

MINUTES

Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

March 26, 2026

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 March 26, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Papaleo.

SILENT PRAYER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Papaleo asked for a moment of silence for brave soldiers, sailors, and Air Force members as well as those who support them during this time of world crisis. Councilwoman Kinsella 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 on January 9, 2026 and January 16, 2026 of 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 Montisano-Koen, Council President Kinsella, Councilwoman Malellari, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Dhariwal (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Councilman Feffer and Mayor Papaleo.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Lissette Aportela
Borough Attorney Reginald Jenkins, Esq.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

On motion by Councilman Glass, seconded by Council President Kinsella, and all present voting in favor, to open for public comments.

Omar Hasan, 727 7th Avenue, asked for the crescent lighting to be held at Borough Hall, noting that it is not a religious event, but rather, a cultural event. He asked that the governing body revisit this request, commenting that the Borough should have representation of all religious festivals.

Uwais Syed, 657 Bogert Road, advised that the crescent and the star are a representation of Muslims who live here in the community and expressed his opinion that they should be represented just like other religions.

Shiraz Ardumand, Eid Committee member, Pascack Road, Paramus, NJ, expressed her opinion that River Edge has an inconsistent standard which placed the Borough in a difficult legal position. She commented that the same rules need to be applied to everyone and asked that the policy be applied uniformly.

Shahid Akhtar, 86 Munsey Road, Emerson, NJ, advised that there are more than 50 Bergen County towns that have had a crescent lighting. He expressed hope that the Borough will be more receptive to the idea and have a crescent display beginning next year.

On a motion by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montisano , and all present voting in favor, to close public comments.

Mr. Jenkins advised that there is a difference between symbols that are considered religious versus secular. He noted that the governing body has been briefed on this issue as to what is recognized by the Supreme Court as being seasonal which includes the Christmas tree and menorah. He explained that the Borough has adopted a policy that religious displays of any kind are not permitted.

Mayor Papaleo remarked that he and members of the governing body have attended religious events in the parks which were organized by private parties. He noted that, although the governing body has decided not to participate in religious displays, this decision can be reconsidered during New Business if the governing body so chooses.

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONNEL CHANGES –

On motion by Councilwoman Malellari, seconded by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, and all members present voting in favor, to approve the following appointments and personnel changes:

- a. Approve the resignation of Zachary Smith, Part-time Police Dispatcher effective March 26, 2026.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCES –

Ordinance #26-07 - #26-09

Motion by Councilman Glass that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting April 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the as the matter can be heard as the date and time and both Council Chambers as the place and Zoom as the virtual platform for the hearing on said ordinance. Second by Council President Kinsella.

Mayor Papaleo read the title of the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE 26-07 – CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

ORDINANCE 26-08 – BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOGERT ROAD (SECTION 10) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$327,528 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

ORDINANCE 26-09 – BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES AND A NEW FIRE TRUCK (PARTIAL FUNDING), INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,938,240 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Borough Administrator Aportela explained that these ordinances all pertain to the upcoming budget. She advised that, with respect to Ordinance #26-07, the inside the CAP appropriations annual increase is based on the inflation index rate for the previous year and that they cannot increase appropriations subject to the spending CAP by more than that unless an ordinance is passed to go up to 3.50%. The main reason for adopting the index rate ordinance is to allow for any unused CAP to be (on paper only) banked for two years. If the ordinance is not adopted, any amount under the current index rate is lost. She noted that adopting this ordinance is a good planning tool to provide CAP relief if there are any large spikes in appropriations subject to the spending CAPS when the index rate is less than 3.5%. She compared it to a hold being placed on your credit card, advising that if the funds are not used within 2 years, then the cap bank ceases to exist. She explained that Ordinance #26-08 is the bond ordinance relating Bogert Road Section 10, noting hat it must be a standalone ordinance since it is associated with a specific state grant. Ordinance #26-09 is the bond ordinance that includes all other capital requests that were approved by both the Mayor and Council and Citizens Budget Committee.

Should there be a surplus elsewhere in the budget, Councilman Feffer inquired whether that funding can be applied towards the Borough’s cost for Bogert Road Section 10.

CFO Battaglia explained that this ordinance is an authorization of debt which allows the Borough to bond as needed. He noted that he does not issue debt unless it is necessary. He commented that he does housekeeping every year and cancellations are done for projects for which they did not go out to bond. He advised that when debt is initially issued it is short-term debt, explaining that the Borough does not permanently finance a project until it is long completed.

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

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

SECOND READING & HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Ordinance #26-06

Mayor Papaleo read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on February 9, 2026 and posted on a bulletin board outside of the Clerk’s office.

ORDINANCE 26-06 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND

COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2026.

Public Comments on Ordinances #26-06

Motion by Councilman Glass, second by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, and all members voting in favor, to open the floor to the public on Ordinance #26-06.

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilman Glass, second by Councilwoman Malellari, to close the floor to the public on Ordinance #26-06.

Borough Administrator Aportela advised that this ordinance establishes the salary range for the dual title of Records Clerk/Police Department Records Custodian.

Motion by Councilman Glass, second by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, that Ordinance #26-06 be passed on second and final reading and are hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

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

2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

#26-107 Introduce 2026 Budget

Motion by Council President Kinsella, second by Councilwoman Malellari, that Resolution #26-107 be approved.

CFO Battaglia advised that they held a 4-hour budget meeting on March 7th which followed many other meetings regarding the budget. He stated that there is a 4.57% increase in total budget and noted that the health insurance increase was the main driver. He explained that, should the budget be introduced this evening, the adoption will take place on April 23rd as there must be a minimum of 28 days between introduction and adoption.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

- a. **#26-108** Accept Proposal for Banking Services
- b. **#26-109** Amend 2026 Salary Resolution
- c. **#26-110** Authorize Purchase of Playground Equipment for Memorial Park
- d. **#26-111** Approval of 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption
- e. **#26-112** Approve the Hire of a Full-time Laborer in the Department of Public

- Works
- f. #26-113 Approve Solid Waste Service Agreement with the Bergen County Utilities Authority
 - g. #26-114 Certify Governing Body’s Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”
 - h. #26-115 Confirmation of Fees Assessed for the Use of Recreational Fields and Facilities Pursuant to Section JJ(7) of Chapter 206 of the Borough Code
 - i. #26-116 Authorizing Increase in Deferred School Taxes for Local School and Regional High School Taxes

Councilwoman Montisano-Koen questioned Resolution #26-111.

Borough Administrator Aportela explained that the Tax Assessor was notified by the Department of Veteran Affairs that this resident has been declared 100% disabled and has been approved for a 100% tax exemption.

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

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

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

#26-117 Payment of Bills

Council President Kinsella read resolution #26-117 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 March 26, 2026.

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

CURRENT FUND	\$	576,382.77
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$	290,957.99
GRANT FUND	\$	3,028.27
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	115.80
TRUST OTHER	\$	18,753.16
DEVELOPER’S ESCROW	\$	1,730.00
SELF INSURANCE TRUST	\$	20,218.00

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilwoman Malellar, that Resolution #26-117 be approved.

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

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

*Councilwoman Dhariwal recused from check #68339, #68345, #6177, and #6178.

NEW BUSINESS –

Boy Scout Reusable Bag Collection Request

Borough Administrator Aportela advised that a Boy Scout is seeking to collect reusable bags. Although they were initially looking to hold this collection this Saturday in front of the Library, they are now looking to hold it on April 11th in the two spots at the far end of the former American Legion lot. She noted that a Hold Harmless Agreement and Certificate of Insurance will need to be provided and reviewed by Risk Manager.

It was the consensus of the governing body to approve this request.

Religious Displays on Borough Property

Councilman Feffer questioned how it is decided what is considered a religious symbol. He expressed his belief that the door has been opened by allowing the display of the Christmas tree and menorah.

It was explained that the adopted policy is based on the Supreme Court decision that the Christmas tree and menorah are not considered religious symbols.

Councilman Feffer expressed his opinion that a more clear policy is needed than the one that currently exists.

Motion by Councilman Feffer, second by Councilwoman Dhariwal, to list a discussion on an agenda in May to determine whether the current policy should be modified, maintained, or replaced.

Motion by Councilman Glass, second by Councilwoman Dhariwal, to amend the motion to include a discussion on the policies currently in place in other municipalities and the basis for their policy.

On a roll call, the vote on the amendment to the motion was recorded as follows:

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

On a roll call, the vote on the motion as amended was as follows:

Councilwoman Montisano-Koen: aye
Council President Kinsella: nay
Councilwoman Malellari: nay

Councilman Glass: aye
Councilwoman Dhariwal: aye
Councilman Feffer: aye

Borough Clerk Dodd is to poll the Bergen County Municipal Clerks' Association to inquire as to current policies regarding religious displays as well as the reason behind the policy.

OLD BUSINESS –

There was no New Business.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilwoman Dhariwal announced that the River Edge @250 Committee will be hosting its kick-off event which starts at 10:30 a.m. at the River Edge Library. She explained what this event will entail.

Councilwoman Kinsella advised that the Egg Hunt will also take place this Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Glass, second by Councilwoman Montisano-Koen, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE 26-07**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$239,284.80 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of River Edge shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$558,331.20, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of River Edge be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), is hereby authorized to improve Bogert Road (Section 10) in, by and for the Borough. Said improvement shall include road resurfacing, sidewalk, curb and driveway apron improvements, where necessary, and all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor, and shall be undertaken in accordance with plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Borough Engineer and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. Such plans and specifications are on file or shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during regular business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that said road being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$327,528 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the State grant appropriated by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) because this ordinance involves a project to be funded by a State grant. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$327,528, and (4) \$237,528 of

said sum is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$90,000, and (6) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$90,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of said purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$237,528 received or to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$90,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$90,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity

with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of the Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$90,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of said purpose (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purpose, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Borough intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

Section 1. The Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment, new communication and signal systems equipment and new automotive vehicles and a new fire truck (partial funding), including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials, and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the down payment and the Federal grant appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the Federal grant hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of various Borough departments, offices, and agencies, including, but not limited to, the following:

Police Department

ballistic vests
defibrillators

Fire Department

turnout gear
fire hose
gas meters

Administration

computer equipment

Department of Public Works ("DPW")

utility vehicle
civic decorations
SUV

Senior Citizens

bus

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 294,950
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 14,600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 280,350
Period of Usefulness	5 years

B. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the DPW, including, but not limited to, a field maintenance machine.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 42,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 40,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

C. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment for the use of the Fire Department, including, but not limited to (i) pagers and (ii) a radio base station.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 40,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 38,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Acquisition of a new ladder fire truck (partial funding), including original apparatus and equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 100,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,800
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 95,200
Period of Usefulness	20 years

E. Undertaking of the Borough Documents Management Project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 55,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,700
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 52,300
Period of Usefulness	5 years

F. Undertaking of the Tree Planting Program.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 30,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 28,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

G. Undertaking of sidewalk, curb and ADA ramp improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 168,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 8,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 160,650
Period of Usefulness	10 years

H. Undertaking of the 2026 Road Resurfacing and Improvement Program (including curbing and sidewalk improvements, where necessary) in, by and for the Borough, as set forth on a list prepared by the Borough Engineer and approved by the Borough Council and directed to be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during normal business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that (i) the Borough Council may, by resolution, amend the aforesaid list from time to time within the appropriation made hereby and (ii) such roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 448,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 21,400
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 426,600
Period of Usefulness	10 years

I. Improvements to public buildings and property.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 305,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 15,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 290,750
Period of Usefulness	15 years

J. Undertaking of ADA bathroom upgrades at the Public Library. It is hereby determined and stated that such public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 213,790
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 138,790
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 71,400
Period of Usefulness	15 years

K. Undertaking of stormwater drainage and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 240,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 228,500
Period of Usefulness	40 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,938,240
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 138,790
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 87,200
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$1,712,250

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$217,500 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of \$138,790 received or to be received as a grant from the Bergen County Community Development Program, pursuant to the Federal Housing and Community Development Act, is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement to the Public Library authorized in Section 4.J hereof.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated moneys exceeding \$87,200, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$87,200 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,712,250 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,712,250 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 14.84 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,712,250 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the Federal grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 15. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited, and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of

the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #26-06

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2026

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: The title and compensation for the full-time position of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2026 shall be amended as follows:

2026

POLICE
Records Clerk/Police Department Records Custodian \$40,000 - \$70,000

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.


Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective to April 1, 2026, upon final passage and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED: March 12, 2026

ADOPTED: March 26, 2026

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen		X	X			
Kinsella			X			
Maellari			X			
Glass	X		X			
Dhariwal			X			
Feffer			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 March 26, 2026



Thomas Papaleo, Mayor



Anne Dodd, RMC
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-107

Introduce 2026 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2026. The Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2026:

Revenues:

Surplus Anticipated	\$2,673,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,334,530.81
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	300,000.00
Local Tax for Municipal/Library Purposes	<u>17,568,762.81</u>
Total:	<u>\$22,876,293.62</u>

Appropriations:

Appropriations within "CAPS"	\$ 16,512,675.00
Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	5,663,618.62
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>700,000.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$22,876,293.62</u>


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published by summary on the Borough website <https://www.riveredgenj.org/PUBLICNOTICES> on March 27, 2026, and in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-8 (1a), a copy of the full approved budget will be made available for public inspection at the Office of the River Edge Borough Clerk located in the River Edge Municipal Building, 705 Kinderkamack Road and Borough website at www.riveredgenj.org.

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen on March 26, 2026. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held both in the Municipal Building and virtually through Zoom, on April 23, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2026 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

March 26, 2026

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			X			
Kinsella	X		X			
Malbellari		X	X			
Glass			X			
Dhariwal			X			
Feffer			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of March, 2026.



Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-108

Accept Proposal for Banking Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge authorized the solicitation of proposals for Banking Services via Resolution #25-286 on November 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received nine (9) proposals in response to the advertised Request for Proposals on January 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, after all factors considered, it was determined that PNC Bank submitted the most advantageous proposal to provide banking services to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the proposal for banking services submitted by PNC Bank is hereby accepted and that the appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute the proposal.

March 26, 2026

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

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-109

Amend 2026 Salary Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, that Resolution #26-71 adopted on January 22, 2026, is hereby amended as follows:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>		
BYRNE, CAROL M.	RECORDS CLERK/POLICE RECORDS CUSTODIAN	\$ 65,000.00

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to pay this salary and wage effective April 1, 2026 in accordance with Ordinance #26-06.

March 26, 2026

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

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-110

Authorize Purchase of Playground Equipment for Memorial Park

WHEREAS, the playground equipment in Memorial Park for 2–5-year-olds in Memorial Park is need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen administers a cooperative purchasing program known as the Registered County Cooperative Pricing System #11-BCCP and had solicited for Park & Playground Equipment and General Supplies for a 12-month period, between October 15, 2024, through October 14, 2025, with a one 12-month renewal option; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen awarded the contract (BC-BID 24-35) to various vendors on October 15, 2024, via Resolution #1189-24, including Ben Shaffer Recreation (Vendor #25557); and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen exercised the 12-month renewal option on September 17, 2025, via Resolution #1217-25; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has been a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System on a continual basis; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Director, Joseph Ricca, obtained quote from Ben Shaffer Recreation via Contract #BC-BID-24-35 for the purchase and installation of 2-5-year-old playground equipment for \$74,662.20 and has recommended a purchase order be issued to Ben Shaffer Recreation; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the Recreation Director, Joseph Ricca is authorized to issue a purchase order for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Memorial Park to Ben Shaffer Recreation at PO Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 in the amount of \$74,662.50.

March 26, 2026

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			X			
Kinsella	X		X			
Maellari		X	X			
Glass			X			
Dhariwal			X			
Feffer			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

Certification of Availability of Funds
NJAC 5:30-5

Date: March 26, 2026

For Resolution #R26-110

To: Mayor and Council

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

Purpose: Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order purchase and installation of playground equipment at Memorial Park to Ben Shaffer Recreation at PO Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 in the amount of \$74,662.20 under Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System Contract #BC-BID-24-35.

Line Item (or Ordinance) to be Charged:

T-12-55-286-000



Chris Battaglia, CFO

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-111

HYUNHO PARK - APPROVAL OF 100% DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION


WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has been notified by the Department of Veteran Affairs that Hyunho Park, residing at 855 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, NJ 07661, also known as Block 206, Lot 7, Qualifier CT007, has been declared 100% totally disabled and has been approved for 100% tax exemption on his dwelling effective March 4, 2026 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.;

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

March 26, 2026

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			X			
Kinsella	X		X			
Maellari		X	X			
Glass			X			
Dhariwal			X			
Feffer			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-112

Approve the Hire of a Full-time Laborer in the Department of Public Works

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Tomasz Leszczyk is hereby hired as a full-time Laborer in the Department of Public Works at an annual Laborer, Step 1 salary of \$47,761.00 with a one (1) year probationary period, effective April 13, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointment date is predicated on passing a physical examination and all background checks.

March 26, 2026

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			X			
Kinsella	X		X			
Maellari		X	X			
Glass			X			
Dhariwal			X			
Feffer			X			
Mayor Papaleo						

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-113

Approve Solid Waste Service Agreement with
the Bergen County Utilities Authority

WHEREAS, in accordance with and pursuant to the New Jersey Solid Waste Management Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.), the County of Bergen constitutes a Solid Waste Management District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated December 23, 1980, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Bergen designated the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) as the agency empowered to supervise the implementation of the Plan and to, inter alia, take control and responsibility for various solid waste systems and facilities operated in and by the County of Bergen; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the foregoing, the BCUA issued bid specifications for solid waste processing, transport and disposal services and has contracted with several solid waste facilities for the processing and disposal of solid waste generated by participating Bergen County municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2024, Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. (Waste Management) was awarded a contract with the BCUA for the acceptance, processing and disposal of municipal solid waste (Contract 24-001) effective June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2026, the BCUA authorized the extension of the contract for 1 year for the period commencing June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge and the BCUA are desirous of entering into a solid waste service agreement, pursuant to which the Municipality shall deliver municipally-generated solid waste to the Waste Management Facility for processing, transportation and disposal, and the BCUA shall provide such solid waste processing, transportation and disposal services to the Borough of River Edge, in a cooperative effort relating to municipal solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law (N.J.S.A. 40:14B et seq.) authorizes and permits contracting units, such as the BCUA and the Borough of River Edge, to enter into Service Agreements for the services contemplated herein; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes and permits contracting units, such as the BCUA and the Borough of River Edge to enter into Service Agreements providing for the services contemplated herein without competitive bidding for same, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) authorizes any local unit of the State to enter into an agreement with any other local unit(s) for the joint provision within the several jurisdictions of any service, which any party to the agreement is empowered to undertake within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the BCUA and the Borough of River Edge are desirous of entering into the attached Service Agreement for the processing, transportation and disposal of solid waste generated from within the Borough of River Edge pursuant to the terms, conditions, covenants and understandings set within the agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge the Solid Waste Service Agreement with the Bergen County Utilities Authority for the processing, transportation and disposal of solid waste is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the Borough of River Edge.

March 26, 2026

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

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of March, 2026

Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-114

CERTIFY GOVERNING BODY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment
Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the *Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge*, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

March 26, 2026

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

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk



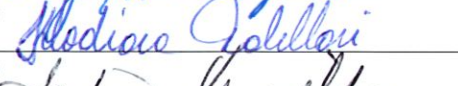

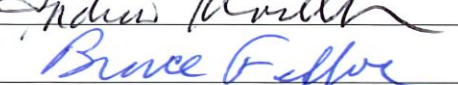

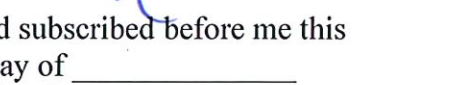
**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 OF COMPLIANCE
WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in
Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

**GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF *BERGEN*

We, members of the governing body of the *Borough of River Edge* being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected (or appointed) members of the *Mayor and Council* of the *Borough of River Edge* in the county of *Bergen*;
2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012);
3. We are familiar with the local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history;
4. We certify that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

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(L.S.)		(L.S.)	
(L.S.)		(L.S.)	

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____
Notary Public of New Jersey



Clerk

The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be executed before a municipality or county can submit its approved budget to the Division of Local Government Services. The executed certificate and the adopted resolution must be kept on file and available for inspection.

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-115

Confirmation of Fees Assessed for the Use of Recreational Fields and Facilities
Pursuant to Section JJ(7) of Chapter 206 of the Borough Code


WHEREAS, the Recreation Director, Joseph Ricca, has reviewed Section JJ(7)(a) of Chapter 206, entitled "Fees" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of River Edge, which stipulates "*Programs within this category shall contribute \$20 per participant per program and per season, unless exempted, to a dedicated trust fund to be used towards maintenance and improvements of Borough of River Edge-owned recreational facilities and/or towards lighting costs of Borough-owned recreational facilities or towards the costs of secondary insurance policies for these programs.*" and recommends that this fee structure remain in effect for the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the recommendation of the aforementioned fee structure is hereby approved as per Section JJ(7)(b) of Chapter 206 concerning use of recreational fields and facilities by the Borough of River Edge, the River Edge Recreation Commission or the Central Athletic Council Leagues.

March 26, 2026

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

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of March, 2026.



Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-116

AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN DEFERRED SCHOOL TAXES
FOR LOCAL SCHOOL AND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAXES

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that the Governing Body of any municipality which has Deferred School Taxes must authorize any increase in the deferral of any additional amounts, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has decided that an increase in Deferred School Taxes is in the best interest of the Borough at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that the following Deferred School Taxes be hereby increased for the year ended December 31, 2025 as follows:

	<u>Deferred Local School Taxes</u>	<u>Deferred Regional High School Taxes</u>
Amount Deferred 12/31/25	9,886,134.00	9,608,924.50
Amount Deferred 12/31/24	<u>9,486,143.50</u>	<u>9,335,767.50</u>
	<u>399,990.50</u>	<u>273,157.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

March 26, 2026

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

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Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-117

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 March 26, 2026.

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

CURRENT FUND	\$	576,382.77
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$	290,957.99
GRANT FUND	\$	3,028.27
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	115.80
TRUST OTHER	\$	18,753.16
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW	\$	1,730.00
SELF INSURANCE TRUST	\$	20,218.00
RECREATION TRUST	\$	4,217.50

March 26, 2026

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

*Councilwoman Dhariwal recused from check #68339, #68345, #6177, and #6178.

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of March, 2026

 Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk