

Approved February 10, 2009

**Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
October 14, 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: Council members Ciannella, Brouwer, Wells, Maughan, Levinson,
Mayor Ruschman
Absent: Council President Henning
Also Present: John D'Anton, Borough Attorney
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator
Kelley O'Donnell, Acting Borough Clerk

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

AGENDA CHANGES:

Acting Borough Clerk advised there were two added resolutions on the Consent Agenda: resolution #13, TelVue for PKRG-TV and #14, Park Ridge Electric Energy Agreements.

PROCLAMATIONS (Mayor Ruschman advises the proclamation for Geppner was read on Sat at the Fire Dept dinner)

LENA & FRANCISCO DI BELLA – 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

WHEREAS, on October 2, 1938, a full 70 years ago, Lena Genevieve Picciocchi married Francisco "Pop" DiBella; and

WHEREAS, they borrowed their friend Jackie Pazzutti's car to honeymoon in the Poconos; and

WHEREAS, they purchased their first home in 1952 on Fourth Street in the Borough of Park Ridge, where they still reside today; and

WHEREAS, Lee graduated Saint Luke's High School in Waldwick, and worked for the Waldwick tax collector's office where she manually typed each tax bill; and

WHEREAS, prior to opening DiBella Sanitation in 1947, Pop worked two jobs during World War II, one at a defense plant in Teterboro and the other making ice cream at Rafetto's in Ridgewood; and

WHEREAS, they have two sons; both graduates of Park Ridge High School, five grandchildren and six great grand-children; and

WHEREAS, both Lee and Frank continue to lead very independent and active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Lee continues to bake family favorites, gets her hair done weekly at Michele's Salon in Woodcliff Lake and shops locally; and

WHEREAS, Pop at 95 still exercises daily by walking in the park, likes to garden and it anxiously waiting to win the pick-three lottery.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Donald J. Ruschman, being duly sworn Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 2, 2008 as Lena and "Pop" Day in the Borough of Park Ridge, and we congratulate them on seventy years of marriage.

**WALTER GEPPNER – 50 YEARS OF SERVICE
PARK RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Walter Geppner joined the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Department in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the year 2008 marks Mr. Geppner's 50th year with the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geppner has served faithfully over the past fifty years in numerous capacities within the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments within the Fire Service have brought honor and recognition to himself and the Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geppner's 50 years of devoted service is an outstanding example of dedication for our young people to emulate; and

WHEREAS, for all these reasons and many more too numerous to enumerate, the Borough of Park Ridge would like to express its gratitude for his dedication to, loyalty for and safeguarding of the residents and property of this Borough;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Donald J. Ruschman, being duly sworn Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 11, 2008 as "Walter Geppner Day" in the Borough of Park Ridge.

**NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS –
MEMBERSHIP WEEK**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC (NJSFWC) was organized November 16, 1894 to provide opportunities for women in education, leadership training and community service, and continues to be one of the oldest and largest non-denominational, non-partisan service organizations of volunteer women in the State of New Jersey, with more than 10,000 members in 275 local clubs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 114 year history, NJSFWC members have worked in their communities to assist in a variety of activities, such as founding the New Jersey College for Women (Douglas College); preserving the Palisades of the Hudson, saving the New Jersey Highlands; supporting Canine Companions for Independence, the Valerie Fund, the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, statewide Domestic Violence Shelters, Special Olympics, Operation Smile, CARE and UNICEF, while contributing to many other charities; academic, scholarships, community libraries, and beautification of local areas; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Woman's Club, Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club of Park Ridge, is a member of the NJSFWC, celebrating 18 years of services to this community, has provided a variety of assistance in projects, such as providing local high school scholarships, financial support to TriBoro Ambulance, also to local fire departments, local food pantries, Shelter our Sister's, volunteerism and financial assistance of Peter's Place, a homeless facility, supplying children's books to local Laundromats, just to name a few, while it continues to provide yearly donations to local, state and national charities, therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge do hereby proclaim the week of October 19-25, 2008 NJSWC Membership Week on this 14th day of October, 2008 in recognition of the many hours of service members of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC have provided to this community and others.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Monique Bliss, 7 Marti Road - asked about the status of the Steep Slope ordinance. It was on the Planning Board agenda last month and she asked about its progress.

Mayor Ruschman said once the Planning Board has it, they will look at it and make their recommendation one way or the other back to the council. He suggested she contact the Planning Board Secretary to find out if it is going to be on the agenda in the future.

Ms. Bliss said there was money still available for the property at North Fifth and Grand Avenue and asked the status regarding Open Space. While the developer is not willing to sell to the town, in today's economy he may change his mind.

Mayor Ruschman said that while there was money in the Open Space he did not know how much.

Bill Connor, 93 No. Fifth Street - said a year ago he had asked about the possibility of the DPW posting on-line which streets are scheduled for cleanup in a given week.

Mayor Ruschman said he had checked last year with Mr. Beattie and was advised that they never really knew where the trucks would be at any given time but he would ask again. Councilmember Ciannella was asked to look into it.

George Heller, 80 Second Street - said he was happy to see Councilmember Maughan at a meeting.

With regard to the resolutions, there is an incorrect verb in Item #5, which he felt should be revisited. (accept). Item #10, for the redoing of the Borough Hall roof, were funds included to take care of the Library roof as well?

Administrator Vinci funds for the repair of the library roof are for repairs only. This particular contract is for a tear-out and the library is not included but the borough would address any repairs that may be necessary.

Mr. Heller asked when?

Administrator Vinci said somebody would have to come in.

Mr. Heller said he did not care if it was maintenance or capital expenditure; the rain comes in the roof. He recognizes the accounting differences but the rain has been coming in for a while now.

Is Item #11 a change from the past with regard to the leaves and where is the facility that the borough is parking the leaves?

Mayor Ruschman said Orangeburg, same people at approximately \$70,000 a year.

Mr. Heller said there were several items in the Summer Progress and was happy to see that the issue of not taking some people's garbage was addressed, although the materials not accepted was not clear. On Page 9 was an update on electricity costs with tips on how to save but they did not say if this was a borough policy.

Mayor Ruschman said he did not know if it was borough policy and Mr. Heller said he did not know why it would be promoted if it was not borough policy in all the borough facilities, which he would encourage.

Mayor Ruschman said he would look into it.

Mr. Heller said in the area of saving more money the borough should look into when taxes are paid after the date when taxes are payable, people should pay interest on that. He said there may have been reasons for the extra grace period in the good old days but there is no reason for it now and he felt that the banks take full advantage of the extra 10 days.

Mayor Ruschman said Ms. Ennis is in the audience and she will look into and advise you.

Mr. Heller said with the hard times fiscally ahead he would hope that the governing body was looking into ways of doing things differently and more efficiently.

In the budget, Mr. Heller said, he knew a consultant had come in to look at the organization, staffing and personnel to see if the borough was staffed appropriately. He asked if the project had been completed.

Mayor Ruschman said the presentation had been done earlier this evening with their suggestions. He said it had not been discussed as yet and not all council members were present at the time. Mayor Ruschman said Council members Wells and Levinson will be dealing with the administrator and CFO to see what changes can be made for the good of the organization.

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:

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 Councilmember 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 with the abstentions so noted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm. Carried unanimously,

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
ADDITIONAL FEES – MARRIAGE LICENSES**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 618 was signed into law December 31, 1981, effective February 1, 1982;
and

WHEREAS, this bill provides for charging an additional \$25.00 fee for marriage licenses to be used for programs for shelters for victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, payments to the Division of Youth and Family Services must be forwarded on a quarterly basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Treasurer send a check in the amount of \$400.00 to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey for the quarter ending September 30, 2008.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
ADDITIONAL FEES – BURIAL, REMOVAL AND TRANSIT PERMITS**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 4293 was signed into law on June 28, 2007, effective September 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, this bill provides for charging an additional \$10.00 fee for burial, removal and transit permits to fund the development, maintenance and deployment of the Electronic Death Registration System; and

WHEREAS, payments to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services – Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration/Burial Permit Fees must be forwarded on a quarterly basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Treasurer send a check in the amount of \$310.00 to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, for the quarter ending September 30, 2008.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
REJECTING BID FOR FIREHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge placed for public bid certain improvements to the Borough of Park Ridge Firehouse; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2008 only one bid was received from Moy Construction Corporation of 733 Yonkers Avenue Suite 503, Yonkers, New York 10701 in the amount of \$188,000.00 (One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council had received an estimate from Perry Petrillo as the cost of this work and budgeted the estimate cost; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Moy Construction Corporation exceeds the amount budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised the Mayor and Council that there are insufficient funds to fund this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the bid of Moy Construction Corporation of 733 Yonkers Avenue Suite 503, Yonkers, New York 10701 of \$188,000.00 (One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars) being the same as hereby rejected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of record within ten (10) days of the date of adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Borough Clerk shall return to Moy Construction Corporation the bid bond and or the security submitted with the bid within ten (10) days from the adoption of this Resolution.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
APPOINTMENT OF WATER REPAIRER**

WHEREAS, the promotion of William Hahn to the position of General Supervisor of Water and Sewer has left a vacancy in the position of Water Repairer; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations and the General Supervisor of Water have recommended that said 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 Water and Sewer 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 Mark Gronbeck has the best qualifications for the open position of Water Repairer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has recommended to the Mayor and Council that Mark Gronbeck 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 Mark Gronbeck of 100 Fifth Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey be promoted to the position of Water Repairer, effective October 27, 2008 at an annual salary of \$61,889 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 Mark Gronbeck within ten (10) days of its adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
RETIREMENT OF BARBARA GRONBECK**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has been advised that the Principal Account Clerk Barbara Gronbeck is retiring as of October 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, she has certain accrued benefits some of which will be used beginning November 1, 2008 until December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gronbeck and the Borough of Park Ridge will enter into a retirement agreement which will set forth the rights and obligations of both parties upon her retirement including the lump sum payment of her unused vacation and sick days on or before April 1, 2009 the estimated payoff is \$15,875.54 (Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge except the retirement of Barbara Gronbeck and the Mayor and Acting Clerk authorized to execute a contract with Barbara Gronbeck approved that to substance and form by the Borough Attorney which sets forth the rights and duties of the parties after her retirement; and

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

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provided better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as national Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our settlements and environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the Borough of Park Ridge and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continues commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the month of October 2008 is hereby designated as **Community Planning Month** in the **Borough of Park Ridge** in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO CONSENT TO ASSUMPTION OF SPRINT LEASE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised that Sprint Spectrum the tenant under the existing Borough lease for the cell tower is being sold to another company Tower Co.; and

WHEREAS, as part of that transaction the lease between Sprint Spectrum and the Borough will be assigned to Tower Co.; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the landlord the Borough of Park Ridge is required for this assignment to occur; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised that Sprint has paid all of its financial obligations due in owing under the lease; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has been advised by the Borough Attorney that the Mayor can execute this document given the fact that there are no conditions of default existing with this tenant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge and the Acting Borough Clerk authorize to execute the document necessary to provide the consent of the Borough of Park Ridge to the assignment of the Sprint lease to Tower Co. provided such documentation has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Attorney as to form and substance.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO**

QSCEND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have through their technology committee sought their proposals for the creation and improvement of the Borough of Park Ridge website; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a proposal from QScend Technologies, Inc. of 231 Banker Street, Waterbury, CT 06702 setting forth a proposal for the web design for the Borough of Park Ridge website; and

WHEREAS, QScend Technologies, Inc. has submitted a proposal detailing the cost of this work for an amount not to exceed \$9850.00 (Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a recommendation from the technology committee to make this improvement and there are funds sufficient to pay for this improvement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Mayor and Acting Clerk are authorized to execute a contract approved as to form and substance between the Borough of Park Ridge and QScend Technologies Inc. of 231 Banker Street, Waterbury, CT 06702 for QScend to provide web design software and related training as more particularly described in their proposal submitted to the Borough dated September 17, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of record within ten (10) days of adoption.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO PETITION WITH A THIRD ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN & TO EXPEND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND MONIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOUSING ELEMENT & FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR: BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2007, COAH proposed revised third round regulations that require municipalities with pending petitions to adopt as revised Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in conformance with the revised third round regulations and petition in accordance with the deadlines prescribed in the proposed procedural rules; and

WHEREAS, COAH's current regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:94-6.12(e), allow 20 percent of monies deposited in a municipal housing trust fund to be expended on administrative costs, which includes, but is not limited to, consultant fees necessary to develop or implement a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in accordance with COASH's proposed third round; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge petitioned the Council on Affordable Housing (the Council) for substantive certification of as third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in 2005; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-6.2(c)m a municipality under the Council's jurisdiction shall not spend development fees unless the Council has approved as plan for spending such fees and until the municipality has received substantive certification or a judgment of compliance; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2008 COAH issued a blanket waiver from N.J.A.C. 5:94-6.2 (c), for municipalities with COAH approved development fee ordinances and an established housing trust fund account to allow the expenditure of up to 20 percent of housing trust funds prior to the grant of certification and/or approval of a spending plan, on the cost of developing a revised Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in accordance with COAH's new third round rules; and

WHEREAS, the waiver issued by the Council requires that the Borough of Park Ridge shall pass a resolution stating the current balance in the municipal housing trust fund account and the amount proposed to be spent on developing a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in accordance with COAH's proposed third round rules, shall not exceed 20 percent allowed for administrative costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Park Ridge commits to petition COAH for substantive certification of a newly adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in accordance with COAH's new third round regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Park Ridge's current balance in the municipal housing trust fund account is \$624,466.53 and the amount proposed to be spent on developing a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in accordance with COAH's proposed third round rules is \$20,000.00, which does not exceed the 20 percent allowed for administrative cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be submitted to COAH within seven days of the municipal governing body action.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING HIRING OF DESIGN RESOURCES GROUP

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a proposal dated August 14, 2008 from Design Resources Group of 2 World's Fair Drive Suite 205, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 for the re-roofing of the Park Ridge Municipal Building at 53 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656; and

WHEREAS, this proposal have been reviewed by the Borough Administrator and the Construction Code Official and both of whom recommend the hiring of these professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has received two other additional quotations for this work and

this group is the least expensive of the three; and

WHEREAS, Design Resources Group proposal of August 14, 2008 provide that they will do the design of the re-roofing of the Municipal Building and provide design drawings and specifications for public bidding at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.00 (Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge the Mayor and Acting Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with Design Resources Group of 2 World's Fair Drive Suite 205, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 to provide architectural services for the re-roofing of the Park Ridge Municipal Building at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.00 (Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because this act is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law that notice of this act should be published in the newspaper of record within ten (10) days from adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH
ORGANIC RECYCLING, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the Borough needs a facility to drop off leaves collected each year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator in conjunction with the Superintendent of roads, buildings and grounds have sought various vendors to price the cost of this service; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of both of them that the Borough hire Organic Recycling, Inc. who will charge the price of \$11.45 (Eleven Dollars and Forty-Five Cents) per cubic yard for leaves that are delivered to their composting facility; and

WHEREAS, since this is a recycling contract it is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law and no public bid is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Borough Administrator is directed to signing purchase orders between the Borough of Park Ridge and Organic Recycling at a price of \$11.45 (Eleven Dollars and Forty-Five Cents) per cubic yard for the delivery of leaves to their facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action as an exception to Local Public Contracts Law be published in the newspaper of record within ten (10) days from adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing Contract with DOME-TECH, INC. for
Solar Photovoltaic Energy Screening**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a resolution from the Park Ridge Board Of Public Works requesting the hiring of an engineering firm to perform feasibility study of the potential for an installation of a solar photovoltaic energy system on the Park Ridge Utility Garage; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed the proposal from DOME-TECH., INC. and the recommend action the Borough of Park Ridge Board of Public Works hire Dome-Tech, Inc. for this project; and

WHEREAS, this hire would be as an exception to Local Public Contract's Law as a professional service; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Mayor and Acting Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with Dome-Tech., Inc. of 510 Thornall Street, Suite 170, Edison, New Jersey 08837 to perform the study for the possible installation for solar photovoltaic energy system on the Park Ridge Utility Garage in accordance with their proposal of September 17, 2008 at a fee not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00); and

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

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

TELVUE for PKRG-TV

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a recommendation from Ned Barber of PKRG-TV for the Borough of Park Ride (PKRG) to enter in an access channel service and support agreement with TELVUE Corporation of 16000 Horizon Way, Suite 500, Mt. Laurel New Jersey 08054; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this agreement TELVUE will provide software and hardware to the municipality for a period of three years so that PKRG will have access to services provided by TELVUE which include information screens, local emergency scans, remotes access capability, audio library and other related software program features which will enhance the operation and content of PKRG-TV; and

WHEREAS, Ned Barber of PKRG-TV recommends the execution of this contract which will be for a cost of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month for three years as a monthly service plus a one-time purchase of hardware and switch at the approximate cost of Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$6,100.00); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Mayor and Acting Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with TELVUE approved by the Borough Attorney to provide access channel service and support to PKRG for a period of three years all in accordance with the TELVUE agreement dated August 28, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of record within ten days from the date of adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to TELVUE Corporation of 16000 Horizon Way, Suite 500, Mt. Laurel New Jersey 08054 within ten days from the date of adoption.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

RESOLUTION

Park Ridge Electric Energy Agreements

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Electric Department is presently in a 17-month contract to purchase its wholesale power requirements from DTE Energy Trading Inc. (DTE), which will terminate on May 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2008 upon recommendation of the Board of Public Works, the Mayor and Council authorized the contract with American PowerNet (APN) for the purpose of providing advice and wholesale electric procurement services (management services); and

WHEREAS, using this managed contract approach, the Borough will be able to monitor the power supply market and purchase components of its future power supply requirements when there are dips in the wholesale electricity futures prices; and

WHEREAS, the said contract with APN has been executed and the Park Ridge Electric Department will be starting the process to monitor the market and periodically issue request for proposals (RFPs) to wholesale power supply companies to procure pricing for components of our power supply portfolio; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the ability to issue periodically RFPs and accept proposals, the Borough will need to execute enabling agreements with various power suppliers who will be authorized for bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Electric Department’s Special Rate Counsel is working to complete the enabling agreements within the next few weeks; and

WHEREAS, in light of the recent drop in energy prices, the Board of Public Works recommends that said enabling agreements be executed as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, once the enabling agreements are in place, through the advice of APN the Borough will be issuing RFP’s at various times throughout the year based on the market conditions; and

WHEREAS, due to the volatility in the power supply market, once the pricing proposals are received, there is a very limited time period to accept the proposals without price fluctuations; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the award of the pricing proposals throughout the year, the Board of Public Works would recommend that appropriate borough officials be authorized to accept the proposals based on the recommendation of APN; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works feels that the most appropriate officials to be authorized for the approval of said pricing proposals are the Director of Operations and President of the Board of Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Park Ridge hereby authorizes the Mayor and Acting Clerk to sign enabling agreements for the purpose of procuring wholesale power supply; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorizes the Director of Operations and President of the Board of Public Works by resolution to accept the pricing proposed based on the recommendation of American Power Net subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember Ciannella - reported the electric utilities would soon be coming out with a new electric power package purchased under a managed contract; Downtown Beautification Committee is going out to bid to redo the Veterans’ Park; OEM has a meeting tomorrow night; Shade Tree Committee continues to work on the ordinance they proposed.

Councilmember Brouwer - reported the Fire Dept. Open House on Oct. 5th was very well attended; Fire Dept. on Oct. 12th celebrated Walter Geppner’s 50 years of active service; Park Ridge Homecoming will be celebrated Oct. 18th with a parade beginning at East Brook ending up at the high school; High School marching band participated in band competition at the Meadowlands and took 1st overall and the drum section took first in their part of the competition.

Councilmember Wells - reported the Vision Plan Committee meets next Monday between 7:00 to 7:30pm at which time an outside consultant will be hired to work with the committee.

Councilmember Maughan - reported the PRAA had met with the Vision Committee and discussed concerns regarding field limitations. Vision Committee is studying and that there are a couple of alternatives that are currently being discussed; PRAA registrations are on-going now; membership on the PRAA board is being encouraged by participating in the election.

Councilmember Levinson - reported on library programs which are listed on the library web site; reported that alumni should meet in front the high school next Sat at end of parade wearing their school T shirts or school colors for photo; Class of '48 will be celebrating that weekend; DARE bike-a-thon scheduled for Sunday at Colony Pool pkg lot; Planning Board has a hearing on the Historic Element to the Master Plan and letters have been sent out to all properties involved; Mayor's Golf Outing was on Wed., 93 golfers participated and close to \$10,000 was made.

Mayor Ruschman - said that a while back he had set two objectives for himself and if they were not met he would resign and those were to decide what to do with Mill Pond and what was going to be done with the old Post Office. He said he was at a Golden Age Club meeting the other day and was asked what was being done with the building and what he wanted to suggest to the council was that the building either be demolished or be built onto for a combination senior citizen center and/or a teen center with affordable housing, hopefully age restricted, on the second floor. He said he had been talking to the planner and some people involved in planning, that he had not come up with it himself. A layout has been done for him but he had not yet discussed it with the governing body and hoped it would be pursued by them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Public session minutes – August 12, 2008

Abstain: Council member Maughan

Closed and work session minutes – September 9, 2008

Abstain: Councilmember Brouwer

Closed and work session minutes – September 23, 2008

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

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.