

**Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
September 23, 2008 – 8:15 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, Brouwer, Ciannella, Levinson and Maughan

Absent: None

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.

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Ruschman asks the Clerk to read the changes to the Agenda.

The Clerk states that under the Consent Agenda the following Resolutions are to be added:

8. Confirming Endorsement of Community Development Project for Senior Activities
9. Confirming Endorsement of Community Development Project for ADA Improvements
Municipal Pool
10. Authorize Invoice and Change Order #1 for 2008 Road Resurfacing Project
11. Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License 0247-33-002-004
12. Confirming Endorsement of Community Development Project for ADA Improvements
To Elementary Schools
13. Awarding Bid to Purchase a Heavy Duty Stationary Compactor

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

George Mayer – 159A North Maple Avenue

Mr. Mayer asked if there were any discussions tonight regarding the repairs or conservation of Mill Pond. Mayor Ruschman stated that there was meeting with the DPE last week, as promised. As a result of that meeting they made some recommendations, and The Louis Berger Group made recommendations as to what could be done. As a result of those meetings it was discussed this evening as a council as to what direction the Borough would move in. The council did make the decision to repair the dam and do nothing with Mill Pond. The audience applauded and Mr. Mayer stated that was what they were hoping to hear.

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

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.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2008-14, a capital ordinance for additional funding for improvement projects within the Borough for the year 2008.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008 -14 A 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
SHOULD BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE BOROUGH**

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

Ms. Ennis stated that there were old ordinances that had balances remaining in them. In order for the Borough to utilize these funds they were cancelled and re-appropriated so that the funds would be available for the current improvement projects.

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 Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
Award Contract for 2008 Curb Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have placed for public bid the 2008 Curb, Drainage and Sidewalk Public Improvements in the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2008 the Borough Engineer on behalf of the Mayor and Council received eleven (11) bid responses for this public improvement project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the Specifications and qualifications of the bidder and recommends GFC Paving and Masonry LLC of 16 Sunset Drive East, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 as the lowest responsible bidder for the price of \$338,535.00 (Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the Bid Specifications and advised that the Mayor and Council may award to GFC Paving and Masonry this bid as the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Park Ridge that the public improvement project known as 2008 Curb, Drainage and Sidewalks hereby awarded to GFC Paving and Masonry LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute a contract to approve as to form and content by the Borough Attorney with GFC Paving and Masonry LLC of 16 Sunset Drive East, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in the amount not to exceed \$338,535.00 (Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the notice of this action will be published in the newspaper of record within ten (10) days from the adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED shall be sent to the Borough Engineer Brooker Engineering and GFC Paving and Masonry, LLC within ten (10) days from the date of the adoption of the Resolution.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

APPOINTING REGIONAL PLAN ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Vision Plan Committee has asked the Mayor and Council to appoint Regional Plan Association to assist them in the creation of a Vision Plan in the Downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a proposal dated August 2008 from Regional Plan Association in which they describe the services to be rendered at a cost not to exceed \$16,900.00 (Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars); and

WHEREAS, the chairpersons of the Vision Plan Committee have recommend this hiring; and

WHEREAS, this hiring would be an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with Regional Plan Association, the contract approved as to form and substance by the Borough Attorney, for Planning services as set forth in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$16,900.00 (Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this Resolution shall be published once within ten (10) days from date of adoption as this hiring is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to Regional Plan Association within ten (10) days from its adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, the Technology Committee has recommended to the Mayor and Council that there is a need to update all of the software used for various financial functions that are performed by the Borough including the functions of the Borough Utility and Water Departments; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the software to be purchased from Edmunds & Associates, Inc., located at 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225 is \$75,375.00 (Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars) part of the purchase to occur in 2008 and the other part to occur in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this proposal and others and makes this recommendation for the Borough to purchase this software; and

WHEREAS, this contract is covered under the New Jersey State contract A81201 and as such the municipality can purchase from the state contract without having a public bid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute a contract approved as to form and substance by the Borough Attorney with Edmunds & Associates, Inc. of 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225 for the purchase of software related services as set forth in their proposal to the Borough of Park Ridge dated September 3, 2008 which is incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Edmunds & Associates, Inc. within ten (10) days from date of its adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZE TENNIS CAMP STAFF SALARIES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Recreation Committee is authorized to pay the following persons to operate the tennis camp.

Jamie Dunningan, 258 Knoll Drive, Park Ridge, NJ	\$ 90.00
Megan Taomina, 15 Second Street, Park Ridge, NJ	\$150.00
Carolyn Church, 268 Vitmar Place, Park Ridge, NJ	\$150.00
Ryan Hansen, 18 Lakeview Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ	\$150.00
Lauren Mazzei, 11 Tuxedo Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ	\$150.00

**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:

Park Ridge Fire Department
Park Avenue – Borough Hall
September 26 – October 6

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

REFUND 2007 HOMESTEAD REBATE

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey remits Homestead Rebates to the municipality when a taxpayer is not up to date on tax payments; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals listed below have since paid the taxes to date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the 2007 Homestead Rebates be refunded as follows:

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	AMOUNT
2103	2		Eileen Leino	\$1,466.94
1305	7		Lauren Rodriguez	\$ 287.06

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING FOR 2008 DRAINAGE, CURB, AND SIDEWALK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional services of an engineer to prepare the scope of work for the project including quantity take off and preliminary cost estimate, field evaluations of all areas within the proposed project scope, prepare detailed construction plans and specifications for public bid; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge will need additional engineering services to coordinate with the contractor, schedule and perform a preconstruction meeting, periodic construction observations, review of contractor payment requests and any change order requests during construction; and

WHEREAS, Brooker Engineering PLLC has quoted an estimated fee of \$25,000 for this project; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator that the Mayor and Council accept this proposal; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law.

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

that Brooker Engineering PLLC is awarded a contract for the 2008 Drainage, Curb and Sidewalk Program in accordance with their proposal dated September 18, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Acting Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract approved as to form and substance by the Borough Attorney with Brooker Engineering for the services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of this action as it is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law should be published in the newspaper record within ten (10) days from the date hereof.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**CONFIRMING ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR SENIOR
ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$3,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Park Ridge for senior activities in the municipality of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**CONFIRMING ENDORSMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR ADA
IMPROVEMENTS MUNICIPAL POOL**

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$94,148.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Park Ridge for ADA improvements to the Municipal Pool bathrooms in the municipality of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds many not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite the expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program to that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZE INVOICE AND CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT AS
PART OF THE PASCACK VALLEY PAVING COOPERATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council did award a bid as part of the Pascack Valley Paving Cooperative to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in the process of performing the contracted work the Borough Engineer has determined the following changes are necessary:

Original Contract Amount	\$187,069.05
Change Order #1	\$ 37,075.74
Amended Contract Amount	\$ 224,144.79
Completed to date	\$ 224,144.79
Less 2% retainage	\$ 4,482.90
Amount Due	\$ 219,661.90

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer authorized the change order for the additional work and material; and

WHEREAS, the net adjustment is an increase in the contract value of \$37,075.74; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends payment be made in the amount of \$219,661.90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it hereby recommends payment in the amount of \$219,661.90 be made.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**PERSON - TO - PERSON TRANSFER OF
LIQUOR LICENSE 0247-33-002-004**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed by Freemont Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Esty Street, with premises located at 86 Spring Valley Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 0247-33-002-004, heretofore issued to Club Car Catering Co., Inc. with a mailing address of 86 Spring Valley Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all aspects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; 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

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the police department reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby approve, effective October 16, 2008, the Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0247-33-002-004 to Fremont Holdings, LLC, 86 Spring Valley Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate as follows: "This license, hereafter license number 0247-33-002-005, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Fremont Holdings, LLC, 86 Spring Valley Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656, for premises located at 86 Spring Valley Road, Park Ridge, NJ, effective October 16, 2008."

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**CONFIRMING ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR ADA
IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST BROOK AND WEST RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, a Bergen Community Development Grant of \$ 55,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Park Ridge Board of Education for ADA improvements to East Brook and West Ridge Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Service Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite the expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program to the implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**AWARDING BID TO PURCHASE A HEAVY DUTY
STATIONARY COMPACTOR**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have placed for public bid the purchase installation of a Heavy Duty Stationary Trash Compactor; and

WHEREAS, the municipality have received one (1) bid from Eagle Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$92,300.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has reviewed the bid and recommends acceptance of this bid; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid response of Eagle Equipment Corporation and find that they are the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the contract to purchase a Heavy Duty Stationary Trash Compactor is awarded to Eagle Equipment Corporation, P.O. Box 99, Uwchland, PA 19480 in the amount not to exceed \$92,300.00; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution shall be sent the Director of Operations of the Borough of Park Ridge and the Board of Public Works within ten (10) days from the date of the adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Eagle Equipment Corporation, P.O. Box 99, and Uwchland PA 19480 within ten (10) days from the date of the adoption of this resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.