BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: April 20, 2016

Open Public Meetings Statement by
Mayor Suarez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:05 P.M.
Adjourn: 7:00 P.M.

- Discussion on Trap, Neuter, and Release Ordinance

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

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 7:00 P.M.
Adjourn: 7:18 P.M.

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 7:39 P.M.
Adjourn: 8:07 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation:

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

Correspondence:

Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2016 Work Session, February 17, 2016 Public Session, and March 2, 2016 Public Session Meetings - APPROVED

ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli		X
Acosta		X
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Todd	X	
Vincentz	X	

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli		X
Acosta		X
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Todd	X	
Vincentz	X	

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli		X
Acosta		X
Penabad	X	
Shim	X	
Todd	X	
Vincentz	X	

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2299 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS"

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. 2300 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 ENTITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2301 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 66-34 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA:

148-2016	Councilman Penabad	Appoint Chief Financial Officer
149-2016	Councilman Penabad	Appoint Tax Appeal Attorney
150-2016	Councilman Penabad	Overpayment of Taxes-370 Morse Avenue
151-2016	Councilman Penabad	Stipulation of Settlement-1038 Hoyt Avenue
152-2016	Councilman Penabad	Stipulation of Settlement-1145 Edgewater Avenue
153-2016	Councilman Penabad	Stipulation of Settlement-1126 Hendricks Causeway
154-2016	Councilman Acosta	Authorize Settlement with Allstate Power Vac
155-2016	Councilman Acosta	Approve Certificate for Business License for Private Inspection Facility
156-2016	Councilman Penabad	Lien Redemption Cert. # 15-08
157-2016	Councilman Penabad	COAH Shared Services
158-2016	Councilman Acosta	Hire DPW/Sanitation Employee
159-2016	Councilman Acosta	Hire Violations Clerk
160-2016	Councilman Penabad	Discharge of Mortgage-Osnato
161-2016	Mayor Suarez	Animal Cruelty Prevention Month

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

162-2016	Councilman Penabad	Expand Duties of Program Director
163-2016	Councilman Penabad	Emergency Temporary Appropriation
164-2016	Councilman Penabad	Warrants
165-2016	Councilman Penabad	Authorize Agreement with Bergen County – GIS Data

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Coin Toss Request:

RMHS Boys Basketball — APPROVED
June 4, 2016

Application for Social Affair Permit:

Ridgefield PBA — APPROVED
725 Slocum Avenue
May 14, 2016 - 6:00-11:00 pm

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

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:

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Acosta				
Penabad				
Shim				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Mayor Suarez				

____ 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:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2299

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 II OF CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS"

introduced on the 29th day of March 2016, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 29, 2016

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2299

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS"

Section I: Section 355-22 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled Fees, be and hereby is amended by making the changes set forth below:

SECTION 355-22 "FEES" shall be amended as follows:

	Discount Period		Regular Season
Family	$305.00	Family	$330.00
Married Couple/Civil Union	$255.00	Married Couple/Civil Union	$285.00
Head of Household (Widow, Widower, Divorced, 1 Child $15 per Additional Child	$255.00	Head of Household (Widow, Widower, Divorced, 1 Child $15 per Additional Child	$285.00
Individual	$205.00	Individual	$230.00
Senior Citizen Individual	$100.00	Senior Citizen Individual	$125.00
Senior Citizen Couple	$175.00	Senior Citizen Couple	$225.00

A limited number of Non-Residents will be accepted into the Community Swimming Pool subject to being sponsored by a Resident Swim Pool Member. Resident pool members may only sponsor 1 non-resident pool membership per family. Rates will be as follows:

	Discount Period		Regular Season
Family	$555.00	Family	$580.00
Married Couple/Civil Union	$505.00	Married Couple/Civil Union	$530.00
Head of Household (Widow, Widower, Divorced, 1 Child		Head of Household (Widow, Widower, Divorced, 1 Child	

$15 per Additional Child	$495.00	$15 per Additional Child	$520.00
Individual	$330.00	Individual	$355.00
Senior Citizen Individual	$230.00	Senior Citizen Individual	$240.00

Section II: In all other respects, the terms and provisions of Article II of Chapter 355 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

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

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

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2300

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

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 ENTITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

introduced on the 20th day of April, 2016, 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 4th day of May, 2016 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2300

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 ENTITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

Section I: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that Chapter 92 "Salaries and Compensation", Section 92-1 "Salaries" of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The rate of compensation of each of the following officers and employees shall be in the amounts as hereinafter set forth as follows: Where a salary range is indicated, the standards to be evaluated in fixing a specific salary for a specific individual shall include education, training, professional certifications, experience, management skills as well as work and salary history and recommendations from other employers.

POSITION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer	$15,000	$100,000
Board Secretaries		
Planning Board (Monthly)	$600	$1,100

Section II: In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Chapter 92 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

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

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

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2301

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 66-34 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

introduced on the 20th day of April, 2016, 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 4th day of May, 2016 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2301

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 66-34 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:

Inasmuch as the Borough has now established the position of Municipal Administrator, the provisions of Section 66-34 in subpart C are no longer necessary. Accordingly, Ordinance Section 66-34 be, and hereby is, amended to delete subsection C of that ordinance.

In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Chapter 66, Article IX, be and hereby are ratified and affirmed.

Section II. Repealer.

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

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

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

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2016

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

DIANE SHERRY

be appointed Chief Financial Officer for the unexpired term of Matthew Rutch through December 31, 2017 at the annual salary of $90,000 effective April 4, 2016.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2016

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

WATERS, McPHERSON, McNEILL

be appointed Tax Appeal Attorney for the remainder of 2016.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2016

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes was received in the Borough of Ridgefield for the first quarter 2015 for Block 3701 Lot 10, also known as 370 Morse Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a refund in the amount of $3,828.06 for the first quarter 2015 be issued to Anthony Viganola.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and ahe is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of $3,828.06 made payable to Anthony Viganola and be mailed to 42 Grissom Street, Norwood, New Jersey 07648.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2016

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 2303 Lots 13 and 14, also known as 1038 Hoyt Avenue, for the year 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Hoyt Avenue Associates/Kulite be issued a refund in the amount of $2,167.00 for Lot 13 and $2,167.00 for Lot 14 for the year 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and she is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of $4,334.00 made payable to The Irwin Law Firm Attorney Trust Account F.B.O. Hoyt Ave. Assoc./Kulite and be mailed to 80 Main Street, Suite 410, West Orange, New Jersey 07052.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2016

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 2402 Lot 4, also known as 1145 Edgewater Avenue, for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that John and Anna Iapichino be issued a refund in the amount of $8,267.12 for the year 2013 and 1145 Realty Assoc, LLC receive refunds in the amount of $8,370.81 for the year 2014 and $8,642.00 for the year 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and she is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of $25,279.93 made payable to McCarter and English, LLP and be mailed to Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, PO Box 652, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2016

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 3003 Lot 6, also known as 1126 Hendricks Causeway, for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that 1125 Realty Assoc, LLC be issued a refund in the amount of $6,277.04 for the year 2013, $6,355.77 for the year 2014 and $6,561.68 for the year 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and she is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of $19,194.49 made payable to McCarter and English, LLP and be mailed to Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, PO Box 652, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield previously commenced certain litigation against Allstate Power Vac and En-Tech in connection with a certain sewer failure in and near the area of Hoyt and Grand Avenues; and

WHEREAS, in connection with that litigation, the Borough Attorney has proposed that the matter be settled upon payment of $50,000 by Allstate Power Vac; and

WHEREAS, said settlement is in the best interest of the Borough;

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

1. The settlement with Allstate Power Vac to settle the within matter by payment of the sum of $50,000 be and hereby is ratified and affirmed.

2. The Borough Attorney be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute and file such documents as may be necessary to confirm the settlement. In addition, the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute a Release to be prepared by the Borough Attorney in favor of Allstate Power Vac.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2016

WHEREAS, Manuel Velez of Auto Diagnostic & Repairs, 466 Bergen Boulevard has made application to the State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to be a private inspection facility; and

WHEREAS, it is required that the Borough of Ridgefield issue a Municipal Approval Certificate for Business License as part of the application process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield approve the Certificate for Business License and authorize the Borough Clerk to sign said certificate.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2016

WHEREAS, John Hoffman has deposited a check in the amount of $17,396.66 into the Suspense Account for the redemption and subsequent taxes of Tax Lien # 15-08, Block 3703 Lot 12, further known as 808 Pleasantview Terrace, sold to Stonefield Investment Fund, III LLC and whereas $19,000.00 was previously deposited into the Trust Account for the premium at the time of the tax sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer be and she is hereby authorized to issue and sign a check in the amount of $17,396.66 from the Suspense Account and a check for $19,000.00 from the Trust Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of $17,396.66 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Suspense account and the check for $19,000.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Trust account and be made payable to Stonefield Investment Fund III, LLC and be mailed to 21 Robert Pitt Drive Suite 207, Monsey, New York 10952.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield is involved in certain litigation entitled *In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Ridgefield, A Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey*; and

WHEREAS, that litigation is in response to the Supreme Court's ruling in the case of *In the Matter of the Adoption of NJAC 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 NJ1 (2015)*; and

WHEREAS, that litigation will require the Borough to demonstrate to the Court that it is fulfilling its constitutional obligation of providing reasonable opportunity for affordable housing by and within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, various municipalities, including the Borough of Ridgefield, have entered into a Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement to form what is colloquially known as the "Consortium", for the purpose of obtaining one or more expert reports in connection with the proper calculation of municipal fair shares, and to share other joint services, attorneys and filings; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium initially collected the sum of $2,000 from each municipality which participated to fund its operations; and

WHEREAS, due to the vast amount of work that has been done, the Consortium requires further funding from its members; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium has requested a further contribution of $2,000 from each municipality to continue the work in connection with these litigations; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly in the best interests of the Borough of Ridgefield to continue to participate in the Consortium and its efforts on behalf of all participating municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Mayor and Council authorizes a further payment of $2,000 to continue the Borough's participation in the Consortium, said check to be made payable to Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates Attorney Trust Account.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2016

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

JOHN RUBINO

be hired as a DPW/Sanitation employee at the annual salary of $25,000.00 effective immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2016

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

SUSAN TAFFARO

be hired as a Violations Clerk for the Municipal Court at the annual salary of $25,000.00 effective immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 161-2016

WHEREAS, animal cruelty occurs when someone intentionally injures or harms an animal or when a person willfully deprives an animal of food, water or necessary care; and

WHEREAS, every sixty seconds an animal is abused or beaten; and

WHEREAS, animal cruelty is not only wrong, it is against the law; and

WHEREAS, April is designated by the ASPCA as "Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month" with the purpose of educating Americans about animal cruelty and urge them to report instances of violence toward animals; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month initiatives the ASPCA encourages everyone to "GO ORANGE FOR ANIMALS" and wear an article of orange clothing during the month; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County SPCA operates the Bergen County Animal Cruelty Task Force under the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County SPCA works hand-in-hand with the Bergen County Animal Shelter, which provides the animals with immediate medical attentions, diagnosis and treatment, and cares for them until the cases are resolved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield does hereby recognize April 2016 as "Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month" in the Borough of Ridgefield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council urges anyone who witnesses animal cruelty to report it to the Bergen County Animal Cruelty Task Force at 201-573-8900; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force and the Bergen County Animal Shelter.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 162-2016

WHEREAS, the Deborah Fugnitti was hired as a Program Director in the Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, effective March 24, 2016, the Program Director's duties were expanded to include supervision of the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, because of this increase in workload and responsibility, the Mayor and Council believes that a commensurate raise is in order; and

WHEREAS, the raise contemplated herein is within the range established in the Salary Ordinance;

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

1. The duties of the Program Director, under the supervision of the Recreation Director, are expanded to include responsibility for operation of the Community Center including, but not limited to, scheduling of both events and workers; reporting maintenance issues; maintaining suitable payroll and other records; and overall responsibility for the operation of that facility.

2. In recognition of same, the salary of the Program Director be and hereby is increased to $35,000 per annum effective March 24, 2016.

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				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 163-2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF CURRENT FUNDS AND SWIMMING POOL UTILILTY TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPROPRIATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2016 BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides authorization for an emergency temporary appropriation after the first thirty days of the calendar year before adoption of the CY 2016 municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes appropriations designed to provide for the first six months of the 2016 operating year with the exception of debt service, pensions, and obligations associated with seasonal considerations and other operational needs.

WHEREAS, said total emergency temporary resolution adopted in the year pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L.1951 as amended) including this Resolution total $11,945,754.38 for the current fund budget and $151,806.00 for the Swimming Pool Utility budget: and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the following emergency temporary appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

CURRENT FUND	Emergency Temporary Appreciation
General Administration	
Salaries and Wages	$34,650.00
Other Expenses	21,000.00
Rent Leveling Board	
Salaries and Wages	3,150.00
Other Expenses	1,050.00
Mayor and Council	
Salaries and Wages	21,392.00
Other Expenses	4,200.00
Municipal Clerk	
Salaries and Wages	60,054.00

Other Expenses	23,782.00
Financial Administration	
Salaries and Wages	84,000.00
Other Expenses	45,150.00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salaries and Wages	9,450.00
Other Expenses	2,178.00
Professional Services	4,724.00
Collection of Taxes	
Salaries and Wages	49,874.00
Other Expenses	12,600.00
Legal Services and Costs	
Retainer	24,150.00
Other Expenses	65,624.00
Engineering Services and Costs	
Other Expenses – Fees & Costs	63,000.00
Planning Board	
Salaries and Wages	3,780.00
Other Expenses	5,774.00
Insurance	
Liability	400,000.00
Workers Compensation	350,000.00
Employee Health	1,275,000.00
Unemployment	21,000.00
Police	
Salaries and Wages	2,029,780.00
Other Expenses	70,594.00
Acquisition of Vehicles	56,000.00
Emergency Management	
Salaries and Wages	9,974.00
Other Expenses	1,800.00
First Aid Organization	
Clothing/Standby	47,250.00
Other Expenses	14,000.00
Community Service Officers	
Salaries and Wages	70,874.00
Other Expenses	11,550.00
Fire Protection	
Clothing/Standby	112,874.00
Fire Hydrant Service	62,474.00

Other Expenses	58,956.00
Fire Prevention	
Salaries and Wages	35,000.00
Other Expenses	11,550.00
Prosecutor	
Salaries and Wages	6,562.00
Road Repair and Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	682,500.00
Other Expenses	85,050.00
Garbage and Trash Removal	
Salaries and Wages	145,950.00
Other Expenses	39,742.00
Sanitary Landfill BCUA	160,000.00
Recycling Program	
Salaries and Wages	5,250.00
Public Buildings and Grounds	
Other Expenses	100,000.00
Maintenance of Borough Vehicles	
Other Expenses	
Streets and Roads	34,124.00
Fire	21,004.00
Police	22,574.00
Volunteer Ambulance	3,936.00
Sanitation	15,750.00
Building/Code	524.00
Health	524.00
Board of Health	
Salaries and Wages	109,200.00
Other Expenses	26,424.00
Animal Control	12,000.00
Environmental Commission	
Other Expenses	3,150.00
Anti-Bullying Committee	1,500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	
Salaries and Wages	105,000.00
Other Expenses	74,550.00
Youth Commission	
Salaries and Wages	7,350.00
Other Expenses	630.00
Celebration of Public Events	

Other Expenses	14,700.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries and Wages	77,700.00
Other Expenses	16,090.00
Public Defender	
Other Expenses	4,000.00
Construction Code Officials	
Salaries and Wages	82,000.00
Other Expenses	13,200.00
Property Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	3,600.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00
Street Lighting	91,874.00
Electric and Gas	157,500.00
Telephone	56,700.00
Water	10,000.00
Gasoline	112,874.00
Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant	8,387.40
NJ Recycling Tonnage	5,000.00
Clean Communities Program	18,535.18
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant	176.80
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	9,876.00
DMV	350.00
Emergency Management Assistance Program	5,000.00
Body Armor Replacement	1,000.00
BCUA Sewerage Processing and Disposal	1,050,000.00
Recycling Tax	10,000.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library	310,000.00
Contribution to:	
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	250,000.00
Defined Contribution Retirement	2,000.00
Pension of Widow of Volunteer Fireman	10,000.00
Volunteer Firemen’s Over Age Burial Fund	4,200.00
Public Employees' Retirement System	352,344.00
Police and Fire Retirement System	807,395.00
Payment of Bond Principal	1,080,000.00
Interest on Bonds	465,000.00
Interest on Notes/BANS	6,700.00
Payment of Principal/Interest Infrastructure Trust Loan	67,000.00

	$11,945,754.38

SWIM POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND

Operating	
Salaries and Wages	$86,970.00
Other Expenses	57,750.00
Statutory Expenditures	
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	7,086.00
	$151,806.00

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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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Diane Sherry,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 164-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **$3,007,810.18**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	$2,958,942.66
TRUST	$48,241.32
CAPITAL	$361.00
POOL	$265.20
TOTAL	**$3,007,810.18**

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 20, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 165-2016

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has proposed that the Borough of Ridgefield enter an agreement with the County to exchange what is called GIS Data; and

WHEREAS, such agreement is in the best interests of the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been recommended by the Fire Chief and Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the agreement needs to be executed by the Mayor on behalf of the Borough;

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 attached GIS Data Exchange Agreement with the County of Bergen for the sharing of GIS Data.

2. The Borough Administrator be and hereby is authorized to complete the contact information on behalf of the Borough as called for in the Agreement.

3. The Borough Clerk shall forward the Agreement, executed by the Mayor and completed by the Borough Administrator, to the appropriate person at the County of Bergen.

Approved:

_____
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

_____
Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				X
Acosta				X
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

COUNTY OF BERGEN
AND BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
GIS DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered by and between the County of Bergen, NJ and the Borough of Ridgefield, NJ. Hereinafter referred to as "Party" or "Parties"

WHEREAS, each of the Parties agree to exchange Geographical Information System Data (hereinafter referred to as "GIS Data") more particularly described herein; and

WHEREAS, the exchange and sharing of GIS Data serves a public purpose in that it facilitates the development of geographic information systems for the mutual aid and public safety of all of the Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the following terms and conditions concerning the exchange of GIS Data:

1. Description of GIS Data to be exchanged. Each of the Parties agrees to provide access to and share its GIS Data with each other for mutual aid and public safety.

2. Sensitive Information. The Parties mutually agree to exchange GIS Data that is considered sensitive and not available to the general public and the Parties agree to take reasonable steps to ensure that sensitive GIS Data is protected from unauthorized use, disclosure, reproduction, or distribution to unauthorized persons or entities, subject however, to such disclosure as may be required under applicable provisions of State open records laws.

3. Ownership Rights of GIS Data. This Agreement does not in any way change the ownership rights of the GIS Data being shared.

4. Indemnification and Hold Harmless. The Party using any GIS Data shared hereunder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each other Party and their respective officers, employees, agents and contractors, from and against any and all claims, suits, and liabilities of any kind or character which result or arise from any act or omission arising from or connected with the use of such shared GIS Data in accordance with this Agreement.

5. Accuracy of GIS Data Provided. The Parties agree to verify the GIS Data provided to the best of their ability, but acknowledge that none of the Parties make representations of any kind as to the accuracy, functioning, completeness, or usefulness of their own GIS Data and that none of the Parties guarantee the accuracy, functioning, completeness, or usefulness of any GIS Data furnished hereunder.

THE GIS DATA INCLUDED IN THIS AGREEMENT IS EXCHANGED "AS IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, AND ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED WITH RESPECT TO THE GIS DATA PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

6. Independent Entities. The relationship between the Parties is that of independent entities. No joint venture, franchise, partnership, employment agreement, or agency is

created hereunder. Nothing herein shall be construed to grant to either Party the right or authority to create any obligation, expressed or implied, on behalf of the other Party.

7. Restriction on Use, Sale, or Distribution of GIS Data. The GIS Data exchanged under this Agreement shall not be used, sold, leased, transferred, loaned, given or distributed, in whole or part to any other entity without the express written permission of the Party that owns that particular GIS Data, subject, however, to such disclosure as may be required under applicable provisions of State open records laws.

8. Errors in or Modification to the GIS Data. Each Party agrees to use reasonable efforts to report errors, changes, modifications, or corrections in the GIS Data they have used or they own to the other Parties to this Agreement, as the case may be, within a reasonable period of time.

9. Agreement Term and Renewal. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect upon the signing of all of the Parties hereto, and shall remain in effect through the end of the calendar year in which the Agreement is signed. This Agreement shall automatically renew for succeeding calendar year terms unless a Party delivers a written Notice of Intent to Not Renew to the other Parties at least 60 days prior to the automatic renewal date of this Agreement.

10. General Terms

Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties.

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Severability. In the event that any provision or portion of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall be unaffected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Amendments. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by the mutual written agreement of all of the Parties to this Agreement.

Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by any party without the prior written consent of the other Parties.

Authorization. The Parties each warrant to the other Parties that the person signing this agreement for and on behalf of the Party he or she purports to represent is authorized to do so and is empowered to bind that Party to this Agreement.

Notices. All notices, requests, demands, claims, and other communications hereunder will be in writing and shall be deemed duly given if it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the address of the intended recipient as set forth in this Agreement or as subsequently provided by either the Party as their current notification address.

Addresses and Contacts for Notification Purposes:

Community:	County of Bergen
County:	Bergen
Contact:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	Mahwah, NJ
Email:	
Phone:	
Fax:	

Community:	Borough of Ridgefield
County:	Bergen
Contact:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	Ridgefield, NJ
Email:	
Phone:	
Fax:	

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SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to fully review this Agreement and agrees to the terms included herein.

County of Bergen, NJ		**Borough of Ridgefield, NJ**	
Date:	_____	**Date:**	_____
Signature:	_____	**Signature:**	_____
Name:	_____	**Name:**	_____
Title:	_____	**Title:**	_____

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