

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: June 8, 2015

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Public Session to Adjourn to C.T.O.: 6:32 P.M.
Executive Session: Adjourn: 6:37 P.M.

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

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:37 P.M.
Adjourn: 7:24 P.M.

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 7:32 P.M.
Adjourn: 7:50 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

Correspondence:

Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2015 Public Session, February 23, 2015 Public Session, and March 9, 2015 Public Session Meetings - APPROVED

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2283 entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$650,000 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE TRUSS ROOF AND INSTALLATION OF A FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$617,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

Table with 5 columns: Name, Adj. to Ex. Pres., Adj. to Ex. Abs., Public Pres., Public Abs. Rows include Mayor Suarez, Castelli, Acosta, Penabad, Shim, Todd, Vincentz.

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

Table with 3 columns: Name, PRESENT, ABSENT. Rows include Mayor Suarez, Castelli, Acosta, Penabad, Shim, Todd, Vincentz.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

- 171-2015 Mayor Suarez Support for the Replace Bridge #10.73 Overpeck Creek Bridge Project of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corp.
- 172-2015 Councilman Penabad Senior/Disabled Deductions
- 173-2015 Councilman Penabad Veteran Deduction
- 174-2015 Councilman Castelli Hire 2015 Summer Playground Personnel

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

- 175-2015 Councilman Penabad Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

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

Wes B. Hudson  
 36 Emerson Street  
 Ridgefield Park  
 Co. 1

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. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2015

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.

<b>COUNCIL VOTE</b>				
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Acosta				
Penabad				
Shim				
Todd				
Vincentz				
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 June 8, 2015

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2283

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

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$650,000 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE TRUSS ROOF AND INSTALLATION OF A FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$617,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

introduced on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Ridgefield Public Library, 527 Morse Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2015

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2283

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$650,000 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE TRUSS ROOF AND INSTALLATION OF A FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$617,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

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

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$650,000, such sum includes the sum of \$32,500 as the down payment as required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$617,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$617,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued is for the renovations to the truss roof and installation of a fire protection system for the

Community Center, and including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$617,500.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$650,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

#### SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. 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 Notes issued pursuant to this 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 subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) 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 purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

#### SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The 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, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

#### SECTION 6:

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

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire 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 the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations

authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. 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 and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$617,500 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$125,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

#### SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

#### SECTION 8:

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

#### SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$617,500.

#### SECTION 10:

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

Approved:

---

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

---

Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2015

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 171-2015

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Rail Freight Assistance Program allocated \$4,321,800.00 for a State Grant funded by the Transportation Trust Fund to The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation for Replacement of Bridge #10.73 Overpeck Creek Bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield would realize a safer, more reliable rail freight transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield does hereby support the Replacement of Bridge #10.73 Overpeck Creek Bridge.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2015

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2015

WHEREAS, the following Senior/Disabled Deductions have been allowed for the year 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deductions be refunded accordingly;

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUALIFIER</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2205	14	CX554	Scrivanich, Maria 554 Hillside Street	\$250.00
2804	16		Graziano, Virginia 485 Linden Court	\$250.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in accordance with the above schedule.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2015

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 173-2015

WHEREAS, the following Veteran Deduction has been allowed for the year 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the deduction be refunded in accordance with the following schedule;

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3306	3	McMonigle, William 754 Lancaster Road	\$250.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in accordance with the above schedule.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2015

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 174-2015

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the following be hired as Summer Playground Personnel for the 2015 season at the hourly rate indicated:

Betacourt	Bryan	9.00	Fugnitti	Victoria	9.00
Biocchi	Richard	9.25	Gil	Alesia	9.00
Castel	Stephen	9.50	Griffin	Elizabeth	9.00
Correa	Louis	9.25	Hall	Aniella	9.00
DiMayo	Richard	9.00	Hill	Annabel	9.00
Goldman	Michael	9.00	Jakuc	Taylor	9.25
Gibaldi	Patrick	9.50	Marillo	Laura	9.00
Guzman	Eric	9.00	Picinich	Krystal	9.25
Lema	Christopher	9.00	Rush	Emma	9.25
Lema	Jonathan	9.00	Semeraro	Marissa	9.00
LoBello	Christopher	9.00	Tino	Emily	9.00
Martucci	Christopher	9.25	Walsh	Hailey	9.00
Miano Jr.	John	9.00			
Palaia	Nikolas	9.25	Amato	Arianna	9.00
Pych	William	9.50	Baric	Alessandra	9.00
Rueda	Randy	9.25	Bonaguaro	Kyla	9.00
Rueda	Robert	11.25	Castel	Caitlin	9.00
Cekic	Samir	9.25	Dorsey	Alexis	9.00
Shaffer	Michael	9.25	Garcia	Natalie	9.00
Seabold	Kyle	9.00	Grimaldos	Stephanie	9.00
Zubi	Anas	9.25	Lara	Jacqueline	9.00
			Lozano	Rebecca	9.00
Gioia	Abreu	9.00	Mercado	Arianah	9.00
Melissa	Cahill	11.25	Rodriguez	Giannie	9.00
Carrero	Vivianna	9.00	Schaffer	Sarah	9.00
Daniels	Caterina	9.25	Torres	Emily	9.00
DelleDonna	Tessa	9.00			
Dobrzynski	Sara Jo	9.25	Grimaldos	Jonathan	9.00
D'Onofrio	Gianna	9.00	Mataras	Dimitri	9.00
Dorsey	Nicole	9.25	Mahmutbegovic	Haris	9.00

Navarrete	Joshua	9.00	Morilla	Mercedes	9.00
Nicholas	Sawh	9.00	Morin	Lexie	9.00
Bohan	Brendan	9.00			
			Abril	Laszlo	9.00
Jeoung	Angie	9.00	Agil	Laith	9.00
Gonzalez	Arlet	9.00	Zoino	Adriano	9.00
Garofalo	Brooke	9.00	Ryan	Tina	11.25
Morales	Maria	9.00			

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

Approved:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

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

---

Frank Berardo,  
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting June 8, 2015

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$1,999,923.56**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,938,189.67
TRUST	\$42,513.05
CAPITAL	\$5,000.00
POOL	\$14,214.24
DOG LICENSE	\$6.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,999,923.56</b>

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X	X*	89857	
Mayor Suarez				

\*89814, 89815

Approved:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk