

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Regular and Executive Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: March 25, 2024

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Jimenez

Public Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Ryu		
Congalton-Hali		
Kim		
Ramundo		
Said		

123-2024 Councilman Kontolios Police Promotions

Swearing in of Deputy Chief and Captain

124-2024 Mayor Jimenez Proclamation-Women’s History Month

Presentation of Women’s History Month Certificates

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2482 entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO DELALLA TERRACE, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$121,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,952 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

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

Public Hearing

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

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2483 entitled, "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PATIO AREA AT THE COMMUNITY POOL, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$70,000 THEREFOR FROM A LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT RECEIVED OR EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF"

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Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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CONSENT AGENDA:

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

125-2024	Councilman Said	Authorize 2023 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant
126-2024	Councilman Said	Salary Increase-Collections System Official
127-2024	Councilman Said	Tax Lien Redemption
128-2024	Councilman Ryu	Appointment to Environmental Commission
129-2024	Councilman Said	Authorize Purchase of 2022 Ford Lightning Pick Up
130-2024	Councilman Said	Disposal of Equipment
131-2024	Councilman Kontolios	Approve 12.39 Special Ruling-VL Liquor LLC
132-2024	Councilman Said	Return of Escrow-Gandour
133-2024	Councilman Said	Transfer of Appropriation Reserves

Fire Department Membership:

Michael Issa  
591 Fairlawn Parkway  
Saddle Brook, NJ  
Company #1

Perry Bonaguaro  
27 Rosetree Terrace  
Company #1

Coin Toss Request:

RMHS Softball  
Saturday, April 6, 2024  
Rain Date: Sunday, April 7, 2024

Ridgefield FC  
Saturday, April 13, 2024  
Rain Date: Sunday, April 14, 2024

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

**RESOLUTIONS:**

134-2024      Councilman Said                      Warrants

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR:**

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:**

**COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATOR:**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2024

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield Police Department is in need of restructuring; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has made a recommendation as to the restructuring consistent with the table of organization as adopted by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee has considered the Chief's recommendation and has recommended to the Mayor and Council that these promotions be made; and

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

Captain Kenneth Sheridan be promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief; and  
Lieutenant Bruno Carbone be promoted to the rank of Captain

effective March 21, 2024.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

# Proclamation

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2024

WHEREAS, New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation, state, and Borough in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history by volunteering and establishing charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that it hereby joins the national celebration of Women’s History Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby recognizes and congratulates the honorees here tonight for their significant and positive impact on our community.

Approved:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

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Presented by Councilman Said

ORDINANCE NO. 2482

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

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO DELALLA TERRACE, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$121,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,952 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

introduced on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, 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**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$121,000, said sum being inclusive of a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$78,000 (the “Grant”) and a down payment in the amount of \$2,048 now available for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 *etseq.*) (the “Local Bond Law”). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes or from moneys actually held by the Borough.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$121,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the down payment and the Grant, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$40,952 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$40,952 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued are roadway improvements to Delalla Terrace including, but not limited to, as applicable, milling, paving, reconstruction and resurfacing the roadways, the repairing and/or installation of curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons, drainage work, roadway painting, landscaping and aesthetic improvements, and also including all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$40,952.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$121,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is comprised of the Grant in the aggregate amount of \$78,000 and the down payment in the amount of \$2,048 for said improvements or purposes.

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

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

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.



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

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

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

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$40,952 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$24,200 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

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

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

SECTION 10. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

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introduced on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”), wishes to undertake improvements to the patio area at the Community Pool; and

WHEREAS, the cost of said improvements or purposes is estimated to be \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$70,000 from a Local Recreation Improvement Grant received or expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to undertake the improvements.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (a majority of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The capital improvements or purposes described below are hereby authorized as general capital improvements to be undertaken by the Borough. For the said improvements or purposes, the Borough hereby appropriates the amount of \$70,000 from a Local Recreation Improvement Grant received or expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 2. The capital improvements or purposes hereby authorized are improvements to the patio area at the Community Pool including, but not limited to, repaving of driveway between the pool and recreation building, pool deck walkway improvements, and fencing improvements along the pool path, and also including, as applicable, engineering and design work, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto. All expenditures for such improvement or purpose shall comply with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.

SECTION 3. The expenditures for the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 2 hereof are hereby authorized and approved. The Mayor, the Clerk, the Chief Financial Officer or

any other official/officer of the Borough is each hereby authorized and directed to execute, deliver and perform any agreement to undertake the improvements or purposes set forth herein and to effectuate the transaction contemplated hereby.

SECTION 4. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is on file in the Office of the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and approval by the Mayor as described in N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$ 125,026.00 matching grant award from the 2023 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled Veteran’s Memorial Park: Passive Area, Pavilions, Benches, Tables, Chess Tables, located in Block 1401, Lot 2 on the tax maps of the Borough of Ridgefield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Hugo Jimenez to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 13, 2025; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements. Professional Services Costs may be reimbursed from grant award’s unexpended balance, should there be a balance.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kontolios				
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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that salary for the Collections System Official be increased to \$8,000 per year effective January 1, 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
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Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
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Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2024

WHEREAS, The Estate of Bernice Forkan, have deposited a check in the amount of \$24,637.19 into the Suspense Account for the redemption and subsequent taxes of Tax Lien # 22-004, Block 1304, Lot 5, further known as 464 Lawton Ave., sold to FEDIGAN, LLC and whereas \$54,000.00 was deposited into the Trust Account for the premium at the time of tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue and sign a check in the amount of \$24,637.19 from the Suspense Account and a check for \$54,000.00 from the Trust Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of \$24,637.19 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Suspense Account 01-2999 and the check in the amount of \$54,000.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Trust Account 03-2950 and be made payable to: FEDIGAN, LLC and be mailed to 474 MARY ALLEN WAY, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
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Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Councilman Ryu

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council appoints to the Environmental Commission:

NESTOR DELGADO, 1st ALTERNATE

for the unexpired term of Brandy Mariah through December 31, 2025; and

MICHELE GILLIES, 2nd ALTERNATE

for a one year term through December 31, 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

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Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2024

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is in need of a pick up truck: and

WHEREAS, the vehicle can be purchased from a vendor under the State of New Jersey Purchase Program, State contract #19-GNSV2-00853; and

WHEREAS, United Rentals North America of Ridgefield Park, NJ, 222 Bergen Turnpike, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660 is an authorized Vendor; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of good and services from the State Contract vendor without competitive bidding is authorized by Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase is \$37,500.00 and funding for this purchase is available through Bond Ordinance 2421 and 2441, account numbers 04-2150-55-2421-001 and 04-2150-55-2441-003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to approve and forward a purchase order to United Rentals North America of Ridgefield Park, NJ, 222 Bergen Turnpike, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660 for the purchase of one 2022 Ford Lightning Pick Up in an amount not to exceed \$37,500.00.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2024

The Borough of Ridgefield has surplus equipment that is no longer usable nor needed for Borough operations. The following item is to be removed from the Borough of Ridgefield's fixed asset list and disposed.

Asset Number	Description	Department/Use	Serial Number
10606	Canon Imagerunner Copier	DPW	2586B001AA

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2024

WHEREAS, a Special Ruling to Permit Renewal of Inactive Liquor License was applied for by VL Liquor LLC and

WHEREAS, the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has granted said Permit for the 2023-2024 License Term pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33.1-12.39;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0249-33-009-011 be issued to VL Liquor LLC pursuant to an Act of Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" passed December 6, 1953 and amendments thereto, and the Borough Ordinance 498 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" adopted July 2, 1946, and amendments thereto. Said license to expire June 30, 2024.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2024

WHEREAS, the following applicant has posted engineering escrow monies with the Borough for payment to Borough professionals in conjunction with said development; and

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Block and Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Antoine Gandour	571 Hillside Street	2203; 6	\$ 265.00

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 Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to return the balance of escrow monies to the applicant.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that if, during the first three months of any fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation reserves over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill its purpose, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to an appropriation reserve or any appropriation in the prior budget deemed to be insufficient to fulfill its purpose or for which no reserve was provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer is herewith directed to execute the following transfers in the calendar year 2024 budget appropriation reserves:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Health Officer SW	10,000.00	
Legal Services O/E		10,000.00

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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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.

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Francis J. Elenio,  
Chief Financial Officer



BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$1,297,197.86**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,109,522.30
TRUST	\$131,416.95
CAPITAL	\$49,365.00
POOL	\$3,594.86
COAH	\$1,298.75
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,297,197.86</b>

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 25, 2024

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

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
Kontolios				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Said				
Mayor Jimenez				

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:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk