

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: April 26, 2021

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

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

- Cannabis Law

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-WORK SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Shim		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
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Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
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Shim		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		

As advertised, hearing will be held on 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)”

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on 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”

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2408 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT”

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on 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”

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on 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"

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. 2411 entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$745,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$517,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$217,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2412 entitled, "ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO FUND THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

139-2021	Mayor Suarez	National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day
140-2021	Mayor Suarez	Appoint Alternate Public Defender
141-2021	Councilman Jimenez	Cancel Capital Ordinance
142-2021	Councilman Castelli	Request Extension from DOT for FY2019 Roadway Improvement Grant
143-2021	Councilman Castelli	Award Bid-CDBG FY2019 Roadway Improvement Grant
144-2021	Councilman Jimenez	Professional Service Contract-Tax Appeal Attorney
145-2021	Councilman Castelli	Colliers Proposal-FY2020 NJDOT Local Aid
146-2021	Councilman Castelli	Colliers Proposal-FY2019 NJDOT Local Aid
147-2021	Councilman Kontolios	Approve PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Permission to Place Sign at Columbus Park:

Ridgefield Memorial High School
Graduating Class of 2021
Beginning Mid-May

Permission to Use Community Center:

Ridgefield Memorial High School Project Graduation
725 Slocum Avenue
May 15, 2021 –9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Application for Raffles License:

Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church
Off Premises Merchandise Draw Raffle
461 Bergen Boulevard
June 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Ridgefield Memorial High School Project Graduation
On Premises Merchandise Draw Raffle
725 Slocum Avenue
May 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS:

148-2021 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 26, 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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 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 12th day of April, 2021, 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

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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 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 12th day of April, 2021, 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				
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 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 12th day of April, 2021, 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

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Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 12, 2021

Presented by Councilman Penabad

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“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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 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 12th day of April, 2021, 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

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Approved:

Attest:

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Bergen County, New Jersey

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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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 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 12th day of April, 2021, 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
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Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

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ORDINANCE NO. 2411

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introduced on the 26th 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 10th day of May, 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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Presented by Councilman Castelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2411

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$745,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$517,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$217,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$745,000, said sum being inclusive of a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$417,000 and a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$100,000 (the "Grants") and a down payment in the amount of \$11,000 now available for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 etseq.) (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes or from moneys actually held by the Borough.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$745,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the Grants and down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$217,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$217,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued are improvements to various roadways in the Borough, including but not limited to, Pleasantview Terrace (from Shaler to Charlotte), Ray and Virgil Avenues (from Abbot to Prospect) and Studio Road (from Columbia to Art Lane) such improvements including, but not limited to, as applicable, milling, paving, reconstruction and resurfacing the roadways, the repairing and/or installation of curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons, drainage work, roadway painting, landscaping and aesthetic improvements, and also including all

engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$217,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$745,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is comprised of the Grants in the amount of \$517,000, and the down payment in the amount of \$11,000 for said improvements or purposes.

SECTION 4. Except for the Grants, in the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Bergen and/or a private entity make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough, for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Bergen and/or a private entity. Except for the Grants, in the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Bergen and/or a private entity, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full

detail of the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

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

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

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 20 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$217,000 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$100,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

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

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

SECTION 10. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders

and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2412

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

“ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO FUND THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY”

introduced on the 26th 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 10th day of May, 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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Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2412

“ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO FUND THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY”

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 Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to prepare and execute a complete program of revaluation of real property in the Borough for the use of the local tax assessor.

SECTION 2. As no budget appropriation was included in the local budget for the Borough for the year 2021 for such purposes, the Borough desires to adopt an ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(c) of the Local Budget Law appropriating the sum of \$200,000 and deeming same a special emergency appropriation in order to fund the purposes set forth in Section 1.

SECTION 3. Said special emergency appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budget by the inclusion of at least one-fifth of said amount each year commencing in 2022, and shall be financed from surplus fund available or from the issuance of special emergency notes, as authorized by spate resolution adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55.

SECTION 4. A certified copy of this ordinance as finally adopted will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2021

WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of Bergen County play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of each municipality and the County; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agencies of Bergen County with its seventy municipalities unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield call upon all residents of the Borough of Ridgefield and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 9-15, 2021 as Police Week, observing and commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield further call upon all residents of the Borough of Ridgefield to observe May 15, 2021 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers, who through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council appoints

ADAM LUSTBERG

as Alternate Public Defender for the remainder of calendar year 2021

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 141-2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, previously adopted Capital Ordinance 2285 entitled, "A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$114,500.00 FOR RIDGEFIELD NATURE CENTER FENCE IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND TO APPROPRIATE \$72,250.00 FROM A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT AND \$72,250.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (the "Original Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the project authorized by the Original Ordinance, certain unexpended project funds and unexpended grant funds remain in the project account for which the Original Ordinance appropriated funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be canceled against grant receivable balances, other receivable balances or credited to Fund Balance and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled in the General Capital Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that \$13,557.00 be cancelled from the original ordinance.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Borough of Ridgefield Council at their meeting held on Monday, the 26th day of April, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ridgefield Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey.

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2021

WHEREAS, there is Borough of Ridgefield was awarded a Municipal Aid grant for Fiscal Year 2019 (“FY2019”) from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”) in the amount of \$222,000 related to roadway improvements for Ray Avenue and Virgil Avenue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the FY2019 grant, the project should have been awarded to a contractor no later than March 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, because of the Coronavirus (“COVID-19) public health emergency, the Borough was unable to award such project in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, on account of COVID-19, Borough operations were interrupted, and there was uncertainty to funding capital projects; and

WHEREAS, during the period January 1, 2018 through the present date, Virgil Avenue and Ray Avenue have had 114 road opening details that impacted the roadway as to utility work by PSE&G and Suez Water Company; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to request a six (6) month extension of the time in which to award the FY2019 grant with the NJDOT;

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

1. The Borough will request a six (6) month extension from the NJDOT for the FY2019 Roadway Improvement grant.
2. Colliers Engineering & Design is authorized to request on behalf of the Borough a six (6) month extension consistent with the above and will issue such a request directly to the NJDOT.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield received a Fiscal Year 2019 CDBG (“Community Development Block Grant”) Roadway Improvement Grant for Pleasantview Terrace in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited and duly advertised by the Borough of Ridgefield on March 25, 2021 for the Fiscal Year 2019 CDBG Roadway Improvement Grant for resurfacing of Pleasantview Terrace; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on April 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and reviewed by a bid committee consisting of Carl O’Brien, of Colliers Engineering & Design and Frank Elenio, Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the results from the bid opening were as follows:

American Asphalt	\$90,853.25
4-Clean Up	\$100,520.65
DLS Contracting	\$128,380.00
D & L Paving	\$128,934.55
Marini Bros Const.	\$145,367.00

WHEREAS, after careful review and analysis, the Bid Committee recommends that a contract be awarded to American Asphalt., 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032 as the lowest responsible bidder for the base bid; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available the Capital Fund Account Number 04-2150-55-2411-001 in an amount not to exceed \$90,853.25, as certified by the Chief Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, in a letter dated April 19, 2021 recommends that a contract be awarded to American Asphalt; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a contract for the Fiscal Year 2019 CDBG Roadway Improvement in an amount not to exceed \$90,853.25 be awarded to American Asphalt., 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said bidder be required to execute and deliver the contract bond and other documents as set forth in the specification under with the bid was made within the time period therein specified, and thereupon the Mayor and Borough Council are hereby authorized to execute such a contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly executed copy of the contract be filed with the office of the Borough Clerk.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2021

WHEREAS, there is a need for an additional Tax Appeal Attorney in the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, the Mayor and Council have authorized the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into an agreement with Gloria Oh Law Group, LLC, having offices at 120 Sylvan Ave, Suite 202, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey for professional services as Tax Appeal Attorney without competitive bid; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be awarded under a Non-Fair and Open process as a professional services contract. The Borough has chosen to award this contract under a non-fair and open process based upon the fact that the contract price shall not exceed \$17,500.

WHEREAS, the Borough now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Gloria Oh Law Group, LLC as required by law;

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 Professional Services Agreement with Gloria Oh Law Group, LLC as required by law.
2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Tax Appeal Attorney within the Borough of Ridgefield; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Borough did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee of the Mayor and Council to be awarded the professional services agreement as Tax Appeal Attorney.
3. Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.
4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a "fair and open process" pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4*, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record* and/or www.ridgefieldnj.gov.
6. FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for the payment herein authorized shall be paid from the Account No. 01-2010-20-1562-187 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. The funds are available in the 2021 Temporary Budget as certified by the Chief Finance Officer; and that a duly executed copy of this resolution will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH
TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

THIS IS A CONTRACT for professional services made by and between the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereinafter called the "BOROUGH", and Gloria Oh Law Group, LLC, having offices at 120 Sylvan Ave, Suite 202, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, hereinafter called the "TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY".

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, the Mayor and Council have authorized the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into an agreement with the TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY for professional services as Tax Appeal Attorney without competitive bid; and

WHEREAS, this contract has been awarded under a Non-Fair and Open process as a professional services contract. Attachment A containing Non-Fair and Open Contract Contribution Prohibition Language is incorporated herein. The Borough has chosen to award this contract under a non-fair and open process based upon the fact that the contract price shall not exceed \$17,500.

WHEREAS, it is desirable and appropriate that the parties enter into a formal contract to memorialize the rights, duties and obligations of the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the parties, in consideration for the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, as follows:

1. **ENGAGEMENT:** The BOROUGH hereby engages the TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY to serve as Borough TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY for calendar year 2020, or until her/his successor qualifies. The TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY hereby accepts such engagement and agrees to provide the services required under this agreement.
2. **SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY shall perform all appropriate legal services in connection with tax appeals that are filed or are pending in connection with appeals of assessments on properties within the BOROUGH including matters before the Bergen County Board of Taxation and matters filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey.
3. **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:** The TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY shall be paid at an hourly rate of \$90.00 for all legal work in the field of tax appeals as assigned to it by the Mayor and Council. The TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY shall submit periodic vouchers with detailed specifications of services performed.

4. **ENGAGING OTHERS:** Nothing in this agreement shall prohibit the BOROUGH from engaging other tax appeal attorneys for specific matters if in the opinion of the Mayor and Council such is necessary.
5. **FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS:** This contract is awarded pursuant to a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.
6. **INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS:**
 - A. The parties to this agreement agree to incorporate into same the mandatory language of subsection 3.4(a) of the Regulations promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time, and the TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY agrees to fully comply with the terms, provisions and obligations of said regulation, provided that said subsection shall be applied subject to the terms of subsection 3.4(d) of said regulations.
 - B. The parties to this agreement agree to incorporate into same the mandatory language of section 5.3 of the Regulations promulgated by the Department of the Treasury pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY agrees to comply fully with the terms, provisions and obligations of said regulation.
7. **RIGHT TO RESCIND:** The award of this contract is subject to the BOROUGH'S right to rescind same within thirty (30) days of its issuance should the Mayor and Council determine that the TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY'S services are not performed satisfactorily in accordance with this contract.
8. **COUNTERPARTS:** The parties agree that this contract may be signed in separate counterparts, the effect of which will be the same as if one original were signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals on the day and year affixed next to their respective signatures.

DATE:

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

GLORIA OH LAW GROUP, LLC

By:_____

WITNESS:

DATE:

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2021

WHEREAS, there is a need for Professional Engineering Design Services regarding the design and construction administration services regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 NJDOT Local Aid grand for Roadway Improvements within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design., 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856, has submitted a proposal dated April 21, 2021 for such Services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to award a Professional Service Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Professional Engineering Design Services for an amount not to exceed \$35,750.00.

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 Colliers Engineering & Design as required by law.
2. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record* and/or www.ridgefieldnj.gov.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding is available in the 2021 budget in the Capital Improvement Authorization 04-2150-55-2411-002 in an amount not to exceed \$35,750.00 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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2021

WHEREAS, there is a need for Professional Engineering Design Services regarding the design and construction administration services regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 NJDOT Local Aid grand for Roadway Improvements within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design., 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856, has submitted a proposal dated April 21, 2021 for such Services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to award a Professional Service Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Professional Engineering Design Services for an amount not to exceed \$47,500.00.

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 Colliers Engineering & Design as required by law.
2. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record* and/or www.ridgefieldnj.gov.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding is available in the 2021 budget in the Capital Improvement Authorization 04-2150-55-2411-001 in an amount not to exceed \$47,500.00 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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield (“Borough”) and the Ridgefield PBA Local No. 330 (“PBA”) have been engaged in negotiations for a successor contract to the one that expired on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a settlement with respect to those negotiations, the terms and conditions of which have been set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement, dated April 12, 2021, a copy of which is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office, and in the new agreement between the Borough and the PBA for the years 2021-2025 (the “CBA”), which will be on file in the Borough Clerk’s office.

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

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Memorandum of Agreement, dated April 12, 2021, is authorized and approved.
3. The CBA is authorized and approved.
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.
5. Any resolution or parts of any resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

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

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between the Borough of Ridgelyield
and the
Ridgelyield PBA Local No. 330
April 12, 2021**

The Borough of Ridgelyield ("Borough") and the Ridgelyield PBA Local No. 330 ("PBA") agree to the following changes to the parties' collective bargaining agreement, subject to ratification by the parties' respective membership:

- **Term:** January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025.

- **Salary Adjustments:**
 - 2021 – 2%;

 - 2022 – 2%;

 - 2023 – 2%;

 - 2024 – 2%;

 - 2025 – 2%.

- **New Salary Guide:** A new salary guide shall be implemented for Officers hired on or after January 1, 2021. The new guide shall be labeled "schedule A3," and shall remove the "Academy Step," repurpose "Initial Step" as Year 1, and add one (1) step for a total of thirteen annual steps to reach max pay. The new guide should appear as follows:
 - Year 1
 - Year 2
 - Year 3
 - Year 4
 - Year 5
 - Year 6
 - Year 7
 - Year 8

 - Year 9
 - Year 10
 - Year 11
 - Year 12
 - Max.

- **Vacation Days:** Officers may, at their discretion, use five (5) of their allotted vacation days as individual, non-consecutive vacation days. The rest of the Officers' allotted vacation time can be scheduled according to Article 8, Section B, of the current collective bargaining agreement.

- **Health Care:** For the duration of this Agreement, all Officers covered under this agreement shall continue to contribute to the cost of their health care benefits in accordance with the "Year 4" contribution rate schedule set forth in P.L. 2011, Chapter 78.

- o Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Officer, with enough accrued service time to be eligible for retirement health benefits, who retires on or before December 31, 2021, shall contribute a maximum of 1.5% of their annual pension benefit to the cost of their retirement health care benefits; and
- o any Officer, with enough accrued service time to be eligible for retirement health benefits, who retires after December 31, 2021, shall contribute a maximum of 25% of their insurance premium to the cost of their retirement health care benefits.

- Longevity: Employees hired on or after January 1, 2021, shall not receive any longevity increment compensation.
- All other contractual terms not modified by this Memorandum of Agreement shall remain unchanged.

**Borough of Ridgefield
No. 330**

Ridgefield PBA Local


PRESIDENT

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

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 26, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$2,608,162.62**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$2,554,275.27
TRUST	\$2,396.40
CAPITAL	\$50,264.66
POOL	\$1,226.29
TOTAL	\$2,608,162.62

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk