

Public Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on June 10, 2019 at 7:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the Ridgefield Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657.

Mayor Suarez stated that this meeting of the Mayor and Council is being conducted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act; adequate notice of the meeting has been given by publishing notice in The Record. Furthermore, notice was posted in the Borough of Ridgefield Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mayor Suarez, Councilman Castelli, Councilman Penabad, Councilman Shim, Councilman Jimenez, Councilman Kontolios and Councilwoman Larkin are present.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor asked everyone to remain standing in memory of those that have passed away since the last meeting.

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

#### Correspondence:

Notice from Board of Health on free rabies clinic, Division of Community Transportation Public Hearing, BCUA Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant for Slocum Skewes and Shaler Academy, Gloria Oh's resignation from Assistant Substitute Prosecutor, Municipal Court report, Gregory Pfeiffer's resignation from Rent Leveling Commission, and proposal from Carroll Engineer

Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2018 Public Session, June 20, 2018 Public Session Meeting, July 18, 2018 Public Session, August 8, 2018 Public Session, September 5, 2018 Public Session, September 19, 2018 Public Session, October 3, 2018 Public Session, October 17, 2018 Public Session, November 7, 2018 Public Session, December 19, 2018 Public Session, January 4, 2019 Sine Die, January 4, 2019 Reorganization, February 11, 2019 Public Session, February 25, 2019 Public Session, March 11, 2019 Public Session, March 25, 2019 Public Session, April 8, 2019 Public Session, April 22, 2019 Public Session, May 13, 2019 Public Session, and May 28, 2019 Public Session Meetings – APPROVED [C/M Castelli abstained from all; C/M Jimenez abstained from 6/6/18 and 10/17/18; C/W Larkin abstained from 6/6/18 and 6/20/18; Mayor Suarez yes on 6/6/18]

#### Presentation of Proclamations to H & Y Mart

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

180-2019	Mayor Suarez	Community Development Representatives
181-2019	Councilman Castelli	2019 Lawn Maintenance Agreement
182-2019	Councilman Castelli	Matrix New World Professional Service Contract
183-2019	Councilman Jimenez	Shared Service Agreement with Bergen County for Animal Control

184-2019 Councilman Castelli Appoint Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer  
185-2019 Councilman Jimenez Correct Resolution Appointing Borough Attorney

Roll Call:

Councilman Castelli YES  
Councilman Penabad YES  
Councilman Shim YES  
Councilman Jimenez YES  
Councilman Kontolios YES  
Councilwoman Larkin YES, Abstain 181-2019

RESOLUTIONS:

186-2019 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

Roll Call:

Councilman Castelli YES  
Councilman Penabad YES  
Councilman Shim YES  
Councilman Jimenez YES  
Councilman Kontolios YES  
Councilwoman Larkin YES

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

The Mayor wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

The Mayor thanked everyone at the pool for saving the life of the young girl.

The Mayor thanked the police department for keeping the town safe from the car chase. He is glad the town and the police department are safe.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> the rabies clinic will take place at the Ambulance Corp.

The Mayor, Borough Administrator Ray Ramirez and Councilman Kontolios met with the Board of Education. The Mayor attended the scholarship meeting and congratulated the Class of 2019.

**N.J. State Firemen's Association Membership Application:**

Matthew Bonaguaro APPROVED  
27 Rosetree Terrace C7  
Company No. 2

## COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

Councilman Castelli thanked the police department for doing a good job on the chase. He is glad everyone is safe. He thanked residents and lifeguards for saving the girl.

Councilman Kontolios attended the funeral of James Brierty and offered his condolences. The Environmental Commission formed a subcommittee on the nature center. He invited the WeLoveU Foundation to the Mayor and Council meeting to give feedback but the group had cancelled.

Borough Administrator Ray Ramirez offered his condolences to the Brierty family. He thanked everyone for saving the life of the girl at the pool.

Councilman Jimenez stated it was nice to see Mike Jacobs. The Mayor, Councilwoman Larkin, and Councilman Jimenez attended the scholarship meeting and gave out a scholarship. He invited the public to the rabies clinic at the Ambulance Corp. He invited the Mayor and Council to the next Board of Health meeting. Councilman Jimenez attended an Englewood meeting regarding deer management and needs to talk to the Chief of Police for more information.

Councilwoman Larkin wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day. She thanked Borough Administrator Ray Ramirez and the pool for saving the girl. He thanked the police department for keeping the town safe during the chase.

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

Sean Shilinsky – 764 Abbott Avenue – He had many concerns regarding the potential new municipal building land and the nature center. He questioned if there was money set aside for remediating land and why the land was not partitioned off. He questioned the need for another consulting company. Borough Attorney Steve Pellino stated they are still investigating if the land will need remediation. He stated the Council does not know what to be done yet. The Mayor stated the Council is being proactive in regards to looking at another consulting company to get a competitive quote for the same work as recommended by DMR. The Council was not told to close off the entire area by DMR and it was only partitioned off because the Council was being proactive. It was concluded the land did not need to be partitioned off.

Brandy Mariah – 608 Shaler Boulevard – She stated the Mayor and Council are doing a good job. She questioned the status of Edgewater and what will happen the PSE&G pole by the baseball field. The Mayor stated the reason Edgewater was not taken care of yet was because SUEZ Water was working on pipes. The Council cannot tell SUEZ to stop because the work is preventing a lead issue. The work on the roads will start in September. Borough Administrator stated he will call PSE&G in regards to the pole by the baseball field.

Debbie Fugnitti – 602 Elm Avenue – She stated the Environmental Commission requests the Mayor and Council talk with the Nature Center Subcommittee before going into another phase. Councilman Kontolios stated there is no phase two or phase three right now. He stated the Council will talk to the Environmental Commission before moving forward with any potential phases.

Robert Gillies – 619 Ray Avenue – He stated for the Environmental Commission to complete their duty of being an advisory committee they need to be involved in the process. He stated the Nature Center Subcommittee should be involved with future protocols for the nature center. He questioned the status of the Florence Avenue properties. The Mayor stated the Council just got one quote from the company doing the survey on the Florence Avenue. Borough Attorney Steve Pellino stated there is a four month timeline and the big issue is how long the survey will take.

Aideen Kirk – 461 Shaler Boulevard – She has concerns over the safety of the Ridgefield Summer Camp and wants to make sure there is a safety protocol in place. She asked for crossing guards in the morning and the afternoon for the camp.

Nestor Delgado – 634 Shaler Boulevard – He stated he would like a Green Team and wished for a Community Garden. Councilman Kontolios thanked him for moving the garden to the 9/11 Memorial.

Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk