

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session, and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: February 9, 2009

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Public Session to Adjourn to Executive Session C.T.O.:

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

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

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 7:30 P.M. Adjourn: 8:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Reverend Donald P. Sheehan, St. Matthews Roman Catholic Church

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2075 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1661 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR FIXING FEES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT”

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

Public Hearing

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

Final Reading of Ordinance

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

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

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

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

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2076 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2077 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ETHICS IN LAND USE ACT"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

	Motion:	Second:
94-2009	Councilman Vincentz	Return of Escrow Monies
95-2009	Councilman Vincentz	Tax Court Judgment
96-2009	Mayor Suarez	Proclamation-Read Across America NJ
97-2009	Councilman Lonziserro	Towing Licenses 2009-2010
98-2009	Councilman Severino	Reject Bids-Ambulance Corps Roof
99-2009	Councilman Lonziserro	Appointment-Public Defender

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lonziserro	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Severino	X			
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X	99-2009		
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

100-2009	Councilman Vincentz	Warrants
101-2009	Mayor Suarez	Professional Service Contract Fee Cuts-TABLED
102-2009	Mayor Suarez	Communication with Borough Professionals- WITHDRAWN
103-2009	Councilman Vincentz	Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Execute Developers Agreement with CCH Holdings Group
104-2009		Authorize Borough Attorney to Negotiate Settlement Agreement with Ronald Schmidt & Assoc.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Raffles License Applications:

St. Matthews Church 50/50 April 26, 2009 – 1:15 p.m. 555 Prospect Avenue	APPROVED
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St. James Episcopal Church Tricky Tray March 28, 2009 – 12:00-4:00 p.m. 514 Abbott Avenue	APPROVED
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Special Permit for Social Affair:

Ridgefield Lions Club March 7, 2009 – 7:00-11:00 p.m. Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue	APPROVED
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COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

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,

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

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
Lonzifero	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Severino	X			
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
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

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

ORDINANCE NO. 2075

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1661 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR FIXING FEES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT”

introduced on the 26th day of January, 2009 do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and he 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
Lonzisero	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Severino	X			
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 26, 2009

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

ORDINANCE NO. 2075

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1661 ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE FIXING FEES FOR PROGRAMS OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the following programs by and within the Borough be added as follows:

Intro to Performing Arts (K-8 th grade)	\$40.00
Intro to Scrapbooking (6 th -8 th grade)	\$50.00

Section II. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

ORDINANCE NO. 2076

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

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

introduced on the 9th day of February, 2009, 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 23rd day of February, 2009 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 he 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
Lonzisero	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Severino	X			
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

ORDINANCE NO. 2076

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

Section I: Section 355-20 B of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled Membership, be and hereby is amended by making the changes set forth below:

SECTION 355-20 "MEMBERSHIP", B Types of Membership shall be amended as follows:

(2) Husband and wife membership. Must be “legally” married (couples who reside together, but are not legally married, cannot utilize this membership category).

(3) Head of household membership. For single-parents or families in which only one parent or guardian over the age of 18 wishes to join with their children, birth through 22 years of age.

(4) Individual. 10 years and older. Parents must sign for minors.

(8) A limited number of non-residents will be allowed to join, subject to being sponsored by a resident swim pool member. Resident pool members may only sponsor 1 non-resident pool membership per family. Any person caught registering as a “resident” and isn’t one is subject to immediate revocation of membership and loss of pool registration fee.

Section II: Section 355-21 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled Guest Policy be and hereby is amended by making the changes set forth below:

SECTION 355-21 “GUEST POLICY” shall be amended as follows:

A. (1) Swim pool members are entitled to purchase guest cards (limit two per season, 12 admittances per card for \$90 and six admittances per card for \$50). The remainder of A (1) remains unchanged.

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

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

Discount Period
3/30/09-5/16/09

Regular Season
5/17/09-9/7/09

Family (Husband, Wife & unmarried children under 22)	\$255.00	Family (Husband, Wife & unmarried children under 22)	\$285.00
Husband & Wife	\$225.00	Husband & Wife	\$255.00
Head of Household (Widow, Widower, Divorced, 1 Child \$10 per Additional Child)	\$225.00	Head of Household (Widow, Widower, Divorced, 1 Child \$10 per Additional Child)	\$255.00
Individual	\$160.00	Individual	\$185.00
Senior Citizen (62 or older)	\$ 90.00	Senior Citizen (62 or older)	\$115.00
Senior Citizen Husband & Wife	\$ 165.00	Senior Citizen Husband & Wife	\$210.00

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

	<u>Discount Period</u> <u>3/30/09-5/16/09</u>		<u>Regular Season</u> <u>5/17/09-9/7/09</u>
Family (Husband, Wife & unmarried children under 22)	\$480.00	Family (Husband, Wife & unmarried children under 22)	\$495.00
Husband & Wife	\$440.00	Husband & Wife	\$470.00
Head of Household (Widow, Widower, Divorced, 1 Child \$10 per Additional Child)	\$440.00	Head of Household (Widow, Widower, Divorced, 1 Child \$10 per Additional Child)	\$470.00
Individual	\$270.00	Individual	\$295.00
Senior Citizen (62 or older)	\$220.00	Senior Citizen (62 or older)	\$235.00

Fees for non-resident Borough employees will be \$10.00 more than the current category pool Resident rate.

Section IV: Section 355-24 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled Identification Badges, be and hereby is amended by making the changes set forth below:

SECTION 355-25 "IDENTIFICATION BADGES" shall be amended by replacing D. (1) with the following:

D. (1) There is a \$5.00 fee for each replacement badge. There is a \$3.00 charge for each member who forgets to bring his/her badge and then must be given a daily member wristband.

Section V: Section 355-27 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled General Prohibitions, be and hereby is amended by making the changes set forth below:

SECTION 355-27 "GENERAL PROHIBITIONS" shall be amended by replacing H. with the following:

H. Smoking is prohibited.

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

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Mayor Suarez

ORDINANCE NO. 2077

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

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ETHICS
IN LAND USE ACT”

introduced on the 9th day of February, 2009, 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 23rd day of February, 2009 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 he 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 TO TABLE

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

TABLED:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Mayor Suarez

ORDINANCE NO. 2077

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ETHICS
IN LAND USE ACT”

WHEREAS, this ordinance shall be known as the Borough of Ridgefield ethics in land use act; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Borough of Ridgefield’s land use boards are engaged in an extremely important purpose effecting the members of our community and our quality of life in every way; and

WHEREAS, it is important for members of the Ridgefield community to have complete confidence in the members of our land use boards as these boards effect the way we live and involve a variety of applications from out of town developers and/or interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that any application before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board, requires that any applicant before said board to set forth any ELEC reportable monetary contributions, i.e., those in excess of three hundred (\$300.00, to a Ridgefield political party and/or political committee and/or political candidate, within the past five (5) years, to indicate said contribution on a separate page appended to the appropriate board’s application, which shall be provided by the secretary to the respective land use board with the said application, and shall state at the top of said page,

“Please list all contributions in excess of \$300.00 to any Ridgefield political organization and/or candidate and/or candidate committee, within the past five (5) years.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and/or Planning Board of the Borough of Ridgefield, who was a candidate for election during the year of any political donation listed on said form to his/her political party, committee, and/or him/her as a candidate, shall be recused from the specific application at issue, and shall step down from the dais and not participate in any way with respect to the application at issue.

TABLED:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2009

WHEREAS, the following applicants have posted legal and engineering fees for development with the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment;

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Applicant</u>		<u>Amount</u>
2504	10	Art Upholstery/Sengul	529 Bergen Blvd	\$ 275.00
3104	6	St. Vartanantz Church	461 Bergen Blvd	1,135.50
1008	2	I.C.C. Gen Contractor, Inc.	898 Virgil Avenue	60.00
1701	1	686 Grand Corp.	686 Grand Avenue	1,136.00
3805	10	Metro One Oil Co.	1011 Hudson Avenue	920.65
0504	8	Park, Soon Tak	782 Grand Avenue	500.00

WHEREAS, Borough professionals have determined that all required improvements have been satisfactorily completed and all fees due for services rendered have been received:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough Treasurer is and hereby authorized to return the balance of escrow monies to the applicant.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 95-2009

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 1909 Lot 10, also known as 587 Bergen Boulevard for the year 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that 617 Realty Management Co, Inc. be issued a refund in the amount of \$1,209.71 for the year 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$1,209.71 made payable to 617 Realty Management Co, Inc. and mailed to 587 Bergen Blvd, Ridgefield NJ 07657.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Mayor Suarez

Proclamation
RESOLUTION NO. 96-2009

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Ridgefield stand firmly committed to the promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principal that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2009, which would have been the 105th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, Read Across America-NJ is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, Saturn-UAW, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council calls on the citizens of the Borough of Ridgefield to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA'S Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

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

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Lonziserio

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2009

WHEREAS, Chapter 366 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield entitled "Tow Trucks", requires the Mayor and Council to appoint four (4) 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 four 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:

VIEW AUTO BODY
46 AUTO REPAIR
TUMINO'S TOWING, INC.
MANHATTAN COLLISION SPECIALISTS, INC.

effective immediately through December 31, 2010.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Severino

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2009

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield required the services of a professional company to perform maintenance and replacement of the existing shingle roof, gutters and leaders at the Ridgefield Ambulance Corps Building (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on prior occasion pursuant to resolution and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Borough solicited bids for the maintenance and replacement of the existing shingle roof, gutters and leaders at the Ridgefield Ambulance Corps Building; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body did publish a Request for Proposals ("RFP") on or about December 8, 2008, for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk opened such bids on December 23, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated financial conditions of the Borough require a heightened awareness of costs for all Borough projects for the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a), the Borough may reject all bids if "the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services".

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council anticipated the cost of the services to be much lower than the bid amounts received.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that all of the bids submitted in response to the public procurement of services for maintenance and replacement of the existing shingle roof, gutters and leaders at the Ridgefield Ambulance Corps Building should be and are hereby rejected consistent with the reservation of right in the Bid Specifications and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as the lowest bid is substantially greater than the cost estimates of the Borough for this Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to re-advertise for bids for the above referenced project.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Lonzisero

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2009

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

ARISTIDES F. HERNANDEZ

and

SARAH K. RESCH

be appointed as Public Defenders for the calendar year 2009.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

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

Joseph Luppino,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$2,526,806.49
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$2,503,590.42
TRUST	\$16,128.87
CAPITAL	\$6,478.50
POOL	\$25.34
COAH	\$583.36
TOTAL	\$2,526,806.49

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lonzisero	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Severino	X		71226	
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2009

WHEREAS, the financial crisis that is gripping our country has effected every resident of the Borough of Ridgefield in one way or another; and

WHEREAS, now, more than ever, is the time for the members of the Ridgefield Mayor and Council to work in a bi-partisan manner to do the business for the residents of the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of professional services agreements for adoption at the January 26, 2009 meeting of the Ridgefield Mayor and Council involving the Borough's legal and financial professionals; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Ridgefield to keep taxes as low as possible so that they can afford to pay their expenses in this severe and serious economic situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that all professional service fees contained in the within professional service contracts, shall be cut by 20%, and those savings shall provide for taxpayer relief for the residents of the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE TO TABLE

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

TABLED:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 102-2009

WHEREAS, in the present economic environment, it is necessary to cut all unnecessary waste out of the municipal budget, and allow the Borough Administrator to conduct all municipal business in as cost efficient a manner as possible; and

WHEREAS, a number of expenses have been accrued by the Borough of Ridgefield which are unnecessary, including, but not limited to, traffic studies that could have been conducted by the Borough's Police Department, and not a professional engineer at additional cost to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator should be the only individual to communicate with the town professionals so that work can be done in a cost efficient manner, after the Administrator receives direction from the Mayor and Council, and not just one Councilperson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that no member of the Mayor and Council is to individually communicate with any town professional without a majority consensus from the Governing Body, and the communication with the professional is to be done through the Borough Administrator;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that no more traffic studies are to be conducted by Boswell Engineering as the same are not necessary as our Police Department is fully capable of engaging in such activity.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lonzisero				
Purdell				
Vincenz				
Severino				
Castelli				
Acosta				
Mayor Suarez				

WITHDRAWN

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Martin A. Gobbo,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting February 9, 2009

Presented by Councilman Vincentz

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2009

WHEREAS, CCH Holdings Group, LLC (“CCH”) intends to construct a 345 kv electric transmission line (the “Line”) originating at the PSE&G substation on Hendricks Causeway in Ridgefield, New Jersey and ultimately connecting to the power grid in Manhattan (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the proposed Project should be authorized consistent with adequate oversight by the Borough Engineer’s office and in accordance with the terms of this developers agreement between CCH and the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has negotiated said developers agreement with CCH for terms that are satisfactory to the Mayor and Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the developers agreement for the construction of the electric transmission line.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 104-2009

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough Attorney is authorized to negotiate a settlement agreement with Ronald Schmidt and Associates as per the terms discussed in Executive Session.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

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