

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Regular and Executive Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: May 13, 2024

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Jimenez

Public Session: 6:00 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		

As advertised, hearing will be held on CY2024 Municipal Budget

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

149-2024 Councilman Said

Adoption of CY2024 Budget

Earth Day Poster Contest Winners

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2485 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 35 "FIRE DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD"

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2486 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR"

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

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2487 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS"

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

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2488 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 319, §319-5 FEE FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION AND CHAPTER 390, §390-264 FEE FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

As advertised, hearing will be held on the submission of a 2024 Bergen County Trust Fund grant application

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

150-2024 Councilwoman Congalton-Hali Authorize 2024 Bergen County Trust Fund Application for Park Development

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.

- 151-2024 Councilman Kontolios Appoint School Crossing Guard
- 152-2024 Councilman Kontolios 2024-2026 Snow Plowing and Salting Agreement with County of Bergen
- 153-2024 Councilman Kontolios Non-Participation in Statewide Emergency Building Inspection Mutual Aid Program
- 154-2024 Councilman Said Cancel Outstanding Checks
- 155-2024 Councilman Said Tax Lien Redemption-888 Maple Avenue
- 156-2024 Councilman Kontolios Liquor License Transfer-VL Liquor LLC
- 157-2024 Councilman Kontolios Hire DPW/Sanitation Employee-Hegarty
- 158-2024 Councilwoman Congalton-Hali Hire Swim Pool Personnel
- 159-2024 Councilwoman Congalton-Hali Appointment to Library Board of Trustees

COUNCIL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS:

160-2024 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 May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2024

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2024

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the RIDGEFIELD County of BERGEN BOROUGH that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 12,180,859.13 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations,
- (d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$ 895,112.00 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE
 (Insert last name)

Ayes	Nays	Abstained	
		Absent	

SUMMARY OF REVENUES			
1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated		08-100	\$ 3,175,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		13-099	\$ 9,791,825.45
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		15-499	\$ 370,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)		07-190	\$ 12,180,859.13
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 42			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-195	\$	-
	07-191	\$	-
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY			
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			\$ -
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)			
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX		07-191	\$ 895,112.00
Total Revenues		07-192	\$ 895,112.00
		13-299	\$ 26,412,796.58

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		
Within "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-201	\$ 16,375,632.00
(g) Cash Deficit	34-209	\$ 2,442,597.54
	46-865	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 3,431,286.04
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 50,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 3,062,600.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ 153,681.00
(f) Judgments	37-490	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 897,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-185	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 26,412,796.58

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 13th day of May, 2024. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2024 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 13th day of May, 2024, Linda Silvestri, Clerk
Signature

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

 Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

 Linda M. Silvestri,
 Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Ryu

ORDINANCE NO. 2485

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 35 “FIRE DEPARTMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 22nd day of April, 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:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Ryu

ORDINANCE NO. 2485

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 35 “FIRE DEPARTMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that Chapter 35 “Fire Department” of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and is hereby amended by deleting K of Section 35-8 in its entirety and replacing with the following:

Section 35-8 Duties of Line Officers.

- K. The Chief, Deputy Chief and Battalion Chief in conjunction with the Fire Committee shall recommend a member or members of the Fire Department to perform the duties of Data Reporting. Said member(s) must be appointed by the Mayor and Council and shall be compensated a total of \$450 per quarter, which can be allocated to multiple members, however, shall not exceed \$450 in aggregate per quarter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2486

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 POSITION OF SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR”

introduced on the 22nd day of April, 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

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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2486

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR”

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

Section I:

Article IV of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be, and hereby is, amended by establishing the following provisions as Article XI of Chapter 66 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield:

- A. Title of Article XI shall be Systems Administrator, and the following provisions are inserted:

ARTICLE XI. Systems Administrator

§ 66-37. Position created.

The position of Systems Administrator is hereby created in and for the Borough of Ridgefield. The Systems Administrator is responsible for administering and supporting all technology. The Systems Administrator position requires considerable independence, initiative, judgment and discretion. The Systems Administrator must be of the highest integrity with the ability to maintain confidential data and information at all times. The Systems Administrator reports to the Office of the Borough Administrator.

§ 66-38. Compensation.

The Systems Administrator shall receive such compensation as falls within the range established by the salary ordinance from time to time, and as fixed by the Mayor and Council by appropriate resolution.

§ 66-39. Duties and responsibilities.

- (a) Responsible for ten individual locations, some locations with multiple networks.
- (b) File Server Management: Daily on-line real time monitoring of critical functions. On-site and remote support as needed. Complete service pack and patch updates on a regular basis. Review all ancillary programs, including but not limited to, firewall, backup, anti-

virus/Endpoint Detection and Recovery programs etc. for updates and confirm system maintenance checks are being performed. Perform forced onsite/offsite data backup on all critical data systems to ensure all company-owned work is saved.

- (c) Workstation Management: On-site and remote support as needed. Complete patch management. Maintain properly functioning configurations.
 - (d) General IT services: Server, workstation, printer, network device consultation, configuration, and installation, software updates, network troubleshooting. Repairs and installation of printers, computers and other equipment as necessary. Administer network and data security, including Active Directory, Group Policy, etc.
 - (e) Network Status: LAN/WAN - All hardware and software programs should be reviewed and updated to protect all networks and workstations. Utilization of hardware, software, and services that check traffic, block restricted sites, and prevent cyber-attacks are to be maintained and recommendations are to be made. Firewall/Virtual Private Network connections and status are maintained in all locations.
 - (f) Cybersecurity Hygiene, Training, and Compliance - Anti-Virus/Endpoint Detection and Response Implementation and Administration
 - (g) Install, configure, and maintenance of wireless networking equipment to ensure full coverage.
 - (h) Evaluate connectivity issues, both equipment, and software and hardware. Oversee troubleshooting for system errors.
 - (i) Respond to Information Technology issues, hardware maintenance, software, networking, etc. Provide helpdesk and technical support either by phone, remote access, or on-site.
 - (j) Set up equipment/profiles for new users and employees.
 - (k) Ensure system optimization for all technology resources.
 - (l) Consult with vendors and clients to integrate and update company technology.
 - (m) Setup and maintain VoIP telephones and devices.
- Work with the following technologies, but not limited to:
 - Surveillance systems for various locations.
 - Alarm and building interlock systems, as well as IP integration.
 - Access control systems and IP integration.
 - Intercom systems and IP integration.
 - HVAC and BMS systems
 - Smart lighting systems

- EV chargers
- Electrical generators and UPS
- Outdoor digital displays
- Indoor professional displays
- Cellular/Telecom amplifiers
- Radio systems
- Smartphones/Tablets/Devices
- Interview room recorders and Alco Test equipment.
- LPR systems for vehicles
- Audio/Video systems for court rooms, offices, and huddle spaces.
- Audio/Video IP integration
- X-Ray machines

§ 66-40. Qualifications.

Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or Information Systems/Technology, or related field such as Electronics, Network, or Software Engineering; Master's Degree preferred. Required to pass background checks through the New Jersey State Police.

Experience and knowledge of:

- Installing, configuring, maintaining, break/fix of hardware, software
- Microsoft Windows Server/Domain Environment/Group Policy Administration
- Microsoft 365 Email and Apps Administration/configuration of email accounts
- Troubleshooting and providing technical support to employees(one-on-one,group training, etc.).
- Cybersecurity Hygiene, Training, and Compliance
- Various OS Device Support for all Computers and Smartphones/Tablets/Devices
- Virtual Private Networking/Firewall Setup and Management
- Maintenance and Administration of video surveillance and card access door entry systems
- Smart Power Supply and Network Switching Implementation/Management
- Setup, Administration, and Security of Internet of Things Smart Devices
- Performing onsite/cloud backups and data recovery
- Experience with cloud technologies such as Azure, AWS, and Google
- Keeping track of emerging technologies and implementing them as needed
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Section II. Repeater.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section III. Severability.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 22, 2024

Presented by Councilwoman Congalton-Hali

ORDINANCE NO. 2487

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 22nd day of April, 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
Kontolios				
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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 22, 2024

Presented by Councilwoman Congalton-Hali

ORDINANCE NO. 2487

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

Section I: 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:

A. Resident rates.

	Discount Period		Regular Season
Student (12-25 years old)	\$160.00	Student (12-25 years old)	\$190.00

B. Non-resident rates.

- (1) 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:

	Discount Period		Regular Season
Student (12-25 years old)	\$255.00	Student (12-25 years old)	\$270.00

C. Friendly Neighbor rates for residents of Cliffside Park, Fairview, Edgewater, and Fort Lee.

	Discount Period		Regular Season
Student (12-25 years old)	\$200.00	Student (12-25 years old)	\$230.00

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2488

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 319, §319-5 FEE FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION AND CHAPTER 390, §390-264 FEE FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION”

introduced on the 13th day of May, 2024, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage a regular meeting to be held on the 28th day of May, 2024 at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Complex, 700 Shaler Boulevard 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
Kontolios				
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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2488

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 319, §319-5 FEE FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION AND CHAPTER 390, §390-264 FEE FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION”

Section I: §319-5 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled Fee for certificate of inspection, be and hereby is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§ 319-5 Fee for certificate of inspection.

The fee for the certificate of inspection as provided for herein shall be \$100 plus \$120 for lead inspection for homes built prior to 1978 and shall be paid at the time of and together with the filing of the written application by the owner or his authorized representative. Said fee shall reflect, in part, the cost for the initial inspection required by this article. In the event that subsequent inspection(s) are required due to violations, there shall be due from the owner or his authorized representative an additional fee of \$50 for each such reinspection.

Section II: §390-264 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled Fee for certificate of inspection, be and hereby is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§ 390-264 Fee for certificate of inspection.

The fee for the certificate of inspection as provided for herein shall be \$125 for one family, \$250 for two family, \$250 for first 2 units in multi-family dwelling and \$50 for each additional unit and shall be paid at the time of and together with the filing of the written application by the owner or his authorized representative. Said fee shall reflect, in part, the cost for the initial inspection required by this article. In the event that subsequent inspection(s) are required due to violations, there shall be due from the owner or his authorized representative an additional fee of \$50 for each such reinspection.

Section III. Severability.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilwoman Congalton-Hali

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2024

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$65,000.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Borough of Ridgefield – Outdoor Fitness Court Project; and

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body/board received held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Ridgefield:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of May 3rd, 2024 as established by the County; and
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Borough of Ridgefield has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and

3. That the Borough of Ridgefield is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Borough of Ridgefield agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2024

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

CHRISTOS ZACHARATOS

be appointed as a School Crossing Guard for the remainder of the 2023/2024 school year effective April 29, 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
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Approved:

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2024

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen wishes to contract with the Borough of Ridgefield to have the Borough plow and salt certain county roads during times of snow fall; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has previously participated in the same arrangements for prior years; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is for a two-year duration, commencing the snow season for 2024-2026; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough to enter into the agreement with the County in the form annexed hereto;

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

1. The Mayor and Council do hereby approve the attached agreement with the County of Bergen for snowplowing and salting services.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield.
3. The Borough Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to forward the agreement to the appropriate county official for signature once it has been signed by the Mayor.

Approved:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2024

WHEREAS, the Division of Community Affairs (DCA), specifically Division of Codes and Standards Office of Regulatory Affairs has requested that all Municipalities confer with their Construction Official, Subcode Official, and Inspectors as to whether their Borough should participate in a Statewide Mutual Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and the respective Department Heads have met and are of the opinion that at this time, it would not be practical for the Borough's Construction Code Official, Subcode Official, and Inspectors to enroll and participate in Statewide Mutual Aid Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council does hereby place the Department of Community Affairs, specifically Division of Codes and Standards Office of Regulatory Affairs that the Borough of Ridgefield will not be participating in the Emergency Building Inspection Mutual Aid Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ridgefield, Bergen County shall be noted on the State records as a Non-Participating Municipality in the Statewide Mutual Aid Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be served upon the DCA Office of Regulatory Affairs, Greg Yfantis, Construction Code Official, Ray Ramirez, Borough Administrator, and Linda Silvestri, Borough Clerk.

Approved:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AT A MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2024.

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2024

WHEREAS, certain checks have remained outstanding for an extended period of time;
and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has exhausted all alternatives in
contacting the respective payees; and

WHEREAS, he is recommending that these checks be cleared of record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of
Ridgefield that the following outstanding checks be cleared of record.

TRUST ACCOUNT

Check #	Issue Date	Amount
44623	4/24/2023	400.00

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2024

WHEREAS, the settlement agent for Lauren Johnson, April A. Savoye, ESQ. , have deposited a check in the amount of \$18,382.00 into the Suspense Account for the redemption and subsequent taxes of Tax Lien # 22-003, Block 303 Lot 9, further known as 888 Maple Ave., sold to ISAAC WEINSTEIN, who has assigned it to, 888 MAPLE, LLC and whereas \$52,000.00 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 \$18,382.00 from the Suspense Account and a check for \$52,000.00 from the Trust Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of \$18,382.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Suspense Account 01-2999 and the check in the amount of \$52,000.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Trust Account 03-2950 and be made payable to: 888 MAPLE LLC and be mailed to 15 AMERICA AVE. UNIT 101, LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2024

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0249-33-009-011, issued to VL Liquor LLC for an inactive license with a mailing address of 414 Chestnut Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Township Governing Body does hereby approve, effective May 13, 2024 the Place-to-Place Transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption license mailing address of 414 Chestnut Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey, to its new location at 482 Bergen Boulevard, Ridgefield, New Jersey, and does hereby direct the Borough Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: "This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to premises located at 482 Bergen Boulevard, Ridgefield, New Jersey".

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2024

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

RICHARD HEGARTY

be hired as a DPW/Sanitation employee at the annual salary of \$35,000.00 effective May 16, 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilwoman Congalton-Hali

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the following personnel be hired as Pool employees for the 2024 pool season:

Abigail Perez	15.25	Eliana Umana	18 .00
Adam Serrano	15.25	Elijah Espinal	15.50
Alban Kaloshi	15.25	Erick Romero	15.25
Alberto Estevez	15.25	Erika Ruiz	15.25
Alessandra Aldana	15.25	Eva Pfeiffer	15.75
Alexa Stark	18.25	Fatima Lira	15.25
Alexander Guerra	15.25	Gabriela Torres-Valencia	15.50
Alexzander Mineo	15.25	Gabriella Ramos	15.50
Alrica Angelique Avila	15.25	Glen Valdez	15.25
Amber Worsham	15.25	Grace Osmanski	15.50
Andres Fonseca	15.25	Hailey Baez	15.25
Andrew Avalos	15.25	Hydlyn-Rose Chuayana	15.25
Andrew Hernandez	15.25	Isabella Martinez	15.50
Andrew Gonzalez	15.25	Jaden Walsh	15.25
Anthony Cancian	16.00	Jasmine Abreu	15.50
Antony Leleu	15.50	Jaylynn Luna	15.25
Armand Leleu	15.50	Jazlynn Montilla	15.25
Ava Montes De Oca	15.25	Jesse Kane	15.25
Barbara Moreira	15.50	Jizela Colon	15.25
Briana Culcu	15.25	Joseph Espinal	15.25
CankatOzgul	15.25	Joseph Marasciulo	15.25
Chloe Umaña	15.50	Joshua Bracero	15.50
Chris Cha	15.25	Joshua Espinal	15.50
Christina Cancian	16.00	Jovan Perdomo	15.25
Christopher Kane	15.50	Justin Kane	15.25
Claire Lee	15.25	Kai Giro	18.25
Cristian Samayoa	15.50	Katie Flynn	15.25
Cristiano Cevallos	15.25	Kayla Soriano	15.25
Dael Quinche	15.25	Kayla Giro	15.50
Dannabelen Pillajo	15.25	Kevin Suarez	15.50
Dawn Driver	15.25	Kevyon Foster	15.25
Debbie Gibaldi	15.50	Kristen Coffy	15.25
Edwin Osuna	15.25	Lauren Gambuzza	15.50
Eliana Pozas	15.25	Lazaro Landa	15.25

Leah Ozgun	15.25	Preston Brady	15.25
Leilyn Alcantara	15.25	Rachel Park	15.25
Lia Crawford	15.25	Rami Nasser	15.25
Linda Kowatch	16.00	Santiago Rendon	15.25
Lorin Kececioglu	15.25	Sheena Castillo	15.25
Louis Tuero	15.25	Sophia Leon	15.25
Matthew Castelli	16.00	Sophia Ramos	15.25
Mauricio Rodriguez	18.00	Tristen Martinez	15.25
Michael Kirk	16.25	Victoria Chang	15.25
Najwa Dalia	15.25	Xavier Maldonado	15.25
Nicole Kotchman	15.50	Zackary Tiliouine	15.50
Nikita Talko	15.25	Zailyn Alcantara	15.25
Nikolina Prtoric	15.25	Zulai Perez	15.25
Ocean Saric	18.00		
Olivia Reynoso	15.25	Sharon Wunder-Ramirez	17,035.00
Paige O'Connor	15.25	Edward Catherina	9,385.00
Paolo Arcuri	15.50	Linda Muccia	8,620.00
Patrick Van Buskirk	18.00		
Paul Amaritei	15.25		

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilwoman Congalton-Hali

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2024

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

MARILEDA OJEDA

be appointed Trustee of the Ridgefield Free Public Library for the unexpired term of Jennifer LaMorte through December 31, 2027.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, 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.

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 2024

Presented by Councilman Said

RESOLUTION NO. 160-2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$3,067,331.12**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$2,653,870.96
TRUST	\$234,741.23
CAPITAL	\$170,251.20
POOL	\$2,879.13
DOG LICENSE	\$3,879.62
COAH	\$1,327.60
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$381.38
TOTAL	\$3,067,331.12

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 13, 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:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk