

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO AUDIO FOR THIS MEETING.**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EDGEWATER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON MARCH 4, 2024, IN THE EDGEWATER MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 55 RIVER ROAD, EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Council President read into the record the Open Public Meetings Act statement.

“In compliance with New Jersey’s Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, I hereby declare that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided specifying that this work session/regular session meeting would be held on this date, March 4, 2024, in the Municipal Building Council Chambers, second floor, 55 River Road, Edgewater, New Jersey at 7:00 pm. This notice was published in the Record and Jersey Journal, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and posted on the Borough’s website.”

**PRESIDING:** Council President Bartolomeo

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Councilman Gutierrez (via phone), Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Vidal and Councilwoman Vidal,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Administrator Franz, Deputy Borough Clerk D’Anna and Borough Attorney Travers.

**ABSENT:** Mayor McPartland, Councilman Martin and Borough Clerk Annamarie O’Connor

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Council President Bartolomeo opened the meeting up to the public. No one from the public wished to be heard, therefore Council President Bartolomeo closed the meeting to the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (at the next Regular meeting of March 18, 2024)

1. January 4, 2024 Sine Die/Reorganization
2. January 16, 2024 Regular Session

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:** (at the next Regular meeting of March 18, 2024)

1. Ordinance 2024-003 entitled “An Ordinance Creating a Special Improvement District within the Borough of Edgewater, County of Bergen, New Jersey

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003**

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.**

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

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS**

- a. The area within the Borough of Edgewater designated by the properties listed in the subsection 2 hereof would benefit from being designated as a Special Waterfront Walkway Improvement District;

- b. The creation of the Special Waterfront Improvement District (hereinafter "SID") would assist the Borough in promoting and planning development within such area designated by subsection 2 hereof by providing administrative, planning and other services to benefit the properties contained within the Special Improvement District;
- c. An assessment may be imposed on properties within the Special Improvement District and collected by the Borough of Edgewater with the regular property tax payment or payment in lieu of taxes and that such assessment shall be transferred to the SID to exercise the powers given to it by this Ordinance and to effectuate the purposes of N.J.S.A. 40:56-65, et seq.;
- d. It is in the best interests of the Borough of Edgewater and the public to create such Special Improvement District and to designate such SID, which corporation shall have a Board of Trustees chosen as provided in subsection 3 (a) hereof; and
- e. Public policy of the State of New Jersey permits the Borough Council to protect the public, its welfare and health and the interests of the public in the safe and effective movement of persons and to preserve and enhance the function and appearance of the properties designated in subsection 2 hereof by adoption of Special Improvement Ordinance.
- f. The legislature of the State of New Jersey created the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway and required the owners of property along the Hudson River to provide a waterfront walkway for the benefit of all of the public, so that the public could enjoy the spectacular views and natural surrounding along the river.
- g. That requirement has led to the costly construction and maintenance of the walkway by many property owners, many of whom have developed at their expense well maintained, safe and well-engineered walkways.
- h. The SID will provide for the continued preservation of those walkways, the creation of additional walkway areas, and the more consistent, efficient and effective maintenance of the walkway, along with encouraging proper safety is adhered to, and that proper funds are available to provide for the future of the walkway.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Section:

- a. Special Improvement District (hereinafter called "SID") shall mean an area within the Borough of Edgewater as designated by this section as an area in which an assessment on all property within the SID shall be imposed for the purpose of planning and promoting the economic and general welfare of the SID, the maintenance and preservation of the SID and the Borough of Edgewater.
- b. SID shall mean an entity created by municipal ordinance or incorporated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5A:1-1, et seq. and designated by municipal ordinance as the then current entity to receive funds collected by an assessment within the SID by this section.
- c. Special Improvement District Description.

- 1. The following properties are hereby designated as included in the District:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT QUALIFIER</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	1	1445 RIVER ROAD
1	4	441 RIVER ROAD
1	5	1439 RIVER ROAD
1	6	INTERSTATE PK ENTR
2	1	RIVER ROAD NORTH END
2	3	1551 RIVER ROAD

2	4	1541 RIVER ROAD
2	5	1531 RIVER ROAD
2	6	RIVER ROAD
2	7	RIVER ROAD NORTH END
2	8	1511 RIVER ROAD
2	9	RIVER ROAD NORTH END
12	4	RIVER ROAD NORTH
12	5	1375 RIVER ROAD
12	6.01	1375 RIVER ROAD
13	1	1-29 VELA WAY
17	1	1339 RIVER RD
17	2	1339 RIVER RD
17	3.02	1339 RIVER RD
18	1.03	1323 RIVER ROAD
18	1.04	1321 RIVER ROAD
18	1.20	MOORINGS LANE
18	2.01	27 MOORINGS LANE
21	2	1275 RIVER ROAD RIPARIAN LAND
22	1	1275 RIVER ROAD
22	2	1275 RIVER ROAD RIPARIAN LAND
22	4	1257 RIVER ROAD
25	1	1255 RIVER ROAD
25	2	HUDSON COVE
25	3	1225 RIVER ROAD
25	8	1203 RIVER ROAD
30	1	1167 RIVER ROAD
30	1.02 BLDG	1165 RIVER ROAD
30	1.03	RIVER RD.-REC AREA
33	1.01	1033-1077 RIVER ROAD
33	1.02	1111 RIVER ROAD
33	1.03	1111 RIVER ROAD
38	1	989 RIVER ROAD
38	1.01	955 RIVER ROAD
46	3.01	945 RIVER ROAD
46	3.02	935 RIVER ROAD
46	3 03	939 RIVER ROAD
46	3.04	941 RIVER ROAD
53	1	DPW RIVER ROAD

53	2.02	915 RIVER ROAD RIVER FRONT
58	1	905 RIVER ROAD
59	2.01	100 GRAND COVE WAY
59	2.02	200 GRAND COVE WAY
59	2.03	825 RIVER ROAD
67	1.01	799 RIVER ROAD-M LANDING
67	1.02	1000 PORTSIDE DRIVE
70	3	737 RIVER ROAD
70	4.01	725 RIVER ROAD
70	4.02	725 RIVER ROAD
75	2.02	725 RIVER ROAD
75	2.03	725 RIVER ROAD
75	8	725 RIVER ROAD
76	2.01	725 RIVER ROAD
76	5	615 RIVER ROAD
81	1	595 RIVER ROAD
82	1	575 RIVER ROAD
84.01	1.01	455 RIVER ROAD
84.01	1.02	541 RIVER ROAD
85.01	1.01	435 RIVER ROAD
85.01	2	361 RIVER ROAD
85.01	3.02	351 RIVER ROAD
85.01	3.03	357 RIVER ROAD
91	1	CITY PLACE AT THE PROMENADE
91	2	339 RIVER ROAD
91	3	195 RIVER ROAD
95	1	145 RIVER ROAD
96	3.03	115 RIVER ROAD
96	3.04	115 RIVER ROAD-PIER
99	1.01	45 RIVER ROAD-PR.STREETS
99	1.02	45 RIVER ROAD-HOME GOODS
99	1.03	45 RIVER ROAD-BLDG D
99	1.04	45 RIVER ROAD BLDG B-OYSTER
99	1.05	2 MAIN STREET C-1
99	1.06	45 RIVER ROAD - PR.STREETS
99	1.07	45 RIVER ROAD-BLDG F
99	1.08	65 RIVER ROAD-CVS
99	1.09	55 RIVER ROAD-BORO HALL

99	1.11	45 RIVER ROAD-GARAGE 1
99	1.12 7	5 RIVER ROAD
99	1.14	9 SOMERSET LANE
99	1.15	3 SOMERSET LANE
99	1.16	2 PEMBROKE PLACE
99	1.17	45 RIVER ROAD
99	1.18	3 PEMBROKE PLACE-MARRIOTT
99	1.19	8 SOMERSET LANE
99	1.24	PART OF 115 RIVER ROAD

2. Properties may be added or deleted from the SID only through adoption of an ordinance by the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater.

### **SECTION 3. ASSESSMENTS**

The Special Improvement District as hereinabove described, shall be an area in which all of the property included therein, except as hereinafter stated, shall have imposed an assessment for the purposes of planning and promoting the economic and general welfare of the SID and the Borough of Edgewater; provided that in any year no assessment shall be levied or imposed for any property within the SID which exceeds ten (10%) of the regular tax payment for such property. No assessment shall be levied on any property designated as tax exempt. In the event any entity makes a payment in lieu of taxes to the Borough of Edgewater, said entity shall be subject to the imposition of the assessment.

All property listed hereinabove and which is incorporated within the SID, shall be subject to payment of such assessment whether it is used for commercial or residential purposes.

The improvements and supplemental services in the SID will involve annual costs peculiar only to the SID and will be distinguished from improvements and services normally provided by the Borough. While improvements and supplemental services shall be maintained and operated pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance and to N.J.S.A. 40:56-65, et seq. and the costs thereof assessed or taxed to the properties pursuant to this section, such improvements and supplemental services shall not be substituted by the Borough for improvements and services now supplied to the proposed SID nor be grounds for curtailment of future improvements and services planned.

For the purposes of this section, the Board of Trustees shall hereby appoint an Executive Director who shall assist the Borough of Edgewater in planning and promoting development and improvement within the SID. Said SID shall be incorporated pursuant to the provisions of Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes and is hereby designated as eligible to receive the funds collected as assessment within the SID. The designation of the SID may be changed at any time or from time to time by ordinance ad Mayor and Council. In addition, the SID shall:

The allocation of assessments among the property owners, and the levying of any special assessments on any individual property owners, shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws of the SID and ratified by the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater. A property owner within the SID may make a request to the SID Board of Trustees for consideration to waive, reduce, or increase the assessment or special assessment for any number of valid reasons to be considered by the Board of Trustees and recommended to the Mayor and Council who will confirm or deny the recommendation of the Board of Trustees by majority vote of a Mayor and Council resolution. A list of reasons to be considered for the waiving, reduction, or increase of the assessment or special assessment are to be developed by the SID Board of Trustees and incorporated into the Board of Trustees By-Laws.

a. Have a Board of Trustees consisting of no more than seven (7) members, who shall be chosen as follows:

1. Elected Trustees. There shall be seven (7) elected trustees all of whom must be of legal voting age, who shall be elected as hereinafter provided, who shall be voting members separated in to the following classifications:
  - (a) Property owners (five (5) seats).
  - (b) Retail establishment owners that are part of the SID (at least one (1) seat(s)).
  - (c) Residential property owners that are part of the SID (at least one (1)).
  - (d) Resident-at-large of the Borough of Edgewater (one (1) seat) who shall hold a non-voting status.

The allocation of votes among the property owners shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws of the SID and ratified by the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater.

2. Appointed Ex-Officio Trustees. The appointed ex-officio trustees shall be: Mayor, or Mayor's designee, of the Borough of Edgewater, who shall be a voting member (one (1) seat), provided that:
  - (a) If the Mayor's designee shall be ex-officio trustee said designee shall be appointed with advice and consent of Mayor and Council.
  - (b) The Mayor shall not eligible to be Chairman.

3. Qualifications of Elected Trustees. All elected trustees, with the exception of the resident-at-large trustees, shall be persons who are responsible for payment of any special assessments created under the Special Improvement District, whether they are directly responsible to the Borough or by "pass through" from their landlord.

b. Exercise the Following powers:

1. Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business and to prescribe the rules, regulations and policies in connection with performance of its functions and duties;
2. Employ such persons as may be required, and fix and pay their compensation from funds available to the SID;
3. Apply for, accept, administer and comply with the requirements respecting an appropriation of funds or a gift, grant or donation of property or money;
4. Make and execute agreements which may be necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers and functions of the SID, including contracts with any person, firm, corporation, governmental agency or other entity;
5. Administer and manage its own funds and accounts and pay its obligations;
6. Borrow money from private lenders for periods not to exceed one hundred (180) days and from governmental entities for that or longer periods;
7. Fund the improvement of the appearance of the walkway in the SID through grants or loans;
8. Fund the rehabilitation of the walkway property within SID;
9. Accept, purchase, rehabilitate, sell, lease or manage property in the SID;

10. Enforce the conditions of any loan, grant, sales or lease made by the SID;
11. Provide security, sanitation and other services to the SID supplemental to those provided normally by the Borough;
12. Undertake improvements designed to increase the safety or attractiveness of the SID to businesses and residents and visitors to the SID, including, but not limited to, litter cleanup and control, landscaping, parking operations and facilities, recreational and rest areas and facilities and those generally permitted for pedestrian walkway malls under Section Two of P.L. 1972 Chapter 13 (C. 40:56-66), pursuant to pertinent regulations of the Mayor and Council;
13. Publicize the SID and businesses included within the SID boundaries;
14. Organize special events in the SID;
15. Provide temporary decorative lighting in the SID.

#### **Section 4. BUDGET**

- a. The SID shall submit a detailed annual budget for approval by resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater, which annual budget shall be approved and adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Board of Trustees. The budget shall be submitted with a report which explains how the budget contributes to goals and objectives for the Special Improvement District.
- b. The budget shall be introduced, approved, amended and adopted by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership of the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater. The procedure shall be as follows:
  1. Introduction and approval;
  2. Public advertising;
  3. Public hearing;
  4. Amendments and public hearing, if required; and
  5. Adoption.
- c. The budget shall be introduced in writing at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater. Approval thereof shall constitute a first reading which may be by title. Upon approval of the budget by the governing body, it shall fix the time and place for the holding of a public hearing upon the budget.
- d. The Budget shall be advertised after approval. The advertisement shall contain a copy of the budget and shall set forth the date, time and place of the hearing. It shall be published at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed therefor in the publication or publications designated by the Borough Council for the publication of such notices.
- e. No budget shall be adopted until a public hearing has been held thereon and all taxpayers and persons having an interest therein shall have been given an opportunity to present objections. The hearing shall be held no less than twenty-eight (28) days after approval of the budget.
- f. The public hearing shall be held at the time and place specified in the advertisement therefor, but may be adjourned from time to time until the hearing is closed. The budget, as advertised, shall be read at the public hearing in full, or it may be read by its title, if:
  1. At least one (1) week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised:

- (a) Shall be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Edgewater, and
  - (b) Is made available to each person requesting the same, during that week and during the public hearing, and
- 2. The Borough Council shall, by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership, determine that the budget shall be read by its title, and declare that the conditions set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance have been met. After closing the hearing, the Borough Council may adopt the budget, by title without amendment, or may approve subsection before adoption.
- g. The Borough Council may amend the budget during or after the public hearing. No amendment by the Borough Council shall be effective until taxpayers and all persons having an interest therein shall have been granted a public hearing hereon, if the amendment shall:
  - 1. Add a new item in an amount in excess of one (1%) percent of the total amount stated in the approved budget; or
  - 2. Increase or decrease any item by more than ten (10%) percent; or
  - 3. Increase the amount to be raised pursuant to Section 16 of P.L. 192 Chapter 134 (C. 40:56-80) by more than five (5%) percent unless the same is made pursuant to an emergency temporary appropriation only. Notice of hearing on an amendment shall be advertised at least three (3) days before the date set therefor. The amendment shall be published in full in the same manner as an original publication and shall be read in full at the hearing and before adoption.
- h. Final adoption shall be by resolution adopted by a majority of the full membership of the Borough Council, and may be by title.

The IDMC shall cause an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transaction to be made and filed with the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater, and for that purpose, the Corporation shall employ a certified public accountant of the State of New Jersey. The annual audit shall be completed and filed with the governing body within four (4) months after the close of the fiscal year of the corporation, and a certified duplicate copy of the audit shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs within five (5) days of the filing of the audit with the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater.

## **SECTION 5 ANNUAL REPORT**

The SID shall, within thirty (30) days of the close of each fiscal year; make an annual report of its activities of the preceding fiscal year to the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater.

## **SECTION 6 COSTS AND ASSESSMENTS.**

The annual costs of operating, maintaining and improving the Special Improvement District shall be reported to the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater, assessed, collected and appropriated as provided in N.J.S.A. 40:56-80.

## **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

## **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as required by law.

**SECTION 9. AMEND AND REPEAL**

This Ordinance shall be amended as required from time to time or repealed as determined by the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewater.

**SECTION 10. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.**

All ordinances and parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Introduced:**

**Adopted:**

**ATTEST:**

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**ANNAMARIE O’CONNOR, RMC**

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**MICHAEL MCPARTLAND, MAYOR**

**RESOLUTIONS** – Consent Agenda: (for adoption at the next Regular meeting of March 18, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 2024-084  
SALARIES & WAGES  
(ATTACHED TO THE END OF THESE MINUTES)**

**RESOLUTION 2024-085  
SALARIES & WAGES  
(ATTACHED TO END OF THESE MINUTES)**

**RESOLUTION 2024-086  
SERVICES & SUPPLIES  
(ATTACHED TO END OF THESE MINUTES)**

**RESOLUTION  
2024-087**

**APPOINT NEW CROSSING GUARD**

**WHEREAS** there is a need for a Part-time School Crossing Guard; and

**WHEREAS** the following applicant has made an application for the position of Part-time School Crossing Guard and has been recommended for appointment as Part-time School Crossing Guard:

Monserrat Pamies

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council that the applicant listed above is hereby appointed conditionally as Part-time School Crossing Guard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said appointment does not provide any benefits and the hours worked shall not exceed 19 hours per week; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the applicant shall be paid an hourly rate as established by the current salary ordinance.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on March 18, 2024.

Michael McPartland,  
Mayor

Annamarie O’Connor, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION  
2024-088**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SUBSCRIPTION OF POWER DMS  
PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Edgewater is in need of a distribution and tracking program for the policies, procedures, and training for the departments of administration, public works, fire department and first aid squad; and

**WHEREAS** the Edgewater Police Department has been utilizing this software for several years with much success in the way that policies, procedures and training is disseminated and administered; and

**WHEREAS**, Power DMS by Neogov is considered a proprietary software whereby no other vendor can provide it or duplicate it; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Edgewater Purchasing Agent and Borough Administrator have reviewed the Power DMS proposal of January 29, 2004 and recommend the subscription purchase and installation of the Power DMS by Neogov system as proposed on January 29, 2024 in the amount of \$9,825.00 to be divided among the four (4) departments referenced above.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council that it hereby authorizes the Borough of Edgewater to purchase and install the subscription of Power DMS by Neogov system in the proposal dated January 29, 2024 in the amount of \$9,825.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I, Joseph Iannaconi, CFO of the Borough of Edgewater, do hereby certify that funding is available for the subscription purchase and installation of the Power DMS by Neogov system as proposed on January 29, 2004 in the amount of \$9,825.00 to be divided among the four (4) departments referenced above.

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Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on March 18, 2024

Michael McPartland  
Mayor

Annamarie O'Connor, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION  
2024-089**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT  
CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SUN SHADE AT THE VETERANS FIELD PARK.**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Edgewater desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to carry out a project to install a sunshade and other improvements at the Veterans Field Park; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Edgewater does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and

- 1) Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any

such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Edgewater and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on March 18, 2024.

Michael McPartland  
Mayor

Annamarie O'Connor, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION  
2024-090**

**RESOLUTION to APPOINT A TEMPORARY, PART-TIME VIOLATIONS CLERK**

**WHEREAS** as a result of a vacancy of regular full-time staff within the Violations Bureau of the Edgewater Municipal Court, there is a need for a part-time temporary Violations Clerk; and

**WHEREAS** the referenced position was duly advertised listing the necessary skills and requirements; and

**WHEREAS** it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator, Municipal Court Judge and Municipal Court Administrator, that the following named individual be appointed as a temporary part-time violations clerk within the Edgewater Municipal Court:

Thais Encarnacion

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that the above named individual is hereby appointed as part-time temporary violations clerk within the Edgewater Municipal Court not to exceed 19 hours per week for a period not to exceed 90 days; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above named individual shall be paid an hourly rate as authorized in the yearly salary ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this temporary, part-time position which does not include any benefits and whose appointment shall be retroactive to March 1, 2024 and expire after ninety (90) days.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on March 18, 2024.

Michael McPartland  
Mayor

Annamarie O'Connor  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION  
2024-091**

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT CYCLE JULY, 2020 – JUNE, 2025**

**WHEREAS** the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit

organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages, and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Edgewater, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Edgewater Municipal Alliance grant for the fiscal year 2025 in the amount of:

GCADA Grant	\$ 4,507.18
Cash Match	\$ 1,126.80
In-Kind	\$ 3,380.39

2. The Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on March 18, 2024.

Michael J. McPartland  
Mayor

Annamarie O’Connor  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION  
2024-092**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING GRETTA HAVANASSIAN DUE TO AN DUPLICATE PAYMENT**

**WHEREAS** the following taxpayer is entitled to a refund:

B/L/Q	Property Owner	Tax Year	Amount
85.01/3.03/C0019	GRETTA HAVANASSIAN	2024	\$3,031.15

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to draw a check in the amount stated.

Check Payable to:           GRETTA HAVANASSIAN  
  943 PAVONIA AVENUE  
  APT. 32  
  JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on March 18, 2024.

Michael J. McPartland  
Mayor

Annamarie O’Connor, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION  
2024-093**

**AUTHORIZE FIREWORKS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Edgewater is planning an Independence Day celebration to be held at Veteran's Field on June 27, 2024 with a rain date of June 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** International Fireworks Manufacturing Co., P.O. Box 6, Sycamore Road, Douglassville, Pa. 19518, submitted a proposal to provide the fireworks at a cost of \$17,500.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize fireworks at Veterans Field on June 27, 2024 with a rain date of June 30, 2024, Independence Day celebration; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that International Fireworks Manufacturing Co., P.O. Box 6, Sycamore Road, Douglassville, Pa. 19518, be and is hereby awarded the fireworks contract for \$17,500.00; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for said agreement.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on March 18, 2024.

Michael J. McPartland  
Mayor

Annamarie O'Connor, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**REQUESTS/MATTERS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION:**

1. **2024 Budget - \$700,000** over the CAP Bank. The Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer will sit down and discuss. The 1.6 million is most likely the issue.
2. **Hudson River Walkway SID** – Previously discussed. An ordinance will be prepared for introduction at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. **Old River Road – One Way Proposal** –The Borough received a call from North Bergen regarding sandwiches and Cannabis Shop. North Bergen uses Neglia Engineers. Discussion regarding their request to make old River Road a one-way street or change the parking. Half of their business is located on Riverside Place and old River Road. Options for parking.
4. **First Aid Squad Stipend** – The volunteers work from Monday through Friday from 6p.m. to 6a.m. Currently receive an \$1,100 a month for four (4) weekends and one (1) full weekend. They are requesting an additional \$25 per 12 hr. shift after reaching \$1200 stipend.
5. **Park Renovation Bids** – Borough Administrator referenced the bids for this project and recommended awarding the bid to TOMCO at the next meeting.
6. **River Road Quanta Remediation** – Honeywell River Road portion of solidification will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are not closing River Road.
7. **Edgewater Colony Lease Payments** – Property to right conservation. The Borough and Green Acres Agreement document was not executed. Greg spoke to

Judith, the attorney. There will be a conference call on Wednesday. They were billed for 2024. Green Acres needs to execute the document.

8. **Monthly Grant Report** – The Borough Administrator stated that the monthly grant report Millennium Strategies provided is self-explanatory.
9. **Marina Bulkhead** – Question about a steel bulkhead. The ice is melting and when it comes down it is hitting the wood bulkhead. Want to prevent stuff from coming into the marina.
10. **Garden Place north to the Fort Lee border** – The County of Bergen will pave River Road beginning from Garden Place North to the Fort Lee border in 2025.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss the Aventine litigation matter was:

**Introduced by: Councilman Monte**  
**Second by: Councilwoman Lawlor.**

All council members present voted aye.

At this time the governing body members present returned from closed session.  
A motion to adjourn was:

**Introduced by: Councilman Monte**  
**Second by: Councilwoman Lawlor.**

All council members present voted aye.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**By: Barbara Rae**  
**FOR: Nikki D'Anna**