

MINUTES
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
October 23, 2025
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER –

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge was held in person in Council Chambers of the River Edge Municipal Building located at 705 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, NJ 07661 and virtually via Zoom on October 23, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Papaleo.

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Papaleo asked for a moment of silence for those who are battling cancer. He then led those present in a salute to the flag.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE -

Mayor Papaleo read the Statement of Compliance into the record as follows:

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act: This meeting complies with the Open Public Meeting Act by notification via the October 7, 2025 Sunshine Notice containing the location, date, time and access information to the Town News and the Record and by posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Website and filing a notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilwoman Kinsella, Councilwoman Malellari, Councilman Benson, Councilwoman Dhariwal and Mayor Papaleo.

ABSENT: Council President Montisano-Koen and Councilman Glass

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Lissette Aportela
Borough Attorney John Shahdanian, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On a motion by Councilwoman Malellari, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting and Closed Session of September 25, 2025 and Mayor and Council Regular Meeting and Closed Session of October 9, 2025 are hereby approved.

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS –

#25-268 Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Duque

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, that Resolution #25-368 be approved.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

#25-269 Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Garofalo

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, that Resolution #25-369 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

#25-270 Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Knopf

Motion by Councilman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, that Resolution #25-370 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

#25-271 Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Morquecho

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, that Resolution #25-371 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

#25-272 Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Miller

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, that Resolution #25-372 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

#25-273 Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Ortiz Peralta

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, that Resolution #25-373 be

approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

Mayor Papaleo thanked all these volunteers for their time, energy and effort. He then administered the Oath of Office.

Chief Schlossberg commented that he is very proud of the members of the Fire Department, noting that they have been very active with both training and their recruitment program. He remarked that it is quite an accomplishment to have six new members join and advised that they plan to have a few more members join before the end of the year. He congratulated the new firefighters and thanked the governing body members for their support.

Mayor Papaleo expressed his opinion that the River Edge Fire Department is the best in the State. He noted that Chief Schlossberg has been asked to be a keynote speaker at a firefighters' award ceremony.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, seconded by Councilman Benson, and all members present voting in favor, to approve the following appointments and personnel changes:

Approve the appointment of Andrew Golden for the unexpired three-year term through 12/31/25 to the Historic Commission as a Class C member, effective October 23, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA –

On motion by Councilwoman Malellari, seconded by Councilman Benson, and all present voting in favor, to open for public comments on any item on the agenda.

No one came forward.

On a motion by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilwoman Kinsella, and all present voting in favor, to close public comments on any item on the agenda.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Mayor Papaleo advised that the following reports are on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and available for review:

Land Use Board - September 24, 2025

SECOND READING & HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Ordinance #25-19 & #25-20

Mayor Papaleo read into the record:

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on October 9, 2025 and

posted on a bulletin board outside of the Clerk's office.

ORDINANCE 25-19 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION, LL ENTITLED "LAND USE BOARD – PLANNING (COMMERCIAL) FEES, OF CHAPTER 206 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, ENTITLED "FEES".

ORDINANCE 25-20 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, CHAPTER 17, ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES"

Public Comments on Ordinances #25-19 and #25-20

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, and all members voting in favor, to open the floor to the public on Ordinance #25-19 and #25-20.

Borough Administrator Aportela explained that the purpose of Ordinance #25-19 is to amend the portion of the Borough Code pertaining to Land Use fees to add a legal escrow fee for a Food Handler License site plan review and to establish a fee for a 200-foot list. Ordinance #25-20 established an attendance policy for members of the Borough boards, commissions, and committees for both meetings and events.

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilwoman Malellari, second by Councilman Benson, to close the floor to the public on Ordinance #25-19 and #25-20.

Motion by Councilman Benson, second by Councilwoman Malellari, that Ordinance #25-19 be passed on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, that Ordinance #25-20 be passed on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

- a. **#25-274** Authorize Deputy Treasurer to Release Unclaimed Funds
- b. **#25-275** Authorize Recreation Director to Transfer Funds from Recreation Trust Account entitled River Edge Run
- c. **#25-276** Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party on Van Saun Drive

- d. **#25-277** Exercise the Second One-Year Option Renewal of the Solid Waste Contract with Affordable Cartage, LLC
- e. **#25-278** Authorization of Third Amendment to Lease Agreement By and Between the Borough of River Edge and the River Edge Swim Club, Inc.
- f. **#25-279** Authorize Purchase, Delivery and Installation of Furniture
- g. **#25-280** Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel and Refund Taxes on a Tax-Exempt Property

Motion by Councilman Benson, second by Councilwoman Malellari, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye

#25-281 Payment of Bills

Councilwoman Kinsella read resolution #25-281 into the record:

At a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, held on October 23, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge approve the following expenditures.

CURRENT FUND	\$	1,492,991.23
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$	128,189.39
GRANT FUND	\$	166,938.21
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	3.60
TRUST OTHER	\$	2,155.98
PAYROLL	\$	24,731.32
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW	\$	450.00
RECREATION TRUST	\$	6,795.18

Motion by Councilman Benson, second by Councilwoman Malellari, that Resolution #25-281 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	absent	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	absent
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	aye*

*Councilwoman Dhariwal recused from check # 67292, #67300, #67306, #67308, #67310, #67314, #67334, #67346, #67349, #67360, #251, #4513, #3013, and #6152 through #6156 and voided checks #.

NEW BUSINESS –

Best Practices Inventory

Borough Administrator Aportela explained what is entailed in completing the Best Practices Inventory and noted that the score determines whether a municipality receives its final State aid payment. She advised that there was a total of 70 questions, 50 of which were scored, and the Borough received 40 out of a possible 43.5 points.

OLD BUSINESS –

There was no Old Business.

PRESENTATIONS –

Historic Preservation Commission Updates

Jim Hoogstrate, and Eric Model, Historic Preservation Commission members, provided an update on the “Walk Through River Edge” QR Sticker project and reported on developing projects pertaining to both the commission and the 250th Anniversary Committee. These projects include the River Edge Local History Banner project at both Old Bridge and the Retreat Route, Local Historic Marker for Old Bridge, River Edge Wayfinding Project, and Interim Wayfinding for the southern end of the Borough.

There was discussion regarding a location to place the QR sticker for Mary Donohue’s residence. It was requested that Mr. Hoogstrate and Mr. Model speak with Jason Milito, DPW Superintendent, to determine whether a pole can be placed to which the QR sticker can be adhered. In response to a request to place laminated QR codes within the Library and Police lobby, they were advised to speak with the Library Director and Police Chief to seek permission. It was suggested that they work with the Borough Clerk to have information regarding the QR codes posted to the Borough website. With respect to the banners, they were advised to work with DPW Superintendent Milito on having them placed. As Mr. Model proposed the possibility of creating a public-private partnership with businesses in the Borough, Mr. Model was requested to submit a written proposal to the Borough Administrator which will be reviewed by the Borough Attorney prior to consideration by the governing body. He was also requested to prepare a written summary of all items presented this evening.

On behalf of the HPC Chair, Mr. Model advised that, in connection with the 250th Anniversary, an exhibit through RevNJ will be staged at the Cultural Center in October 2026.

Mr. Hoogstrate encouraged everyone to visit HPC’s Instagram account to view pictures from their archives.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Motion by Councilman Benson, second by Councilwoman Malellari, and all members present

voting in favor, to open public comments.

Joseph Dunsay, 6 Taggart Way, Saddle Brook, advised that he is a member of NJ Libertarian party. He noted that they held a Mad Pride demonstration at the River Edge Library to stand up for the rights of psychiatric patients and commented that, as he was leaving the parking lot, a police car entered. He expressed concern that the police may have been looking to interrogate or harass them. He asked for assurance that the police will not harass them should this demonstration be held in River Edge again next year.

Motion by Councilman Benson, second by Councilwoman Malellari, and all members present voting in favor, to close public comment.

Mayor Papaleo remarked that there have been many rallies in River Edge and expressed his belief that the Police Department does an amazing job in protecting people's First Amendment rights. He noted that there has never been an incident in his 14 years on the governing body in which the department harassed demonstrators.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilwoman Kinsella announced that Halloween in the Park will be held this Saturday, October 25th from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Mayor Papaleo added that the Trunk or Treat sponsored by the River Edge Police Department will be held immediately after the parade. He also reported that Mayor and Council meetings are being now being held in Borough Hall and take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

CLOSED SESSION –

On a motion from Councilwoman Dhariwal, seconded by Councilman Benson , and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Executive Session via Resolution #25-282 at 7:47 p.m.

#25-282 Resolution to Go Into Closed Session and Exclude Public

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the public shall be excluded from the October 23, 2025 regular meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:
 - A. Attorney-Client Privilege – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)
 1. Solicitation Process
 2. Assignment of Duties
 3. NJ Solutions JHIF Proposal
2. Formal action may/may not be taken.
3. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer

requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-268


Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Duque

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Carlos Duque be and he is hereby appointed as a Firefighter in the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective October 23, 2025.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella	X		X			
Malellari			X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-269

Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Garafalo

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Joe Garafalo be and he is hereby appointed as a Firefighter in the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective October 23, 2025.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella	X		X			
Malellari			X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-270

Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Knopf

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Jeremy Knopf be and he is hereby appointed as a Firefighter in the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective October 23, 2025.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella	X		X			
Malellari			X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-271


Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Morquecho

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Ryan Morquecho be and he is hereby appointed as a Firefighter in the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective October 23, 2025.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella	X		X			
Malellari			X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-272


Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Miller

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Dave Miller be and he is hereby appointed as a Firefighter in the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective October 23, 2025.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella	X		X			
Malellari			X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-273


Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter – Ortiz Peralta

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Jean Paul Ortiz Peralta be and he is hereby appointed as a Firefighter in the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective October 23, 2025.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella	X		X			
Malellari			X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #25-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION, LL ENTITLED “LAND USE BOARD – PLANNING (COMMERCIAL) FEES, OF CHAPTER 206 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, ENTITLED “FEES”.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the following amendments to Section 206-2 entitled “Schedule of Fees” are hereby approved:

Section 1. Subsection 2, entitled “Escrow Fees”, of Subsection LL, “Land Use Board – Planning (Commercial) Fees” shall be amended with the following:

Add:

- (2) Escrow Fees:
 - (f) Site Plan Review for Food Handler License:
Legal Escrow \$700

Section 2. Subsection LL, “Land Use Board – Planning (Commercial) Fees” shall be amended with the following:

Add:

- (3) 200’ List: Tax Assessor \$10

Section 3. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 4. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED: October 9, 2025

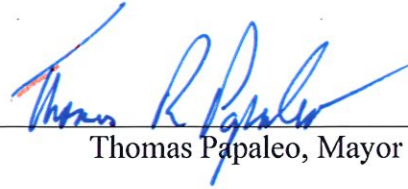
ADOPTED: October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify the above to
be a true copy of an Ordinance
adopted by the Governing Body
of the Borough of River Edge on
October 23, 2025



Anne Dodd, RMC
Borough Clerk



Thomas Papaleo, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 25-20**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, CHAPTER 17,
ENTITLED 'BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES'**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 17 entitled "Boards, Commissions, and Committees" shall be amended with the addition Article II entitled "Attendance Policy":

§ 17-2 Attendance Policy for Meetings

The office of any person appointed by the Mayor and Council to a board, committee, commission or other municipal agency, shall be deemed vacant if such person fails to attend and participate at meetings of such body for a period of six (6) consecutive weeks or for three (3) consecutive meetings, whichever shall be longer in duration, without being excused by a majority of the board, committee, or commission membership.

Such board, committee, commission or other agency may refuse to excuse only with respect to those failures to attend and participate that are not due to legitimate illness. In such event, such body shall notify the Mayor and Council in writing of its determination. Mayor and Council shall determine if the circumstances presented establish a basis for removal.

§ 17-3 Attendance Policy for Events.

For boards, committees, and commissions that hold Borough sponsored events, the office of any person appointed by the Mayor and Council to a board, committee, commission or other municipal agency, shall be deemed vacant if such person fails to attend and participate at events of such body for a period two (2) consecutive events, without being excused due to a legitimate illness by a majority of the board, committee, or commission membership.

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

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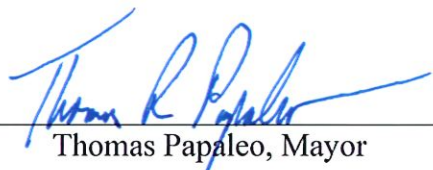
ADOPTED: October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella	X		X			
Malellari			X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, RMC
Borough Clerk



Thomas Papaleo, Mayor

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-274

Authorize Deputy Treasurer to Release Unclaimed Funds

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge police department comes into possession of property, either found or confiscated or turned over to the police department by another party.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:14-157(b), when property is found by a civilian, turned over to the police department for safekeeping, and the owner does not claim the property for six months, the property shall be turned over to the finder.

WHEREAS the Police Department received lost monies in the amount of \$160.00 turned over by Christen A. DiGuglielmo on April 10,2025; and

WHEREAS, the funds were not claimed after six months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Deputy Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check for the following amount and adjust her records accordingly.

<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount \$160.00</u>
Christen A. DiGuglielmo	
813 Bellis Parkway	
Oradell, NJ 07649	

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-275

Authorize Recreation Director to Transfer Funds from Recreation Trust Account entitled River Edge Run

WHEREAS, the River Edge Run was held on April 26, 2025 which consisted of 5K Run, a 5K Health Walk, and 1-Mile Fun Run; and

WHEREAS, the registration fees collected were deposited into the Recreation Trust Account No. T-18-55-286-006 entitled River Edge Run; and

WHEREAS, the net fees of the 5K Health Walk are dedicated to the Borough's Municipal Alliance Trust Fund Account;


WHEREAS, the net fees of the 2025 5K Health Walk were \$1,107.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Director hereby authorized the Account Supervisor to move \$1,107.00 from the River Edge Run account no. T-18-55-286-006 to the Municipal Alliance Trust Account T-11-55-286-011 and adjust her records accordingly.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal					X	
Mayor Papaleo						

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BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-276

**Resolution Permitting the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at a Block Party
on Van Saun Drive**

WHEREAS, on or about October 23, 2025, the Borough of River Edge grants permission to Scott Caughlan, 198 Van Saun Drive, River Edge, New Jersey, to hold a block party on Reservoir Avenue and Van Saun Drive on Saturday, November 22 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. (rain date Saturday, November 29th) in accordance with Borough Ordinance #1678; and

WHEREAS, Scott Caughlan had requested that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages be permitted in connection with said block party; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code Section 114-15 allows the Governing Body to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on a public street or sidewalk in connection with an authorized block party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge hereby confirm that persons age 21 and over were permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages at the block party described above, on the date and time specified herein.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-277

Exercise the Second One-Year Option Renewal of the
Solid Waste Collection Contract with Affordable Cartage, LLC.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2024, one bid was received by the Borough of New Milford for Complete Solid Waste Collection Service for New Milford and River Edge; and

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc. (JSI) of 3 York Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 in the total amount of \$4,249,525 for a one-year contract with four one-year options for renewal by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge on August 12, 2024, via Resolution #24-260; and

WHEREAS, JSI entered into an agreement with Affordable Cartage, LLC assigning the contract for waste collection Affordable Cartage, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the assignment of the Solid Waste Collection Service with JSI to Affordable Cartage, LLC was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, subject to approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on September 9, 2024, via Resolution #24-281; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge and Borough of New Milford have agreed to share the cost of the solid waste collection service for all years, which will be determined by the annual Table of Aggregates; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, that they hereby exercise the second one-year renewal of the Solid Waste Collection Contract with Affordable Cartage, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of River Edge agrees to pay \$378,723.97 for the period October 16, 2025 – October 15, 2026 representing 44.8% of the total amount of \$845,366 for the second year of the contract.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Finance Department, Affordable Cartage, LLC. and the Borough of New Milford.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-278

**AUTHORIZATION OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE AND THE RIVER EDGE SWIM CLUB, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge as landlord (hereinafter “the Borough”) and the River Edge Swim Club, Inc. as lessee (hereinafter the “Swim Club”) entered into a certain lease agreement dated December 19, 1992 whereby the Swim Club agreed to lease from the Borough certain estate owned by the Borough commonly known as Lots 1-B, 2-B and a portion of 3-B in Block 73 as shown on the tax assessment map of the Borough of River Edge, which lease was subsequently amended by a First Amendment to Lease Agreement and a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement (all hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Lease”)

WHEREAS, the Lease Term expires on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Swim Club have agreed to extend the Lease for an additional term and modify certain provisions of the Lease as set forth in the Third Amendment to Lease Agreement attached hereto;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Third Amendment to Lease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parties agree that accept as amended, all other terms and conditions of the Lease shall remain in in full force and effect.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella					X	
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal					X	
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-279

Authorize Purchase, Delivery, and Installation of Furniture

WHEREAS, the purchase of furniture for various departments located in Borough Hall was included as part of the Borough Hall Addition & Alterations Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is a member (ID# 1039275) of OMNIA Partners, Public Sector as permitted by PL 2001, c. 139; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent has prepared a cost savings determination recommending the purchase through the national cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent obtained quote from EvensonBest, a local distributor for AIS for the purchase, delivery, and installation a lateral file for the Finance Department in the amount of \$2,248.20; and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to award a contract under a national cooperative purchasing agreement was published in the Record on November 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, EvensonBest, LLC has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification on November 21, 2024, which certifies that the company has not made any contributions to any political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge in the previous one year that would render the company ineligible to be awarded this contract, and that the proposed contract prohibits EvensonBest, LLC from making any such reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, EvensonBest, LLC has submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form on November 21, 2024, required pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.26; and

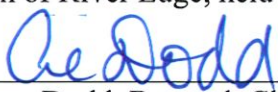
WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer Chris Battaglia has advised that funding is available for this purchase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the Borough Administrator is authorized to issue a purchase order for a lateral file cabinet, including delivery and installation, for the Finance Department to EvensonBest, LLC having its principal office at 400 Connell Drive in Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 in the amount of \$2,248.20.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

Certification of Availability of Funds
NJAC 5:30-5

Date: October 23, 2025

For Resolution #R25-379

To: Mayor and Council

I hereby certify to the availability of public funds for the following specific purpose:

Purpose: Purchase, delivery and installation of a lateral file cabinet for the Finance Department and Building Department to EvensonBest, LLC having its principal office at 400 Connell Drive in Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 in the amount of \$2,248.20.

Line Item (or Ordinance) to be Charged:
C-04-25-013-100



Chris Battaglia, CFO

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-280

Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel and Refund Taxes on a Tax-Exempt Property

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2025, via Resolution #25-261, the Mayor and Council approved the 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption effective January 1, 2025, for John Formoso, of 725 Elm Avenue, Block 305, Lot 31, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq. as amended by P.L.2019, c.413; N.J.A.C. 18:28-1.1 et seq.: and

WHEREAS, the 1st Quarter and 2nd Quarter of 2025 property taxes have been paid in full and a partial payment was made for 3rd Quarter of 2025, including interest, resulted in an overpayment of taxes due to the veteran tax-exempt status; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Account Supervisor is hereby authorized to refund the overpayment of taxes for the 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter and 3rd Quarter of 2025, including interest, in the amount of \$18,560.06 and the Tax Collector adjust her records accordingly.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be provided to the Borough Tax Assessor, Borough Tax Collector and Mr. Formoso.

Block/Lot	Name & Address	Qtr/Year	Cancelled Taxes	Refunded Taxes
305/31	Formoso, John	1Q/2025	\$7,880.44	\$7,880.44
	725 Elm Avenue	2Q/2025	\$7,880.44	\$7,929.77
	River Edge, NJ 07661	3Q/2025	\$8,181.37	\$2,749.85
		4Q/2025	\$8,476.07	
		1Q/2026	\$8,104.58	
		2Q/2026	\$8,104.58	
		TOTAL:	\$48,627.48	\$18,560.06

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-281

Payment of Bills

At a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, held on October 23, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge approve the following expenditures.


CURRENT FUND	\$	1,492,991.23
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$	128,189.39
GRANT FUND	\$	166,938.21
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	3.60
TRUST OTHER	\$	2,155.98
PAYROLL	\$	24,731.32
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW	\$	450.00
RECREATION TRUST	\$	6,795.18

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari		X	X			
Benson	X		X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal			X*			
Mayor Papaleo						

*Councilwoman Dhariwal abstained from all Recreation-related payments. Please refer to the minutes for the check numbers.

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #25-282

Resolution to Enter Into Closed Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the public shall be excluded from the October 23, 2025 regular meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:
 - A. Attorney – Client Privilege – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)
 1. Solicitation Process
 2. Assignment of Duties
 3. NJ Solutions JHIF Proposal
2. Formal action may/may not be taken.
3. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

October 23, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella			X			
Malellari			X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass						X
Dhariwal	X		X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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