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**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE LED BY MAYOR THOMAS CALABRESE

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Thomas Calabrese
Councilwoman	Donna Spoto
Councilman	Lawrence Bongard
Councilman	Kenneth Corcoran
Councilman	Peter Colao

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilwoman Spoto, Councilman Fontana and Councilwoman Martinotti were given an excused absence.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Spoto, Bongard, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

SERCAN ZOKLU STATED:

THIS IS A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, AND NOTICE WAS GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

1. NOTICE PUBLISHED JANUARY 16, 2018 WITH THE RECORD, AND JANUARY 10, 2018 WITH THE JERSEY JOURNAL, BOTH OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH.
2. POSTING OF NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.
3. PRESERVING A COPY IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

PRESENTATIONS: A PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE CLIFFSIDE PARK RECREATION COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM RAIDERS ELITE FOR BEING CROWNED THE CHAMPIONS AT THE U.S. FINALS IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

A PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED TO 2018 COPE TROPHY ESSAY WINNER JAMES RAIMUNDO, 6TH GRADE STUDENT AT SCHOOL #6.

RECESS:

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Colao, the meeting was recessed for five (5) minutes.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Colao, the meeting was reconvened.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

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PROMOTIONS: PROMOTION OF CAPTAIN THOMAS INGENITO TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE CLIFFSIDE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT.

RECESS:

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Colao, the meeting was recessed for three (3) minutes.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Colao, the meeting was reconvened.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Councilwoman Spoto, seconded by Councilman Colao, the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of March 27, 2018 were accepted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Spoto, Bongard, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Colao, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018 were accepted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Spoto, Bongard, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

PUBLIC HEARING:

On a motion by Councilman Colao, seconded by Councilman Bongard, a public hearing on the 2018 budget was conducted.

The Clerk stated that any member of the public wishing to be heard could now do so, by coming to the podium and stating their name and address for the record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by Councilman Colao, seconded by Councilman Bongard, Resolution 2018-77 was offered for adoption.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Spoto, Bongard, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

RESOLUTION 2018-77

RE: Self Examination of Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Borough of Cliffside Park has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2018 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Cliffside Park that the 2018 annual budget be examined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification. The governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, if applicable, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated;
 - b. Items of appropriations are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified to be true copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

On a motion by Councilman Colao, seconded by Councilwoman Spoto, Resolution 2018-78 was offered for adoption.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Spoto, Bongard, Corcoran, Colao.

ABSENT: Fontana, Martinotti.

RESOLUTION 2018-78

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
Within "CAPS"		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent		34-201	\$ 22,083,300
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal		34-209	\$ 2,413,724
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	\$
		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
Excluded from "CAPS"			
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		34-305	\$ 4,605,732
(c) Capital Improvements		44-999	\$ 1,560,534
(d) Municipal Debt Service		45-999	\$ 2,478,026
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal		46-999	\$ -
(f) Judgements		37-480	
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)		29-405	\$
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	\$
(k) For Local District School Purposes		29-410	\$
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves if Any)		50-899	\$ 4,369,302
		07-195	
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)			
Total Appropriations		34-499	\$ 37,510,618

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 8th day of May, 2018.
 It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2018 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 8th day of May, 2018, _____, Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Colao, the claims were ordered paid.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Spoto, Bongard, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

RESOLUTIONS:

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Colao, Resolutions 2018-79 through 2018-90 were offered for adoption:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Spoto, Bongard, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

RESOLUTION 2018-79

**MUTUAL AID PLAN & RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE
INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

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., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chiefs 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:14-156.1, 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 also recognized that the Cliffside Park Police Department Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park that the Police Department of the Borough of Cliffside Park, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all the municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all the municipalities in the County of Bergen.

RESOLUTION 2018-80

WHEREAS, LIDIA ARRIAGADA OF 256 MARION AVENUE B.3503 L.2 C0256 CLIFFSIDE PARK, HAS DEPOSITED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,117.97 WITH THE BOROUGH OF

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CLIFFSIDE PARK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN # 15-08 SOLD TO US BANK CUST FOR PC6, LLC FOR 2014 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,135.86.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SIGN A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,117.97 FOR THE REDEMPTION OF SAID TAX TITLE LIEN AND \$37,900.00 FOR PREMIUM ON SAID LIEN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SAID CHECK BE DRAWN ON THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK TRUST ACCOUNT AND PAYABLE TO US BANK CUST FOR PC6, LLC 50 SOUTH 16TH STREET SUITE 2050, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102.

RESOLUTION 2018-81

WHEREAS, IHAB HASSAN OF 121 CEDAR STREET B.302 L.26 C0121 CLIFFSIDE PARK, HAS DEPOSITED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,498.07 WITH THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN # 17-001 SOLD TO US BANK BV002 FOR 2016 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,156.25.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SIGN A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,498.07 FOR THE REDEMPTION OF SAID TAX TITLE LIEN, AND A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,600.00 FOR PREMIUM PAID ON SAID LIEN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SAID CHECK BE DRAWN ON THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK TRUST ACCOUNT AND PAYABLE TO US BANK CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT 50 SOUTH 16TH STREET, SUITE 2050, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102-2513.

RESOLUTION 2018-82

Resolution to Cease and Desist Liquor License #0206-44-041-006 as of June 30, 2016

WHEREAS, the Liquor License Nak Inc. t/a Anderson Grocery and Liquor, 739 Anderson Avenue, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 ceased activity on June 30, 2016 and has been inactive since that time; and

WHEREAS, the licensee did not renew the license for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 license terms; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has made several attempts to contact the license holder in regard to this license and fact that it will cease to exist and sent certified letters as has the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Division as to the renewal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Liquor License Nak Inc. t/a Anderson Grocery and Liquor, 739 Anderson Avenue, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010, License #0206-44-041-006 therefore ceases to exist.

RESOLUTION 2918-83

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE INTER-LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LEONIA AND EDGEWATER FOR TRASH DISPOSAL WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Leonia entered into a contract with Waste Management of New Jersey ("Contractor") on June 25, 2015 for the disposal of certain types of household garbage; and

WHEREAS, an Inter-Local Services Agreement was entered into between the parties and the Boroughs of Cliffside Park, Leonia, and Edgewater to share the services of Waste Management of New Jersey as outlined in the June 25, 2015 contract; and

WHEREAS, said contract expires on June 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Leonia and the Contractor wish to extend the contract for one year, to June 24, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, the Contractor has agreed to provide updated insurance and bond information; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Leonia, Cliffside Park, and Edgewater to enter into such a contract extension.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park that the Inter-Local Services Agreement between the Borough of Leonia, Cliffside Park, and Edgewater for the disposal of solid waste be executed by the Mayor and Borough Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Clerks of the Boroughs of Leonia and Edgewater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with law.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park at a meeting of said Borough Council held on May 8, 2018.

RESOLUTION 2018-84

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park (Borough) have funding for the 2018 Road Program including \$200,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2018 Municipal Aid Program, and

WHEREAS the Borough is seeking to have these improvements in place and as such would like to proceed with publicly advertising and bidding this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park hereby authorizes Boswell Engineering to prepare the necessary construction plans and specifications to publicly bid the 2018 Road Program.

RESOLUTION 2018-85

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CLEAR OLD CURRENT ACCOUNT OUTSTANDING CHECKS FROM THE (\$7,461.22) WHICH DETAIL IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

RESOLUTION 2018-86

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has requested that the Chief review the Organizational Chart of the Cliffside Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief has reported to the Council that in his opinion that the Mayor with the consent of the Council should promote specific Captain to the rank of Deputy Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and discussed the Chief's recommendations regarding the Mayor's appointments of Captain to the rank of Deputy Chief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Thomas Calabrese hereby appoints the following to the rank of Deputy Chief in the following order: Captain Thomas Ingenito #96; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council does hereby accept the Mayor's appointment as reviewed and consents to the promotion of this Captain to the rank of Deputy Chief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered upon Chief Richard Gaito and Frank Berardo, CFO.

RESOLUTION 2018-87

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WHEREAS, CHAPTER 11-5 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Cliffside Park, prohibits the construction of any fence in excess of six (6) feet in height without the authorization of the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, Hana Yeun of 232 Park Avenue, Cliffside Park, NJ has requested permission from the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park to erect a fence in excess of six (6) feet in height, on the property for privacy and safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park, that permission is hereby granted for the construction of an eight foot fence the finished side facing the adjacent properties and the building department is authorized to issue a permit after all documents and fees are submitted and approved by the Construction Official.

RESOLUTION 2018-88

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted by the CPHS PTSO as follows:

Conduct 50/50 Raffle as permitted under State Statute on May 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, all requirements have been met, therefore, said application is in order for approval by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park.

RESOLUTION 2018-89

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Emergency Worker's Survivor's Pension (VESP), was established pursuant to PL 2002, c. 134 (Chapter 134) and provides a Public First Responding Volunteers Survivor a pension paid by the State of New Jersey and administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB); and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer must have been a member of the Borough of Cliffside Park Volunteer Fire Department that died during the course of the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the VESP is available to widows, unmarried children under the age of 18, unmarried children under the age of 24 attending an institution of higher education who must maintain at least 12 credit hours each semester, disabled children at any age who are incapable of self-support due to their disability, or dependent parents receiving at least half of their support from the emergency worker; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firefighter, Cosmo Paris, was ordered to conduct a Firewatch, wherein he was required to undertake periodic checks every 30-45 minutes of the fire damaged building, which consisted of walking outside of the building and the interior of the building's three floors. This Firewatch commenced at 8:12 p.m. on January 6, 2014, and terminated 16 hours thereafter at 12:15 p.m. on January 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Cosmo Paris, of 232 Fulton Terrace, Cliffside Park, New Jersey, was a Member of the Cliffside Park Volunteer Fire Department, died on January 8, 2014, within 24 hours of the Volunteer's Tour of Duty; and

WHEREAS, Cosmo Paris was a fully vested Member of Independent Hook & Ladder Company No 1; and

WHEREAS, Cosmo Paris is survived by his Spouse, Susan Paris.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council does hereby certify to the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits that Cosmo Paris was a fully vested member of the Cliffside Park Volunteer Fire Department, specifically Independent Hook & Ladder Company No. 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cosmo Paris, a Volunteer Firefighter, died in the Line of Duty during the course of an ordered Firewatch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council does hereby Petition the Volunteer Emergency Worker's Survivor's Pension to enroll Cosmo Paris's surviving Spouse, Susan Paris, into the Program.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council does hereby direct Chief Financial Officer, Frank Berardo, to transmit any and all necessary documents to the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits, Attn: the VESP Department, to commence the Application on behalf of Cosmo Paris's surviving Spouse, Susan Paris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Susan Paris, Cosmo Paris's Surviving Spouse; Sercan Zoklu, Borough Clerk; and Frank Berardo, CFO.

RESOLUTION 2018-90

WHEREAS, Abraham Abassi is currently an employee of the Borough of Cliffside Park, assigned to the Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Abassi has filed a Disability Application with the New Jersey Division of Pension and Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Abassi is eligible for a Disability Designation through the Pension System.

WHEREAS, Abraham Abassi has requested that the Council accept his resignation as an employee of the Borough of Cliffside Park effective today, May 8, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council does hereby accept Abraham Abassi's resignation as an employee of the Borough of Cliffside Park effective May 8, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby endorse Abraham Abassi's Disability Application, which has been submitted to the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be submitted to the New Jersey Division of Pension, Abraham Abassi and Frank Berardo, Chief Financial Officer.

Councilman CORCORAN CALLED UP FOR A SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

ORDINANCE 2018-03

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Councilman Corcoran moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Colao. So ordered.

Councilman Corcoran moved the clerk read the ordinance by title on second reading. So ordered. The clerk thereupon read the ordinance by title. The clerk then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

The following people spoke on the ordinance: None.

After all interested parties had spoken on the ordinance Councilman Bongard moved the hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Colao.

Councilman Bongard moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which was seconded by Councilman Colao and adopted upon a call of the roll.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Spoto, Bongard, Corcoran, Colao. **ABSENT:** Fontana, Martinotti.

ORDINANCE 2018-03

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**CALENDAR YEAR 2018
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Cliffside Park in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$241,912 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Cliffside Park in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Cliffside Park shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by up to 3.5 %, amounting to \$846,693, and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Borough of Cliffside Park be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

PUBLIC PORTION:

On a motion by Councilman Corcoran, seconded by Councilman Colao, the meeting was opened to the public. Carried.

The Clerk stated that any member of the public wishing to be heard could now do so, by coming to the podium and stating their name and address for the record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

George Canales of 386 Greenmount Avenue stated that he is here to speak on behalf of the residents of Greenmount and Olympia Avenue. He stated that there were multiple car accidents on the intersection of Olympia and Greenmount Avenues. He suggested speed humps, stop signs, police presence, etc.

Sabrina Fernandez of 390 Greenmount Avenue stated that on the intersection of Greenmount and Olympia Avenues, there were lots of vehicles conducting illegal u-turns. She stated that speed humps were also necessary.

Sabrina Santana of 390 Greenmount Avenue stated that vehicles are going through the stop sign and a lot of cars are coming from Edgewater Road through to Olympia to Greenmount Avenue.

Constantine Brancoveau of 357 Palisade Avenue stated that he has a problem with the person driving a vehicle with a loud muffler in the middle of the night. He stated that this occurs all the time and it wakes

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up the neighborhood at night. Borough Attorney Chris Diktas advised him to sign a complaint with the police department or provide the police department with his license plate so they can further look into the matter. Constantine then stated that he has an issue with the buses parking on Palisade Avenue.

Claudia Montero of 229 Palisade Avenue stated that she is a 18 year resident of the Borough. She came to say thank you to the Governing Body for utilizing her services. She stated that she would like to do more work for the Borough and to call her if any work arises.

Kleidon Ndreu of 394 Washington Avenue stated that he was thankful for everyone's support and wished everyone a blessed Memorial Day.

Christina Smith of 635 Anderson Avenue stated that she heard a rumor that Anderson Avenue was going to become a one-way street. Borough Attorney Chris Diktas and Mayor Thomas Calabrese advised her that it is never happening and it is a false rumor.

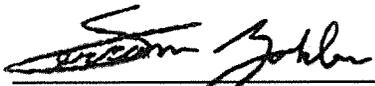
On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Corcoran, the meeting was closed to the public.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Corcoran, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



SERCAN ZOKLU, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK



THOMAS CALABRESE
MAYOR