a valid promotional process; or
   c. Is appointed on a temporary, interim, or "acting" basis to a position requiring State Certification as set forth in Section 2 herein, and is in pursuit of the required certification; or
   d. Meets such other exceptions that may be approved by the Local Finance Board or Division of Pensions and Benefits.
4. This ordinance shall be implemented, construed and subject to the aforesaid Chapter 92 of the Laws of 2007 (N.J.S. 43:15C-1 et seq.) as amended from time to time, and any regulations or guidance documents from the Local Finance Board or the Division of Pensions and Benefits.
5. Should any part or parts of this ordinance be held to be invalid by any competent court of law, such invalidity shall only affect the part or parts held to be invalid, and all other parts shall remain in effect.
6. A copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Pensions & Benefits of the New Jersey Department of the Treasury.
7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on 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 Colleen Ennis, CFO to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Ms Ennis stated that the state recently redefined the current pension plan in terms of who could participate and who could not. One of the initial phases is that they have defined specific positions, that if you are not already in the pension system, they have come up with a new plan entitled the Deferred Compensation Plan, similar to a 401k.

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

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to pass to close the Public Hearing and that this ordinance be adopted and published by title in the Ridgewood News with notice of final passage.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51: TO INCREASE DEVELOPMENT FEES IN THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised that a new law; has created a mandatory state wide development fees for non-residential structures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will follow this law by increasing the nonresidential development fee from 2% to 2.5%; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that this action is in the best interest of the Borough and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ordained by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Park Ridge as follows:

SECTION I:

Chapter 51-3 including subparagraphs A and B are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION II:

Chapter 51-4-C is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

Nonresidential development fee(s) within nonresidential zone developers shall pay a fee of two and a half percent (2.5%) of the equalized assessed value of any eligible nonresidential activity.

SECTION III:

All other provision(s), section(s) and paragraph(s) of Chapter 51 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV: Invalidity

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect or invalidate the reminder of this ordinance, but shall be confirmed in its effect to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION V: Severability

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The governing body of the Borough of Park Ridge declares that it would have passed the Ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the facts that one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION VI: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law following final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on 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 Levinson 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 this a state mandated increase in development fees to be charged for new construction and for the development fees to then go to the state of New jersey.

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

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing and that this ordinance be adopted and published by title in the Ridgewood News with notice of final passage.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Levinson 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. There was none.

Mayor Ruschman asks if any Council member would like to abstain from voting on any resolution on the consent agenda. There was none.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following approved bills in the sum of $ 311,408.49 be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

PAYMENT OF BILLS September 9, 2008		
CAPITAL	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	$44,269.12
CURRENT FUND	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	$255,282.62
DOG ACCOUNT	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	$9.60
POOL	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	$4,946.44
TRUST	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	$6,547.28
UNEMPLOYEMENT	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	$353.43
TOTAL		$311,408.49

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MONTHLY CHECK LIST - FUND NO 53
Beginning Date: 09/01/2008 Ending Date: 09/09/2008

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NO	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECK AMOUNT
001082	09/09/2008	412	ANCHOR FENCE CONTRACTORS, INC.	FENCING DAVIES PRK	4,067.00
001083	09/09/2008	511	QUAD THREE GROUP	6/08 SVC	425.27
001084	09/09/2008	704	GRAINGER	LOCKERS	477.90
001085	09/09/2008	835	SAFETY LIGHTS STRIPES AND GRAPHICS	LITES/SIREN CONFSP	4,995.40
001086	09/09/2008	992	PRECAST CONCRETE SALES CO.	CATCH BASIN FRAME	7,592.00
001087	09/09/2008	1026	X-RAY IMAGING	METAL DETECTORS	2,800.00
001088	09/09/2008	1230	TRS CONTAINERS, INC.	STEEL CONTAINERS	4,190.00
001089	09/09/2008	1625	SANSONE CHEVY/MOTORS FLEET	CHIEF'S 4WD ESCAPE	19,721.55
			*** GRAND TOTALS ***		44,269.12

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MONTHLY CHECK LIST - FUND NO 18
Beginning Date: 09/01/2008 Ending Date: 09/09/2008

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NO	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECK AMOUNT
018064	09/03/2008	9999	BARBARA POLSTER	REFUND DAYCAMP FEE	75.00
018065	09/03/2008	9999	JULIE DONOVAN	REFUND DAYCAMP FEE	50.00
018066	09/09/2008	2	RESERVE ACCOUNT	8/08 POSTAGE	1,865.99
018067	09/09/2008	26	BERGEN COUNTY GARDEN CENTER	HAY/GRASS SEED	202.50
018068	09/09/2008	48	BOGERT WELDING	WELD AERIAL LDR	250.00
018069	09/09/2008	51	B & C COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	12V VEHICLE CHARGR	512.60
018070	09/09/2008	53	LAW ENFORCEMENT EXEC DEV ASSN	EXEC SURVIVAL REG	550.00
018071	09/09/2008	68	COLLEEN ENNIS	8/08 PETTY CASH	190.94
018072	09/09/2008	96	D & E UNIFORMS	UNIFORMS	1,221.85
018073	09/09/2008	100	JOHN J. D'ANTON, ESQ.	8/08 LEGAL SVC	6,107.08
018074	09/09/2008	102	INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES OF	9/08 MONTHLY SVC	40,666.66
018075	09/09/2008	103	AW IMAGEWORKS	VACANT HOME CARDS	46.50
018076	09/09/2008	147	AT&T	8/08 MONTHLY LL BILL	312.94
018077	09/09/2008	165	FIRE AND SAFETY SERVICES, LTD.	MISC PARTS	748.68
018078	09/09/2008	176	BERGEN CARE HOME HEALTH	CONTRACT 09/2008	120.00
018079	09/09/2008	233	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES	8/08 MONTHLY BILL	495.00
018080	09/09/2008	252	HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SUPPLY	NO PARKING SIGNS	406.66
018081	09/09/2008	288	N J SWEEPING & MAINTENANCE CO., INC	8/8/08 SWEEPING SVC	1,770.00
018082	09/09/2008	303	JOHN M. HARTEL CO., INC.	READY NIP	460.32
018083	09/09/2008	304	JOHN CRUM PRINTING, INC.	ENVELOPES	149.37
018084	09/09/2008	328	QUILL CORPORATION	LABELS	54.99
018085	09/09/2008	337	KAY PRINTING & ENVELOPE CO., INC.	FORMS	598.00
018086	09/09/2008	339	DRUMMOND AMERICAN CORPORATION	CLEANING SUPPLIES	271.38
018087	09/09/2008	346	FORCELLATI BROS., INC.	TOP SOIL	280.00
018088	09/09/2008	385	HILLSDALE PAINT & WALLPAPER	PARTS LINE PAINTING	504.81
018089	09/09/2008	387	MANLEY DATA PROCESSING	TAX BILLS 2008	4,157.67
018090	09/09/2008	393	MONTVALE HARDWARE & SUPPLY	MISC SUPPLIES 03/08	447.70
018091	09/09/2008	422	P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	AUTO PARTS 06/2008	1,645.51
018092	09/09/2008	425	VERIZON	8/08 MONTHLY BILLS	4,547.35
018093	09/09/2008	441	NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	REG FEES 08 CONV	450.00
018094	09/09/2008	445	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSN.	RENEWAL 2 YRS	270.00
018095	09/09/2008	485	PARK RIDGE FLORIST	FUNERAL BASKET	83.90
018096	09/09/2008	486	P S E & G	7/08 MONTHLY BILLS	202.10
018097	09/09/2008	495	SHOWALTERS AUTO & EQUIPMENT, INC.	HYD CYL 97 ROLLOFF	545.00
018098	09/09/2008	502	BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, ELEC DEPT	7/08 MONTHLY BILLS	8,975.67
018099	09/09/2008	510	QUACKENBUSH LUMBER	7/08 MISC SUPPLIES	300.64
018100	09/09/2008	516	RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	REG FEE	1,251.00
018101	09/09/2008	576	SYMETRA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	9/08 LIFE INSURANCE	144.90

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MONTHLY CHECK LIST - FUND NO 18
Beginning Date: 09/01/2008 Ending Date: 09/09/2008

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NO	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECK AMOUNT
018102	09/09/2008	580	STATE LINE FIRE & SAFETY, INC.	RAIN GEAR	2,674.25
018103	09/09/2008	621	TCTA OF BERGEN COUNTY, NJ	3Q08 MEETING	26.00
018104	09/09/2008	623	TILCON NEW YORK, INC.	TYPE 7 TOP ASPHALT	2,933.28
018105	09/09/2008	645	DURIE LAWNMOWER & EQUIPMENT	7/08 MISC SUPPLIES	123.20
018106	09/09/2008	660	NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	7/08 LEGAL ADVERTISI	36.63
018107	09/09/2008	670	THE VOZZA AGENCY, INC.	LIBRARY TREA BOND	269.00
018108	09/09/2008	688	SARJO INDUSTRIES, INC.	SMALL PARTS	348.85
018109	09/09/2008	689	NEW CONCEPT OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	425.04
018110	09/09/2008	704	GRAINGER	CEMENT MIXER ETC	1,701.77
018111	09/09/2008	708	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	TITLE 39	96.50
018112	09/09/2008	777	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SHIPPING POSTAGE SUR	421.41
018113	09/09/2008	814	ORGANIC RECYCLING, INC.	RCY BRUSH 07/2008	5,180.00
018114	09/09/2008	890	BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMP BENEFIT FUND	9/08 EMP GRP INS	90,768.00
018115	09/09/2008	922	PARK RIDGE ELKS LODGE NO. 2234	JOURNAL AD	250.00
018116	09/09/2008	923	OCKER & TRAPP LIBRARY BINDERY, INC.	RECORDS BOUND	110.00
018117	09/09/2008	936	MOORE MEDICAL, LLC	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	137.80
018118	09/09/2008	940	PREMIER SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	242.47
018119	09/09/2008	1022	THE MAIN LOCK SHOP	DOOR LOCKS	10,175.50
018120	09/09/2008	1084	HOOVER TRUCK CENTERS, INC.	PARTS 97 LOUVILLE	813.64
018121	09/09/2008	1133	A-ABSOLUTE CONSTRUCTION, INC.	75 LOCAL ST	700.00
018122	09/09/2008	1151	GENE VINCI	8/08 REIMBURSE CELL	27.06
018123	09/09/2008	1155	JOEEN CIANNELLA	FLOWERS BRIDGE PL	468.53
018124	09/09/2008	1163	CAROL TYLER	ANIMAL CNTRL 08/08	775.00
018125	09/09/2008	1193	JACOBSEN LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS, INC	PLANTER POTTG SOIL	115.15
018126	09/09/2008	1202	PASCACK VALLEY HISTORY PROJECT, INC	SPONSORSHIP	250.00
018127	09/09/2008	1274	VERIZON WIRELESS	8/08 MONTHLY BILL	1,055.76
018128	09/09/2008	1367	ROCKET BUILDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	CATCH BASIN BLOCK	373.00
018129	09/09/2008	1419	BIG CITY COFFEE & BEVERAGE	COFFEE/TEA	56.55
018130	09/09/2008	1447	ALERT-ALL CORPORATION	MISC SUPPLIES	1,447.50
018131	09/09/2008	1470	PROCOMM SYSTEMS, INC.	INSTALL PA SPKRS	975.00
018132	09/09/2008	1512	MACO OFFICE SUPPLIES	TONER	64.99
018133	09/09/2008	1525	PALISADES SALES CORPORATION, INC	BATTERY UPS	849.00
018134	09/09/2008	1552	SWIFTREACH.NETWORKS INC	SWIFT911 SUBSC FEE	2,430.00
018135	09/09/2008	1572	STARNET DESIGN & LITHO, INC.	SUMMER NEWSLTR	3,970.75
018136	09/09/2008	1582	AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	7/08 UNIFORM SERV	701.25
018137	09/09/2008	1597	CAROUSEL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH	9/08 MONTHLY MNTNC	812.77
018138	09/09/2008	1625	SANSONE CHEVY/MOTORS FLEET	TEMP PLATES ESCAPE	10.00
018139	09/09/2008	1778	AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS	REPAIR PACKER #52	369.53

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MONTHLY CHECK LIST - FUND NO 18
Beginning Date: 09/01/2008 Ending Date: 09/09/2008

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NO	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECK AMOUNT
018140	09/09/2008	1900	RAY'S SPORT SHOP, INC.	OC SPRAY	576.29
018141	09/09/2008	1931	H.V.A.C. DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	FILTERS	19.32
018142	09/09/2008	2131	FEDEX	POSTAGE	127.42
018143	09/09/2008	2219	TIMBER TREE	TREE REMOVAL	5,290.00
018144	09/09/2008	2224	SICOMAC DAIRY FOODS	8/08 DAIRY FDS MO BI	114.88
018145	09/09/2008	2273	ALLIED OIL COMPANY	8/25/08 UNLEADED GAS	16,291.00
018146	09/09/2008	2336	TONI EMBROIDERY CO.	CAPS	60.00
018147	09/09/2008	2354	I.D.M. MEDICAL SUPPLY COMPANY	8/15/08 O2 CYLINDERS	171.00
018148	09/09/2008	2597	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ, INC.	7/08 MONTHLY BILL	18,587.10
018149	09/09/2008	2605	CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	PHYSICALS	767.00
018150	09/09/2008	2854	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.	LEASE 08/2008	285.72
			*** GRAND TOTALS ***		255,407.62

September 2008				
DOG ACCOUNT:				
Check #	*Vendor*	*Description*		*Amount*
2349	New Jersey Department of Health	8/08 Monthly License Report		$ 9.60

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MONTHLY CHECK LIST - FUND NO 48
Beginning Date: 09/01/2008 Ending Date: 09/09/2008

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NO	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECK AMOUNT
000905	09/09/2008	224	COLEMAN PRINTING/ FRANCIS P MAHON	PRINT ACHIEV CARDS	110.00
000906	09/09/2008	254	E. A. MORSE & COMPANY, INC.	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	195.66
000907	09/09/2008	393	MONTVALE HARDWARE & SUPPLY	7/08 MISC SUPPLIES	65.60
000908	09/09/2008	420	NAUTILUS SWIMMING POOL SUPPLIES	SODIUM HYPOCHL	4,149.65
000909	09/09/2008	425	VERIZON	8/08 MONTHLY BILL	30.09
000910	09/09/2008	645	DURIE LAWNMOWER & EQUIPMENT	REPAIR LAWN MOWER	88.45
000911	09/09/2008	1250	COVISTA COMMUNICATIONS	8/08 MONTHLY BILL	6.99
000912	09/09/2008	1413	JUMPIN-JIMS LLC	JUNGLE SAFARI	300.00
			*** GRAND TOTALS ***		4,946.44

September 2008				
TRUST ACCOUNT:				
Check #	*Vendor*	*Description*		*Amount*
	Any Excuse for a Party, Inc.	Inflatable Moonwalk Concert		$ 300.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	7/06 241 Vittorio		$ 75.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	7/07 N. Fifth		$ 165.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	9/07 119 Serven St		$ 330.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	8/08 115 Mountain Avenue		$ 82.50
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	2/06 46 Oak Street		$ 150.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	6/08 255 Ellin Dr		$ 330.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	6/08 82 Rivervale		$ 330.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	6/08 104 Greenbrook		$ 330.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	6/08 255 Ellin Dr		$ 247.50
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	6/08 North Ave		$ 165.00
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	6/08 94 Lafayette		$ 412.50
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	5/08 82 Rivervale Rd		$ 82.50
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	8/07 161 Ridge		$ 82.50
	Brooker Engineering, P.L.L.C	3/08 6 Fairview Ct		$ 330.00
	Balance	8/30/08 Band		$ 1,000.00
	AW Imageworks	DARE Bike-a-thon Registration Form		$ 174.00
	The Main Lock Shop	Security Locks		$ 897.00
	North Jersey Media Group	7/08 Legal Advertising		$ 71.50
	North Jersey Media Group	7/08 Legal Advertising		$ 10.75
	Panorama Tours, Inc.	Yankee Game Bus Rental		$ 650.00
	Park Ridge Pool Commission	Lifeguards Dare Pool Party		$ 130.00
	Peter & Mary Concession	Dare Pool Party		$ 118.37
	US Postal Service	Dare Postage		$ 83.16

September 2008				
UNEMPLOYMENT ACCOUNT:				
Check #	*Vendor*	*Description*		*Amount*
1311	New Jersey Department of Labor	NJ Unemployment Compensation Fund		$ 353.43
	& Workforce Development			

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

2008-2009 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following alcoholic beverage license be renewed, subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, heretofore or hereafter adopted:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

1. 0247-33-003-007 Michael S. Kopelman, Esq., Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors of Tyler Restaurant Group, LLC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said licenses be renewed for the period of one year, commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sign such license renewals in the name of the Borough of Park Ridge.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF REQUEST

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it hereby approves the following request:

Social Affair Permit
Our Lady of Mercy – Parish Picnic
September 14th
Our Lady of Mercy Parish Property

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

Supporting the Certificate of Need Application by Hackensack University Medical Center to Reestablish a Hospital at the Former Pascack Valley Hospital Site

WHEREAS, prompt and efficient delivery of medical services is a vital component of our society; and

WHEREAS, for over fifty (50) years this need was met, in substantial part, by Pascack Valley Hospital and the subordinate medical offices and facilities which were located in the neighborhood and communities surrounding the Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the unexpected closure of Pascack Valley Hospital in November of 2007 struck a severe blow to the region which completed disrupted the long standing system of delivering emergency and non-emergency medical care; and

WHEREAS, the remaining hospitals in the region, by reason of distance, travel time, lack of public transportation and case law, have been unable to fill the void left by Pascack Valley Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the extra travel time associated with the distance to the surrounding hospital facilities has placed an unbearable burden on the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. in surrounding communities and upon the citizens, particularly senior citizens, residing in the area and needing to travel to the hospitals for treatment or assistance of family members at said facilities for treatment; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Hackensack University Medical Center has made application to the State Department of Health for a Certificate of Need in order to permit it to reestablish a hospital at the location of the former Pascack Valley Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to express their sentiment and support for the application of Hackensack University Medical Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge as follows:

1. On behalf of its thousands of residents, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge petitions the State of New Jersey Department of Health to expeditiously approve the application of Hackensack

University Medical Center as a matter of extreme urgency and with the very realistic potential to be a life and death decision.

2. The Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge specifically rejects the situation that existing hospitals can adequately fill the void left by Pascack Valley Hospital. In the several months following the closure of Pascack Valley Hospital it has been observed, experienced and learned, by the Governing Body, its emergency services and citizens, that our communities lack the resources to transport patients over the distances said alternative arrangements necessitate and, moreover, in the case of medical emergency, the survival opportunities for critically ill patients decline in direct proportion to the length of travel to remote locations.

3. Waiting times at the remaining hospitals in the region are excessive and unacceptable. Many residents report instances of hallways clogged with gurneys filled with patients awaiting attention and admission.

4. A system of medical care delivery, including physicians' offices, clinics and off-site medical facilities has grown up around the Pascack Valley Hospital over the last fifty (50) years. The disruption of that system, which would inevitably result from the permanent closure of the former Pascack Valley Hospital, will have, over time, an even greater negative impact on medical care and quality of life in the surrounding communities than has already been experienced.

THEREFORE, for all of the reasons mentioned above, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby urge the State of New Jersey Department of Health to expedite the Certificate of Need

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BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL SUPERVISOR OF WATER AND SEWER

WHEREAS, the resignation of Juan Donoso has left a vacancy in the position of General Supervisor of Water and Sewer; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations and the Board of Public Works has thoroughly reviewed the options to fill the open position; and

WHEREAS, William Hahn has worked for the Borough of Park Ridge Utility since 1988; and

WHEREAS, since his employment with the Borough, William Hahn has also taken numerous classes and tests and has received his C2, W2 and T2 New Jersey State licenses to operate water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, after careful evaluation the Director of Operations and Board of Public Works has concluded that William Hahn has the qualifications for the open position; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works recommends to the Mayor and Council that William Hahn be promoted to the position of General Supervisor of Water and Sewer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that William Hahn of 97 Kinderkamack Road, Park Ridge, NJ be promoted to the position of General Supervisor of Water and Sewer, effective September 1, 2008, at an annual salary of $75,000 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works recommends that the base salary be increased by $5,000 once William Hahn has earned his W3 and T3 New Jersey State Licenses and that he obtains these before December 31, 2009.

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

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING HIRING OF T & M ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to proceed with the NJDOT Discretionary Aid Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a proposal from T & M Associates of 1373 Broad Street, Suite 306, Clifton, New Jersey to prepare the grant application for a fee not to exceed $2,500; and

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

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that T & M Associates is authorized to prepare and submit on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge the NJDOT Discretionary Aid Grant application at a cost not to exceed $2,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to T & M Associates within ten days from the date of adoption.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD'S GRANT AGREEMENT #2008-04665-2834-00

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge received notice from the SHARE Program of its eligibility to receive a SHARE Grant in the amount of $21,450.00; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the award is to hire a consultant to study and recommend the sharing of DPW equipment, services, scheduling and evolving towards environmentally friendly practices that would be beneficial to the residents and municipalities of the Pascack Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Westwood, that the Governing Body does hereby accept the award of $21,450.00 to hire a consultant to study and recommend the sharing of DPW equipment, services, scheduling and evolving toward environmentally friendly practices that would be beneficial to the residents and municipalities of the Pascack Valley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Borough of Westwood be and is hereby authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs on behalf of the Borough of Westwood and all other local municipalities that are party to the SHARE Grant Application, and upon execution of said Agreement, the Borough of Westwood does accept the Terms and Conditions specified in the Agreement in connection to this grant award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge accepts the terms and conditions of Grant Agreement #2008-04665-283-00 known as the DPW Shared Services Study.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

Fire House Improvements

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have a desire to make certain capital improvements to the exterior of the Park Ridge Fire House; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvements will exceed the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council must authorize these improvements to be placed for public bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Park Ridge that the Borough Administrator is authorized to place for public bid the exterior improvements for the Park Ridge Fire House forthwith.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant of $500,000 from the State to fund any of the projects listed in the Borough of Park Ridge's Open Space Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that the Borough Administrator or the successor to the office of Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to:

(a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant
(b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required
(c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Park Ridge Mayor and Council:

1. That the Borough Administrator of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as the Borough of Park Ridge Open Space Plan, and;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of $500,000.
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project.
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION

Authorizing Bid for Landscape Planting and Related Work at Veterans Park in Park Ridge

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seeks to make improvements in the Veterans Park including new landscaping, the installation of pavers and seating areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised that the cost of these improvements will exceed the threshold amount for public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Park Ridge the Borough Administrator is to place for public bid once the specifications are complete the Landscape Planting and Related Work for Veterans Park in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law; and

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Henning stated that he would like to make a motion to hire Regional Plan Association of New Jersey ,Connecticut and New York to help the Vision Plan Committee in assisting with the upcoming Vision Plan for the Borough. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion. John D'Anton asked the council to consider an amendment to the motion in that the amount should not exceed $16,900. Council President Henning stated that was correct. Councilmember Wells seconded the amendment. Motion carried unanimously, with resolution memorializing this action scheduled for the next meeting of the Mayor and Council on September 23, 2008.

Mayor Ruschman asked if anyone present wished to be heard considering the introduction of this resolution. There was no one.

REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember Levinson:

- Pool Commission –
  - Specifications for bid are being prepared for the improvements to the ladies room facilities,
- Library –
  - Will be installing new carpeting in October and will be closed October 8th, 9th and 10th during installation.
- Mayor's Golf Outing –
  - Will be held Wednesday, October 8th at Valley Brook Country Club, applications are available at the front desk in the Borough Hall – more golfers are needed
- 200th Anniversary of the Park Ridge Schools –
  - Councilmember Levinson was asked to help with the committee. Committee is trying to schedule events in conjunction with the Homecoming Parade on October 18th.

- DARE Bike-a-thon – October 19th – Registration beginning

Councilmember Maughan:

- Recreation Report for July and August
  - Major accomplishment was the Day Camp this past July –
    - over 430 children participated as campers
    - Supervised by 109 counselors
  - This year's objective was to get more experienced counselors
    - Feedback from parents was excellent, contributing factor to the children enjoying the camp this summer
  - Extras Program for working parents
    - Extra charge afforded parents the opportunity to drop their children off between 8:30 – 9:00 am
  - Labor Day concert at Colony field given by three bands – Sponsored by Lakeland Bank
    - Well attended – 350 people
    - Rain on Saturday caused the event to be moved from Saturday to Sunday
  - Next event will be the Ragamuffin Parade for Halloween
  - Tree Lighting Program in December

Council President Henning:

- Open Space –
  - September 8th – Mayor Ruschman, Councilmember Levinson and Borough Administrator Vinci at the Bergen County Open Space meeting to discuss our application for potential funding for the open space site that we submitted. Hopefully, the Borough will hear in the next month or so the decision. The county stated that there is a limited amount of funding available and a number of applications received.
- Technology Committee –
  - Presentation from Colleen Ennis for Wednesday Night's meeting to go over the new software for the Finance Department
  - Presentation from a Web Site design firm

Councilmember Wells:

- Vision Plan Committee –
  - Excited about the passage of the resolution to hire Regional Plan Associates to assist the Vision Plan Committee is ready to work with the professionals to move from the information collecting stage to the planning stage.
  - Next meeting will be held on September 22nd.
    - Typically meet the last Monday of the month
    - Public is welcome to join us
    - Opportunity to see the committee in action and also an opportunity to interface with the committee
- Planning Board -
  - Very quiet summer
  - 2 or 3 applications heard
  - September 10th would be the next meeting but it has been cancelled because there are no applications

Councilmember Ciannella –

- Board of Utilities & DPW
  - Complimenting them on their cooperative work during the storms we have had recently
  - Lou Turli – Roads Supervisor, Len Reiter - Electric Supervisor and Bill Hahn - New Water Supervisor
    - Coordinated their teams together to do what was necessary during these storms
  - Also thanked Joan Valas – Director of the Office of Emergency Management
  - They coordinated well with the Police, Board of Utilities and the DPW
    - Monitoring the situation
    - Making sure we were ready to take any further steps if necessary

- Downtown Beautification Committee –
    - Planting pots on Park Avenue
        - Within the next 10 days they will be filled with fall mums and other plantings
    - There will be a change in the planters on the bridge as well
    - Big change expected in Veterans' Park as we move forward with that
    - Note received from Audrey Magnuson on behalf of the 9/11 families in town
        - Thanked the Borough and the Rotary for the benches in Depot Square and Veterans' Park
        - Plaques bearing the names of the victims of 9/11 attached to the benches
            - They were happy to note that the Borough is constantly thinking of them

Mayor Ruschman asked Councilmember Ciannella to pass onto the Utility Board, Utilities and DPW the compliments of the entire governing body in recognition of the work done during the recent storms. Mayor Ruschman continued by saying that they are so good at their job that sometimes we forget to acknowledge and compliment the work that they do.

Mayor Ruschman stated that he was at a meeting last Thursday at the Hackensack University Medical Center at Pascack Valley which was attended by physicians and elected officials and it was a presentation given by several groups including The Legacy Partners which is a "for profit" hospital group that intends to invest $80 million into the hospital for renovations that are needed. Everything that is planned sounds very promising, the opening of the Emergency Room October 1, 2008. Subsequent to that, plans to open up beds is expected to be completed in 2010; contingent upon receiving a certificate of need from the state.
The Pascack Valley Mayor's Association has put out petitions at all their front desks to encourage the state to give that Certificate of Need as quickly as possible; it will be posted on the Borough's web site with the ability to sign electronically. The Mayor urged everyone to sign the petition and encourage others to sign as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Closed and Work Session Minutes dated August 12th
Abstain: Councilmember Maughan

Closed and Work Session Minutes dated August 26th
Abstain: Council members Henning and Maughan

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm.

A motion was made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Wells to adjourn the regular Mayor and Council meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.