

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: May 18, 2016

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:02 P.M. Adjourn: 6:54 P.M.

- Appraisal Systems – Rolling Re-Assessments

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

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 6:55 P.M. Adjourn: 7:34 P.M.

Public Session: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: 7:42 P.M. Adjourn: 9:11 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation:

Citizens Comment on Agenda: NONE

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION

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

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

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ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

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Superintendent of Schools – School Budget Presentation

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2302 entitled, “CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”

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. 2303 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD'S POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AS IT APPLIES TO THE BOROUGH'S DRIVER'S LICENSE POLICY"

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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. 2304 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE I, FEES FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL UNIONS, OF CHAPTER 183 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

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Introduction of Ordinance No. 2305 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 131 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED "ANIMALS" BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE, ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "TNR PROGRAM FOR FERAL CATS" FOR THE PURPOSE TO ESTABLISH A CAT SANCTUARY IN RIDGEFIELD TO CONTROL AND EVENTUALLY REDUCE THE FERAL CAT POPULATION WITHIN RIDGEFIELD. A CAT SANCTUARY IS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF TNR AND THAT IT IS THE ONLY PERMITTED OUTDOOR LOCATION FOR FEEDING OF CATS"

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2306 entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$55,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF A STORM SEWER LINE ALONG RIVER STREET FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$52,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA:

175-2016	Mayor Suarez	Proclamation – Community Safety
176-2016	Mayor Suarez	Proclamation-Emergency Medical Services Week
177-2016	Mayor Suarez	Proclamation-Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
178-2016	Councilman Acosta	Appoint Per-Diem Police Matron
179-2016	Councilman Penabad	Redemption of Tax Title Lien #15-04
180-2016	Councilman Penabad	Settlement Stipulation-1008 Virgil Avenue
181-2016	Councilman Penabad	Settlement Stipulation-587 Prospect Avenue
183-2016	Councilman Castelli	Hire Swim Pool Personnel 2016 Season
184-2016	Mayor Suarez	Proclamation-Gun Violence Awareness Day
185-2016	Mayor Suarez	Appoint Borough Historians

COUNCIL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS:

173-2016	Councilman Penabad	Declare Emergency – Storm Pipe
174-2016	Councilman Penabad	Emergency Authorization Storm Pipe Replacement
182-2016	Councilman Acosta	Award Emergency Generator Bid

186-2016	Councilman Penabad	Warrants
187-2016	Councilman Acosta	Hire Parks/DPW Employee
188-2016	Councilman Penabad	Assign Litigation to Special Counsel

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

**Coin Toss Request:**

APPROVED

RMHS Softball  
May 21, 2016 (Rescheduled from May 7, 2016)

APPROVED

RMHS Junior Class  
June 11, 2016 (Rescheduled from May 21, 2016)

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

Jeffrey V. Ward  
1 Lincoln Avenue, Cliffside Park  
Company No. 2

APPROVED

Christian Ganci  
510 Chestnut Street  
Company No. 2

APPROVED

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 18, 2016

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				
Acosta				
Penabad				
Shim				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Mayor Suarez				

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as soon as practicable discussion concerning

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel matters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Potential real estate transactions shall be disclosed to the public.
- \_\_\_\_\_ And that discussions with the Borough Attorney concerning litigation shall be disclosed when said litigation is terminated.

Adjournment to Closed Session. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reconvene into Public Session, if necessary, to take action on Closed Session items.

Approved:

Attest:

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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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2302

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

“CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”

introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016, 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>
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 4, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2302

“CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, by the Council of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Ridgefield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by an amount up to 3.5% and that the CY 2016 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Ridgefield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2303

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD’S POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AS IT APPLIES TO THE BOROUGH’S DRIVER’S LICENSE POLICY”

introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016, 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
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 4, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2303

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD’S POLICY AND  
PROCEDURES MANUAL AS IT APPLIES TO THE BOROUGH’S DRIVER’S LICENSE  
POLICY”

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

Section I:

The driver’s license policy of the Borough of Ridgefield’s Policy and Procedures Manual, appearing on page 18 of that manual be, and hereby is amended, by deleting the existing language of same and replacing it with the following:

**Driver’s License Policy:**

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 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.)

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

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

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2304

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE I, FEES FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL UNIONS, OF CHAPTER 183 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016, 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
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 4, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2304

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE I, FEES FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL UNIONS, OF CHAPTER 183 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

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

Section I:

Article I, Fees for Marriages and Civil Unions of Chapter 183 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and is hereby amended as follows:

A. Subsection 183-2A(2) be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing language of said subsection and replacing same with the following:

(2) The Mayor in his or her discretion may waive or reduce the fee for said ceremony.

B. Subsection 183-2B(2) be and hereby is amended by deleting the existing language of said subsection and replacing same with the following:

(2) Disbursement of Fees for service shall be disbursed to the Mayor through the appropriate payment procedures through the Trust Fund at the same amount that was paid by the persons who were married by the Mayor.

Section II. Repealer.

In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Article V of Chapter 183 are ratified and affirmed. 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:

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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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2305

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 131 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD ENTITLED “ANIMALS” BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE, ARTICLE V, ENTITLED “TNR PROGRAM FOR FERAL CATS” FOR THE PURPOSE TO ESTABLISH A CAT SANCTUARY IN RIDGEFIELD TO CONTROL AND EVENTUALLY REDUCE THE FERAL CAT POPULATION WITHIN RIDGEFIELD. A CAT SANCTUARY IS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF TNR AND THAT IT IS THE ONLY PERMITTED OUTDOOR LOCATION FOR FEEDING OF CATS”

introduced on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

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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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

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

Section I:

Chapter 131 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and hereby is amended by adding to said chapter a new article, Article V, entitled “TNR Program for Feral Cats”, as follows:

§131-44: Definitions

*Animal Control Provider* shall mean any agency contracted or hired by the Borough to coordinate and monitor the TNR Program.

*Caregiver* shall mean any person who provides food, water or shelter to or otherwise cares for a cat only at the cat sanctuary.

*Cat* shall mean any cat that is not a feral cat and is over the age of six months.

*Cat Sanctuary* shall mean the only location designated by the Mayor and Council to serve as a sanctuary, meaning a place where feral cats can be placed and where provision is made for their living and well being. The said Cat Sanctuary shall be enclosed to prevent cats from free roaming. It is the intent of this Ordinance that the cat sanctuary be operated and maintained at no cost to the Borough.

*Code Official* shall mean any person or agency employed by the Board of Health who is authorized to investigate violations of laws and regulations concerning cats, and to issue citations in accordance with New Jersey law and this Code.



*Domesticated cat* shall mean a cat that is socialized to humans and is appropriate as a companion for humans.

*Dwelling Unit* shall mean a house, apartment, store or other building, whether or not used or designated for use as a dwelling.

*Ear Tipping* shall mean a straight-line cutting of the tip of the left ear of a cat by a licensed veterinarian while the cat is anesthetized.

*Family Group* shall mean the immediate “family group” occupying one dwelling unit.

*Feeding* shall mean to give, place, expose, deposit, distribute or scatter any edible material.

*Feral Cat* shall mean a cat which is completely or substantially unsocialized to humans. The usual and consistent temperament of a feral cat is extreme fear and resistance to contact with humans. Feral cats are either born in the wild, the offspring of tame or feral cats and not socialized; or formerly tame cats who have been abandoned and have reverted to an untamed state.

*Feral Cat Colony, although not permitted,* shall mean an individual feral cat or group of cats which congregate together outside as a unit. Any non-feral cats who congregate with a multiple-cat colony shall be deemed part of it.

*Nuisance* shall mean a situation where one or more cats are disturbing the peace by habitually or continually howling, crying or screaming, or unreasonably destroying, desecrating or soiling on private property against the wishes of the owner of the property.

*Nuisance Cat* is a cat (domestic or feral) including ear clipped (feral) that free roams and creates a nuisance, either individually or in conjunction with other cats, as defined above.

*Owner* shall mean any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust, estate, or any other legal entity.

*Stray Cat* shall mean a cat which is regularly off the property of the owner, is not under the physical control and restraint of the owner and is not regularly provided with food by the owner.

*Suitable Shelter (Cat Sanctuary)* shall mean a shelter that provides protection from rain, sun, and other elements that is adequate to protect the health of the cat.

*Tame Cat* shall mean a cat which is socialized to humans and is appropriate as a companion for humans.

*TNR* shall mean trap, neuter and return/or relocate.

*TNR Committee* shall mean a committee of unspecified number appointed by the Mayor and Council from time to time to serve for a term of one year, or the balance of a year, so all terms

will expire on December 31, or until the successors qualify, in each and every year. The TNR Committee will be charged with the duties specified in Section 131-48 of this Ordinance.

*TNR Committee Leader* shall be a person appointed by the Mayor and Council who shall be a member of the TNR Committee, but who shall serve as the lead person on that committee.

*TNR Program* shall mean a program pursuant to which feral and stray cats are trapped, neutered or spayed, vaccinated against rabies, ear tipped and returned to the established cat sanctuary.

§131-45: Responsibilities of Owners of Domesticated Cats.

A. Adequate Food and Water: Owners of domesticated cats shall provide appropriate and adequate food, water and shelter for their cats.

B. Cat Not to Create a Nuisance: The owner of a domesticated cat shall exercise reasonable care to guard against the cat creating a nuisance.

C. Cats are not permitted to become free roaming.

D. Unspayed and Unneutered Cats: The owner of a sexually intact (not spayed or neutered) domesticated cat shall not permit the cat to roam unsupervised.

E. Abandonment Prohibited: An owner shall not abandon a domesticated cat. Domesticated cats may be surrendered to a shelter or a rescue organization (not the cat sanctuary). The Ridgefield Cat Sanctuary is not a depository for feral cats from other municipalities or by other persons.

§131-46: Feral Cat Colonies.

Feral Cat Colonies shall be permitted only at the Cat Sanctuary and Caregivers shall be responsible to maintain them only at the cat sanctuary in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

§131-47: Animal Control Provider Responsibilities.

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Provider to:

- (a) Provide training for the cat sanctuary Caregivers;
- (b) Help to resolve any complaints over the conduct of a Caregiver or of cats within the sanctuary; and
- (c) Be responsible for any cost as provided in the Borough agreement with reference to the TNR Program.

(d) A feral cat(s) including abandoned domestic cats discovered on properties within the Borough of Ridgefield outside of the TNR Sanctuary are to be reported and will be addressed by Animal Control within two (2) weeks. Animal Control reserves the right to monitor the number of feral cats admitted to the cat sanctuary to prevent overcrowding and has the ability to make other arrangements for the disposition of feral cats trapped under this program when necessary. Animal Control reserves the right to consult with the Supervising Veterinarian or a private licensed veterinarian to refuse admission to the sanctuary for a feral cat harboring an infectious disease or a cat that is deemed too sick or disabled to be humanely maintained in a sanctuary environment

(e) Only the Animal Control provider can authorize the trapping of a nuisance cat. The Animal Control provider will make arrangements for trapping of a nuisance cat(s) when requested by a resident(s) and will provide a trap on loan with instructions for proper usage.

#### §131-48: TNR Committee Responsibilities.

It shall be the duty of the TNR Committee to:

(a) Help resolve any complaints over the conduct of a sanctuary caregiver or of cats within the cat sanctuary;

(b) Maintain records provided by sanctuary Caregivers on the registration and size, as well as the vaccination and spay/neuter records of cats in the cat sanctuary;

(c) Report semiannually in writing to the Borough Code Official on the status of the sanctuary, including data on the number and gender of all cats in the Sanctuary, the number of cats who died or otherwise ceased being a part of the Sanctuary during the prior six month period, the number of kittens born to the Sanctuary cats and their disposition, the number of cats and kittens spayed and neutered and the number of cats and kittens placed in permanent homes as companion cats.

(d) Provide the semi-annual report forms to caregivers and provide assistance upon request by the Caregiver in the preparation of the forms.

(e) Suggest to the animal control provider that the provider authorize the trapping of free roaming nuisance cats. The animal control provider will make arrangements for trapping of nuisance cats.

(f) See to it that the cat sanctuary is operated properly.

#### §131-49: Feral Cat Caregiver Responsibilities.

It shall be the duty of feral cat caregivers to:

(a) TNR cats are registered as Sanctuary Cats. Sanctuary registered cats are required to be vaccinated against rabies annually. Household domestic cats are subject to the Borough licensing ordinance and Borough allowable annual number ordinance.

(b) Take steps to get all cats in the Sanctuary population spayed/neutered by a licensed veterinarian. It is the caregiver responsibility to make arrangements with the designated shelter or a licensed veterinarian to vaccinate the Sanctuary population and have vaccinations updated annually or as needed under the direction of the licensed veterinarian.

(c) Maintain digital photos of each cat in the Sanctuary and copies of documents evidencing that the cats have been vaccinated, spayed/neutered and ear tipped; providing food and water for Sanctuary cats;

(d) Observe the Sanctuary cats and keep a record of any illnesses or unusual behavior noticed in any Sanctuary cats;

(e) Take steps, in the event that kittens are born to a Sanctuary cat, to notify the Animal Control Provider to remove the kittens and mother from the Sanctuary immediately. The kittens and mother will be cared for at the designated shelter until the kittens are weaned. The mother cat will be spayed and returned to the sanctuary and the kittens will be placed for adoption either by the designated shelter or placed with foster homes, rescue organizations or veterinary offices for the purpose of subsequent permanent placement;

(f) Report semiannually in writing to the TNR Committee who shall forward said report to the Board of Health on the status of the Sanctuary, the total number of cats in the Sanctuary, including data on the number and gender of all cats in the Sanctuary, the number of cats who died or otherwise ceased being a part of the Sanctuary during the prior six-month period, the number of kittens born to Sanctuary cats and their disposition, the number of cats and kittens spayed and neutered and the number of cats and kittens placed in permanent homes as companion cats;

(g) Obtaining proper medical attention either from the designated shelter or a private licensed veterinarian for any Sanctuary cat who appears to require it;

(h) Undergoing training for themselves and their responsible substitutes in the proper management of the Sanctuary as developed and verified by the Animal Control Provider;

(i) Setting up consistent and monitored feeding schedules at the Sanctuary. Feeding shall be limited to daylight hours. All remaining food must be removed daily; and

(j) “Ear tip” all cats with a single cut preferably on the left ear.

(k) Request authorization from the Animal Control Provider to have trapped feral cats spay/neutered at the location designated by the Animal Control Provider and to provide transportation to and from the designated location and to be subsequently relocated to the sanctuary.

§131-50: Exemptions from Restrictive Ordinances.

The following sections of the Borough Code shall not apply to the Cat Sanctuary managed by the TNR Program or to any person or organization that is providing care at the Cat Sanctuary and is taking steps to trap and sterilize animals:

Section 131-27.3 Licensing

§131-51: Cat Sanctuary Caregivers Registration-Ownership Exemption.

Any person undertaking the duties and responsibilities of a Cat Sanctuary Caregiver shall first be registered with the Committee at no cost. A registered Caregiver shall not be considered an owner in or be subject to regulations governing ownership or control of an animal, except as specified in this subsection. Unregistered Cat Sanctuary Caregivers shall not be exempt from the provisions of existing ordinances as provided in Section 131-50.

§131-52: Ordinance Enforcement.

The Borough shall retain the following rights:

- A. The right to seize or remove from the Sanctuary cats which have not been vaccinated against rabies and who are demonstrating signs of the disease.
- B. The right to seize or remove from the Sanctuary a cat which is creating a Nuisance.
- C. The right to replace or remove a Caregiver who fails to comply with the responsibilities and requirements of this Article after reasonable notice is provided to the Caregiver of noncompliance.
- D. The right to dissolve the Cat Sanctuary should there not be enough caregivers to adequately take care of the cats and the sanctuary.

§131-53: Nuisance Complaints.

The requirements of this subsection notwithstanding, the Health Officer, code officials and police officers may investigate any Nuisance complaint or emergency. If a Health Officer, code official or police officer determines that an ear-tipped Feral Sanctuary Cat is causing a Nuisance as defined by this subsection, the Health Officer, code official or police officer shall contact the Animal Control Provider to remove the cat. Only the Animal Control Officer and Supervising Veterinarian can determine if the cat is eligible to be returned to the Sanctuary.

§131-54: Operation of Cat Sanctuary.

The operation of the cat sanctuary designated by the Mayor and Council shall be under the authority of the Health Officer and Animal Control Officer. The TNR Committee will see to it that the sanctuary is operated and maintained in accordance with generally accepted standards for

operation of similar type facilities, as promulgated by the Health Officer and Animal Control Officer. The operation of same shall include the maintenance of a proper structure to provide protection from the elements, the scheduling of regular feedings followed by a clean up, and the maintenance of the overall health of the cats who congregate or live at the sanctuary.

§131-55: Enforcement.

This Article shall be enforced by the Health Officer, code official or Police Department and any other Department herein designated by the Borough Administrator.

§131-56: Study and Review.

Not later than March 1, 2017, the Borough shall assess the effectiveness of the TNR Program and the provisions of this Ordinance, and make recommendations for discontinuance, changes, etc. The Ordinance, however, shall continue as provided until specifically rescinded or amended.

Section II. Repealer.

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:

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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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2306

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

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$55,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF A STORM SEWER LINE ALONG RIVER STREET FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$52,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

introduced on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, in the Borough of Ridgefield, and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincenz	X			
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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

ORDINANCE NO. 2306

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

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$55,000, such sum includes the sum of \$2,750 as the down payment as required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$52,250 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$52,250 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued is for the replacement of a storm sewer line along River Street from Church Street to the west side of Lowe Avenue, and including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.



(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$52,250.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$55,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

#### SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

#### SECTION 5:

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

#### SECTION 6:

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

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

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$52,250 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

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

#### SECTION 7:

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

#### SECTION 8:

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

#### SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$52,250.

#### SECTION 10:

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

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 173-2016

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 permit contracting of services without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, notwithstanding that the contract price will exceed the bid threshold, when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery or performance of services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen affecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Ridgefield due to damage of a corrugated metal storm pipe; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Borough's professional, it is necessary to immediately replace the storm pipe; and

WHEREAS, the procedures outlined in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6(a) have been followed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council declares an emergency to exist as detailed above for which emergency services are needed and authorize the contracting for replacement of storm pipe and payment therefore in excess of the bid threshold.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 174-2016

WHEREAS, due to the damage discovered on May 2, 2016, of a corrugated metal storm pipe on River Street, an emergency condition exists which adversely affects the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of said pipe was declared an extreme emergency; and

WHEREAS, on recommendation of the Borough's engineer, Jenne Associates, LLC, RC Andersen located at One Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford, New Jersey was immediately retained on an emergency basis.

WHEREAS, as to Resolution No. 173-2016, the Borough has authorized the award of a contract without public bidding on account of the emergency identified therein affecting the public health, safety or welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield hereby authorizes payment to RC Andersen in an amount not to exceed \$50,933.78.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available under Ordinance No. 2306 once adopted and the award of the contract is contingent upon the adoption of that Ordinance.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2016

WHEREAS, Safewise.com, a safety comparison engine has recognized the Borough of Ridgefield as the 42<sup>nd</sup> Safest Community in the nation and further recognized the Borough of Ridgefield as the 9<sup>th</sup> Safest Community in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield further realizes that this recognition is based upon a calculation of violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny, theft, and motor vehicle theft) per 1,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield recognizes that such an accomplishment could not be achieved without active involvement from the citizens of Ridgefield and dedication and diligence from the members of the Ridgefield Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council wish to commend the members of the Ridgefield Police Department on this accomplishment and thank them for their outstanding service to our community.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2016

WHEREAS, emergency medical services (EMS) is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, emergency care personnel, including emergency medical dispatchers, first responders, first aiders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses and physicians, whether volunteer or paid, serve on the front lines of our healthcare and public health system, giving selflessly of themselves; and

WHEREAS, each year more than three million New Jersey residents and visitors require emergency medical care for traumatic injuries, burns, poisonings, spinal cord injuries, heart attacks and other critical medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a wide range of emergency medical providers, including local first aid and rescue squads, ambulance services, mobile intensive care programs, air medical EMS response programs, specialty burn care, a poison information and education service, designated trauma centers, medical dispatch services and other vital services that have the potential to save lives and reduce disabilities of the critically ill or injured; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, EMS personnel engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their skills; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is a leader in the types and quality of emergency medical care available to patients and desires to continue to improve upon its emergency medical services system in order to assure all residents the highest standards of emergency medical care; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS providers by designating an Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTHONY R. SUAREZ, Mayor of the Borough of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim

MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 21, 2016  
AS  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in Ridgefield in recognition of all those engaged in emergency medical services and encourage residents to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2016

WHEREAS, the needs of children are different from the needs of adults in medical and traumatic emergencies; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services (EMS) for children promotes high-level, age-appropriate emergency care given by EMS providers with pediatric emergency skills; and

WHEREAS, EMS providers are unceasingly prepared to respond to children who access the 9-1-1 system and return them to an optimum level of health; and

WHEREAS, EMS for children collaborates with physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, school nurses, educators, administrators, child care providers and others to identify and address the issues surrounding the provision of optimal pediatric care; and

WHEREAS, EMS for children facilitates the development of training programs, education, and guidelines for emergency care providers so that children get timely and appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of such dedicated men and women by designating Emergency Medical Services for Children Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTHONY R. SUAREZ, Mayor of the Borough of Ridgefield do hereby proclaim

MAY 18, 2016

AS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY

in the Borough of Ridgefield and encourage residents to applaud and support the work of EMS personnel who provide emergency medical care to children as they continue to improve the quality of life of all children in our Borough.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 178-2016

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

STACEY SCHMIDT

be appointed as Matron for the Ridgefield Police Department at the hourly rate of \$14.00 for the remainder of 2016.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 179-2016

WHEREAS, Song of April has deposited a check in the amount of \$31,728.27 into the Suspense Account for the redemption and subsequent taxes of Tax Lien # 15-04, Block 2909 Lot 1, further known as 1010 Edgewater Avenue, sold to MTAG Cust Empire VII NJ Portfo and whereas \$32,000.00 was previously deposited into the Trust Account for the premium at the time of the tax sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer be and she is hereby authorized to issue and sign a check in the amount of \$31,728.27 from the Suspense Account and a check for \$32,000.00 from the Trust Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of \$31,728.27 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Suspense account and the check for \$32,000.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Trust account and be made payable to MTAG Cust Empire VII NJ Portfo, PO Box 2096, Hicksville, NY 11802.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 180-2016

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 1104 Lot 3, also known as 1008 Virgil Avenue for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Oldwick Associates, LLC / Sungard be issued a refund in the amount of \$8,642.63 for the year 2012, \$8,949.14 for 2013, \$9,061.38 for 2014 and \$9,354.94 for 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and she is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$36,008.09 made payable to Archer & Greiner, P.C. as Trustee for Oldwick Associates, LLC and be mailed to 101 Carnegie Center, Suite 300, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 181-2016

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 2204 Lot 13, also known as 587 Prospect Avenue for the year 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Ronald Martucci be issued a refund in the amount of \$1,034.81 for the year 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and she is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$1,034.81 made payable to Ronald Martucci and be mailed to 587 Prospect Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 182-2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield previously authorized the solicitation of competitive bids entitled “2015 Emergency Generators”; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received and opened on May 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by Borough professionals; and

WHEREAS, A.C.I. Electrical Contractor, Inc. is the apparent lowest bidder; and

WHEREAS, the bid submission by A.C.I. Electrical Contractor, Inc. has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Attorney and the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the bid be awarded to ACI Electrical Contractor, Inc., and that the award include the base bid together with alternate bid Items A and B for a total price of \$141,740.

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

1. The bid entitled “2015 Emergency Generators” be and hereby is awarded to A.C.I. Electrical Contractor, Inc. as the low bidder, in the amount of the base bid and alternate bid Items A and B in the total amount of \$141,740.

2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Borough, an appropriate contract as determined by Borough professionals reflecting the award of this bid.

3. The Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds from the following accounts:

01-2030-41-7082-001	Emergency Management Assistance Program Grant	\$75,000.00
01-2030-41-7092-010	Emergency Management Assistant Program Grant – Match	31,224.00
04-2150-55-2251	Ordinance 2251 - Community Center Improvements	10,051.60
04-2150-55-0900-005	Ordinance 1927 – Acquisition of Capital Improvements	25,464.40

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 183-2016

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the following individuals be hired as Swim Pool Personnel for the 2016 pool season:

Acuri, Luca	9.50	Mercado, Arianah	9.00
Baginski, Matt	9.25	Minervini, Alexandria	9.00
Baric, Amanda	9.25	Moreiro, Ashley	9.25
Barquin, Carlos	9.00	Moshhegai, Evi	9.50
Biggiani, John	9.25	Mouzakitis, Demitri	9.25
Borek, Andrew	9.25	Naghizadehbaee, Nima	9.00
Brown, Christian	9.25	Ng, Kaitlyn	9.00
Brown, Connor	9.75	O'Connor, Erin	9.25
Cancian, Patrick	10.00	O'Connor, Tyler	9.50
Castelli, Matthew	9.25	Ordonez, Vladimir	9.25
Catherina, Eamon	9.50	Perez, Lixdania	9.00
Catherina, Maggie	10.75	Picinich, Dominick	9.00
Cavallo, Anthony	9.50	Pulci, Alyssa	9.50
Cha, Jamie	9.00	Ragone, Michael	9.25
Cha, Jiwon	9.25	Ro, Ashley	9.00
Chinea, Samantha	9.75	Robbins, Kameron	9.25
Colon, Amaya	9.00	Rojas, Christian	9.25
Concha, Jonice	9.50	Ruppert, Keith	14.25
Correa, Louis	9.25	Sardelli, Krystina	9.00
Elenio, Emily	9.50	Silkov, Illay	9.50
Elenio, Frank	9.50	Silva, Myllena	9.00
Ferdinand, Alyssa	9.00	Skoblar, Diana	9.75
Fugnitti, Dallas	9.75	Spoleti, Gabriella	11.00
Ghode, Devin	9.25	Van Buskirk, John	9.50
Gil, Alesia	9.25	Van Buskirk, Ryan	9.25
Gomez, Evita	13.00	Vermeal, Brian	9.50
Kiskanyan, Melanie	10.75	Vermeal, Briana	10.50
Kostenko, Nick	9.00	Vermeal, Kyle	11.00
Kulhan, Pauly	9.25	Vincentz, Douglas	10.50
Kulhan, Victoria	9.50	Wang, Annie	9.25
Larkin, Michael	9.25	Wang, Michelle	9.25

Lecky, Alex	9.25	Wiss, Rita	14.75
Lee, Elsa	9.00		
Lehman, Gabrielle	9.00	Management	
Lema, Jonathan	9.25		
Lemoz, Thayana	9.00	Ed Catherina	\$8,100
Lobello, Chris	9.25	Sharon Wunder	\$14,495
Martucci, Christopher	9.25	Linda Muccia	\$7,000

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 184-2016

WHEREAS, 30,000 Americans across the country are killed every year as a result of gun violence – including 12,000 who are murdered – destroying families and communities in big cities and small towns; and

WHEREAS, as Mayors, we are duty-bound to do everything in our power to protect our residents, especially our children, from harm, and there is no greater threat to public safety than the threat of illegal guns;

NOW, THEREFORE, we resolve to work together to find innovative new ways to advance the following principles:

- Punish to the maximum extent of the law criminals who possess, use, and traffic in illegal guns.
- Target and hold accountable irresponsible gun dealers who break the law by knowingly selling guns to straw purchasers.
- Extend background check requirements to all gun sales, including the private sales that take place online and at gun shows.
- Oppose all federal efforts to restrict cities' right to access, use, and share trace data that is so essential to effective enforcement, or to interfere with the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to combat illegal gun trafficking.
- Work to develop and use technologies that aid in the detection and tracing of illegal guns.
- Support all local state and federal legislation that targets illegal guns; coordinate legislative, enforcement, and litigation strategies; and share information and best practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, I Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor of the Borough of Ridgefield, declare June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Gun Violence Awareness Day and encourage all residents to Wear Orange to honor the victims and survivors of gun violence.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Mayor Suarez

RESOLUTION NO. 185-2016

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that

RON WILLIAMS

and

AL HOFFMAN

be appointed as Borough Historians for calendar year 2016.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, 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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Diane Sherry,  
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 186-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$803,888.25**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$731,332.07
TRUST	\$57,489.68
CAPITAL	\$112.40
POOL	\$3,912.33
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	\$11,041.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$803,888.25</b>

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 187-2016

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that

PAUL SANCHEZ

be hired as Parks/DPW full time employee at the annual salary of \$25,000.00 subject to passing a pre-employment physical and drug screening.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli	X			
Acosta	X			
Penabad	X			
Shim	X			
Todd	X			
Vincentz	X			
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 May 18, 2016

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 188-2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield has been named a defendant in certain litigation entitled Cruz vs. Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has recused himself from that matter; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to assign one of the approved special counsel the matter be assigned to attorney Jerry Breslin of Hackensack, NJ.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
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