

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: April 12, 2021

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Public Session to Adjourn to Executive Session: C.T.O.: 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: 7:00 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	Adj. to Ex.		Public	
	Pres.	Abs.	Pres.	Abs.
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT		ABSENT	
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				

122-2021 Councilman Jimenez Introduction of CY2021 Budget

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2406 entitled, “YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2407 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF VIRGIL AVENUE BY AND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2408 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2409 entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2338 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS 2018 GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ON APRIL 18, 2018, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED HERETOFORE, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN BY \$13,557"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2410 entitled, "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO HILLSIDE COURT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND THEREFOR TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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**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.

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| 123-2021 | Mayor Suarez         | Autism Awareness Month   |
| 124-2021 | Mayor Suarez         | National Libraries Week  |
| 125-2021 | Mayor Suarez         | National Local Government Week   |
| 126-2021 | Councilwoman Larkin  | Declare Solidarity with the Asian-American and Pacific Islander Community  |
| 127-2021 | Councilman Kontolios | Appoint School Crossing Guards   |
| 128-2021 | Mayor Suarez         | Appoint Recycling Coordinator  |
| 129-2021 | Councilman Jimenez   | Affidavit Fees Tax Lien #20-002  |
| 130-2021 | Councilman Jimenez   | Cancellation of a Portion of the Special Emergency   |
| 131-2021 | Councilman Jimenez   | Certify Compliance with Federal Civil Rights Requirements  |
| 132-2021 | Councilman Jimenez   | Three-Year Average for Certain Revenues  |
| 133-2021 | Councilman Castelli  | Hire Sanitation/DPW Employee   |
| 134-2021 | Councilman Castelli  | Extension of DMRArchitects Services to Provide Development Management and Oversight for New Borough Hall Development on Shaler Avenue and Sale of Existing Borough Hall Property   |
| 135-2021 | Councilman Castelli  | Authorize Ellas Environmental Proposal for Additional Environmental Services at the Existing Borough Hall Site   |
| 136-2021 | Councilman Castelli  | AEL Inspection and Testing New Municipal Complex   |
| 137-2021 | Councilman Castelli  | Acceptance of Final Guaranteed Maximum Price by Epic Management, Inc. and Establishment of Budget for Historical Fill Export in Connection with the New Borough Hall Development and Construction at Shaler Boulevard Site |

**Coin Toss Request:**

Ridgefield Memorial High School Track Team

Saturday, May 8, 2021

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

138-2021      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 April 12, 2021

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				
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Kontolios				
Larkin				
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. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenue and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Ridgefield, Bergen County, New Jersey for Calendar Year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget will be published in The Record in the issue of April 21, 2021 and that a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Ridgefield Community Center on May 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

**2021 Municipal Budget**  
of the Borough of Ridgefield,  
County of Bergen for the year 2021

**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2021	2020
<b>1. Surplus</b>	2,080,000.00	1,800,000.00
<b>2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	8,430,482.37	8,848,753.29
<b>3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes</b>	585,000.00	610,000.00
<b>4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes</b>	11,114,284.00	10,966,757.00
<b>b) Addition to Local District School Tax</b>		
<b>c) Minimum Library Tax</b>	689,485.00	657,386.00
<b>Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Mun. Bud</b>	11,803,769.00	11,624,143.00
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>22,899,251.37</b>	<b>22,882,896.29</b>

Summary of Appropriations	2021 Budget	Final 2020 Budget
<b>1. Operating Expenses: Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	8,113,310.00	7,987,113.00
<b>Other Expenses</b>	9,976,926.37	10,344,275.29
<b>2. Deferred Charges &amp; Other Appropriations</b>	2,179,440.00	1,923,208.00
<b>3. Capital Improvements</b>	49,025.00	50,000.00
<b>4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)</b>	1,683,550.00	1,681,300.00
<b>5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes</b>	897,000.00	897,000.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>22,899,251.37</b>	<b>22,882,896.29</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>		

**2021 Dedicated Swim Pool Utility Budget**

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2021	2020
<b>1. Surplus</b>		
<b>2. Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	143,300.00	216,000.00
<b>3. Deficit (General Budget)</b>	155,200.00	82,500.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>298,500.00</b>	<b>298,500.00</b>
Summary of Appropriations	2021 Budget	Final 2020 Budget
<b>1. Operating Expenses: Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	185,000.00	185,000.00
<b>Other Expenses</b>	100,000.00	100,000.00
<b>2. Capital Improvements</b>		

3. Debt Service		
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	13,500.00	13,500.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>298,500.00</b>	<b>298,500.00</b>
Total Number of Employees		

<b>Balance of Outstanding Debt</b>		
	<b>General</b>	<b>Utility - Other</b>
<b>Interest</b>	393,550.00	
<b>Principal</b>	1,170,000.00	
<b>Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>29,245,000.00</b>	

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen on April 12, 2021.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Ridgefield Community Center, on May 10th, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the Budget are available in the office of Linda Silvestri, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 604 Broad Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey , Phone #201-943-5215 during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M..



BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2406

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

“YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)”

introduced on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at 7:00 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				
Penabad				
Shim				
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Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2406

“YEAR 2021 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 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 Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2021 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 Borough Council hereby determines that a 2.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$431,088.70 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council 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 Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Ridgefield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.50%, amounting to \$603,524.18, and that the 2021 municipal budget for the Borough of Ridgefield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any 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.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2407

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

“AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF VIRGIL AVENUE BY AND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at 7:00 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

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2407

“AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF VIRGIL AVENUE BY AND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen is of the opinion that the public interests will best be served by abandoning, vacating, releasing and extinguishing any and all public rights which said Borough may have in and to the following described portion of Virgil Avenue:

That portion of Virgil Avenue from its intersection with the easterly side of Shaler Boulevard running thence in an easterly direction to its intersection with the westerly side of Bruce Street.

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

Section I.

The public rights and interests to a portion of Virgil Avenue, particularly described as follows, are hereby vacated, abandoned and released:

That portion of Virgil Avenue from its intersection with the easterly side of Shaler Boulevard running thence in an easterly direction to its intersection with the westerly side of Bruce Street.

Section II.

This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after final passage, publication according to law. The Municipal Clerk shall file a copy with the Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

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

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2408

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 35 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT”

introduced on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at 7:00 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**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
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Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2408

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT”

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

Section I.

Article I of Chapter 35 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section 35-12.1(B), entitled “Clothing Allowance”, be and hereby is amended by replacing the designated amount of monthly clothing allowance from \$316.67 per month to \$366.67 per month effective July 1, 2021.

Section II.

Article I of Chapter 35 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended by adding to the existing provisions of that Chapter the following new section, to be denominated as Section 35-12.2 entitled “Emergency Standby”:

When, due to snow emergency or other emergency situation, the Borough Administrator may authorize up to four (4) active firefighters to be placed on standby at each of the three (3) Borough firehouses, for a period of time to be determined by the Borough Administrator. Those active firefighters who serve in a standby capacity shall be compensated at an hourly rate equal to the starting hourly rate of special police officers within the Borough of Ridgefield. When in the judgment of the Borough Administrator an extreme circumstance exists, the number of standby firefighters may be increased at their discretion.

Section III.

Article I of Chapter 35 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section 35-8(K), entitled “Duties of Line Officers”, be and hereby is amended by increasing the compensation to the fire department member who serves as Data Reporting/ Light Technician from \$300 per quarter to \$450 per quarter effective July 1, 2021.



Section IV:

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

Section V.

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 VI.

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. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2409

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 2338 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS 2018 GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ON APRIL 18, 2018, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED HERETOFORE, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN BY \$13,557”

introduced on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at 7:00 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

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Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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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. Bond Ordinance Number 2338 finally adopted on April 18, 2018 by the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2018 GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,196,000 THEREFORE (INCLUDING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$215,000 AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$113,402 AND \$241,200 RESPECTIVELY) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$733,664 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF” (the "Original Ordinance"), is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent and with the effect as follows:

SECTION 2. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a)(iii) of the Original Ordinance there is hereby appropriated the additional sum of \$13,557, which sum is available from the Capital Improvement Fund. Therefore, the total appropriation contained in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, shall be increased from \$1,196,000 by \$13,557 and shall equal the aggregate principal amount of \$1,209,557, said sum being inclusive of the total amount of down payments, which sum equals the aggregate amount of \$33,934.

SECTION 3. (a) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3 of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is \$733,664.

(b) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3 of the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is equal to \$1,209,557

SECTION 4. Section 3(a)(iii) of the Original Ordinance shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
iii. Various Improvements To And Remediation Of Borough Buildings Including, But Not Limited To The Department Of Public Works Building (515 Church Street) And Borough Hall (604 Broad Avenue), Which Improvements Shall Include, But Shall Not Be Limited To, General Capital Improvements And Remediation;"	\$313,557	\$285,714	\$14,286	10 years

SECTION 5. 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 6. For the improvement or purpose set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, the additional sum of \$2,000 is hereby included for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, making the total amount for such items of expense \$241,200, such total amount being included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvement or purpose set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby.

SECTION 7. 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 the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby.

SECTION 8. Except as expressly amended and supplemented hereby, the Original Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (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. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2410

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

“CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO HILLSIDE COURT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND THEREFOR TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF”

introduced on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at 7:00 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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Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2410

“CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO HILLSIDE COURT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND THEREFOR TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF”

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”), wishes to undertake various roadway improvements to Hillside Court in and by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the cost of said improvements or purposes is estimated to be \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$25,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to undertake such roadway improvements to Hillside Court.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (a majority of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The capital improvements or purposes described below are hereby authorized as a general capital improvements to be undertaken by the Borough. For the said improvements or purposes, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$25,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to undertake various roadway improvements throughout the Borough including, but not limited to, the repaving of Hillside Court. Said roadway improvements shall include all repairs, excavation, milling, paving, reconstruction and boxing out and resurfacing or full depth pavement replacement, and where necessary, the sealing of pavement cracks, and associated repairing and/or installation of curbs, curb ramps, sidewalks, driveway aprons, resetting of utility castings and drainage improvements, roadway painting, and aesthetic improvements.

SECTION 2. The expenditure of the \$25,000, consisting of an appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund, for the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 1 hereof is hereby authorized and approved. The Mayor, the Clerk, the Borough Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and any other official/officer of the Borough are each hereby authorized and directed to execute, deliver and perform any agreement to undertake the improvements or purposes set forth herein and to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 3. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and 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 is on file in the Office of the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and approval as required by law and as described in N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2021

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurobiological disorder characterized by impairments in social communication and interaction as well as restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior. Individuals with autism have difficulty interacting with other; building relationships, using language, regulating their emotions, and understanding others' points of view; and

WHEREAS, the term "spectrum" highlights how the specific social and behavioral challenges vary for each individual and sometimes across each person's lifetime. Some have challenges that significantly impair their daily activities and require constant supervision to stay safe; other have few noticeable impairments; and

WHEREAS, more than 2% of American adults and 1 in every 54 of our children have autism, and CDC studies have indicated that 1 in 32 (or 3.1%) children in New Jersey are identified with ASD which continues to exceed and outpace other states with 1 in 20 boys and 1 in 85 girls; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is committed to the support of adults and children with autism in the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to highlight the needs of people on the autism spectrum and their families and supporting understanding, acceptance, inclusion and empowerment of people on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has caused unique disruptions to, and placed new strains on, the lives of individuals with autism and their families. We should be grateful for the creativity and dedication of educators, health care providers, and others who have rapidly adapted to the limitations of the pandemic by offering virtual learning, telehealth appointments and other remote services; and the work of our legislatures to require home based programs to implement policies to prevent social isolation of its residents; and

WHEREAS this crisis has offered an opportunity to reimagine the workplace to make diversity, inclusion and equality a reality; an opportunity to rethink our systems of education and training to ensure that persons with autism are afforded opportunities for realizing their potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that we acknowledge April as autism awareness month in the Borough of Ridgefield; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ridgefield, by this resolution, intends to raise awareness, improve early diagnosis, encourage support and compassion and to those who are affected by autism and build a more welcoming and inclusive community to support people with autism.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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Jimenez				
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2021

WHEREAS, National Library Week occurred April 4-10, 2021 as a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support; and

WHEREAS, the theme for National Library week 2021 is "welcome to your library." And promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their services: and

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are the heart of the communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community; and

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equality of access for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, libraries have gone above and beyond to adapt to the changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that we acknowledge April 4 – April 10, 2021 as National Libraries Week we encourage all residents to visit the RidgefieldFree Public Library in person or online to access resources and services.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2021

WHEREAS, local government is the government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, local government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their municipality their home; and

WHEREAS, local government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, local government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, NJ Local Government Week offers an important opportunity for elected officials and local government staff to spread the word to all citizens of New Jersey that they can shape and influence this branch of government; and

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

1. That the Borough of Ridgefield encourages all citizens, local government officials, and employees to participate in events that recognize and celebrate NJ Local Government Week.
2. That the Borough of Ridgefield encourages educational partnerships between local government and schools, as well as civic groups and other organizations.
3. That the Borough of Ridgefield supports and encourages all New Jersey local governments to actively promote and sponsor NJ Local Government Week.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2021

WHEREAS, hate crimes motivated by anti-Asian sentiment have jumped 1,900% in New York City in 2020 and almost 3,000 reports of anti-Asian discrimination between March 19 and December 31, 2020 have been recorded by the **Stop AAPI Hate**;

WHEREAS, racially-motivated assaults and harassment targeting of Asian and Asian-American seniors have dramatically increased, including the recent attack and subsequent tragic death of 84-year-old Vicha Ratanapakdee in San Francisco on January 28, 2021;

WHEREAS, in response to the xenophobic and inflammatory rhetoric about COVID-19 President Joseph Biden issued an Executive Order on January 26, 2021 during the first week of his administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council to:

1. Condemn and denounce racism, xenophobia and intolerance in all forms.
2. Call on public officials in other municipalities and at the state level to condemn and denounce racism, xenophobia and intolerance in all forms and stand with us in solidarity with the Asian and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders communities.
3. Continues to promote and advocate for equality and equity through all policies approved by the Mayor and Council.
4. Recognize the dedication of Asian and Asian-American frontline medical workers, teachers, police and fire officers and essential workers. They along with their colleagues show up to work every day so that our society can still function. The strain of COVID is particularly heavy for Asian and Asian-American frontline and essential workers because they have been personally attacked for their ethnicity in the midst of providing their essential services to us.
5. Continue to advocate locally and through the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, New Jersey Conference of Mayors and all other appropriate associations for relevant policies that improve health in communities of color.
6. Support local, state, regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism.

7. Further work to solidify alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and encourage other local, state, regional and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis.
8. Support community efforts to amplify community efforts to be anti-racist and to combat discrimination and xenophobia while engaging actively and authentically with communities of color wherever they live.
9. Promote and support policies and resources that prioritize the health of all people, such as bystander intervention programs like <https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/>.
10. Encourage racial equity training among all community partners, vendors and contractors.
11. Call upon Bergen County Executive Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners to declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies in the County of Bergen.
12. Call upon Governor Murphy, State Senate President Sweeney, and State Assembly Speaker Coughlin to also declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies of the state of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Murphy, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Sarlo, Assemblyman Calabrese, Assemblyman Schaer and Bergen County Executive Tedesco, for their review and potential action.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2021

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

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and

WOO PARK

be appointed School Crossing Guards for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year effective March 29, 2021 at the hourly rate of \$12.90.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council appoints:

MILDRED ROJAS

as Recycling Coordinator for an additional 30 day holdover.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2021

WHEREAS, Glenn C. Cvecich, have deposited a check in the amount of \$1,185.00 into the Maintenance Lien Receivable Account for the affidavit fees of Tax Lien # 20-002, Block 2101 Lot 21, further known as 586 Prospect Avenue, sold to NJSL 301, LLC.

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 \$1,185.00 from the Maintenance Lien Receivable Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of \$1,185.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Maintenance Lien Receivable Account 01-1140 and be made payable to NJSL 301, LLC and be mailed to 650 E. Palisades Ave. #2258, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield adopted a Special Emergency Resolution and Ordinance related to COVID-19 revenue losses for \$115,000 for the Swimming Pool Utility; and

WHEREAS, the actual amount required was \$113,563; and

WHEREAS, the difference of \$1,437 must be cancelled.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the over appropriation of \$1,437 included in the COVID-19 Special Emergency is hereby cancelled as follows:

	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Realized</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>
Membership Fees	\$176,000	\$100,642	\$(75,358)
Miscellaneous	40,000	1,795	<u>(38,205)</u>
			113,563
			<u>Original Special Emergency</u> <u>115,000</u>
			<u>Cancellation</u> <u>\$1,437</u>

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

<b>COUNCIL VOTE</b>				
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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2021

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Governing Body of the Borough of Ridgefield, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 12, 2021.

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Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES  
NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF BERGEN

We, members of the governing body of the Borough of Ridgewildbeing duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

- 1. We are duly elected members of the Governing Bodyof the Borough of Ridgewildin the County of Bergen;
- 2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012);
- 3. We are familiar with the local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history;
- 4. We certify that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

\_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
Anthony R. Suarez

\_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
Russell Castelli

\_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
Ray Penabad

\_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
Dennis Shim

\_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
Hugo Jimenez

\_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
James Kontolios

\_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
Lauren Larkin

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public of New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be executed before a municipality or county can submit its approved budget to the Division of Local Government Services. The executed certificate and the adopted resolution must be kept on file and available for inspection.

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2021

WHEREAS, the COVID 19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2020 municipal current and utility fund budgets; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 amended N.J.S.A 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY2021 budget, and, if necessary, in future years; and

WHEREAS, for FY 2021, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ridgefield, certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2020 by the COVID 19 pandemic and that the 3 year average of the amounts realized in 2018-2020 be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2021:

Revenue Category	2018	2019	2020	Average
Municipal Court	\$263,045.00	\$270,434.00	\$103,264.00	\$212,248.00
Construction Fees	608,121.00	501,270.00	180,618.00	430,003.00
Swim Pool:				
Membership Fees	184,185.00	176,423.00	100,642.00	153,750.00
Miscellaneous	28,460.00	41,229.00	1,795.00	23,828.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the above referenced revenues be anticipated using the 3 year average as permitted by the amendments to 40A: 4-26, adopted by the P.L. 2020, c. 74.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2021

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

VINCENT CUMELLA

be hired as a full time Sanitation/DPW employee at the annual salary of \$30,000 effective April 22, 2021.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2021

WHEREAS, the Borough embarked on a series of development work pursuant to The Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (hereinafter "Redevelopment Law") for the development of the new Borough Hall at Shaler Avenue and the positioning of the existing Borough hall property for sale; and

WHEREAS, these development activities required unique management and oversight services in connection with, in-part: (i) the identification, selection and oversight of Matrix New World Engineering, the entity involved in the remediation of the Shaler Avenue site, (ii) the drafting of a Selective Solicitation for Redeveloper under the Redevelopment Law for the development and construction of the new Borough hall; (iii) litigation support in connection with award challenge of the Redeveloper for the new Borough Hall; (iv) oversight and liaison between Matrix Engineering and Epic Management, the selected redeveloper for the new Borough Hall; and

WHEREAS, heretofore, the Council had approved DMR Architects for a not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000.00, based on hourly billing at \$200.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances with the above reference litigation, on-going interface between Matrix Engineering and Epic, DMR Architects has fully expended the initially authorized amount; and

WHEREAS, The Council requires the on-going oversight and management services of DMR Architects not only for the new Borough Hall site development and construction, but also in connection with the drafting of on an Invitation to Bid for the sale and redevelopment of the Borough Hall Property and the management of the subsequent process needed to retain a redeveloper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Council hereby authorizes DMR Architects to continue to provide oversight and management services in connection with the new Borough hall and in connection with the sale of the existing Borough Hall Property.
2. The Council hereby authorizes an additional, not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000.00 based on hourly billing at \$200.00 per hour.

3. DMR Architects shall provide back-up with its invoices for the hours to be applied to the additional, not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000.00.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2021

WHEREAS, there is a need for remediation services for at the Ridgefield Borough Hall;  
and

WHEREAS, Ellas Environmental, LLC has previously been appointed as the environmental engineer for the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, Ellas Environmental, LLC was subsequently awarded a professional services agreement to provide environmental services for the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, Ellas Environmental has submitted a proposal dated April 6, 2021 for additional professional environmental services at the existing Borough Hall site for a cost not to exceed \$23,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Ellas Environmental, LLC be and hereby is authorized and directed to proceed remediation professional services at the Ridgefield Borough Hall.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding is available in the capital fund Ordinance 2338, account 04-2150-55-2338-003 in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 as certified by the Chief Finance; and that a duly executed copy of this resolution will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 136-2021

WHEREAS, there is a need for professional Testing and Inspection Services to collect the necessary information to develop an engineering cost estimate for remediation of the site of the proposed municipal complex within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Engineering Laboratories, Inc., 21 Randolph Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001 has submitted a proposal dated February 11, 2021 for such Testing and Inspection Services related to the construction of the new municipal complex; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to award a Professional Service Agreement with Atlantic Engineering Laboratories, Inc. Special Inspections and Materials Testing Services for an amount not to exceed \$44,232.00.

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

1. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Atlantic Engineering Laboratories, Inc. as required by law.
2. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record* and/or [www.ridgefieldnj.gov](http://www.ridgefieldnj.gov).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding is available in the capital fund Ordinance 2372, account 04-2150-55-2372-001 in an amount not to exceed \$44,232.00 as certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and that a duly executed copy of this resolution will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2021

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (hereinafter "Redevelopment Law"), by Resolution No. 189-2020, the Borough designated Epic Management, Inc. (Epic") for the redevelopment of the Borough-owned Shaler Boulevard property for redevelopment and construction of a new Borough Hall / Police Station complex (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the proposal submission by Epic, as part of the competitive solicitation process, included a Preliminary Estimate GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) to develop and construct the Project for \$14,399,156; and

WHEREAS, the Solicitation required Epic to provide a final GMP upon completion of the construction drawings, post award; and

WHEREAS, post award, Epic finalized its GMP at \$14,333,133; and

WHEREAS, included within the final GMP is a \$250,000 contingency for the "buy-out" of the Project by Epic and upon final buy-out, the Borough and Epic will share on a 50% - 50% basis, any unused portion of the contingency; and

WHEREAS, based on the site topography, there exists approximately 600 cubic yards to be exported from the Site; and

WHEREAS, post award it was determined that the soil to be removed from the Site had to be classified as historic fill (i.e., regulated material); and

WHEREAS, the budget amount for the excavation, transportation, disposal of the historic fill and other related site activities is \$650,000 as the final cost will be determined by the actual volume and weight of soil to be removed from the Site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Council hereby accepts Epic's Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to develop and construct the new Borough Hall / Police Station complex in the amount of \$14,333,133 as it is approximately 0.5 percent less than Epic's Preliminary Estimate GMP at the time of Project award.

2. The Council here by authorizes a budget in the amount of \$650,000 for the excavation, transportation, disposal of the historic fill and other related site activities.
3. As the Final GMP has been established, the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Construction Manager as Constructor AIA Agreement (said form AIA Agreement being part of the Solicitation), where the basis of Payment is the cost of work plus a fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price, that being \$14,333,133 (which does not include the historic fill export budget amount) upon review and recommendation by the Borough's Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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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.

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Francis J. Elenio,  
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$3,017,010.59**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$2,962,148.54
TRUST	\$36,801.25
CAPITAL	\$18,060.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,017,010.59</b>

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk