

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: February 28, 2011

Open Public Meetings Statement by
Mayor Suarez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:03 P.M.
Adjourn: 6:46 P.M.

- NJMC Executive Director Senator Marcia A. Karrow
- Library HVAC Update

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

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:47 P.M.
Adjourn: 7:27 P.M.

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 7:33 P.M.
Adjourn: 8:28 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Todd	X	
Vincentz	X	
Severino	X	
Acosta	X	
Jimenez	X	

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Todd	X	
Vincentz	X	
Severino	X	
Acosta	X	
Jimenez	X	

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez	X	
Castelli	X	
Todd	X	
Vincentz	X	
Severino	X	
Acosta	X	
Jimenez	X	

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2161 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 92 “SALARIES AND COMPENSATION”, SECTION 92-1, “SALARIES” TO REDUCE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BY TEN PERCENT”

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. 2162 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 333 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED "SEWER CONNECTIONS; MAINTENANCE; WASTE WATER TREATMENT"

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

Public Hearing

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

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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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. 2164 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 75 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" TO MODIFY THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion:

Second:

113-2011 Councilman Acosta Towing Licenses-TABLED
 114-2011 Councilman Jimenez Freeze Act 2010 Tax Court Judgment-890 Banta Place

COUNCIL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS:

115-2011 Councilman Jimenez Censure
 116-2011 Councilman Jimenez Audit Recommendation
 117-2011 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Special Permit for Social Affair:

Ridgefield Lions Club APPROVED
 725 Slocum Avenue
 March 5, 2011 – 6:30-11:30 pm

Ridgefield UNICO APPROVED
 725 Slocum Avenue
 May 14, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight

Raffles License Application:

Ridgefield UNICO APPROVED
 Texas Hold’Em Tournament
 725 Slocum Avenue
 May 14, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Special Olympics New Jersey
50/50
725 Slocum Avenue
April 2, 2011 – 5:30-11:00 pm

APPROVED

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Mayor Anthony R. Suarez

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2161

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 92 “SALARIES AND COMPENSATION”, SECTION 92-1, “SALARIES” TO REDUCE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BY TEN PERCENT”

introduced on the 14th of February, 2011, 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			
Todd	X			
Vincenz	X			
Severino	X			
Acosta	X			
Jimenez	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2161

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 92 “SALARIES AND COMPENSATION”, SECTION 92-1, “SALARIES” TO REDUCE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BY TEN PERCENT”

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:

Section 92-1 Salaries.

(A) 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.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Range</u>
Mayor	\$6,750
Councilmen	\$4,500

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2162

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 V OF CHAPTER 333 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “SEWER CONNECTIONS; MAINTENANCE; WASTE WATER TREATMENT”

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COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2162

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 333 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “SEWER CONNECTIONS; MAINTENANCE;
WASTE WATER TREATMENT”

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend certain provisions of Article V of Chapter 333 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield entitled “Sewer Connections; Maintenance; Waste Water Treatment”; and

WHEREAS, said amendments have been recommended by the Public Works Committee of the Mayor and Council and the Superintendent of Public Works;

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

Section I:

Sections 333-24 through 333-32 of Article V of Chapter 33 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be, and hereby are, amended so as to provide as follows:

§ 333-24. Maintenance of sewers.

Maintenance of the public sewer, and all connections to the public sewer and all work performed on the public sewer system shall be performed by the Sewer Inspector, Department of Public Works or by a contractor approved by the Borough. The contractor shall be governed by the terms of the ordinances of the Board of Health and the Borough relating to sewer installation and maintenance, and shall comply with plans and specifications of the Borough Engineer and the Sewer Inspector on file with the Borough Clerk. The contractor shall be required to post a performance bond suitable to the Mayor and Council. The amount of work done by the contractor will depend on the number of applications for connections to the public sewer received and accepted by the Borough.

§ 333-25. Installation of a new house sewer lateral; fee.

Where there is no house sewer lateral available, the property owner shall apply to the Department of Public Works for a permit to construct a new house sewer lateral from the sewer main to the curb. The full cost of the required construction, including the cost to obtain the house sewer lateral and road opening permits (including fees) shall be the responsibility of the property

owner. A minimum fee of \$150 will be charged for the house sewer lateral permit. Where because of the nature and extent of the work to be done, the minimum permit fee is not sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of the Borough, the Sewer Inspector shall fix the fee at a higher figure to fully cover the costs and expenses of inspection of the house sewer lateral connection.

§ 333-25A. Repair or replacement of a house sewer lateral; fee.

Where an existing house sewer lateral must be repaired or replaced, the property owner shall apply to the Department of Public Works for a permit to repair/replace the house sewer lateral. The full cost of the required construction, including the cost to obtain the house sewer lateral and road opening permits (including fees) shall be the responsibility of the property owner. A minimum fee of \$150 will be charged for the house sewer lateral permit. Where because of the nature and extent of the work to be done the minimum permit fee is not sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of the Borough, the Sewer Inspector shall fix the fee at a higher figure to fully cover the costs and expenses of inspection of the house sewer lateral connection.

§ 333-26. Costs incident to house connections and house sewer lateral.

All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection maintenance and repair of the house connection and house sewer lateral shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the Borough from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the house connection.

§ 333-27. Connection of house plumbing system inspection.

Before any portion of the existing plumbing system outside of the house is connected to the house connection, the owner shall prove to the satisfaction of the Plumbing Inspector that it is clean and conforms in every respect to the ordinances of the Board of Health and the ordinances of the Borough; and before any portion of the house connection is connected to the sewer extension, the Plumbing Subcode Official shall be satisfied that the house connection is in good order and conforms in every respect to the requirements for construction thereof.

§ 333-28. Trenches for house connections and house sewer laterals. [Amended 3-24-2003 by Ord. No. 1811]

Trenches for house connections shall conform, in all manner and respects, to the provisions of Article III of Chapter 350, entitled "Street Openings and Excavations," of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield.

§ 333-29. Means of making plumbing connection.

Where connection is made between the portion of the house plumbing system outside of the building and the house connection, a long radius bend shall appropriately be installed at this connection along with a cleanout as required by the Plumbing Code. This connection shall be subject to the approval of the Plumbing Subcode Official who shall be given ample notice prior to such work.

§ 333-30. Tests by Plumbing Subcode Official.

The Plumbing Subcode Official may apply any appropriate test to the pipes, and the plumber and contractor at their own expense shall furnish all necessary tools, labor, materials and assistants for such tests and shall remove or repair any defective materials when so ordered by the Plumbing Subcode Official.

§ 333-31. Bond required.

Each contractor or other person performing work on Borough public property for the purpose of installing house connections shall post a bond or cash acceptable to the Department of Public Works or the Sewer Inspector. All work shall be adequately guarded with barricades, lights and other measures for protection to the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, curbs and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Borough.

§ 333-32. Schedule of fees and charges.

A. Establishment. There is hereby established the following schedule of fees and charges in connection with the use, operation, maintenance and construction of the public sewer system in the Borough of Ridgfield which is connected to a sewer metering station owned by the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA).

B. For the purpose of accurately calculating and recovering the industry related costs of the BCUA wastewater service charges, Ridgfield requires by municipal ordinance that certain industries install wastewater flow monitoring and sampling facilities.

C. Large industrial users. Those contributors defined and identified as large industrial users by the Bergen County Utilities Authority or as indicated in Section 11 shall also be charged a surcharge for actual use of wastewater treatment services for biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids and total flow, less a credit for the general sewer assessment in accordance with Section 17 Sanitary Sewers, Industrial Cost Recovery and User Charge System based upon the current annual sewer service rate as determined by the Bergen County Utilities Authority. Surcharge shall be based on excess over Bergen County Utilities Authority criteria for large industrial users.

D. Time and place of payment. All such charges shall be payable quarterly at the time and place set forth as printed on the bill and shall be prorated to take effect from the date of connection to an operating sewer.

E. Reduction of sewer charges.

(1) For each connection for service to a commercial business or industrial establishment wherein the metered premises is not discharging the entire volume of water into the sanitary sewer system, the user will be allowed a reduction in the charge, provided that the

said user installs facilities satisfactory to the Borough for measuring the volume either discharged or not discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

(2) The Borough may require the installation of facilities for measuring or determining the volume of sewerage discharge into the sanitary sewer system. The Borough may require any customer who is allowing well water or unmetered water from any source to enter the sanitary sewerage system to install facilities for measuring or determining the volume of the water entering the sanitary sewer system. All meters required by the terms of this section shall be read quarterly by a member of the Department of Public Works or Borough Engineer or authorized representative of the Borough.

F. Timing or scheduling of biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids sampling/testing. The surcharge for biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids in large industrial users will be based upon a minimum of one sample per quarter or the average of all samples that quarter.

G. Charges as a municipal lien. The aforesaid charges for the use of public sewers shall draw the same rate of interest from the date they became due as taxes upon real estate and shall be a lien upon the premises connected until paid, and the Borough shall have the same remedies for the collection thereof, with interest, costs and penalties as it has by law for the collection of taxes upon real estate.

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2163

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 328 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “RETAIL BUSINESS HOURS”

introduced on the 14th of February, 2011, 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			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Severino	X			
Acosta	X			
Jimenez	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2163

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 328 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “RETAIL BUSINESS HOURS”

WHEREAS, §328-1 only allows retail businesses to operate between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, Route 46 is a strategic intrastate highway which has extensive motor vehicle traffic 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the motoring public and the residents of Ridgefield to have retail businesses which border Route 46W.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that §328-2 be amended to read as follows:

§328-2. Exceptions.

A. Any business heretofore operating as an exception to §328-1 pursuant to the previous language of this §328-2EN shall be permitted to continue in operation, except that any continuous six-month cessation of operation by such prior excepted business shall be deemed a waiver and forfeiture of this right to continue, and said business shall be subject to the current language of §§328-1 and 328-2(A)(B).

B. Any retail business which borders Route 46W shall be exempt from §328-1 and shall be able to operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2164

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 75 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" TO MODIFY THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT"

introduced on the 28th of February, 2011, 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 14th day of March, 2011 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			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Severino	X			
Acosta	X			
Jimenez	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2164

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 75 “POLICE DEPARTMENT” TO MODIFY THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT”

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 75 “Police Department”, of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§ 75-9 Qualification for appointment.

D. All persons applying for appointment to the Police Department shall satisfy one of the following criteria prior to appointment:

1. Testing Procedure

- STEP 1 Applications are limited to the first one hundred-fifty (150) returned fully completed. An applicant will be rejected who has intentionally made a false statement or omitted pertinent information required in the application. A non refundable application fee of \$75.00 applies. Money orders only made payable to the Borough of Ridgefield.
- STEP 2 The written examination is administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.
- STEP 3 The top thirty-five (35) candidates are then invited to attend the physical fitness assessment.
- STEP 4 The top twenty (20) candidates are then invited to return for the oral interview before the Chief of Police, administrative officer and two members of either the police committee or the Mayor and Council.
- STEP 5 The final fifteen (15) candidates are then placed on an employment eligibility list that is good for twenty four (24) months, from the date the list is established. The order of the eligibility list will be based on total score comprised of; Written exam, physical assessment exam and the oral interview. Each portion will count as one third of the total score. Applicants who have served as a Special Police Officer in the Borough of Ridgefield for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the written exam will be awarded an additional five (5) points to their total score. Applicants that have established residency in Ridgefield for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the written exam will

receive an additional five (5) points to their final score for a maximum of ten (10) points added to the final score.

STEP 6 The top five (5) applicants will be sent for a psychological examination. Any applicant that does not pass the psychological examination will be removed from the eligibility list.

2. Transfers

Interested applicants shall submit letter requesting transfer to Chief of Police and Police Committee. Employment application shall be completed and background check conducted. After successful completion of background check, the appropriate authority shall authorize Chief of Police to continue hiring procedure.

3. Alternate Route

Obtain listing of alternate route candidates for various police academies who have successfully completed the police academy within the past two (2) years. Alternate route candidate applications currently on file may also be considered. Candidate must complete employment application and successfully complete background check. Interviews will be scheduled based upon a list of standardized questions and ranked according to answers to questions, appearance, attitude, poise and confidence, and interest and dedication for position. The score will then be averaged.

E. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment physical, drug screening, physical fitness exam and psychological exam.

F. No person shall be given or accept permanent appointment as a police officer in the Borough unless such person has been given a probationary or temporary appointment to such office for a period of one year after successfully completing a police training course at a school approved and authorized by the Police Training Commission in the Department of Public Safety of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:17B-66 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2011

WHEREAS, Chapter 366 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield entitled "Tow Trucks", requires the Mayor and Council to appoint six (6) tow companies to perform towing services within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reviewed the applications in conformity with the ordinance and has submitted it's report to the Mayor and Council for the appointment of such six companies; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to appoint companies pursuant to the ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that towing licenses be issued to:

46 AUTO REPAIR
EMERALD TOWING
TUMINO'S TOWING
VIEW TOWING
MANHATTAN TOWING
SANO'S TOWING

effective immediately through December 31, 2012.

COUNCIL VOTE TO TABLE

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

TABLED:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2011

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment for the year 2009 for Block 1502 Lot 5, also known as 890 Banta Place; and

WHEREAS, the stated stipulation for the year 2009 was approved at the September 27, 2010 Mayor and Council meeting as Resolution No. 268-2010; and

WHEREAS, the stipulation also entitles the taxpayer to a refund for the tax year 2010, per the Freeze Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Christopher and Kimberly Dobson be issued a refund in the amount of \$1,132.12 for the year 2010;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$1,132.12 made payable to Christopher and Kimberly Dobson and mailed to 890 Banta Place, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2011

WHEREAS, authorization was given by the prior administration to renovate Borough Hall, and to attempt to make said building ADA compliant; and

WHEREAS, the rush to get Borough Hall renovated to become ADA compliant took precedence over the safety and well being of all employees at the building, and the rules required to obtain permits and proper building authorization; and

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] Councilmen Severino, Vincentz and Todd's rush to get the building ADA compliant, Borough employees' safety was endangered and an emergency arose under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, requiring immediate air and wipe testing to the Borough Hall which occurred during site preparation for the installation of a handi-lift on December 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, expedient testing of affected basement and first floor lobby areas in the amount of \$3,956.20 was necessary to provide for the health and safety and welfare of the Borough of Ridgefield, and its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent have certified that proper procedures have been utilized in the Request for Emergency Purchases and that funds will be available from the Buildings and Grounds Line of the FY2010/2011 Budget; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the actions of the prior administration, the Borough has now incurred more costs and expenses, and incurred unnecessary construction costs, as the building is not ADA compliant at this time, pursuant to a report of the building department; and

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] the aforesated councilmembers are hereby censured for their needless waste of taxpayer money, wherein our budget is already in financial distress due to the actions of the prior administration [REDACTED];

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the emergency asbestos air and wipe testing system in the amount of \$3,956.20 be and hereby is approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds for this emergency repair will be available from the Buildings and Grounds Operating Expense line item of FY 2010/2011 Current Budget.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year ending June 30, 2010 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments
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as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 – to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52-“A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Ridgefield hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Todd	X			
Vincenz	X			
Severino	X			
Acosta	X			
Jimenez	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

 Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

 Linda M. Prina,
 Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

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GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM
RESOLUTION NO. 116-2011

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF BERGEN)

We, members of the governing body of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield.
2. In the performance of our duties, and pursuant to the Local Finance Board Regulation, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the Annual Municipal Audit filed with the Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 for the year 2010.
3. We certify that we have personally reviewed and are familiar with, as a minimum, the sections of the Annual Report of Audit entitled:

GENERAL COMMENTS
RECOMMENDATIONS

Anthony R. Suarez (L.S.)

Russell Castelli (L.S.)

Warren Vincentz (L.S.)

Javier Acosta (L.S.)

Angus Todd (L.S.)

Angelo Severino (L.S.)

Hugo Jimenez (L.S.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2011

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.

Joseph Luppino,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 28, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2011
(REVISED 2/25/11 – 3:30 PM)

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$1,897,612.51
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,868,071.50
TRUST	\$15,885.80
POOL	\$2,086.96
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	\$4,597.25
AGED ITEMS	\$6,971.00
TOTAL	\$1,897,612.51

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

Motion made by Councilman Vincentz to authorize the engagement of PSS for additional work on the Crown Carting application not to exceed \$5,000.00

Roll Call:

Councilman Castelli	Yes
Councilman Todd	Yes
Councilman Vincentz	Yes
Councilman Severino	Yes
Councilman Acosta	Yes
Councilman Jimenez	Yes