

MINUTES OF A COMBINED SINE DIE AND REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE EDGEWATER MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD IN THE NANCY MERSE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 55 RIVER ROAD, EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON JANUARY 4, 2024

SALUTE TO FLAG

Mayor McPartland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor McPartland read the following:

In compliance with New Jersey's Open Public Meetings act, Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, I hereby declare that adequate notice of this combined Sine Die/Reorganization Meeting has been provided specifying that this meeting would be held on this date January 4, 2024 in the Municipal Building, 55 River Road, Edgewater, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. 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.

ROLL CALL

PRESIDING: Mayor Michael McPartland

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin and Councilman Bartolomeo.

ALSO PRESENT: Nikki D'Anna, Deputy Borough Clerk, Gregory S. Franz, Administrator and Robert Travers, Borough Attorney

ABSENT: Borough Clerk Annamarie O'Connor

At this time Mayor McPartland thanked all in attendance. He also thanked all of our professionals and our neighboring communities along with borough departments and their staff.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor McPartland opened the meeting to the public and the following were heard:

No one present wished to be heard, therefore Mayor McPartland closed the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolutions 2023-300 to 2023-303 was made by Councilman Martin and second by Councilwoman Bartolomeo. All council members present voted aye. None opposed. None abstained.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Gutierrez	Yes
Councilwoman Lawlor	Yes
Councilman Monte	Yes
Councilman Vidal	Yes
Councilman Martin	Yes
Councilman Bartolomeo	Yes

**RESOLUTION
2023-300**

**RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS WITH
UNEXPENDED BALANCES.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-60 permits the cancellation of any unexpended balances of appropriations, by Resolution of the Governing Body be cancelled prior to the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the attached schedule indicates those budget accounts with unexpended balances; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Current Fund Surplus and Marina Fund Surplus: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and council of the Borough of Edgewater, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the attached listed unexpended balance of the Current Fund and Marina Fund are hereby cancelled.

CANCELLED APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS	
Group Insurance	\$145,000.00

MARINA APPROPRIATIONS

Marina
S/W

\$36,000.00

**RESOLUTION
2023-301
CURRENT ACCOUNT TRANSFERS**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary & Wage Adj.	\$125,000.00	Police S/W	\$358,561.00
A&E S&W	\$89,000.00	Vol. First Aid S&W	\$21,170.00
Collection/Taxes S/W	\$29,000.00	Streets/Roads S/W	\$134,048.00
Assessment of Taxes S/W	\$11,000.00	Recycling S/W	\$2,542.00
Construction S/W	\$40,000.00		\$516,321.00
Housing Inspection S/W	\$10,600.00		
Housing Inspection O/E	\$3,500.00		
Fire Dept S/W	\$22,000.00		
Board of Health S/W	\$80,000.00		
Recreation S/W	\$9,000.00		
Mayor & Council S/W	\$38,000.00		
Construct Official O/E	\$10,000.00		
Vol First Aid O/E	\$20,000.00		

Snow Removal O/E	10,000.00	
Board of Health O/E	\$15,000.00	
Recreation O/E	\$4,221.00	
Totals:	\$516,321.00	\$516,321.00

Recreation O/E	\$58,894.00	Election O/E	\$53.00
		Collection/Taxes O/E	\$258.00
		Assess. Taxes O/E	\$11,950.00
		Legal O/E	\$45,000.00
		Other Insurance	\$1,633.00
Total:	\$58,894.00		\$58,894.00

RESOLUTION

2023-302

Bill list
BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER
SERVICES & SUPPLIES

RESOLUTION R23-302

Introduced by **DATED:** January 4, 2024

Seconded by

RESOLVED that the attached Clair Schedule be paid and the appropriate budget accounts and other obligations charged accordingly, these Schedules having been audited and approved by the appropriate Committee to which they referred, a summary of such charges being as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
VAN WETTINGER, BRIAN	2,500.00	12/19/23	GROUP INSURANCE	61821
BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER	40,000.00	12/15/23	SNOW REMOVAL O & E	61822
TD BANK NATIONAL	1,356.06	12/21/23	Various	61823
TCR COMMUNITY	100.00	12/21/23	A & E O & E	61824
NJ ADVANCED MEDIA	293.20	12/21/23	A & E O & E	61825
EV CONTACT	1,540.00	12/21/23	A & E O & E	61826
HARTMAN SOCIETY	11,242.51	12/21/23	Various	61827
FEDERAL EXPRESS	16.24	12/21/23	A & E O & E	61828
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA	314.16	12/21/23	Various	61829
KAMONZI, GREGORY	60.00	12/21/23	REFUND OF FEES	61830
PS&G CO	31,821.23	12/21/23	Various	61831
ACL WELDING SUPPLY	226.54	12/21/23	STREETS & ROADS O & E	61832
BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER	0.00	12/21/23	Various	61833
24G AUTO INC	1,396.18	12/21/23	STREETS & ROADS O & E	61834
STABLES BUSINESS	24.69	12/21/23	RECREATION O & E	61835
WISBROCK & COMPANY	25,000.00	12/21/23	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	61836
YOUNGS, KENNETH	174.76	12/21/23	GROUP INSURANCE	61837
ZUCCHINI/ROYAL THRONES	445.00	12/21/23	PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS O & E	61838
VEOLIA WATER NJ	5,341.57	12/27/23	Various	61839
FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	1,790.00	12/27/23	FIRE DEPT. O & E	61840
MASCO'S PIZZERIA	131.75	12/27/23	A & E O & E	61841
QUARTENT LEASING	509.00	12/27/23	A & E O & E	61842
PETTY CASE	27.88	12/27/23	Various	61843
KAYNES, PATRICIA	500.00	12/29/23	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES O & E	61844
REHRIG PROTECT	15,000.00	12/29/23	RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT	61845
BEV BEA ZEL	6,400.40	12/29/23	CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM	61846
EDGEWATER BOARD OF	2,397,259.33	12/29/23	BOARD OF EDUCATION	2312231
TD BANK NORTH	1,444.24	12/31/23	BDP CHECKS	23123113
BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER	1,077.46	12/28/23	Various	99163321

Total Paid Bills:

2,547,235.46

**RESOLUTION
2023-303
CANCELLING SMALL BALANCES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:5-17.1 provides that a municipality may authorize the processing of tax refunds of less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process, without further action on part of the Governing Body, any property tax refund of less than Ten (\$10.00) dollars.

At this time members of the Governing Body wished everyone a happy new year and good things to come in 2024.

Councilman Martin mentioned that ex-resident, Frank Scamporino passed away. He was the father-in-law to Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich. He wished the best for the family. Mayor McPartland asked for a moment of silence.

Mayor McPartland asked for a motion to end the Sine Die meeting and asked

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SINE DIE MEETING AND ENTER INTO THE
REORGANIZATION PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

INTRODUCED: Councilman Vidal

SECOND: Councilman Vincent Monte

All council members presented voted Aye. None opposed.

JANUARY 4, 2024 REORGANIZATION MEEETING

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PRESIDING: Mayor Michael McPartland

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin and Councilman Bartolomeo.

ALSO PRESENT: Nikki D’Anna, Deputy Borough Clerk, Gregory S. Franz, Administrator and Robert Travers, Borough Attorney

ABSENT: Borough Clerk Annamarie O’Connor

OATHS OF OFFICE

Borough Administrator Franz reported that the Bergen County Clerk John Hogan has certified the November 2023 Election of Mayor-elect McPartland, Councilman-elect Guitierrez and Councilman-elect Luis Vidal.

Before Fort Lee Mayor Sokolich administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Michael McPartland, he spoke about the camaraderie between the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee.

At this time Congressman Pascrell administered the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect Guitierrez and Councilman-elect Vidal. He spoke very highly of the Mayor and Council members and the close relationship he has with Edgewater. He referenced the chaos that is ongoing in the Congress and how we all need to come together. He personally told the Governing Body members that he is very proud of them and how honored he was to swear in the Mayor and Council members elected in the 2023 election.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

No one from the public wished to be heard

ROLL CALL

PRESIDING: Mayor Michael McPartland

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin and Councilman Bartolomeo.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Borough Clerk Nikki D’Anna, Gregory S. Franz, Administrator and Robert Travers, Borough Attorney.

ABSENT: Borough Clerk Annamarie O’Connor

BOROUGH ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

I, Michael J. McPartland hereby nominate, with the advice and consent of Council, Robert Travers as the Borough Attorney for the year 2024.

**RESOLUTION
2024-001**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Attorney as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, knowledge of land use, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Robert Travers, Esq.
129 Alexander Way
Edgewater, NJ 07020

as the Borough Attorney for the Year 2024 at a retainer fee of \$80,000.00 which shall be paid by monthly voucher and an hourly rate not to exceed \$150.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto for all legal services outside of the services covered by the retainer, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr., Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer
INTRODUCED: Councilman Martin
SECOND: Councilwoman Lawlor

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Gutierrez	Yes
Councilwoman Lawlor	Yes
Councilman Monte	Yes
Councilman Vidal	Yes
Councilman Martin	Yes
Councilman Bartolomeo	Yes

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Vidal nominated Councilman Bartolomeo as Council President, and second by Councilman Vidal

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Gutierrez	Yes
Councilwoman Lawlor	Yes
Councilman Monte	Yes
Councilman Vidal	Yes
Councilman Martin	Yes
Councilman Bartolomeo	Yes

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES-WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL

A. APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Building Department	Councilman Monte
DPW/Buildings/ Grounds	Councilman Monte
Finance	Councilman Vidal
VFD	Councilman Bartolomeo
VFAS	Councilman Bartolomeo
Health & Welfare	Councilwoman Lawlor
Insurance	Councilman Vidal
Police	Mayor McPartland
Court	Councilman Martin
Recreation	Councilman Gutierrez
Sr. Citizens	Councilwoman Lawlor
Tax Office	Councilman Gutierrez

B. BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

INTRODUCTION: Councilman Bartolomeo

SECOND: Councilwoman Lawlor

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Gutierrez	Yes
Councilwoman Lawlor	Yes
Councilman Monte	Yes
Councilman Vidal	Yes
Councilman Martin	Yes
Councilman Bartolomeo	Yes

Planning Board

James Tracey - Regular Member- (4) Year Term
Dominic Rae – Regular Member (4 yr. term)
Gayle Fine - Alt. 1 (2) Year Term
Brad Moon – Alt. 2 ((1) Year Term
Class II- Councilman Bartolomeo, (1) Year Term
Class III- Construction Official John Candelmo, (1) Year Term

Board of Adjustment

Robert Christiansen -Regular Member (4) Year Term
Manuel Cosme – Regular Member (4) Year Term

Rent Leveling Board

Nancy Zavodsky, Alt. 1 (3 hr. term)

Library

Elizabeth Friedland Mayor’s Representative (1) Year Term
Adrian Rodriguez – Regular Member (5) Year Term

Board of Health

Eileen Chichin – Regular Member (3) Year Term

Housing Authority

Dawn Hoinash-Starr – Regular Member (5) Year Term
Dimitrios Nikolaidis – Regular Member (5) Year Term
Margaret Taylor – Regular Member (5) Year Term
Ann Carletta – Governor’s Appointment (5) Year Term

Recreation Advisory Council

Jamie McPartland – Regular Member (1) Year Term
Dan Rackow – Regular Member (1) Year Term

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. October 16, 2023
- 2. November 20, 2023

INTRODUCED: Councilwoman Lawlor

SECOND: Councilman Monte

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Guitierrez Yes
Councilwoman Lawlor Yes
Councilman Monte Yes

Councilman Vidal Yes
Councilman Martin Yes
Councilman Bartolomeo Yes

RESOLUTIONS: CONSENT AGENDA 2024-002 Thru 2024-059

A motion to approve Resolutions **2024-002 to 2024-59** was made by Councilman Bartolomeo and second by Councilman Monte.

All council members present voted yes.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Gutierrez Yes
Councilwoman Lawlor Yes
Councilman Monte Yes
Councilman Vidal Yes
Councilman Martin Yes
Councilman Bartolomeo Yes

**RESOLUTION
2024-002**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Auditor as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Steven Wielkocz of Wielkocz and Company, P.A. has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Auditor in an hourly amount of \$75.00 - \$200.00 per hour plus disbursements; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Auditing and Finance laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Steven Wielkotz
Wielkotz and Company.
401 Wanaque Avenue
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

As Borough Auditor for the Year 2024 at an hourly rate of \$75.00 - \$200.00 plus disbursements incident thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above referenced contract shall not exceed \$1,400,000

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Auditor under line item 20-1352:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-003**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH PLANNER

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Planner as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS Kathryn Gregory, of Gregory Associates, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Planner for an hourly rate not to exceed \$195.00, for a total cost not to exceed \$195.00 plus disbursements therein; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Planning and Engineering; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Kathryn Gregory
Gregory Associates, LLC
96 Linwood Plaza - #350
Ft. Lee, NJ 07024

As Borough Planning Consultant for the Year 2024 at an hourly rate of \$195.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. CFO do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services for Borough Planner under various accounts:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above referenced contract shall not exceed \$100,000

Joseph Iannaconi
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-004**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH CO-PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Prosecutor from time to time, and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition does not exceed \$17,500.00 and therefore can be awarded in accordance with the Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Raffi T. Khorozian
Raffi T Khorozian Esq.
1073 Palisade Ave.
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said appointment is established in the yearly salary guide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief financial officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose and charged to the current budget salary and wage budget.

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
C.F.O.

**RESOLUTION
2024-005**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH CO-PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Alternate Prosecutor from time to time, and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition does not exceed \$17,500.00 and therefore can be awarded in accordance with the Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Elsbeth J. Crusius
267 Summit Avenue
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said appointment is established in the yearly salary guide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief financial officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose and charged to the current budget salary and wage budget.

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
C.F.O.

**RESOLUTION
2024-006**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater is a member of the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said funds require that the municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance fund and the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund indicates a minimum fee equal to six percent (6%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these Funds; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders competitive bidding impractical, and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS the Vozza Agency, One Depot Square, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price and other factors such as experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Insurance law, provides pro-active risk management services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewater does hereby appoint David Vozza of the Vozza Agency, One Depot Square, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws for the period January 1 , 2024 to December 31, 2024 At a minimum fee equal to and not to exceed 6% of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these Funds Set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consultant's Agreement; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-007**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Public Defender, and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition does not exceed \$17,500.00 and therefore can be awarded in accordance with the Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Seung Han (Aaron) Shin, Esq.
2400 Lemoine Ave Suite 204
Fort Lee, NJ

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said appointment is established in the yearly salary guide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief financial officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose and charged to the current budget salary and wage budget.

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
C.F.O.

**RESOLUTION
2024-008**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ENGINEER

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS Neglia Engineering Associates has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Engineer in the amount of \$205.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Neglia Engineering
34 Park Ave, PO Box 426
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

As Borough Engineer for the Year 2024 at an hourly rate not to exceed \$205.00 per hour plus disbursements, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Engineer under line item 20-1551:

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-009**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD : BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Bond Counsel as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS William Mayer of the law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick Cole & Wisler has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Bond Counsel for individual services in addition to an hourly rate of \$250.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award is based by the Governing Body on price in conjunction with other factors, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Budgeting, Bond and Finance Laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

William Mayer, Esq.
DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler,
61 South Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

As the Bond Counsel for the Year 2024 at maximum hourly rate not to exceed \$250.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. C.F.O. do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Bond Counsel under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-010**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH LABOR ATTORNEY

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Labor Attorney as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS Raymond Wiss of Wiss & Bourgy, has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Labor Attorney for an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour for all legal services; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal labor law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Wiss & Bourgy, PC
345 Kinderkamack Raod
Westwood, NJ 07675

As the Borough Labor Attorney for the Year 2024 at an hourly rate not to exceed \$150.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto for all legal services, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Labor Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2023-011**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: FINANCIAL ADVISOR

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Financial Advisor as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS Dennis Enright, of N. W Financial has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2023 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Financial Advisor for an hourly rate no to exceed \$225.00 per hour for all financial services; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal finance and bond law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Dennis Enright
N.W. Financial
2 Hudson Place
Hoboken, NJ 07030

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Financial Advisor under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-012**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: GRANT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Grant Consultant as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS Millennium Strategies has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Grant Consultant for a monthly retainer of \$4,000 per month, \$48,000 per annum, which includes all travel time and expenses.;

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Millennium Strategies
60 Columbia Rd.
Morristown, NJ 07960

As the Grant Consultant for the Year 2024 at a monthly fee of \$4,000.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$48,000 and

WHEREAS, I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, has certified that funding has been allocated in the budget for Grant Consultant services under line item Grants – 20-1002.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-013**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has the need to obtain the services of an Affordable Housing Administrative Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received an RFQ on November 22, 2022 from Community Grants Planning and Housing (CGP&H) located at 1249 S. River Rd. Suite 301, Cranbury, NJ 08512; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for all of the day-to-day services identified in the Scope of Work in the RFQ is \$10,000.00 per year to be paid in equal monthly payments per month plus \$150.00 per hour and any direct expenses for printing and postage will be billed monthly as fees are incurred, and

WHEREAS, owners of affordable housing units are responsible for all costs associated with the placement of occupants into affordable housing units and will be responsible for all fees and costs associated with this placement and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Affordable Housing Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024,

WHEREAS, I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that funding for this service is available under line item 15-4000 and COAH Trust Account; and

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the contract between the Borough of Edgewater and CGP&H upon satisfactory review of contract by the Borough Attorney.

**RESOLUTION
2024-014**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Architect as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Arcari & Iovino Architects has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Architect in the amount of \$170.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Arcari & Iovino Architects PC
One Katherine Street
Little Ferry, NJ 07643

As Borough Architect for the Year 2024 at an hourly rate not to exceed \$170.00 per hour plus disbursements, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Engineer under line item 20-1551:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-015**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Tax Appeal Attorney(s) as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, knowledge of land use, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

HDRB&B
Joseph Mariniello, Esq.
433 Hackensack Avenue
Suite 1002
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Robert Travers, Esq.
8 Somerset Lane
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

WHEREAS, the hourly rate for Tax Appeal Attorney shall be \$160.00 per hour plus incidental disbursements as needed; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr., Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-016**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: BROKER OF RECORD MEDICAL INSURANCE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater is desirous of becoming a member of Gateway Regional Health Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said funds require that the municipality appoint a Broker of Record to perform various professional services as detailed in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Gateway Regional Health Insurance Fund indicates a minimum fee equal to (2.5%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents

a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these Funds; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Broker of Record's duties renders competitive bidding impractical, and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS the Reliance Insurance Group 1460 Route 9, Suite 310, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price and other factors such as experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Insurance law, provides pro-active broker of record services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewater does hereby appoint Reliance Insurance Group 1460 Route 9, Suite 310, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 as its Broker of Record in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 At a minimum fee equal to and not to exceed 2.5% of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these Funds Set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consultant's Agreement; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services.

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-017**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has determined there is a need to acquire the Professional Services for an Electrical Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Engineer shall review, design and make recommendations for the implementation of First Responder interior radio frequency amplification systems in current and future private developments, buildings and borough owned public buildings in the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received an RFQ from Applied Adaptive Solution, P.O. Box 549 Edgewater, New Jersey, 07020 and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate received for Principle Engineer not to exceed \$140.00 an hour, and

WHEREAS, property owners are responsible for all costs associated with plan design review with adequate funding supplied to the building department as escrow fees; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of implementing radio frequency amplification systems; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, I Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer do hereby certify that funding is available for these purposes under Eng. 20-1652:

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of: Applied Adaptive Solutions, P.O. Box 549 Edgewater, New Jersey, 07020.

**RESOLUTION
2024-018**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Environmental Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, First Environment has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Environmental Engineer not to exceed \$2103.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

First Environment
10 Park Place, Bldg. A, Ste. 5
Butler, NJ 07405

As Borough Engineer for the Year 2024 at an hourly rate of \$203.00 per hour plus disbursements, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr., Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Environmental Engineer under line item 20-1551.

**RESOLUTION
2023-019**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Special Projects Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Special Projects Engineer in the amount of \$197.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility,

demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

CME Associates
3141 Bordentown Avenue
Parlin, NJ 08859

As Borough Engineer for the Year 2024 at an hourly rate not to exceed \$197.00 per hour plus disbursements, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi, Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Engineer under line item 20-1551:

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-020**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: REAL ESTATE APPRAISER SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Real Estate Appraiser as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, McNerney & Associates, has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Real Estate Appraiser at a rate of \$1,500-\$5,000 based on Assessment Amount, and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of Real Estate Appraiser; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

McNerney & Associates
266 Harristown Road
P.O.Box 67
Glen Rock, NJ 07452

As the Borough Real Estate Appraiser Service for the Year 2024 at a rate of \$1,500-\$5,000 based on Assessment Amount, and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Real Estate Appraisal under line item 20-1512 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-021**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: WIRELESS CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Wireless Consulting Services as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS Hoplite Communications, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 22, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Wireless Consulting Services.

WHEREAS upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

Hoplite Communications, LLC
197 Route 18 Suite 3000
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

As the Wireless Consultant for the Year 2024 at an Hourly fee of \$170.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$75,000 and

WHEREAS, I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer, has certified that funding has been allocated in the budget.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-022**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD: SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Special Legal Counsel as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, knowledge of land use, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of:

The Weiner Law Group
Wendy Quiroga
629 Parsippany Road
PO Box 043
Parsippany, NJ 07054

HDRB&B
Joseph Mariniello, Esq.
433 Hackensack Avenue
Suite 1002
Hackensack, NJ 07601

WHEREAS, the agreements shall establish for the hourly billing not to exceed \$160.00 an hour; and

WHEREAS I, Joseph Iannaconi Jr., Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Borough Attorney under line item 20-1551 Legal:

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-023**

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the appointment of the Emergency Management Coordinator consists of a 3-year term appointed by the Mayor per New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) Appendix A:9-33-41 et seq. (Chapter 251 P.L. 1942, as amended by Chapter 438, P.L. 1953).and Directive # 102 of March 15, 1990; and

WHEREAS, at the discretion of the Mayor, a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator may be appointed to assist the Emergency Management Coordinator whose term shall be one (1) year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Edgewater that Thomas Jacobson is hereby confirmed as the Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

**RESOLUTION
2023-024**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bank of America be the depository for the Municipal Court Bail Account No. ending in 0341 and the Municipal Court Regular Account No. ending in 5483 for the Year 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the disbursements from the above listed accounts be made by check signed by any of the following individuals:

Municipal Court Administrator – Jennie Vargas
Municipal Court Judge – Robert Cohan
Municipal Deputy Court Administrator – Kerri Armstrong

**RESOLUTION
2024-025**

Resolution to Appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer

WHEREAS, according to NJAC 17:27 – 3.3, a Public Agency Compliance Officer is to be designated by each municipality within the State of New Jersey and;

WHEREAS, this requirement allows the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property, Contract Compliance Audit Unit for Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action, monitor a local unit’s contract compliance and;

WHEREAS, the local unit’s Public Agency Compliance Officer acts as a liaison between the Department of Treasury and the local unit and;

WHEREAS, Upon the Borough of Edgewater’s most recent review of contract compliance, the Borough of Edgewater was determined to be in compliance with the regulations of NJAC 17:27.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council that Deborah Reilly, the Borough of Edgewater Qualified Purchasing Agent, be and is hereby named the Borough of Edgewater Public Agency Compliance Officer for calendar year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is made annually until a successor is named or qualified and said designation is made without any remuneration or benefit.

**RESOLUTION
2024-026**

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER’S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Borough of Edgewater to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act for calendar year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Borough of Edgewater has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Edgewater by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Edgewater shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act

that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough of Edgewater's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough of Edgewater.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough of Edgewater to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Edgewater.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Borough Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Borough Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough of Edgewater as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Borough Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Borough Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough of Edgewater. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Edgewater's web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Edgewater in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Edgewater's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

**RESOLUTION
2024-027**

2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2024 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2023 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$30,543,051.00; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2023 Budget, exclusive of any appropriation made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2023 Budget is the sum of \$8,017,551.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Admin. & Executive

Salaries & Wages	\$60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00

Mayor & Council

Salaries & Wages	\$6,000.00
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Elections

Salaries & Wages	\$500.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00

Financial Administration

Audit	\$5,000.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00

Assessment of Taxes

Salaries & Wages	\$14,000.00
Tax Consultant Legal Fee	\$7,500.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00

Collection of Taxes

Salaries & Wages	\$26,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00

Legal Services & Costs

Salaries & Wages	\$12,500.00
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Other Expenses	\$7,500.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries & Wages	\$23,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00
Engineering Services & Construct.	
Miscellaneous Other Expense	\$10,000.00
Public Buildings & Ground	\$25,000.00
Unemployment	\$1,000.00
Prior Year Bills	\$5,000.00
Contribution to Social Security	\$200,000.00
Rent Leveling Board S/W	\$1,500.00
Rent Leveling O/E	\$500.00
Other Insurance	404,421.00
Group Insurance	\$1,325,000.00
Planning Board	
Salaries & Wages	\$3,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00
Board of Adjustment	
Salaries & Wages	\$2,000.00
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Fire Department	
Salaries Wages	\$350,000.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
LOSAP Contributions	\$25,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service	\$15,000.00
Volunteer First Aid Squad	
Salaries Wages	\$20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$11,000.00
Fire Prevention	
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Police	
Salaries Wages	\$3,103,765.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
Emergency Management	\$1,000.00
Auto	\$15,000.00
Construction Code Official	
Salaries Wages	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Housing Inspector	
Salaries Wages	\$11,000.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
Electrical Inspection Contractual	\$1,000.00

STREET & ROADS

Road Repairs & Maintenance	
Salaries & Wages	\$275,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Snow Removal	\$10,000.00
Street Lighting	

BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES \$768,750.00**SANITATION**

Garbage & Trash Removal	\$300,000.00
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HEALTH & WELFARE

Board of Health	
Salaries & Wages	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses	\$30,000.00
Dog Regulations - O/E	\$1,500.00
Admin. Of Public Assistance	
Salaries & Wages	\$3,500.00
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
Municipal Alliance	
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Municipal Match	\$2,500.00

RECREATION & EDUCATION

Park & Playgrounds	
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Recreation	
Salaries & Wages	\$22,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	
Other Expenses	\$7,500.00
Maintenance Free Public Library	\$100,000.00
Senior Citizens Committee	
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00
Utilities	
Gas & Electric	\$30,000.00
Water	\$4,000.00
Fuel	\$9,000.00
Telephone	\$23,000.00

Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures

Consolidated Police & Fire Retirement System	
PFRS	\$278,615.00
PERS	\$150,000.00

TOTAL: **\$8,017,551.00**

Interest on Bonds	\$425,000.00
Principal on Notes	\$150,000.00
Interest on Notes	\$150,000.00
BCIA - Principal	\$50,000.00
BCIA - Interest	\$10,000.00

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE **\$785,000.00**

MARINA UTILITIES - S/W	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$40,000.00
Total Marina Utilities	\$80,000.00

**RESOLUTION
2024-028**

Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, there are times of the year when bills are due before regular scheduled meetings are held; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that the Administrator, Borough Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are authorized to pay bills that are due to be paid prior to some of our regular scheduled meetings providing that funds are available.

**RESOLUTION
2024-029**

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Record, Jersey Journal and Star Ledger newspapers are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Edgewater, New Jersey for the Year 2024.

**RESOLUTION
2024-030**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STANDARD TAX SALE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires that the Borough conduct a public tax sale to enforce delinquent municipal liens by selling said liens in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

WHEREAS, “delinquency” means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to hold said Tax Sale in the calendar year 2024 for municipal delinquent charges; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further finds and declares that the Standard Tax Sale may be at the discretion of the Municipal Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater that the Municipal Tax Collector, be and is hereby authorized to conduct the Annual Tax Sale during the calendar year 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Tax Collector for his records.

**RESOLUTION
2024-031**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTEREST RATE/GRACE PERIOD/YEAR-END
PENALTY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 et seq., permits the Governing Body to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal charges, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes shall be eight percent per annum on the first One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500) Dollars and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made on or before the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the interest provided above, on all delinquencies in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars and which are not paid prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Tax Collector shall also collect a penalty of six (6) percent of the amount of the delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provides a certified copy of this Resolution to the Tax Collector.

**RESOLUTION
2024-032**

WHEREAS, at the December meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department an election for officers for the Year 2024 was held, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby approves the Election of the following Officers for the Year 2024:

Chief: Patrick Chevalier
Deputy Chief: Thomas Quinton, Sr.
Captain: Thomas Quinton, Jr.
1st Lieutenant: Steven Curry
2nd Lieutenant: Dylan Wright
3rd Lieutenant: Sevan Shirinian
4th Lieutenant: Fouad Helewa
President: Robert Christiansen
Vice President: Michael Monroe
Secretary: Dennis Sweeney
Treasurer: Joseph Chevalier
Financial Secretary: Mark Patricola

**RESOLUTION
2024-033**

2024 Volunteer First Aid Squad Officers

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the Edgewater Volunteer First Aid Squad an election of Officers for the Year 2024 was held, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the following listed Volunteer First Aid Officers are hereby approved to serve as officers for the Edgewater Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Captain: Kathy Frato
2nd Lt.: Faten Masri
3rd: To be determined

President: Linda Merse
Vice President: Mercedes Longmore
Treasurer: To be determined
Secretary: Debbie Shirinian

RESOLUTION

2024-034

APPOINT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

WHEREAS the Borough of Edgewater has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS the term of this service is three (3) years beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that it hereby appoint Robert Cohan, Esq. as the Municipal Court Judge for a three (3) year term beginning on January 1, 204 and whose salary is set forth in the current salary ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose;

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION
2024-035**

APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

WHEREAS the appointment of the Emergency Management Coordinator consists of a 3-year term per NJSA App.A:9-41; and

WHEREAS the current appointment expires on December 31, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater that Robert Christiansen is hereby appointed as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for said appointment is established in the yearly salary guide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose and charged to the current salary and wage budget.

Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.
C.F.O.

**RESOLUTION
2024-036**

Drug and Alcohol Municipal Alliance Committee

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council recognize that it is in the interest of the citizens of the Borough of Edgewater to fight drug and alcohol abuse within the municipality, and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Borough to do everything possible to address these problems and

WHEREAS there has been created a Drug and Alcohol Municipal Alliance Committee to work in conjunction with representatives of the community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the said Committee shall consist of the following:

- Public Health Secretary
- Member of Police Department
- DARE Officer and Juvenile Officer
- Member of PTO/School
- Representative of Religious Organization
- Representative of Council
- Recreation Department
- Private Citizen
- Recovery Citizen

**RESOLUTION
2024-037**

Mayor and Council Meeting Dates

WHEREAS, the dates for the Mayor and Council’s Regular Meetings and Work Sessions for the Year 2024 must be set forth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the meeting dates are hereby authorized to be the official Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council Meeting dates for the Year 2024, and that said schedule will be in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Tuesday, January 4	Reorganization	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 16	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 12	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 4	Work Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 18	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 1	Work Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 15	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 6	Work Session	7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 17	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 15	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 16	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 7	Work Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 21	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 18	Regular Session	7:00 p.m.
Monday December 16	Work Session	7:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION
2024-038**

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires the Borough of Edgewater to adopt a Cash Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater adopts its Cash Management Plan annually; and

WHEREAS, this Cash Management Plan shall be designated to assure to the extent practicable the investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and may be modified from time to time in order to reflect changes in federal or state law or regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewater Cash Management Plan be continued for the Year 2024.

**RESOLUTION
2024-039**

DEPOSITORIES FOR BOROUGH FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following banks and financial institutions shall be the depositories for the Borough of Edgewater for the Year 2024;

TD Bank
P.N.C.
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Bank of America
Spencer Savings Bank
Valley Bank
Capital One Bank
Connect One Bank
Kearney Bank

Freedom Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds of the Borough of Edgewater be deposited in the banks authorized by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater and be subjected to withdrawal upon checks, notes, or other orders for payment of money when signed by the following:

MAYOR
TREASURER
BOROUGH CLERK

Except for payroll and payroll deduction checks which require two (2) of the three (3) signatures.

**RESOLUTION
2024-040**

Appoint Land Use Administrator

WHEREAS there is a need for a Land Use Administrator in the Borough of Edgewater, and

WHEREAS John Candelmo has been serving in that position, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council appoint John Candelmo to serve as the Land Use Administrator for the Year 2024.

**RESOLUTION
2024-041**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BERGEN COUNTY MUTUAL AID PLAN AND
RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE IN THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF
BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS law enforcement officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., manmade causes, civil unrest and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and

WHEREAS this plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:14-156, N.J.S.A.40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6; and

WHEREAS this plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater to participate in mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force in accordance with the plan as submitted by the Bergen County Chief's Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater that the Police Department of the Borough of Edgewater under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an inter-local services agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, the County Chief of Police and all Bergen County Municipalities.

**RESOLUTION
2024-042**

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MUNICIPAL TREASURER

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:9-152 provides for New Jersey Municipalities to appoint a Municipal Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater desires to appoint a Municipal Treasurer to assist the Finance Department; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Gregory S. Franz. is hereby appointed as the Municipal Treasurer for the Borough of Edgewater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gregory S. Franz shall be compensated at a salary in accordance with the yearly salary ordinance.

**RESOLUTION
2024-043**

Appoint Special Law Enforcement

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater had created the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer as authorized by Borough Ordinance No. 1317-2005; and

WHEREAS, Linda Flores, Kevin Milligan, and Osama (Sam) Hassan have been serving in the position of Special Law Enforcement Officers; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A.14-146.14, Special Law Enforcement Officers may be appointed for terms not to exceed one year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that Linda Flores, Kevin Milligan, and Osama (Sam) Hassan are hereby re-appointed to serve in the positions of Special Law Enforcement Officer for a period of one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED said appointments are part-time positions, which shall not exceed 19 hours per week, at an hourly rate as set forth in the current salary ordinance.

**RESOLUTION
2024-044**

ELECTION ASSISTANT

BE IT RESOLVED that Deborah Reilly, is hereby authorized to assist the Borough Clerk and Deputy Borough Clerk in the registration of voters during the Year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of Revised State Statutes Section 19:31-7 and in addition to serve as Election assistants during all 2024 elections.

**RESOLUTION
2024-045**

Fort Lee Shared Services Agreement Lead Paint Inspection

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Edgewater and Fort Lee have numerous shared services agreements; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey adopted P.L. 2021, c. 182 with promulgated rules of N.J.A.C. 5:28A which went into effect on July 22, 2022 which requires all rental dwellings be inspected for lead based paint within two (2) years of July 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater must utilize a combination of a shared service with the Borough of Fort Lee Lead Hazard Inspector along with property owner certification as provided in section 3.0.0 of the Lead-Based Paint Inspection Law Guide provided by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the entering of a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for Lead Hazard Inspections at the necessary rate of pay to provide the necessary inspections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-046**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE
COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR LIMITED TREE REMOVAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS the *Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act* (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) provides that local units of government may enter into a contract for the joint provision of any service which either party to said agreement is empowered to render or perform within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS *N.J.S.A.26:3A-1 et.seq.* establishes a County of Bergen Limited Tree Removal Services to participating County of Bergen Municipalities; and

WHEREAS *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.* authorizes municipalities to fulfill obligations by entering into a shared services agreement with another municipality or county government; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater are constantly exploring options available to the Borough to obtain cost savings for Borough residents in the performance of various services, while still maintaining quality of performance and a high level of professionalism; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this mission, the Mayor and Council are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen to utilize limited tree removal services for the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the Shared Services Agreement shall be five (5) year(s) and shall become effective January 1, 2024 and expire on December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Borough of Edgewater and the County of Bergen to enter into a Shared Services Agreement concerning limited tree removal services for the Borough of Edgewater, pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.* and *N.J.S.A.26:3A-1*; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen will perform the following services as part of the shared services agreement as set forth in Chapter N.J.A.C. 8:52;

- The County of Bergen has no obligation to remove any trees within Edgewater, whether dead, dying or otherwise and that the county's willingness to assist in the removal of any trees constitutes a voluntary act of the county and the county may terminate this assistance at any time.
- Edgewater may submit to the county a request for the removal of a dead or dying tree(s) located solely on county roadways by completing a request for to the county.

- Upon receipt of the request form the county shall inspect and evaluate the tree(s) proposed for removal and shall notify Edgewater as to whether or not the tree(s) shall be removed according to the county's discretion by its established criteria.
- The county will not be responsible for anything other than the removal of tree(s) and is not responsible for sidewalk/curb repairs and Edgewater shall provide uniformed police at the sole expense of Edgewater to ensure worker and public safety.

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen Limited Tree Removal Services shall be provided to Edgewater at no cost other than to provide police traffic safety officers; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5(a)* requires that the Shared Services Agreement be approved by resolution of the governing body of each participating municipality and or county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5(b)*, upon execution of the final Shared Services Agreement, a copy of the Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs and made available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and empowered to execute a Shared Services Agreement and all other necessary documents with the County of Bergen in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION
2024-047**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the utilization of an electrical engineer with radio frequency expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has previously solicited request for qualifications to those firms or individuals with the appropriate license, training, and expertise; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of an electrical engineer is for the specific purpose of designing and reviewing emergency service communications radio amplification systems for public and private properties; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the

Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the utilization of an electrical engineer with radio frequency expertise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewater shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-048**

Shared Service Agreement Edgewater Board of Education

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Edgewater Board of Education are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the utilization of motor vehicle fuel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a fuel dispensing system and accurately records the dispensing of fuel into specific motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will invoice the Edgewater Board of Education on a monthly basis for fuel utilized specifically to Edgewater Board of Education vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and the Board of Education are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Edgewater Board of Education for the specific purpose of the utilization of motor vehicle fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewater shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-049**

**Resolution Endorsing Inter-Local Shared Services Agreement between the
Borough of Cliffside Park and the Borough of Edgewater**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cliffside Park, Bergen County New Jersey is desirous to enter into an Inter-Local Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Edgewater, Bergen County New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cliffside Park is desirous in utilizing the salt brine pre-snow conditioning treatment for all municipal and county roads; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has been utilizing the salt brine pre-snow conditioning treatment on municipal and county roads for several years with great success; and

WHEREAS, the salt brine pre-snow conditioning treatment for roads keeps snow from accumulating on roadways longer making driving conditions safer at the same time saving tax dollars by not having to utilize equipment, labor, and material for a longer duration from when snow first begins to fall; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater Department of Public Works has constructed a salt brine mixing system and machine within the Public Works Garage and is willing to provide brine solution for the Borough of Cliffside Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Edgewater Mayor and Council that it hereby authorizes the inter-local shared service agreement with the Borough of Cliffside Park for the making and providing of salt brine to be utilized by the Borough of Cliffside Park Department of Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this inter-local shared service agreement will not expend any additional tax dollars or money for the exception of Cliffside Park providing no more than 1 to 3 yards of salt per mixed batch so that the Edgewater Department of Public Works can produce and provide Cliffside Park's brine solution to the Cliffside Park Department of Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-050**

Resolution Authorizing a Petty Cash Fund

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality within the State of New Jersey by application and resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Edgewater, County of Bergen, to establish such a fund for the Borough of Edgewater in the amount of \$250.00 for calendar year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is Deborah Reilly, Qualified Purchasing Agent, such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewater hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

**RESOLUTION
2024-051
Emergency Planning Council**

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Law: New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) Appendix A: 9-41 and the Super Fund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42U.S.C.9601-9657 1986) requires Municipalities to form a local Emergency Planning Council, and

WHEREAS, the Edgewater Mayor and Council desire to establish a local Emergency Planning Council is hereby established.

WHEREAS Members of the Emergency Planning Council shall be appointed by the Mayor with advice and consent of Council, and form terms of one year each from among designated categories. The following individuals represent specific categories are appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

Mayor McPartland
Robert Christiansen/OEM, Primary
Thomas Jacobson- Deputy OEM
Patrick Chevalier Fire Chief,
Gregory S. Franz, Administrator
Annamarie O'Connor, Borough Clerk
Donald Martin, Police Chief/Primary
Deputy Chief Christina Rae, Police/Secondary
John Candelmo, Building Inspector
Thomas Quinton, DPW Superintendent
Kathy Frato, EMT

In the event any of the foregoing persons no longer holds said position, the successor shall assume membership on the Emergency Planning Council.

**RESOLUTION
2024-052**

**AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK
99LOT 1.15 QUAL C0607 TO DAXUAN WANG**

WHEREAS, DAXUAN WANG on December 6, 2022 purchased Tax Sale Certificate # 22-011 on property known as 3 Somerset Lane Unit 607 Edgewater, NJ 07020 and has paid taxes and interest; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Sale Certificate has been redeemed for \$44,055.31 and a premium due of \$111,900.00 on JANUARY 16, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a refund check in the amount of \$155,955.31.

DAXUAN WANG
7661 WANDERING WAY
ORLANDO, FL 32836

**RESOLUTION
2024-053**

Resolution to Authorize Participation in the SBJIF Certified Fire Department Program

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater desires to apply for the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire Department Program; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Department Patrick Chevalier is hereby appointed to serve as the Liaison Officer for the purpose of coordinating and implementing this program; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater agree to utilize the MEL Safety Institute (MS)) policy distribution and training program to document receipt of the operational policies and to confirm understanding of the policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body agree to annually update the policies and annually certify as to their completion through the adoption of a resolution and request for a \$5,000 assessment credit; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater that it does hereby request participation in the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire Department Program and agrees to perform the requirements of this program.

**RESOLUTION
2024-054**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the utilization of motor vehicle fuel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a fuel dispensing system and accurately records the dispensing of fuel into specific motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will invoice the Borough of Fort Lee on a monthly basis for fuel utilized specifically to Fort Lee vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the utilization of motor vehicle fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewater shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-055**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the utilization of a snow melting machine; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee has acquired a snow melting machine and has offered its use to the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will utilize the snow melting machine and pay for the cost of fuel to operate the snow melting machine; and

WHEREAS in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the utilization of a snow melting machine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Fort Lee shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-056**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the storage of the jet-vac machine if the Fort Lee Public Works Garage; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee has space within their garage and has offered its use to the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will store the jet-vac machine and train Fort Lee personnel to utilize its use in Fort Lee; and

WHEREAS in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the storage and use of the Edgewater jet-vac machine..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewater shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-057**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the utilization of the Borough of Fort Lee excavator; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee has acquired an excavator and has offered its use to the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will utilize the excavator for the cost of fuel and repairs; and

WHEREAS in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the utilization of the excavator machine by the Borough of Edgewater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Fort Lee shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-058**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater is in need of temporary full time seasonal staff to supplement the staff of the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the following named individual has knowledge and skills associated to supplement the Department of Public Works,

Jacob Hargrave

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough Administrator and Superintendent of Public Works hereby recommends the above referenced individual be hired as a temporary full time seasonal employee for the 2023-2024 Winter season, with a start date of January 8, 2024 and an end date of April 15, 2024.

**RESOLUTION
2024-059**

Re-Appoint Interim Municipal Court Administrator

WHEREAS, the Edgewater Municipal Court is in need of a Certified Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, proper notice for qualified candidates was duly advertised as per New Jersey Court Rule 1:34-3; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, Resolution 2020-058 authorized the appointment of an Interim Court Administrator, Jennie E. Vargas; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Court Administrator must adhere to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-11 or New Jersey Court Rule 1:41-3 and all applicants for the Edgewater Municipal Court Administrator were presented and reviewed to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County Vicinage, Municipal Division Management as per New Jersey Court Rule 1:34-3; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jennie E. Vargas has been the Interim Court Administrator for over two (2) years and the Honorable Judge Robert Cohan, Borough Administrator Gregory Franz, and Bergen County Municipal Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey all recommend Ms. Jennie E. Vargas be re-appointed as the Interim Court Administrator for another one (1) year term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that it hereby re-appoints Ms. Jennie E. Vargas as the Interim Court Administrator as per New Jersey Court Rule 1:34-3.

2023-050

Resolution Authorizing a Petty Cash Fund

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality within the State of New Jersey by application and resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Edgewater, County of Bergen, to establish such a fund for the Borough of Edgewater in the amount of \$250.00 for calendar year 2023, and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is Deborah Reilly, Qualified Purchasing Agent, such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewater hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

**RESOLUTION
2023-051**

Emergency Planning Council

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Law: New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) Appendix A: 9-41 and the Super Fund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986

(42U.S.C.9601-9657 1986) requires Municipalities to form a local Emergency Planning Council, and

WHEREAS, the Edgewater Mayor and Council desire to establish a local Emergency Planning Council is hereby established.

WHEREAS Members of the Emergency Planning Council shall be appointed by the Mayor with advice and consent of Council, and form terms of one year each from among designated categories. The following individuals represent specific categories are appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Mayor McPartland
Robert Christiansen/OEM, Primary
Thomas Jacobson- Deputy OEM
Patrick Chevalier Fire Chief,
Gregory S. Franz, Administrator
Annamarie O'Connor, Borough Clerk
Donald Martin, Police Chief/Primary
Captain Christina Rae, Police/Secondary
John Candelmo, Building Inspector
Thomas Quinton, DPW Superintendent
Kathy Frato, EMT

In the event any of the foregoing persons no longer holds said position, the successor shall assume membership on the Emergency Planning Council.

**RESOLUTION
2023-052**

**AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK
99LOT 1.15 QUAL C0607 TO DAXUAN WANG**

WHEREAS, DAXUAN WANG on December 6, 2022 purchased Tax Sale Certificate # 22-011 on property known as 3 Somerset Lane Unit 607 Edgewater, NJ 07020 and has paid taxes and interest; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Sale Certificate has been redeemed for \$44,055.31 and a premium due of \$111,900.00 on JANUARY 16, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a refund check in the amount of \$155,955.31.

DAXUAN WANG
7661 WANDERING WAY
ORLANDO, FL 3283

**RESOLUTION
2023-053**

Resolution to Authorize Participation in the SBJIF Certified Fire Department Program

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater desires to apply for the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire Department Program; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Department Patrick Chevalier is hereby appointed to serve as the Liaison Officer for the purpose of coordinating and implementing this program; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Edgewater agree to utilize the MEL Safety Institute (MS)) policy distribution and training program to document receipt of the operational policies and to confirm understanding of the policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body agree to annually update the policies and annually certify as to their completion through the adoption of a resolution and request for a \$5,000 assessment credit; and,

**RESOLUTION
2023-054**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the utilization of motor vehicle fuel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater has a fuel dispensing system and accurately records the dispensing of fuel into specific motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will invoice the Borough of Fort Lee on a monthly basis for fuel utilized specifically to Fort Lee vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the utilization of motor vehicle fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewater shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-055**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the utilization of a snow melting machine; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee has acquired a snow melting machine and has offered its use to the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will utilize the snow melting machine and pay for the cost of fuel to operate the snow melting machine; and

WHEREAS in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the utilization of a snow melting machine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Fort Lee shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-056**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the storage of the jet-vac machine if the Fort Lee Public Works Garage; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee has space within their garage and has offered its use to the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will store the jet-vac machine and train Fort Lee personnel to utilize its use in Fort Lee; and

WHEREAS in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement

based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the storage and use of the Edgewater jet-vac machine..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewater shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

**RESOLUTION
2024-057**

Shared Service Agreement Borough of Fort Lee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater and the Borough of Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement for the utilization of the Borough of Fort Lee excavator; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee has acquired an excavator and has offered its use to the Borough of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater will utilize the excavator for the cost of fuel and repairs; and

WHEREAS in an effort to increase cooperation among and between municipalities, Edgewater and Fort Lee are desirous of entering into a shared service agreement based on mutual need as per the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough of Edgewater to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Fort Lee for the specific purpose of the utilization of the excavator machine by the Borough of Edgewater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Fort Lee shall act as the lead agency of said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) years

**RESOLUTION
2024-058**

Public Works Winter Seasonal

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater is in need of temporary full time seasonal staff to supplement the staff of the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the following named individual has knowledge and skills associated to supplement the Department of Public Works,

Jacob Hargrave

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough Administrator and Superintendent of Public Works hereby recommends the above referenced individual be hired as a temporary full time seasonal employee for the 2023-2024 Winter season, with a start date of January 8, 2024 and an end date of April 15, 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-059

Re-Appoint Interim Municipal Court Administrator

WHEREAS, the Edgewater Municipal Court is in need of a Certified Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, proper notice for qualified candidates was duly advertised as per New Jersey Court Rule 1:34-3; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, Resolution 2020-058 authorized the appointment of an Interim Court Administrator, Jennie E. Vargas; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Court Administrator must adhere to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-11 or New Jersey Court Rule 1:41-3 and all applicants for the Edgewater Municipal Court Administrator were presented and reviewed to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County Vicinage, Municipal Division Management as per New Jersey Court Rule 1:34-3; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jennie E. Vargas has been the Interim Court Administrator for over two (2) years and the Honorable Judge Robert Cohan, Borough Administrator Gregory Franz, and Bergen County Municipal Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey all recommend Ms. Jennie E. Vargas be re-appointed as the Interim Court Administrator for another one (1) year term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edgewater Mayor and Council that it hereby re-appoints Ms. Jennie E. Vargas as the Interim Court Administrator as per New Jersey Court Rule 1:34-3.

Mayors Address

Police Promotions:

Mayor McPartland mentioned that at the last meeting, they made some police promotions. One of those promotions was for a Deputy Chief position. He noted that this position was awarded to a woman whom was also the first woman police officer promoted to the Edgewater Police Department approximately 20 years ago. With the recent promotions, he expects the Lieutenants and higher rank need to be more diligent, take notes and report to the state. He believes each and every one of these officers are certainly qualified. They patrol the schools and our streets, and thank God we haven't had any major incidents here in town because of the fine work that they do.

Traffic flow and enforcement:

The Mayor wants the department to move forward and enforce more traffic and keep the traffic flowing a little better on River Road. He referenced complaints he received about Uber drivers stopping in the middle of the road disrupting our traffic flow. We are a major artery between the GW Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel. Late at night we hear the sounds of the mufflers echoing off the cliffs which we will investigate. The Mayor spoke about policing the noise to some degree. Most importantly, he thinks the mission of the police department is public safety

Infrastructure Upgrades:

The Borough has received grant money in the amount of \$760,000 for the Grand Cove outfall. The flooding occurs in the areas of 880 River Road in front of Whole Foods. He informed our engineers that the completion of that outfall is a priority. Councilman Vidal has a lot to say about this issue and will speak with the engineers.

Pump Station Upgrades and Decommissioning of the Edgewater Treatment Plant and our four (4) pump stations:

That just happened that saved millions of dollars. The town council took care of that years ago. Those pipes that you see is part of an infrastructure project that will install a force main, sewer pipe, that will go from the BCUA plant on River Road through the old train tunnel and send it to Little Ferry for treatment. That sewer treatment plant will be a pump station.

Old Borough Hall Park Facelift and Borough Hall Upgrades:

This is on the agenda for this year. There were some issues with putting things out for bid and the specs and the bid didn't match. It is going out for bid once again. It will consist of a pickle ball court. The old borough hall has a full upgrade. Our seniors, led by Councilwoman Lawlor, have lunch there. Our seniors and Health Department are also located there.

This project is tied into Memorial Park at the base of Route 5. Some new lighting at the base of Route 5 where the beautiful stone structure is located.

Expansion of Dog Park:

This is located down by Whole Foods. We had some grant money for that, however we are going to do this on our own because if we get grant money, we would have to do remediation. We are going to expand, widen this, in the same spot.

Expansion of Hudson River Walkway (SID) – five (5) year pilot program.

This is going to be an initiative that we have talked about and he wants to work to create a SID, (Special Improvement District) but continue our conversations with the Hudson River Conservancy Group and accomplish the goal of unifying the entire walkway from start to finish. There is a hodgepodge of developments along there, but according to the Conservancy and the meetings he has had with them, that most, if not all of the developments along the river, are responsible for their section of the walkway are buying into this. He is thinking of a Five Year (5) Pilot Program to see if this gets started. They way they create a Board of Directors, and that Board of Directors would determine that they go out to bid. Some of the areas are well maintained, but we have to press the owners who haven't maintained their property, to buy into this SID whether they like it or not. Ours is a little more challenging, but he would like to see this done. It also opens us up for grant money in addition to FEMA money if there is a flood.

Widening of River Road:

We have two sections of River Road; upper River Road we have preliminary plans from Dino's Bar & Grill to the top of the hill. We have all the properties necessary. It is a county road and he will continue his efforts to lobby the county to make this move forward. He knows that the county is redoing Route 17 because of the bottleneck there. He showed them the data that we have received and how many cars go up and down River Road which amounts to 40,000 cars per day that use River Road. That is not all traffic from Edgewater, about 8-10 % of the traffic on River Road is from Edgewater residents. That means 86-90 % is from somewhere else and the pass thrus are a really high percentage. It's a platform that he is glad that we have it and we can show the county and telling them this needs to be done. They would have to make the move.

On the South section of the town near the Quanta Superfund site, where the road dips, out here again, county road, preliminary plans were talked about with meetings with the county, that is going to be a very difficult and challenging because it needs to be remediated underneath. The Quanta Superfund site has been decontaminated. We talked about the Hudson River remediation and Pier 115, that is still part of that whole project, but he thinks that as we move forward and look at that project, the Mayor thinks that could be such a successful piece, a Superfund site becoming a reality and revitalizing the whole entire area. It's been sitting there; we revitalized River Road. This is a project that the county should take under consideration and put it on among their priority list. That would be a huge success story to get the Quanta site that was poisoned for all of those years and turning it to something magnificent. That is what he would really like to see in the next four (4) years. How we are going to do it, do we do it

at night or during the day, there is going to be a challenge from people in the area. There will be meetings in relation to this.

Future Development:

The Borough did obtain the deed for the entire western parcel of the Hess site so that is ours. We are going to plan a new school there. They have got some challenges right now before they move forward. The Mayor is looking forward to working with the Board of Education and putting together a plan to build a state of the art school on that site. With the developments that are going to come forward such as the Superfund site and the Hess site itself on the Easter parcel, we are going to need a middle school. His vision is that it is challenging again, but he would like to bring the 7th and 8th graders back from Leonia. Right now middle school is 6th, 7th and 8th grades. He suggests using GW School from Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 4th and 5th at EVG and 6th 7th and 8th in the new school.

The Mayor thanked everyone. Both Councilman Bartolomeo and Councilman Vidal spoke highly of their goals for a safer town and quality of life and more amenities. Councilman Martin referenced the street widening in the north and asked why this is going to be widened. Mayor McPartland responded to keep traffic flowing. Someone said coming down should be one. Mayor McPartland said if there was an emergency, it would be helpful. Councilman Martin’s only question is that the Mayor of Ft. Lee stated that the Ft. Lee area can’t handle any more traffic coming in from the GW bridge. Some of the additional traffic would be due to congestion pricing.

A motion to adjourn.

INTRODUCED: Councilwoman Lawlor

SECOND: Councilman Bartolomeo

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Gutierrez	Yes
Councilwoman Lawlor	Yes
Councilman Monte	Yes
Councilman Vidal	Yes
Councilman Martin	Yes
Councilman Bartolomeo	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki D’Anna
Deputy Municipal Clerk.