

The public is invited to participate in the work session meeting at 6:00 pm and the public session meeting at 7:00 pm by calling 1 (929) 205-6099 MEETING ID: 841 0777 8874 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84107778874> or the Zoom Meeting Link can be accessed from the Borough's Website: [www.ridgefieldnj.gov](http://www.ridgefieldnj.gov) on the Home Page.

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: March 28, 2022

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

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

- Passport Inc.-Resident Parking

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

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

Public Session: 7:00 P.M. C.T.O.:  
Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

**ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		
Dorsett		

**ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		
Dorsett		

**ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Penabad		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		
Dorsett		

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2429 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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.

111-2022	Councilwoman Larkin	Hire Part-Time Community Center Attendant
112-2022	Councilman Jimenez	EPG Energy
113-2022	Councilman Jimenez	Sale of Surplus Personal Property

**Application for Raffles License:**

Ridgefield Memorial High School PTA  
Carnival

April 27, 2022	6:00-11:00 pm
April 28, 2022	6:00-11:00 pm
April 29, 2022	6:00 pm-Midnight
April 30, 2022	2:00 pm-Midnight
May 1, 2022	2:00-10:00 pm

Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church  
Off Premise Merchandise Raffle  
June 5, 2022                    1:00 pm

**Coin Toss Request:**

RMHS Track  
Saturday, May 7, 2022  
Rain Date: Sunday, May 8, 2022

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

114-2022      Councilman Jimenez      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 28, 2022

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.

COUNCIL VOTE				
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
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:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 28, 2022

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2429

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage a regular meeting to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue 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**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 28, 2022

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2429

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

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

Section I: Chapter 70 of the Borough Code, entitled “Personnel Policies” be and hereby is amended by adding to the existing provisions of that Chapter a new Article, to be denominated Article VIII, entitled “Driver’s License Policy”, and the following new code section 70-41 be added thereto as follows:

Section 70-41: Any employee or volunteer whose work or service requires the operation of a Municipal motor vehicle must hold a valid New Jersey State Driver’s License.

All new employees and volunteers who will be assigned work, or will perform service, entailing the operation of a Municipal vehicle will be required to submit to a New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission driving record background check as a condition of employment or volunteer service. A report indicating a suspended or revoked license status may be cause to deny or terminate employment, or to prohibit or limit the service of a prospective volunteer.

Employees and volunteers whose work or service entails the operation of a Municipal motor vehicle shall submit to periodic checks of their drivers’ licenses through visual and formal Motor Vehicle Commission review to be made by Supervisors and/or police personnel. Any employee or volunteer who does not hold a valid driver’s license will not be allowed to operate a Municipal motor vehicle until such time as a valid license is obtained.

Any employee or volunteer working or performing a service, which entails the operation of a Municipal vehicle must notify the immediate supervisor in those cases where the employee’s or volunteer’s license is expired, suspended or revoked and/or who is unable to obtain an occupational permit from the State Department of Licensing. Any employee or volunteer that fails to report such a circumstance will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension, demotion, termination or other form of discipline. An employee or volunteer who fails to immediately report a driver’s license revocation or suspension to their supervisor, and who continues to operate a Municipal vehicle, shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including possible termination.

Any information obtained by the Borough in accordance with this section shall be used by the Municipality only for carrying out its lawful functions and for other lawful purposes in accordance with the Driver's Privacy Protection Act (18 U.S.C. S 2721 et. seq.)

Consistent with the above, all employees performing work which requires the operation of a Borough vehicle shall be required to sign a consent form or other or similar authorization for the Borough to obtain records from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission pertaining to the status of the employee's driver's license and recent driver's history (abstract).

Section II: The Borough's Policy and Procedure Manual, specifically the section labeled "Driver's License Policy" be and hereby is amended by adding to the existing language, at the end of that section, the following:

Consistent with the above, all employees performing work which requires the operation of a Borough vehicle shall be required to sign a consent form or other or similar authorization for the Borough to obtain records from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission pertaining to the status of the employee's driver's license and recent driver's history (abstract).

Section III: Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section IV. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 28, 2022

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2022

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

MARIA D MINANO GOLDMAN

be hired as a part-time Community Center Attendant at the rate of \$16.00 per hour effective immediately.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 28, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2022

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield has directed the Borough Administrator to conduct research to determine whether the Borough could purchase electricity at a discounted fee below PSE&G standard rates; and

WHEREAS, after conducting their due diligence, the Borough Administrator has determined that it would be in the Borough's best financial interest to retain the services of EP&G as an independent electricity provider.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby directs the Borough Administrator with the assistance of the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Attorney to negotiate and enter into an Agreement with EP&G Strategy to run a reverse auction for the purchase of discounted electricity, with Contract Terms not exceeding Statutory Term Limits.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 28, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF RIDGEFIELD AUTHORIZING THE  
SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE  
ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield has determined that the personal property described on Schedule A attached hereto and incorporated herein is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield intends to utilize the online auction services of GovDeals located at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) through the Sourcewell National Cooperative for which the Borough and GovDeals are both participants of; and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and the guidance set forth in the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2019-15,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Ridgefield in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Ridgefield is hereby authorized to sell the surplus personal property as indicated on Schedule A on an online auction website entitled [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between GovDeals and the Borough of Ridgefield are available at [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com) and in the Borough Clerk's office.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE				
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Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

## SCHEDULE A

2003 Ford-450 Ambulance, VIN #1FDXE45F13HB14689. Vehicle has 84,242 miles and is in fair condition.

2007 Ford-450 Ambulance, VIN #1FDXE45P17DA56038. Vehicle has \_\_,\_\_\_ miles and is in fair condition.

Stryker Stretcher. Model 6506 MTS, Power Pro Cot, Low Configuration. Excellent condition

Stryker Stretcher. Model 6082 MX-PRO in good condition.

Stryker Stair Chair. Model 6251 Stair-Pro in good condition.

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 28, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$2,660,646.39**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,696,047.28
TRUST	\$35,459.90
CAPITAL	\$928,726.01
POOL	\$400.00
DOG LICENSE	\$13.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,660,646.39</b>

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk