

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: May 23, 2022

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

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

- Cannabis Presentation

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

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION

Table with 3 columns: Name, PRESENT, ABSENT. Rows include Mayor Suarez, Castelli, Penabad, Jimenez, Kontolios, Larkin, Dorsett.

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

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ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

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Swearing in of Alternate Anti-Bullying Committee Member – V. Russo

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2432 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 390-84 ENTITLED “FEES AND ESCROW DEPOSITS” 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

Roll Call

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As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2433 entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$485,453 THEREFOR (INCLUDING GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,025) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$106,138 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

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Public Hearing

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

Roll Call

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As advertised, hearing will be held on the submission of a 2022 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

142-2022	Councilwoman Larkin	Authorize 2022 Bergen County Trust Fund Application for Park Development
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CONSENT AGENDA:

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

143-2022	Councilman Jimenez	Estimated 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax Bills
144-2022	Councilwoman Larkin	Hire Swim Pool Personnel for 2022 Season

145-2022 Councilman Jimenez Chapter 159-Federal Body Armor Replacement Fund  
 146-2022 Councilman Jimenez Sale of Surplus Personal Property

**Coin Toss Request:**

RMHS Track  
 Saturday, June 11, 2022  
 Rain Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022  
 Saturday, June 18, 2022  
 Rain Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022

**Approval of Minutes:**

February 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, and May 9, 2022 Public Session Meetings

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

147-2022 Councilman Jimenez Warrants

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR:**

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:**

**COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATOR:**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Mayor Suarez

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular public meeting be adjourned, and that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield shall meet in a closed Executive Session following a five minute recess at the termination of this meeting. The purpose of the Executive Session shall be to discuss the following matters:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel matters in various departments of the Borough.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pending and Potential Litigation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Court Litigation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Potential real estate transactions in which the Borough may engage.

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Councilman Dorsett

ORDINANCE NO. 2432

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

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 390-84 ENTITLED “FEES AND ESCROW DEPOSITS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

introduced on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, 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				
Penabad				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 25, 2022

Presented by Councilman Dorsett

ORDINANCE NO. 2432

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 390-84 ENTITLED “FEES AND ESCROW DEPOSITS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

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

Section I: The title to Article XVIII be and hereby is changed to read as follows:

Provisions Applicable to the Planning Board

Section II: Section A of §390-084 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield is deleted in its entirety and is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The fees described herein are hereby fixed and established for development applications filed with the Planning Board. These fees are charged to cover costs associated with the administrative and clerical processing of the application and are not refundable, unless otherwise indicated.

Section III. Section B of §390-084 is hereby amended by adding the following:

(8) Application for telecommunications (cell sites, towers, antennas): \$10,000

Section IV. Section D of §390-084 is deleted in its entirety and is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. Escrow: Applicants are required, as part of the application process, to post escrow deposits as security for the anticipated fees of the Board professionals as indicated above. Escrow deposits shall be made separately for each category of professional including, but not limited to, attorney, engineer and planner. The escrow deposits shall be made in accordance with the below schedule, with the understanding that the reviewing engineer may adjust the amount of the required escrow based on the details of a particular application, and shall promptly give notice to the applicant upon making such determination. If, during the course of a continuing hearing, the Planning Board reasonably determines that additional escrows need to be posted, the applicant shall be given notice of same and shall promptly post any such required escrow. Applications shall not be determined to be complete until the requisite fees and escrow deposits are paid in full.

**ESCROW DEPOSITS FOR PLANNING BOARD**

	1	2	3	4	Minor Sub-division	Minor Sub-division	Major Sub-division	Major Sub-division
Type of Application	“C” Variance Only	“D” Variance Only	“C/D” Variance	No Variance Required	Prelim.	Final	Prelim.	Final
<b>Residential Single Family</b>	\$1,925	\$2,525	\$3,075	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Attorney	\$925	\$925	\$925	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Engineer	\$750	\$200	\$750	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Planner	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Residential Two Family</b>	\$1,924	\$2,575	\$3,325	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Attorney	\$925	\$925	\$925	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Engineer	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Planner	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Residential Three Family Or More</b>	\$2,200	\$3,400	\$3,600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Attorney	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Engineer	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Planner	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Non-Residential Site Plan Less than 10,000 Sq.Ft.</b>	\$4,500	\$3,300	\$6,300	\$4,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Attorney	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Engineer	\$3,500	\$500	\$3,500	\$3,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Planner	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Non-Residential Site Plan 10,000 Sq. Ft. or More</b>	\$6,500	\$3,300	\$8,300	\$6,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Attorney	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Engineer	\$5,500	\$500	\$5,500	\$5,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Planner	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Telecommunication Facilit</b>	\$6,500	\$3,300	\$8,300	\$6,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Attorney	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Engineer	\$5,500	\$500	\$5,500	\$5,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Planning Board Planner	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Sub-Division</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$5,300	\$5,300
Planning Board Attorney	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Planning Board Engineer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,500
Planning Board Planner (If necessary)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$800	\$800	\$1,800	\$1,800

Section V. Ordinance Subsections 390-084E and F be, and hereby are, redesignated as Sections G and H respectively, in order to accommodate the two new Sections to be added as follows:



E. Responsibility by Virtue of the Filing of an Application for Development with the Planning Board: The applicant agrees to be responsible to pay the fees of the professionals including, but not limited to, attorney, engineer and planner, reasonably incurred in connection with the review, processing and approval or denial of the application. The failure of an applicant to pay, within a reasonable period of time, the outstanding fee of any Board professional, or the failure to post a required escrow deposit, shall entitle the Planning Board to suspend hearings and/or to withhold approving documents. In addition, such failure shall authorize the Building Department to withhold the issuance of permits, certificates of occupancy and other approvals. The Board professional will also be authorized to commence a legal action against the applicant seeking the payment of any outstanding fees.

F. Procedures: The provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1, 53.2, and 53.2a* as they pertain to the disposition of required deposits, payments to professionals, deposits towards expenses and dispute procedures are incorporated by reference with the proviso that the failure of an applicant to notify the governing body with a copy of said notice to the Chief Financial Officer, the appropriate Board and the professional who rendered the bill of its dispute of the charges within twenty (20) days of receipt of same shall be deemed a waiver of the applicant's right to challenge said charge or charges.

Section VI. The provisions of Article IX, Schedule of Fees, Charges and Expenses, of Part I of Chapter 390, be and hereby are deleted in their entirety, including Sections 390-47 through 390-49.

Section VII. In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Section 390-84 be and hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section VIII. This ordinance shall take effect upon final publication according to law.

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2433

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introduced on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, 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				
Penabad				
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Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 9, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2433

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$485,453 THEREFOR (INCLUDING GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,025) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$106,138 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$485,453, said sum being inclusive of a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$203,525 (the “DOT Grant”) and two Community Development Block Grants in the amount of \$171,500 (the “CDBG Grants,” and together with the DOT Grant, the “Grants”) and a down payment in the amount of \$4,290 now available for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 etseq.) (the “Local Bond Law”). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes or from moneys actually held by the Borough. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), as amended and supplemented, no down payment is required for the Slocum Avenue improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) hereof, as a portion of such project is expected to be funded by a portion of the DOT Grant.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$485,453 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the down payment and the Grants, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$106,138 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$106,138 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued are improvements to various roadways in the Borough, including but not limited to, Slocum Avenue (from Abbott Avenue to Broad Avenue), Linden Avenue (from Shetland Lane to Shaler Boulevard) and Bryant Place, such improvements including,

but not limited to, as applicable, milling, paving, reconstruction and resurfacing the roadways, the repairing and/or installation of curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons, drainage work, roadway painting, landscaping and aesthetic improvements, and also including all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$106,138.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$485,453, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is comprised of the Grants in the aggregate amount of \$375,025 and the down payment in the amount of \$4,290 for said improvements or purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$106,138 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$98,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

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

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

SECTION 10. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant

to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

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

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2022

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 \$113,275.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Veteran’s Memorial Park Improvements; 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 held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022; 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 Ridgefield Mayor and Council:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of **May 6, 2022**, 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 Ridgefield Mayor and Councilhas, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,

3. That the Ridgefield Mayor and Council 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 Ridgefield Mayor and Council 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**

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2022

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has determined that the Municipal Tax Collector will be unable to complete the mailing and/or delivery of tax bills by June 14, 2022 as otherwise required by law, since the County of Bergen has not yet adopted a budget; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2* provides that in the above circumstance the governing body may authorize and direct the Tax Collector to prepare an estimated tax bill as provided by statute; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough of Ridgefield that said authorization be granted;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Tax Collector have computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3* and has attached a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies.

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

1. The Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough for the third installment of 2022 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by New Jersey statutes, specifically *N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2* and *54:4-66.3*.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2022 is hereby set at \$41,531,422.97 and the tax rate is set at 1.69.
3. In accordance with the law, the third installment of 2022 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the 25<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills are mailed.

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

**PROPOSED CALCULATION OF THE 2022 ESTIMATED TAX RATE**

<b>2021 Tax Levy and Tax Rate</b>			<b>2021 Estimated Range Tax Levy</b>		
		Tax rate	95%		105%
Local	\$11,114,284.00	0.709			
Library	\$689,485.00	0.044			
School	\$23,525,854.00	1.5			
County	\$5,043,546.27	0.322			
County Open Space	\$209,180.61	0.013			
Totals	\$40,582,349.88				
		2.588	\$38,553,232.00		\$42,611,467.00

<b>2022 Estimated Tax Rate 2022 Ratable is \$2,472,604,935.00</b>			
			Tax rate
Local	\$11,436,093.82		0.463
Library	\$759,203.00		0.031
School	\$23,953,127.00		0.969
County	\$5,169,634.93		0.209
County Open Space	\$213,364.22		0.009
Totals	\$41,531,422.97		1.681
Estimated tax rate (rounded)			1.69

Certified by:

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Francis J. Elenio, CFO

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Frank Berardo, Tax Collector

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the following personnel be hired as Pool employees for the 2022 pool season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u> <u>2022</u>
Alexa Stark	15.00
Alexis S Nunez	13.25
AlizJacob	13.00
Amira Jehnoi Walcott	13.00
Anthony Cancian	13.75
Antony Leleu	13.00
Armand Leleu	13.00
ArtinaBehdzet	13.00
Ash Sorto	13.25
Ashley Gomes	13.00
Ava Huzovic	13.00
Barbara Moreira	13.00
Breanna Estrella	13.00
BryannMejias	13.00
BugraAksoy	13.00
Charles Baez	13.00
Chloe Umana	13.00
Christina Cancian	13.75
Christopher Halter	13.25
Christopher Kane	13.25
Cristian Samayoa	13.00
Daris Valdez	13.00
David Alvarado	13.00
Eliana Umana	13.00
Elijah Espinal	13.00
Emma Hot	13.50
Engel Galvez	13.00
Esmeralda Samayoa	13.00
Esther Moise	13.00
Eunice Kim	13.25
Eva Pfeiffer	13.00

Gabriela Torres-Valencia	13.00
Gabriella Ramos	13.00
Gianna Haase	13.00
Grace Osmanski	13.00
Isabella Martinez	13.00
Izabella Skoblar	13.50
Jack Gryctko	13.00
Jamie Cha	15.00
Jasmine Abreu	13.00
Jason Murillo	13.00
Jesus Castillo	13.00
Joshua Bracero	13.00
Joshua Diaz	13.00
Joshua Espinal	13.00
Joshua Tunon	13.00
Julian Santiago	13.50
Kai Giro	13.50
Kayla Giro	13.00
Kaylene Pena	13.00
Lauren Gambuzza	13.00
Leah Richiez	13.00
LeslieTorres Liranzo	13.00
Louis Haase	15.00
Lynne Garofalo	13.50
Maria Clavijo	13.00
Maria Filho	13.00
Matthew Castelli	13.75
Matthew Forbes	13.25
Matthew Suarez	13.00
Mauricio Rodriguez	13.00
Michael Kirk	13.00
Nicole Kotchman	13.00
Nicole McDermott	13.50
Ocean Saric	13.25
Olivia Reynoso	13.00
Paola Ortega	13.00
Paolo Arcuri	13.00
Paris Calderon	13.00
Priscilla Plaza	13.00
Sabrina Reynoso	13.50
Sarah Han	13.00
Shane Morin	13.00
Sienna Santiago	13.25
Sofia Granados	13.25
Sofia Martinez	13.25

Sul-a Olivia Hong	13.00
TuanaOncu	13.00
Valerie Acevedo	13.00
Victor Amaritei	13.00
Zackary Tiliouine	13.00
Sharon Wunder	\$16,300
Ed Catherina	\$8,950
Linda Muccia	\$8,200

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2022

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the Budget of any Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield received \$2,630.35 from the United States Department of Justice, and wishes to amend its 2022 Calendar Year Budget to include this amount as a item of revenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Mayor and Council hereby requests the Director of Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Calendar Year Budget of 2016 in the sum of \$2,825.76 which is now available as a revenue item from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenue Off-set with Appropriations:

Federal Body Armor Replacement Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$2,630.35 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations excluded from CAPS

Public and Private Revenues Off-set by Appropriations:

Federal Body Armor Replacement Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer forwards a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Castelli				
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Dorsett				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

**COUNCIL VOTE**

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



## SCHEDULE A

2007 Ford E-450 Ambulance, VIN #1FDXE45PX7DA56040 Vehicle has 50,685 miles and is in good condition.

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

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

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Francis J. Elenio,  
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting May 23, 2022

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$328,665.57**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$294,822.30
TRUST	\$7,430.04
CAPITAL	\$25,813.27
POOL	\$596.36
DOG	\$3.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$328,665.57</b>

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

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Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk