

**Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
December 9, 2008 – 8:35 p.m.**

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Ruschman, Council members; Wells, Brouwer, Ciannella, Levinson and Maughan
Absent: Council President Henning
Also Present: Kelley O'Donnell, Acting Borough Clerk
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator
John D'Anton, Borough Attorney
Colleen Ennis, CFO
Council Elect Kane
Council Elect Viola

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

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Ruschman states that Resolution #8 – Appointment of Principal Account Clerk has been tabled temporarily.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

George Heller – 80 Second Street

Mr. Heller commented on the late start to this evening's meeting. Mayor Ruschman stated that we did advertise a change in the meeting start time to 8:15 p.m. That being said Mayor Ruschman offered apologies to the public for the late start, stating that there were matters that needed to be discussed and that this was the only time the Borough Planner had available.

Mr. Heller stated that awhile back the Council had hired a firm to conduct an efficiency study and that a committee had been formed by the Mayor to review the recommendations of the firm. Mayor Ruschman stated that Councilmember Wells co-chaired the committee with Councilmember Levinson and a few Borough employees. Councilmember Wells stated at this time the best that could be offered is a status report, as we have not reached a point of conclusion yet. Councilmember Wells stated that the committee reviewed the report and added to the report an actual proposed layout change to the office. We brought that back and reported ways that we thought we could meet the recommendations proposed in the plan. The plan was recognized and accepted by the Council. This was only a second phase. Administrative steps still need to be taken and a cost analysis of proposed changes need to be addressed as well. Mr. Heller offered his recommendation to make certain that employees are not doing unnecessary jobs that may be time consuming. An example that he gave was the office cleaning being outsourced. The cost to outsource was less expensive and the service offered a higher standard.

Councilman Wells stated that additionally the Council is looking at the utilization of technology that would be a time savings and cost savings.

George Heller offered his Holiday greetings to all present.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-16 AMENDING CHAPTER 101 OUTDOOR CAFÉS
AMENDING CHAPTER 101
OUTDOORS CAFES**

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council want to encourage outdoor café usage where permitted in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the existing outdoor café ordinance needs to be further refined to stimulate the development of this type of activity.

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

SECTION I.

Chapter 101-20J(4)(b) is repealed and replaced with the following:

The operation of an outdoor café shall be located such that there is 24 inches of clear and unobstructed passage way between the tables, chairs, barriers, street trees, bike racks, lamp post, sign post and the other fixtures or obstructions.

SECTION II.

Chapter 101-20J(4)(c) is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Outdoor dining must be located six feet away from any driveway of parking area except on street parking.

SECTION III.

Chapter 101-20J(4)(d) is repealed and replaced with the following:

Outdoor dining must be set back from the curb line of a street intersection five feet and must maintain motorist site distance identified in section 87-43c(4) of the Borough of Park Ridge Code.

SECTION IV. Tables, Chairs, Umbrellas, etc.

Tables and chairs must be either wood or metal. No plastic is allowed. Umbrellas must be plain in color with no advertisements. The style of the outdoor furniture should be consistent with the architecture of the building and the furniture and lighting fixtures in the downtown area.

SECTION V. Indemnification of Borough

No license required by this chapter shall be granted to any person to operate an outdoor café until such person shall have filed with the Construction Code Official a statement agreeing to indemnify and hold harmless the Borough of Park Ridge, its agents servants, representatives or employees from any or all claims, damages, judgment costs or expenses, including attorney’s fees, which they or any of them may incur or be required to pay because of any personal injury, including death, or property damage suffered by any person or persons as a result of or related in any way to the operation and maintenance of the outdoor café for which the license is issued.

SECTION VI. Insurance requirements

A. No license required by this chapter shall be granted to any person to operate an outdoor cafe until such person shall have first filed with the Construction Code Official a comprehensive general liability policy issued to such person by a public liability insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey affording the coverage set forth below in the amounts specified. Such insurance policy shall name the Borough of Park Ridge, 55 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656, its agents, officers, servants, representatives and employees as additional insured with respect to the operation and maintenance of the outdoor cafe in the following amounts:

Bodily injury		
Each person		\$ 300,000.00
Each accident		\$1,000,000.00
Property damage		
Each person		\$ 300,000.00
Each accident		\$1,000,000.00

B. The insurance coverage required by this section shall at all times be maintained for the full amount. The policy of insurance required by this section shall be filed with the Construction Code Official and contain a clause obligating the company issuing the policy to give not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the Borough Clerk before cancellation for amendments of any of the terms thereof. Notice of cancellation shall not relieve the company issuing such policy of liability or claim arising before the cancellation became effective. The cancellation of any such policy shall have the immediate effect of suspending the license of such person to operate the outdoor cafe covered thereby until a new policy complying with the provisions of this section is filed with the Construction Code Official and a letter, in writing, confirming the new effective date of the license is issued by the Construction Code Official.

C. Every insurance policy required hereunder shall contain a provision for continuing liability thereunder to the full amount thereof, notwithstanding any recovery therein, that the liability of the insured shall not be affected by the insolvency or the bankruptcy of the insured, and that until the policy is canceled the insurance company will not be relieved from liability on account of nonpayment of such premium or of any act of omission by the named insured. Such policy of insurance shall be further conditioned for the payment of any and all judgments up to the limits of such policy.

SECTION VII. Severability

All Ordinances or any provisions of any Ordinance inconsistent with the Provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. 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, sentences, clauses, or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION VIII. 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 remainder 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 IX. 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 introduce on first reading by title Ordinance 2008-16, an ordinance to amend Chapter 101 Outdoor Cafes

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

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

Ordinance No. 2008-16 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 101 Outdoor Cafés

Mayor Ruschman offered a brief description of the ordinance. Mayor Ruschman stated that the Borough had an Outdoor Dining Ordinance passed approximately one year ago. The Ordinance as adopted turned out to be too restrictive. This ordinance will amend the chapter to make it more business friendly.

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wishes 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 December 23, 2008.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-17 AMENDING CHAPTER 101
CREATING ZONING FEES IN THE BOROUGH**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 101
CREATING ZONING FEES IN THE
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council have been advised by the Construction Code Official that there is a significant amount of work performed by the Zoning Official as part of the review of Development Applications for improvements to real property in the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge currently charges no fees to recoup the costs of the Zoning Officer's efforts for purposes of doing these reviews; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has recommended that there should be two different types of fees for the Zoning Officer's work for construction application; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe this is in the best interest in public health and welfare of the citizens of the borough of Park Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that a new Chapter entitled Zoning Fees shall be created within the Borough of Park Ridge Ordinances.

SECTION I. Zoning Fees

A Zoning fee in the amount of \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) shall be charged for all additions to any property, decks, patios, fences, sheds, cabanas, above and in ground pools, retaining walls, driveways, walks and entrance platforms and any other item which may require Zoning approval prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

SECTION II. New Construction

A Zoning fee in the amount of \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) shall be charged for all new construction of any type in the Borough of Park Ridge which may require Zoning approval prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

SECTION III. Payment of Zoning Fees

The Zoning fees shall be paid at the time the application is submitted for approval and review by the Zoning Officer.

SECTION IV. Severability

All Ordinances or any provisions of any Ordinance inconsistent with the Provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. 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, sentences, clauses, or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION V. 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 remainder 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 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 introduce on first reading by title Ordinance 2008-17, an ordinance to amend Chapter 101

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

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

Ordinance No. 2008-17 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 101 Creating Zoning Fees in the Borough of Park Ridge

Mayor Ruschman asks John D’Anton to give a brief description of the ordinance.

John D’Anton explains that this ordinance would create two additional fees to be paid by an applicant; \$50 for addition and \$100 for new construction for the Zoning Officer’s time to review plans.

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wishes 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 December 23, 2008.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-18 AMENDING CHAPTER 76 PARKING LOTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 76: PARKING LOTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have created additional space for commuter parking on Perryland Street; and

WHEREAS, some of those spaces will be dedicated to an adjacent condominium association but the remaining spaces shall become part of the commuter parking system of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance is needed to regulate the parking in this area.

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

SECTION I: A new section to Chapter 76-C1 shall be amended to provide as follows:

C. The parking of vehicles in the municipal parking lot located on Perryland Street is hereby regulated and limited as follows:

1. Between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM on all days except Saturday, Sunday and legal holiday(s) no person shall cause a vehicle to occupy any of the parking spaces, unless the vehicle bears a current identification sticker as defined herein and affixed in accordance with such regulations as promulgated by the Park Ridge Chief of Police.
2. Each person using the municipal parking lot shall cause the vehicle to be parked entirely within the designated parking area.
3. The spaces that are available in this parking lot for commuter parking are identified.

4. Six spaces in this parking lot shall be marked "Reserved for Station Plaza". These spaces are reserved for residents of Station Plaza. No person other than residents of Station Plaza shall park or occupy these spaces.
5. All other provisions of Chapter 76 shall continue.

SECTION II: 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 remainder 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 III: 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 IV: 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 introduce on first reading by title Ordinance 2008-18, an ordinance to Amend Chapter 76, parking lots

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

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

Ordinance No. 2008-18, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 76 Parking Lots

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

John D'Anton stated that this is a small change to the ordinance that governs the commuter parking at the Perryland Parking Lot. This ordinance will change the allowable parking times to 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This would free the lot up for residents to use the lot for other downtown parking.

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wishes to be heard concerning the introduction of this ordinance. Councilmember Levinson asked if the time could be changed to 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. All present agreed to change the time to 4:00 p.m. Borough Attorney John D'Anton advised the Clerk to change the time prior to advertising.

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 December 23, 2008.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-19 – CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE FOR THE YEAR 2009

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2009.

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 employees of the Borough of Park Ridge shall be as follows:

SECTION 1. Each of the positions of employment hereinafter named that is not established or created by virtue of any statute or of any ordinance, resolution or other lawful authority heretofore exercised by the Borough of Park Ridge, is hereby established, created, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 2: As provided in a collective bargaining agreement between the Borough of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Utility Employees Association, the Park Ridge Borough Employees Association, and the Park Ridge

Police Department Employees Association, the salary to be paid employees covered under this agreement for the year 2009 is hereby fixed as follows:

I. PARK RIDGE UTILITY EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>BASIS</u>
Supervising Line Worker	\$65,596	\$87,461	Per Annum
Senior Line Worker	65,544	83,392	" "
Line Worker	59,400	79,319	" "
Lineworker, Trainee	48,157	64,210	" "
Supervisor, Roads	56,964	75,952	" "
Supervisor, Water	57,293	76,391	" "
Electric Meter Repairer	55,390	73,853	" "
Mechanic	54,551	72,735	" "
Meter Reader -- A	52,086	69,448	" "
Meter Reader - B	45,695	60,927	" "
Senior Road Repairer	52,307	69,742	" "
Senior Water Repairer	52,638	70,183	" "
Road Repairer/Maint. Repairer	47,827	63,769	" "
Water Repairer	48,157	64,210	" "
Sewer Maint. Wkr/Water Repairer	48,157	64,210	" "
Laborer Part Time	6.50	20.00	Per Hour

II. PARK RIDGE BOROUGH EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>BASIS</u>
Municipal Court Administrator	\$45,201	\$60,268	Per Annum
Principal Accounts Clerk	45,201	60,268	" "
Sr. Acct. Clk/Reg. Sec. Bd. Of Health	45,201	60,268	" "
Principal Clerk Typist	44,532	59,375	" "
Senior Accounts Clerk	43,529	58,039	" "
Senior Cashier	43,529	58,039	" "
Police Records Clerk	43,529	58,039	" "
Accounts Clerk	33,503	41,879	" "
Deputy Mun. Court Clerk (P.T.)	22,429	29,906	" "
Technical Assistant (P.T. 25 hrs.)	32,384	41,397	" "
Secretary, Planning Bd. (P.T.)	18,666	24,888	" "
Secretary, Zoning Bd. Adj. (P.T.)	12,454	16,606	" "
Clerk Typist	29,062	35,941	" "
Clerical Assistant	8.00	28.62	Per hour
School Crossing Guard		19.70	Per hour

SECTION 3. Except as stated in Section 2 above, all other manner of compensation, fringe benefits, vacation, holidays and administration of departmental affairs shall be continued in written agreements between the Borough of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Borough Employees Association, and the Park Ridge Utility Employees Association, which agreements will expire on December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2010, respectively. All manner of remuneration shall be effective on January 1, 2009.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are expressly repealed.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective after final passage and publication as required by law.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to introduce on first reading by title Ordinance 2008-19, an ordinance establishing the classification and compensation for certain employees of the Borough of Park Ridge for the year 2009.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2008-19, An Ordinance establishing the Classification for Certain Employees of the Borough of Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey for 2009.

Mayor Ruschman asks Colleen Ennis to give a brief description of the ordinance. Colleen Ennis states that this Ordinance is setting the salary range for the contractual employees for the year 2009.

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wishes 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 December 23, 2008.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer 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:

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 (with the abstentions so noted).

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

Local Government Energy Audit Program

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Office of Clean Energy administers the Local Government Energy Audit Program (Program), an incentive program to assist local government agencies to conduct energy audits and encourage implementation of energy conservation measures; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge has decided to apply to participate in the Local Government Energy Audit Program; and,

WHEREAS, the facilities to be audited are in New Jersey, owned by the Borough of Park Ridge, served by a New Jersey regulated public utility (PSE&G gas). The Borough of Park Ridge has not already reserved \$100,000 in the Program this year as of the time of this application; and,

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that acceptance into the Program is dependent on the Scope of Work and cost proposal, and that Program rules will have to be met in order to receive incentive funds; and,

WHEREAS, upon acceptance into the Program, the Borough will prepare Facility Data Forms and Scopes of Work for each facility to be audited, solicit quotations from the authorized contractors, and submit the Part B application; and,

WHEREAS, upon acceptance into the Program, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Authority will pay for 75% of the cost of a prequalified energy audit and the additional 25%, if the Borough makes certain recommended energy audit improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge understands that energy audit work cannot proceed until an Application Approval Notice is received from the Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it authorizes the submission of an Application for participation in the Local Government Energy Audit Program of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND
FOR LC DEVELOPERS, LLC.**

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

WHEREAS, LC Developers, LLC has requested the reduction of the Performance Bond; and

WHEREAS, the engineer has reviewed and inspected the site; and has submitted a reports dated June 27, 2008 and amended October 27, 2008, a copy of which is attached; and

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

WHEREAS, the engineer has recommended that the reduction of \$122,940.00 be broken into cash escrow and bond reduction; and

WHEREAS, cash component is 10% or \$12,294.00 and the bond component is 90% or \$110,646.00; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Park Ridge has recommended that the Performance Bond of \$260,386.80 be reduced to \$137,446.80 for the reasons given and further broken into a cash refund of \$12,294.00 and a bond reduction of \$110,646.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Performance Bond posted by LC Developers, LLC be reduced as per the Planning Board recommendation to \$137,446.80 and further broken into a cash refund of \$12,294.00 and a bond reduction of \$110,646.00 and a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

APPROVE CASUAL LABOR

WHEREAS, the Electric, Water and Road Department hired several people to work as casual laborers over the past summer; and

WHEREAS, the following employees have asked if they could return to work during their winter break through the end of January 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has recommended that the following employees be hired as casual labor during this period at the following rates:

Building and Grounds Department:

Road Department

Electric & Water Department

Tom Mazzarella, 129 North Avenue Park Ridge	\$ 10.00
Dan Kreisler, 71 Midland Avenue, Park Ridge	\$ 8.00
Jesse Buckman, 8 Glenbrook Road, Park Ridge	\$ 8.00
Michael Hera, 12 Arrowhead Road, Park Ridge	\$ 8.00
Kyle Mathis, 8 Glenbrook Road, Park Ridge	\$ 8.00

NOW, THEFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, that it accepts the recommendation of the Board of Public Works that said employees be hired as casual laborers from mid December 2008 through the end of January 2009.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR 2009 BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN
COMPLIANCE PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the 2009 Bloodborne Pathogen Compliance Program

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZING ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Tyco Animal Control Services has provided their service to the Borough of Park Ridge in 2008 for the use of their kenneling facilities and personnel to act as Animal Control Officers in Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the current contract covers the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, at an annual cost of \$8,700.00; and

WHEREAS, a contract renewal for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 has been offered to the Borough of Park Ridge at an annual cost of \$9,300.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Park Ridge enter into an agreement with Tyco Animal Control to utilize the facilities and personnel of Tyco to serve as Animal Control Officers of the Borough of Park Ridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreement shall cover the January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 period at an annual cost of \$9,300.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge the Mayor and Acting Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the referenced agreement.

**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 \$ 2,258,018.94 be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

PAYMENT OF BILLS		
December 9, 2008		
CAPITAL	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$382,848.80
CURRENT FUND	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$1,871,547.70
RESERVE	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
DOG ACCOUNT	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$9.60
POOL	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$25.65
TRUST	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$3,587.19
UNEMPLOYEMENT	SEE ATTACHED DETAIL	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$2,258,018.94

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MONTHLY CHECK LIST - FUND NO 53

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Ending Date: 12/09/2008

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NO	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECK AMOUNT
001104	12/09/2008	51	B & C COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	RESCUE TR RADIO INST	2,058.60
001105	12/09/2008	58	BAUER DOORS LLC	XTRA DOOR KEYS	125.00
001106	12/09/2008	928	PIERCE MANUFACTURING, INC.	LADDER TRUCK	372,198.00
001107	12/09/2008	1597	CAROUSEL INDUSTRIES OF NO. AMERICA	RELOCATE AVAYA SW	8,467.20

*** GRAND TOTALS ***

382,848.80

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 MONTHLY CHECK LIST - FUND NO 18
 Beginning Date: 12/03/2008 Ending Date: 12/09/2008

CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NO	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECK AMOUNT
018428	12/03/2008	716	BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE	12/05/08 PAYROLL	237,299.55
018313	12/08/2008	8	MORRIS COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS ASSN	VOID CHECK # 18313	-30.00
018430	12/03/2008	725	BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE	12/05/08 SS	9,295.68
018431	12/03/2008	9999	KENNETH BROUWER	REIMB-W.GEPPNER	531.88
018435	12/08/2008	8	MORRIS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY	CARBINE INSTR CLASS	30.00
018436	12/08/2008	727	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	REPAY CAPITAL LOAN	500,000.00
018437	12/09/2008	2	RESERVE ACCOUNT	11/08 POSTAGE	784.23
018438	12/09/2008	3	WASMUND BINDERY	TAX BOOK BINDING	65.00
018439	12/09/2008	11	PARK RIDGE FLOORING, INC.	4" MOLDING/PD RESVS	52.60
018440	12/09/2008	48	BOBERT WELDING	INSTALL LEAF HOPPER	375.00
018441	12/09/2008	68	COLLEEN ENNIS	11/08 PETTY CASH	530.45
018442	12/09/2008	85	BOARD OF EDUCATION	12/08 PAYMENT	900,000.00
018443	12/09/2008	96	D & E UNIFORMS	UNIFORMS	1,795.40
018444	12/09/2008	100	JOHN J. D'ANTON, ESQ.	12/08 MONTHLY RETAIN	9,432.58
018445	12/09/2008	103	AW IMAGESWORKS	MISCHIEF/HALLMWN LETT	57.50
018446	12/09/2008	104	COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND	ADDED OPEN SP TB 08	699.24
018447	12/09/2008	107	BERGEN COUNTY TREASURER	ADDED TAX BILL 2008	12,235.38
018448	12/09/2008	125	NORTH JERSEY CIVIL DEFENSE POLICE	MEMBERSHIP DUES	385.00
018449	12/09/2008	147	AT&T	11/08 MONTHLY LL BIL	267.79
018450	12/09/2008	171	JOAN VALAS	REIMBURSEMENT	549.72
018451	12/09/2008	176	BERGEN CARE HOME HEALTH	CONTRACT 12/12008	120.00
018452	12/09/2008	189	DRISCOLL'S LOCK & KEY	KEYS	67.25
018453	12/09/2008	211	BROOKER ENGINEERING, P.L.L.C.	ENGINEERING SVC	495.00
018454	12/09/2008	232	CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY	MANHOLE COVERS	1,180.00
018455	12/09/2008	233	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES	12/08 MONTHLY BILL	495.00
018456	12/09/2008	252	HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SUPPLY	STOP SIGNS	560.26
018457	12/09/2008	303	JOHN M. HARTEL CO., INC.	REPAIR KIT	59.06
018458	12/09/2008	304	JOHN CRUM PRINTING, INC.	LEAF DOOR KNOB CARDS	137.50
018459	12/09/2008	311	TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	LIGHTS/CHIEFS CAR	840.00
018460	12/09/2008	316	JESCO, INC.	BUCKET TRUCK REPAIR	5,630.61
018461	12/09/2008	333	KRELL LIGHTING	OUTLET/SWITCH REPAIR	150.85
018462	12/09/2008	387	MANLEY DATA PROCESSING	A/A BILLS	749.52
018463	12/09/2008	393	MONTVALE HARDWARE & SUPPLY	PUMP & DROP CLOTH	23.33
018464	12/09/2008	422	P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	VEHICLH MAINTENANCE	577.19
018465	12/09/2008	425	VERIZON	MONTHLY BILLS 11/08	4,026.59
018466	12/09/2008	436	CALMONT/NYCAL INDUSTRIES	MISC HARDWARE	169.58
018467	12/09/2008	452	OFFICE BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.	MAINT AGREEMENT	1,194.00
018468	12/09/2008	456	FLORENTINE GARDENS	SENIOR LUNCHEON	2,100.00

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018469	12/09/2008	486	P S E & G	PSEG BILL	816.59
018470	12/09/2008	502	BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, ELEC DEPT	TRAFFIC LIGHTS	15,886.23
018471	12/09/2008	510	QUACKENBUSH LUMBER	CONCRETE/SHINGLES ET	192.52
018472	12/09/2008	519	PARK PIZZA	FOOD/MUT AID MEETING	95.00
018473	12/09/2008	576	SYMETRA LIFE INSURANCE CO/GROUP ACC	12/08 LIFE INS	144.90
018474	12/09/2008	580	STATE LINE FIRE & SAFETY, INC.	LED LIGHT/FLANGE	258.00
018475	12/09/2008	623	TILCON NEW YORK, INC.	INCOMING CONCRETE	1,258.50
018476	12/09/2008	660	NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	10/08 LEGAL ADVERTIN	234.62
018477	12/09/2008	704	GRAINGER	DRILL PRESS GUARD	200.10
018478	12/09/2008	777	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	OFFICE SUPPLIES	156.15
018479	12/09/2008	786	RUGGED OUTFITTERS, INC.	BOOTS J COUGHENOUR	109.99
018480	12/09/2008	788	WRITTEN IN STONE	OP GRAD 08/BRICKS	64.00
018481	12/09/2008	814	ORGANIC RECYCLING, INC.	GRASS/LEAVES RECYCLI	6,526.15
018482	12/09/2008	847	METROPOLITAN CENTER FOR FORENSIC	PSYCH EVALUATION	550.00
018483	12/09/2008	876	MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.	TAX APPEAL PLAZA R	20,000.00
018484	12/09/2008	890	BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMP BENEFIT FUND	12/08 EMP GRP INS BI	96,691.00
018485	12/09/2008	913	PARK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	DONATION SMOKE OUT	2,850.00
018486	12/09/2008	940	PREMIER SUPPLIES	COMP PAPER	139.50
018487	12/09/2008	967	EILEEN HELGESON	REIMBURSEMENT EXP	245.67
018488	12/09/2008	975	S B GRIFFO	SEWER PARTS	72.00
018489	12/09/2008	1042	POWERTECH HYDRAULICS	TRUCK/CAR FILTERS	489.39
018490	12/09/2008	1128	PARK RIDGE ROTARY CLUB	AD 80TH ANNIV BOOKLE	84.00
018491	12/09/2008	1130	DANIEL J. KNOTHE	HAND CLEANER	86.50
018492	12/09/2008	1151	GENE VINCI	REIMBURSE/LEAGUE EXP	79.19
018493	12/09/2008	1163	CAROL TYLER	ANIMAL CNTRL 11/08	825.00
018494	12/09/2008	1207	THE P. A. BARTLETT TREE EXPERT CO.	TREE PRUNING	2,085.00
018495	12/09/2008	1274	VERIZON WIRELESS	11/08 MONTHLY BILL	608.84
018496	12/09/2008	1297	BERGEN DATA, INC.	A KILMARTIN RETIREME	500.00
018497	12/09/2008	1324	ROBERT LUDWIG	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	190.43
018498	12/09/2008	1392	MARC'S DELI	FOOD/TRAINING SSSS	393.50
018499	12/09/2008	1449	SCHULTZ FORD LINCOLN MERCURY, INC.	GRILLE ASSY	124.40
018500	12/09/2008	1492	NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS CORP.	10/08 MONTHLY BILL	1,963.79
018501	12/09/2008	1525	PALISADES SALES CORPORATION, INC	ALL-IN-ONE PRINTERS	644.00
018502	12/09/2008	1564	D.A.R.E.	DONATION MUN. ALLIAN	1,800.00
018503	12/09/2008	1572	STARNET DESIGN & LITHO, INC.	FALL NEWSLETTER	4,100.75
018504	12/09/2008	1582	AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	10/08 UNIFORM SVC	713.25
018505	12/09/2008	1597	CAROUSEL INDUSTRIES OF NO. AMERICA	REMOTE SUPPORT	85.00
018506	12/09/2008	1604	NETWORK BILLING SYSTEMS, LLC	TELEPHONE LINES	1,173.62

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018507	12/09/2008	1992	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	NJEMS BILL	30.00
018508	12/09/2008	1994	OPERATION GRADUATION	DONATION	750.00
018509	12/09/2008	2069	COOPERATIVE COMMUNICATIONS INC	10/08 MONTHLY BILL	69.95
018510	12/09/2008	2102	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	RENEWAL	50.00
018511	12/09/2008	2131	FEDEX	11/14/08 POSTAGE	51.85
018512	12/09/2008	2224	SICOMAC DAIRY FOODS	11/08 DAIRY PDS BILL	67.18
018513	12/09/2008	2273	ALLIED OIL COMPANY	GASOLINE	11,263.47
018514	12/09/2008	2276	AVAYA, INC.	11/08 MONTHLY BILLIN	302.01
018515	12/09/2008	2300	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	12/08 DISABILITY INS	1,946.16
018516	12/09/2008	2467	NORTH JERSEY FIRE PROTECTION CO INC	ANNUAL INSPECT/TEST	900.00
018517	12/09/2008	2622	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT, INC.	ATKINS GLEN FIELD	461.04
018518	12/09/2008	2854	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.	LEASE 11/2008	285.72

*** GRAND TOTALS *** 1,871,547.70

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CHECK #	CHECK DATE	VENDOR NO	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECK AMOUNT
000926	12/09/2008	425	VERIZON	11/08 MONTHLY BILL	25.65

DECEMBER 2008				
TRUST ACCOUNT:				
Check #	Vendor	Description		Amount
1052	Colleen Ennis Custodian of Petty Cash	11/08 Petty Cash		\$ 15.34
1051	Staples Business Advantage	Ink		\$ 279.81
1050	Maryann DeGeorge	Reimbursement		\$ 59.36
1049	Mercury Sports & Apparel	2008 Bike a Thon		\$ 2,725.00
1048	Scott Malloy	Reimbursement		\$ 270.90
1047	North Jersey Media Group	10/08 Legal Advertising		\$ 36.78
1046	John Malespina III	9/08 Labor Day Concert		\$ 50.00
1045	Theodore D'Amico II	9/08 Labor Day Concert		\$ 50.00
1044	Matthew Beer	9/08 Labor Day Concert		\$ 50.00
1043	Matthew Scheidel	9/08 Labor Day Concert		\$ 50.00
				\$ 3,587.19
October 2008				
DOG ACCOUNT:				
Check #	Vendor	Description		Amount
2354	New Jersey Department of Health	11/08 Monthly Report		\$ 9.60

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

APPROVE SALE OF SURPLUS PUBLIC EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council authorized the sale at public auction of certain equipment no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, Legal Notices were place in The Ridgewood News pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-13 setting the time and date of said auction; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, December 8, 2008 the Administrator, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, did conduct an auction which resulted in the sale of the items listed below.

ITEM	MIN. BID	SALE PRICE	BUYER
1987 Pierce/SFI 105' Ladder Tower VIN #1P9CA02J4HA0401	\$60,000	\$60,000	Jon's MidAmerica Fire Apparatus 7037 E. U.S., Highway 60 Rogersville, MO 65742
1989 Ford Ambulance VIN #FDKE30M6KHC15669	\$500	\$ 900	Jersey One Auto Sales 495 Tonnelle Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07307
1995 Ford F-250 Pickup VIN #1FTHF2SNA49587	\$500	\$ 930	Jersey One Auto Sales 495 Tonnelle Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07307
2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W3YX196357	\$500	\$400	Liberty Motors Inc. 1705 Kennedy Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07305
2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W4YX110280	\$500	\$890	Liberty Motors Inc. 1705 Kennedy Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07305
"Gray" portamatic airlift bumper jack, 4000 lb capacity	\$150 or best offer	\$120	Liberty Motors Inc. 1705 Kennedy Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07305
RTI 134a Refrigerant Mgmt. Center, Model No. TC670	\$50 or best offer	\$10	Jersey One Auto Sales 495 Tonnelle Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07307

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby accepts the bids noted above and authorized the transfer of said equipment to the aforementioned bidders.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST PROPOSALS UNDER
THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law NJSA 19:44A-20.4 et seq. specifies the processes by which municipalities may award contracts in excess of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge wishes to award contracts for various professional services for the year 2009 through a Fair and Open Process in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Acting Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for and received proposals for the following professional services under the Fair and Open Process: Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, Borough Auditor, Bond Counsel, Risk Manager, Borough Planner, Borough Prosecutor, Public Defender, Rate Counsel, Special Rate Counsel, Rate Engineer and Environmental Engineer.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**D & L PAVING CONTRACTORS, INC.
AUTHORIZE FINAL AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 2**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge did award a contract for the 2008 Road Resurfacing Program as part of the Pascack Valley Paving Cooperative to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc.; and

Original Contract Amount	\$ 187,069.05
Change Order No. 1	\$ 37,075.74
Change Order No. 2	\$ 5,256.00
Amended Contract Amount	\$ 229,400.79
Completed to Date	\$ 229,400.79
Less Previously Paid	\$ 219,661.90
Less 2% retainage	0.00
Amount Due Contractor	\$ 9,738.89

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends payment be made in the amount of \$ 9,738.89 subject to receipt of a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$ 34, 409.22 in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed and accepts the two (2) year Maintenance Bond provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make payment to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$ 9,732.89 (Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents) this form of final payment for the work performed and for change order number two; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc. within ten (10) days from the date of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING HIRING OF
NATIONAL FLOORING REMOVAL, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised that in conjunction with the carpeting of the Borough Library there are asbestos tiles which have to be removed and disposed of in accordance with state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a proposal from National Flooring Removal, LLC P.O Box 58, Augusta, NJ 07822 in which they agree to provide these services at a sum not to exceed \$11,920.00 (Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars); and

WHEREAS, these services are required to complete the improvements to the Borough of Park Ridge Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Administrator is authorized to hire National Flooring Removal, LLC to provide the services described

in their proposal dated October 15, 2008 for a sum not to exceed \$11,920.00 (Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to National Flooring Removal, LLC within ten (10) days from the date of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

RAMM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised that certain asbestos material has to be removed from the Library and air monitoring and other inspections are required; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge has received a proposal from RAMM Environmental Services, Inc. dated October 10, 2008 in which they agree to provide the services for a sum of \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars); and

WHEREAS, the services are necessary to complete the improvements to the Park Ridge Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Administrator is authorized to hire RAMM Environmental Services, Inc. of 77 Nottingham Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 to perform the services described in the October 10, 2008 letter for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to RAMM Environmental Services, Inc. within ten (10) days from the date of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

REFUND ESCROW FEES

WHEREAS, the following individuals have posted legal and engineering escrow deposits for construction and planning; and

WHEREAS, all professional service invoices have been paid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following balances be refunded.

Mr. A. Musso 160 Spring Valley Road Park Ridge, NJ 07656	B802/L2	\$ 1,003.56
Ms. S. Hassel 156 Spring Valley Road Park Ridge, NJ 07656	B802/L21	\$ 272.88
Bear's Nest Developer's 820 Morris Turnpike Short Hills, NJ	B202/L4&5	\$12,427.61
95 Park Realty LLC 764 Pine Lake Drive Washington Township, NJ 07676	B1803/L4	\$ 4,572.52

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

Allocation of Municipal Open Space Funds

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have approved recommendations by the Beautification Committee to rehabilitate Veteran's Park; and

WHEREAS, the Borough tax rate includes a portion for Municipal Open Space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge approve the allocation of \$125,000 from the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund for the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to the Finance Officer.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
 RESOLUTION**

2007 RESERVE APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, certain unexpended appropriations reserved in the 2007 Municipal Budget are deemed to be needed for possible expenditures during 2009 and should be reserved to avoid lapsing into surplus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following 2007 appropriations be reserved:

Master Plan	\$ 5,241.25
Planning Consultant-Contractual	\$24,702.50
GR Municipal Service Act	\$ 9,291.97
PKRG-O/E	\$ 500.00
Emergency-Codify Ordinances	\$16,035.00
Emergency-Tax Map Updates	\$ 9,195.00
 Total	 \$64,965.72

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ruschman states that he received a lengthy letter today asking the Borough to steer clear of the Governor’s plan urging the municipalities to reduce the pension deductions on a sliding scale and make up the shortfall in future years.

He went on to complain about garbage pick ups as well. Mayor Ruschman stated that the letter was signed by John E. Thomas.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember Levinson:

- The Borough is collecting Teddy Bears again as part of the *Holiday Bear Hugs Program*. I encouraged everyone to participate. Please drop off your donated bears.
- *Library* – It is with regret and sadness that I report that one of the employees passed away. She had been employed for approximately eight years; usually working evenings.
 - The Library will be closed beginning Monday December 15th for carpet installation. The Library expects to reopen on the 24th. The Director will offer limited service to residents who make requests on line.
- *D.A.R.E.* – Working on a raffle to win a trip to anywhere, watch the papers for the advertisement.
- *Historic Advisory Committee* will be making a presentation to the Planning Board next Wednesday December 17th at 8:00 p.m.
- *Municipal Alliance* – I was privileged to attend an assembly at the High School called “Project Pride” in which inmates came to share their stories and advise the students of the effects of bad decision making and mistakes.
- *Pool Commission* – Specs are available for pick-up at the Borough Hall for renovations to the ladies room facility.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. Safe and Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Maughan: No report.

Councilmember Wells:

- *Planning Board Meeting* on December 17th – to hear the Historic Element and also the Housing Element both are important meetings and the public is encouraged to attend.
- *Vision Plan Committee* met last night. They are getting closer to their Charrette; tentatively scheduled for the end of February. Meeting tentatively scheduled with the professional planner who is working with us for January 26th in which we will finalize our plans for the charrette in which the public will be invited. Councilmember Wells wished everyone
- Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Brouwer:

Wanted to take the opportunity to thank the voters of Park Ridge for the opportunity to serve them this past year. Though I am disappointed in the fact that I will not be continuing on in my service I am confident that my colleagues and the new council elect will continue to service the Borough in a capable and competent manner. I do plan to stay involved whether it be volunteering on Committees or coaching my boys teams. My commitment to serve has not waned due to my electoral loss. I especially want to thank Mayor Ruschman for his guidance and even handedness has taught me how necessary balance is in effective government. I certainly will miss this job. Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Ciannella:

- The leaves are almost all picked up. The DPW is making their final rounds.
- The Electric Department has been putting up the roping and wreaths on the 155 light posts downtown. I hope that everyone will appreciate their hard work. They have been working with the Downtown Beautification Committee to create the spirit of the Holiday Season.
- Shade Tree Committee meeting will be meeting next week and there will be additional trees planted.

Mayor Ruschman wished everyone here tonight and the residents of Park Ridge a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Closed and Work Session Minutes dated November 11, 2008

Closed and Work Session Minutes dated November 25, 2008.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to adjourn the regular Mayor and Council meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

