

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Work Session, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: April 23, 2012

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

- Marlene Casey-Capital Alternatives Corporation Grant Consultants

Mayor Suarez – Adjournment into closed Executive Session in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2012 Work Session, February 13, 2012 Public Session, and February 27, 2012 Public Session Meetings

Environmental Commission Earth Day Poster Contest Winners

As advertised, hearing will be held on CY2012 Municipal Budget

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

**ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Todd		
Vincentz		
Severino		
Acosta		
Jimenez		

**ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Todd		
Vincentz		
Severino		
Acosta		
Jimenez		

**ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Todd		
Vincentz		
Severino		
Acosta		
Jimenez		

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As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2202 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 75 ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2203 entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$440,000 FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE RIDGEFIELD CIVIC CENTER FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$418,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2204 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1661 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FIXING FEES FOR PROGRAMS OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2205 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 390-19 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED OFF STREET PARKING”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

139-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Appoint Engineer for Waste Water Monitoring Services
140-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Support New Jersey Employer Support Guard and Reserves Employment Initiative Program
141-2012	Mayor Suarez	National Infant Immunization Week
142-2012	Councilman Acosta	Agreement with County of Bergen for Emergency Services Notification System
143-2012	Councilman Acosta	2011 Recycling Tonnage Grant Tax Reimbursement
144-2012	Councilman Acosta	2011 Recycling Tonnage Grant
145-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Lien Redemption Cert #09-05
146-2012	Councilman Castelli	Hire Swim Pool Personnel 2012 Season
147-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Stipulation of Settlement-Block 2401, Lot 3

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

148-2012	Mayor Suarez	Planning Board Appointment
149-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Temporary Capital Budget
150-2012	Councilman Jimenez	Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

**Coin Toss Request:**

RBAO  
Saturday, May 12, 2012

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: (All speakers are limited to five minutes maximum per meeting)

Agenda subject to change as a result of matters not known at time of printing with the consent of the Mayor and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Mayor Suarez

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular public meeting be adjourned, and that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield shall meet in a closed Executive Session following a five minute recess at the termination of this meeting. The purpose of the Executive Session shall be to discuss the following matters:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel matters in various departments of the Borough.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pending and Potential Litigation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Court Litigation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Potential real estate transactions in which the Borough may engage.

COUNCIL VOTE				
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as soon as practicable discussion concerning

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel matters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Potential real estate transactions shall be disclosed to the public.
- \_\_\_\_\_ And that discussions with the Borough Attorney concerning litigation shall be disclosed when said litigation is terminated.

Adjournment to Closed Session. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reconvene into Public Session, if necessary, to take action on Closed Session items.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2202

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 75 ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 26, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2202

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 75 ENTITLED POLICE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

Section I. Section 75-9, entitled “Qualification for Appointment” of Article I of Chapter 75 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing provisions of subsection C.(3) and replacing same with the following:

(3) Shall have 4 years experience as a law enforcement officer in the State of New Jersey, including service as a special police officer, and possess an associate’s degree.

Section II.

Section 75-9, entitled “Qualification for Appointment” of Article I of Chapter 75 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended by deleting in their entirety the existing provisions of subsection D.

Section III. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section IV. Severability.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section V. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Section VI: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2203

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$440,000 FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE RIDGEFIELD CIVIC CENTER FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$418,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

introduced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Vincentz				
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2203

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$440,000 FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE RIDGEFIELD CIVIC CENTER FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$418,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$440,000, such sum includes the sum of \$22,000 as the down payment as required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$418,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$418,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued is for architectural services for the Ridgefield Civic Center, and including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$418,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$440,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

#### SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

#### SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

#### SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 20 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department

of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$418,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$440,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$418,000.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2204

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1661 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FIXING FEES FOR PROGRAMS OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT”

introduced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2204

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1661 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE  
FIXING FEES FOR PROGRAMS OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that fee for  
the following programs by and within the Borough be amended as follows:

Summer Camp (K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	\$125.00
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Section II. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to  
law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2205

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 390-19 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED OFF STREET PARKING”

introduced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2205

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 390-19 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF  
RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED OFF STREET PARKING”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of  
Ridgefield as follows:

Section I:

Section 390-19 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield entitled “Off Street Parking” be  
and hereby is amended by deleting the existing language of same and replacing with the  
following:

§ 390-19. Off-street parking.

It is the purpose of this section that all structures and land uses shall have a sufficient  
amount of off-street automobile parking to meet the needs of persons residing in, employed at or  
making use of such structures or land uses. No permit for the erection or substantial alteration of  
a structure or for the development of a land use shall be issued unless off-street automobile  
parking has been provided in accordance with the minimum requirements set forth in Subsection  
B of this section. All parking spaces provided pursuant to the requirements of this Part 1 shall be  
on the same lot with the structure or use.

A. Existing uses and structures exempted. Structures and land uses in existence on the date  
of adoption or amendment of this Part 1 or structures and uses for which building permits have  
been issued at the time of adoption or amendment of this Part 1 shall not be subject to the  
requirements set forth in Subsection B of this section, provided that any parking facilities now  
existing to serve such structures or uses shall not, in the future, be reduced, except where they  
exceed such requirements, in which case they may not be reduced below such requirements. No  
such exempted structure or land use may be extended or enlarged after the effective date of  
adoption or amendment of this Part 1 unless the structure or land use, taking into account the  
existing structure or use and the extension or enlargement of the same, will meet the parking  
requirements established herein.

B. Schedule of off-street parking requirements. Off-street parking shall be provided for  
structures and uses as indicated in Table V below. For other structures or uses not listed in Table  
V, off-street parking requirements shall be determined by the Planning Board of the Borough of  
Ridgefield.

Section II: In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Chapter 390-19 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section III: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section IV: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2012

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that

REMINGTON VERNICK & ARANGO ENGINEERS

be appointed to perform Waste Water Monitoring Services for the remainder of calendar year 2012.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2012

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 24, the Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces reminded all Americans that, "Above all, our freedom endures because of the men and women in uniform who defend it," and that "... this generation of heroes has made the United States safer and more respected around the world."; and

WHEREAS, the President, further, promised, "As they come home, we must serve them as well as they've served us. That includes giving them the care and the benefits they have earned ... And it means enlisting our veterans in the work of rebuilding our nation."; and

WHEREAS, National Guard and Reserve forces today total over 1 million service members and represent 48 percent of our total military force; while every day around the globe, thousands of men and women in uniform, including dedicated members of the National Guard and Reserves, risk their lives and make great sacrifices to defend our national interests, serving extended tours away from their homes, families and jobs; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, we are now seeing unprecedented levels of unemployment and underemployment among members of the Guard and Reserve, as up to 22 percent of Guard and Reserve members face unemployment; and

WHEREAS, in this time of economic uncertainty, the Employer Support Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is focusing on connecting employers with the talented pool of service members and their spouses, with the intent of facilitating meaningful employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to further this goal, the New Jersey ESGR has launched an Employment Initiative Program (EIP), which is a collaborative effort with federal agencies including the Department of Labor (Veterans Affairs), the Department of Veterans, the Small Business Administration and the Office of Personnel Management; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to enhance the employment process and serve as an effective resource for service members and employers. ESGR is also partnering with Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces (EPAF) through EIP with a high-tech and high-touch approach; and

WHEREAS, for almost a year, now, the United States Chamber of Commerce has also endeavored to find employment for our returning veterans and the spouses of those who continue to serve, at home and abroad, with its Hiring Our Heroes program; and

WHEREAS, the Hiring Our Heroes program is a nationwide effort to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment, in partnership with the Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), to improve public-private sector coordination in local communities, where veterans and their families are returning every day; and

WHEREAS, despite those efforts, the unemployment rate for veterans of our Armed Forces in our Nation and in our State continues to exceed the over-all rate; and

WHEREAS, in order to take the lead on advancing the EIP to the next level, the New Jersey ESGR has enlisted strong and positive support from corporate leaders, the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, US Dept. of Labor/VETS and the New Jersey League of Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on all of us to prove that New Jersey cares for the men and women in uniform who risk their lives and make great sacrifices to defend our national interests; and

WHEREAS, this employment initiative can be New Jersey's way of saying thank you to the men and women who made great sacrifices to protect our nation's freedom; and

WHEREAS, local officials throughout the State of New Jersey, working together through the League of Municipalities, and with the New Jersey ESGR, their local and State Chambers of Commerce, and local business leaders can help to advance basic fairness to our vets and their families by pursuing one simple goal: to allow America's over one million unemployed veterans and military spouses to follow their dreams, instead of spending their lives just trying to catch up;

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED, on this 4/23/2012 that the Mayor and Council of Ridgefield recognizes that we will never be able to repay the debt we owe to all members of our armed forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in gratitude the Borough of Ridgefield pledges its enthusiastic and unqualified support for the Employment Initiative Program of the New Jersey Employer Support Guard and Reserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Mayor Suarez

Proclamation  
RESOLUTION NO. 141-2012

WHEREAS, vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death; and

WHEREAS, vaccines not only help protect vaccinated individuals, but also help protect entire communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, national immunization levels are at or near record highs for most vaccines and most vaccine-preventable diseases have been reduced by 99 percent or more since the introduction of vaccines; and

WHEREAS, these diseases still exist and continued vaccination is necessary to protect everyone, from potential outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, children need a series of vaccinations, starting at birth, to be fully protected against fourteen potentially serious diseases before age two; and

WHEREAS, National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) focuses local and national attention on the importance of protecting infants and toddlers from vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, in the sixteen years since its inception, National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) has served as a call to parents, caregivers, and healthcare providers to participate in activities and recognition events to increase the awareness of immunizing children before their second birthday; and

WHEREAS, this year, during NIIW, the Ridgefield Board of Health, Borough of Ridgefield will join the state of New Jersey in support of Vaccination Week in the Americas to promote immunization throughout the State and Country; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 21-April 28, 2012 has been declared National Infant Immunization Week to help ensure that children have all their vaccinations by the age of two.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Anthony R. Suarez, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 - April 28, 2012 as

*NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK*

in the Borough of Ridgefield and upon the people of the Borough of Ridgefield to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year’s theme, “*Love them. Protect them. Immunize them.*” I also encourage public and private health care providers, parents, and children’s caregivers in the Borough of Ridgefield to advance the health of children by ensuring early and on-time immunizations against preventable childhood diseases.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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 Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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 Linda M. Prina,  
 Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2012

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the County of Bergen, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety to provide an automated telephone alerting system service (hereinafter called "system") to be available 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and all days per year to the seventy (70) Municipalities comprising the County of Bergen; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolution No. 250-12 on March 7, 2012 authorizing the County to award a purchase contract to Swiftreach Networks, 14 Industrial Avenue, Suite #4, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 (hereinafter known as the "service provider") to provide the above-referenced system to those municipalities so desiring; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to utilize such a system for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, an agreement is necessary to delineate the respective responsibilities of the parties in connections therewith; and

WHEREAS, the County shall pay 100% of the cost of initial installation, testing, and training of the systems and 100% cost of the annual maintenance, testing and training of the system, 100% of the call fees for emergency calls using the Emergency Service Listing and non-emergency calls using municipally-provided lists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Ridgefield be and is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the County of Bergen to utilize an automated telephone alerting system service at any time during the County's contract period with the service provider (April 7, 2012 through April 6, 2013) with an option for one (1) additional year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Borough of Ridgefield be and is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement in a form to be approved by the Borough Attorney.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2012

WHEREAS, the Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L. 2007, Chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility; and

WHEREAS, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant monies received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough of Ridgefield hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L.2007, Chapter 311, in 2011 in the amount of \$12,461.31. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 604 Broad Avenue and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2012

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for the calendar year 2011 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough of Ridgefield hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Nicholas Gambardella to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Castelli				
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Vincentz				
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2012

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Marc Ramundo has deposited a check in the amount of \$67,154.21 on behalf of Michael Broderick into the Suspense Account for the redemption and subsequent taxes of Tax Lien # 09-05, Block 2704 Lot 24, further known as 750 Edgewater Avenue, sold to Sierra Power Systems, LLC and whereas \$11,000.00 was previously deposited into the Trust Account at the time of tax sale for the premium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue and sign a check in the amount of \$67,154.21 from the Suspense Account and a check for \$11,000.00 from the Trust Account for the return of the premium;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of \$67,154.21 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Suspense Account and the check for \$11,000.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Trust account and be made payable to Sierra Power Systems, LLC

COUNCIL VOTE

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Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2012

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the following people be hired as Swim Pool personnel for the 2012 pool season:

Mark Alegria	\$8.25 per hr.
Fedja Buzancic	\$10.50 per hr.
Ivan Camponogara	\$10.25 per hr.
Patrick Cancian	\$8.75 per hr.
Evita Gutshteyn-Gomez	\$12.00 per hr.
David Lado	\$14.00 per hr.
Edward (JJ) Meller	\$14.00 per hr.
Kyle Ruppert	\$11.00 per hr.
Keith Ruppert	\$10.25 per hr.
Gabriella Spoleti	\$10.00 per hr.
Pani Stavrou-Wilson	\$8.50 per hr.
Stephen Turro	\$10.00 per hr.
Josef Weikl	\$8.25 per hr.
Taylor Woegens	\$8.50 per hr.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2012

WHEREAS, Schneck Law Group, LLC, representing Bruderer Machinery Inc., has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at Bell Drive, Block 2401, Lot 3 for 2010 and 2011;

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$950,000.00) Dollars;

WHEREAS, the parties have exchanged discovery and appraisal reports and have entered into settlement discussions and proposed settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing body that it does hereby authorize and approve a proposed settlement as follows:

1. Adjusted assessment for 2010 at Five Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$550,000.00) Dollars;
2. Adjusted assessment for 2011 at Five Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$550,000.00) Dollars;
3. That the Special Tax Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Stipulation of Settlement for filing with the Tax Court;
4. That the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of the Tax Court Judgment, to calculate the amount of the refund and cause same to be paid to the taxpayer, without statutory interest, within sixty (60) days from the date of the Tax Court Judgment;
5. That the within settlement is subject to review and approval thereof by the taxpayer.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2012

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor appoints

RAY PENABAD

as a Class IV Member of the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Valente through December 31, 2014.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

NO COUNCIL VOTE NEEDED

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2012

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield desires to establish the 2012 Temporary Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting therein the following project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

SECTION 1. The 2012 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of Ridgefield is hereby established by the adoption of the schedule to read as follows:

Temporary Capital Budget of the  
Borough of Ridgefield  
County of Bergen, New Jersey  
Projects Scheduled for 2012  
Method Financing

Project	Est. Costs	Grants	Budget Appr. Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Bonds	Self-Liquidating Bonds
Architectural Services- Ridgefield Civic Center	440,000			22,000	418,000	

SECTION 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of this project for 2012 Temporary Capital Budget, to be included in the 2012 Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Prina, Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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Mayor Suarez				

The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, New Jersey, and the person charged with the responsibility of maintaining financial records of said Borough in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-57 and the rules of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey adopted thereunder, does hereby certify that there are adequate funds available for the payment of the attached list of invoices, duly adopted by said Borough, and which said list indicates the specific line item of said budget to which expenditures shall be charged.

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Joseph Luppino,  
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 23, 2012

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$2,592,494.23  
Be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$2,556,167.53
TRUST	\$36,073.51
POOL	\$235.59
DOG LICENSE	\$9.60
COAH	\$8.00
TOTAL	\$2,592,494.23

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Prina,  
Borough Clerk