EXECUTIVE SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Date: February 10, 2020

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Public Session to Adjourn to Executive Session: Adjourn:

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

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2379 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, OF CHAPTER 293 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
Introduction of Ordinance No. 2380 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 92-1, SALARIES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2381 entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2368 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ON NOVEMBER 12, 2019, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION BY $121,222”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2382 entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO DOC MILLER FIELD, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $167,400 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $83,700) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $79,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so request it, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies the adoption of all resolutions and approval of applications and minutes.

100-2020 Mayor Suarez Proclamation – Black History Month
101-2020 Councilman Castelli Retirement Agreement-Lt. Wejnert
102-2020 Councilman Castelli Hire Special Skills/DPW Employee-Andreu
103-2020 Mayor Suarez Appoint Rent Leveling Attorney
Coin Toss Request:

RMHS Soccer  
Saturday, May 2, 2020  
Rain Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020

RMHS Class of 2021  
Saturday, June 6, 2020  
Rain Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020

RESOLUTIONS:

104-2020  Councilman Jimenez  Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATOR:

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. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey  

Meeting February 10, 2020

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.

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: ____________________

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor  Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk  Borough Clerk
Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2379

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, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, OF CHAPTER 293 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 27th day of January, 2020, 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.

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor  Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk
ORDINANCE NO. 2379

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, OF CHAPTER 293 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

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

Section I:

Article I, Parks and Open Spaces, of Chapter 293 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section 293-2, entitled Open Spaces, is amended by removing from the list of open spaces the following locations:

1. Lot next to Wolf’s Creek, located on Slocum Avenue off Shaler Boulevard; and
2. Five garages on Shaler Boulevard, across from the Nature Center; and
3. Park, located on Shaler Boulevard and Slocum Avenue; and
4. Community Gardens, located behind 5 garages off Shaler Boulevard, between Ray and Slocum Avenues
5. Ambulance Building Area, wooded, undeveloped area north of Ambulance Corps building and parking lot.

Section 293-2, entitled Open Spaces, is amended by substituting the below Location description for the existing description and changing the designation from Park to Recreational Facility:

Lot 3, Block 907 on the tax map of the Borough of Ridgefield, a lot lying on the southerly side of Slocum Avenue east of Shaler Boulevard.

Section 293-2, entitled Open Spaces, is amended by changing the designation of the below Location from Park to Recreational Facility:

Community Center Field, 725 Slocum Avenue (behind Community Center)

Section II:

This ordinance shall take effect upon final publication according to law.
Section III:

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

Section IV.

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.

Approved:  Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor  Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 10, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2380

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 92-1, SALARIES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 10th day of February, 2020, 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 24th day of February, 2020 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.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2380

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 92-1, SALARIES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

Section I. Section 92-1 entitled “Salaries” of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended by adding to the existing positions and salary ranges the following:

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Section II. Invalid Provisions.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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     Linda M. Silvestri, 
Borough Clerk


BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 10, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2381

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

“BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2368 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ON NOVEMBER 12, 2019, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION BY $121,222”

introduced on the 10th day of February, 2020, 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 24th day of February, 2020 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.

Approved:  Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor  Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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

SECTION 1. The bond ordinance of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), heretofore finally adopted by the Borough Council thereof on November 12, 2019, numbered 2368 and entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $2,350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $2,238,094 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF” (the "Original Ordinance"), which Original Ordinance is hereby amended and supplemented, as follows:

SECTION 2. For the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a)(ii) of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, there is hereby appropriated the additional aggregate sum of $121,222 to reflect the award of grant monies received or expected to be received from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program (the “Program”) including a $45,000 grant, a $23,748 grant and a $52,474 grant from the Program which are each hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in Section 3(a)(ii) of the original ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby. The appropriation for Section 3(a)(ii) is increased by $121,222 from $30,000 for a total appropriation of $151,222 thereby increasing the total appropriation of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, from $2,350,000 to $2,471,222.

SECTION 3.
(a) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is equal to and remains unchanged at $2,238,094.
(b) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is equal to $2,471,222.

SECTION 4. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended, as necessary, to conform with the provisions of this amendatory and supplemental bond ordinance and to the extent of any
inconsistency herewith, a 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 of the Division
of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the “Director of the
Division of Local Government Services”), will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be
available for public inspection.

SECTION 5. For the improvements or purposes set forth in the Original Ordinance, as
amended and supplemented hereby, the additional sum of $15,000 is hereby included for the items of
expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, making the total amount for such items of
expense $485,000, such total amount being included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the
improvements or purposes set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby.

SECTION 6. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication
thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Approved: ____________________________

Attest: ____________________________

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk
Borough of Ridgefield
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 10, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2382

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

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO DOC MILLER FIELD, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $167,400 THEREFAR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $83,700) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $79,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

introduced on the 10th day of February, 2020, 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 24th day of February, 2020 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.

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Bergen County, New Jersey  

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ORDINANCE NO. 2382  

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of $167,400, said sum being inclusive of a grant received or expected to be received from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund in the amount of $83,700 (the “Grant”) and a down payment in the amount of $4,000 now available for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 etseq.) (the “Local Bond Law”). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets.  

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said $167,400 appropriation not provided for by application of said down payment, and until the Grant is received, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $79,700 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding $79,700 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.  

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued are various capital improvements to Doc Miller Field in the Borough including, but not limited to, the replacement of artificial turf playing surfaces at the field, including, but not limited to, the removal and recycling of existing playing services and the acquisition and installation, as applicable, of new synthetic playing surfaces; and also including all site-work, engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.
(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is $79,700.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is $167,400, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, being the amount of $87,700, is comprised of the Grant in the amount of $83,700, and the down payment in the amount of $4,000 for said improvements or purposes.

SECTION 4. Except for the Grant, in the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Bergen make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough, for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen. Except for the Grant, in the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. 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 the notes issued pursuant to this bond 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 in accordance with the provisions 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 purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, 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 said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and 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 or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by $79,700 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $2,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 9 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 10. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.
SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Approved: ________________________  Attest: _____________________________

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor  Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 10, 2020

Presented by Mayor Suarez

Proclamation

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2020

WHEREAS, Black History Month affords special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage, and to honor the many black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our nation; and

WHEREAS, such knowledge can strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers of equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Anthony R. Suarez, designate the month of February 2020 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the Borough of Ridgefield and urge our residents to join together in making this period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor  Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk
RESOLUTION NO. 101-2020

WHEREAS, Lt. Jason Wejnert has indicated a desire to retire from the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee of the Mayor and Council has negotiated with Lt. Wejnert an agreement with the Borough, which would allow him to retire as of July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that this agreement is in the best interests of the Borough of Ridgefield, and has been reviewed and recommended by the Chief of Police and the Police Committee of the Mayor and Council;

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

1. A retirement agreement with Lt. Jason Wejnert in the form as annexed hereto be and same hereby is approved by the Mayor and Council.

2. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield.

3. The Borough’s CFO has certified that there will be funds available in the 2020 budget to cover the obligation.

Approved:

_________________________________
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

_________________________________
Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

TO: Lt. Jason Wejnert                          Date: January 31, 2020

FROM: Ray Ramirez, Borough Administrator

CC: Mayor and Council
    Chief Thomas Gallagher
    Frank Elenio, CFO/Purchasing Agent
    Linda Silvestri, Borough Clerk

You have indicated an interest to retire from the Ridgefield Police Department. In that regard, you have requested that the Mayor and Council consider a certain retirement agreement between you and the Borough. It is the purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement is to memorialize the agreement between you and the Borough as follows:

1. You hereby agree that you are retiring from the Ridgefield Police Department effective July 31, 2020. You will be placed on terminal leave effective January 31, 2020, which will be the last day you are subject to the active work schedule of the Ridgefield Police Department.

2. The parties agree that as of January 31, 2020 you have accrued, by virtue of the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, by way of sick time, vacation time and comp time, 117 days of credit. The parties agree that you will continue to be paid utilizing such time until all 117 days is exhausted. The 117 days of credit will be fully utilized effective July 31, 2020.

3. You should understand that once you sign the Memorandum of Agreement, your decision to retire becomes firm and irrevocable, except that you may rescind this Agreement in writing if this Agreement is not approved by the Mayor and Council at its February 10, 2020 meeting.

Should you have any questions about the meaning or implications of this Agreement, you are advised to consult with legal counsel before executing same.
In anticipation of your signing the Agreement and accepting the retirement offer, please accept a sincere “thank you” on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield for your years of service to the Borough, and best wishes to you and your family for future success.

DATE:       BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

______________________________
Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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LT. JASON WEJNERT

WITNESS:       DATE:

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RESOLUTION NO. 102-2020

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

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be hired as a full time Special Skills, DPW employee at the annual salary of $40,000.00 per year effective immediately.

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor  Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk  Borough Clerk
RESOLUTION NO. 103-2020

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

BRUNO and FERRARO

be appointed Rent Leveling Attorney for the remainder of calendar year 2020.

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor  Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk
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.

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer
BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 10, 2020

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling $3,696,326.08 be drawn on the following accounts:

- CURRENT: $3,604,756.78
- TRUST: $9,857.96
- CAPITAL: $79,915.96
- POOL: $1,795.38

TOTAL: $3,696,326.08

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