

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: November 14, 2011

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

Public Session to Adjourn to Executive Session: C.T.O.: Adjourn:

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: 7:30 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	Adj. to Ex.		Public	
	Pres.	Abs.	Pres.	Abs.
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT		ABSENT	
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2187 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 9-11 MEMORIAL PATH FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND APPROPRIATING \$45,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

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

Public Hearing

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

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2188 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ACQUISITION OF A 29 YARD REAR COMPACTING GARBAGE TRUCK FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND APPROPRIATING \$225,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

328-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Appeal Settlement-550 Bergen Boulevard
329-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Petty Cash Fund-Youth Commission
330-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Change Custodian-Borough Clerk Petty Cash Fund
331-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Rescind Petty Cash Fund-Public Assistance
332-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Change Custodian-Police Dept. Petty Cash Fund
333-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Audit Recommendation
334-2011	Councilman Acosta	Hire Per-Diem Community Center Attendant
335-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Emergency Expenditure
336-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Return of Escrow Monies
337-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Court Judgment-667 Clinton Place
338-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Court Judgment-527 Lowe Avenue
339-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Tax Court Judgment-817 Lancaster Road
340-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Authorize RFQs for Borough Professionals

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTIONS:

341-2011	Councilman Jimenez	Warrants
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COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Application for Raffles License:

Ridgefield Music Parents Organization
January 17, 2012 – 9:00 p.m.
Super 50/50
555 Chestnut Street

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. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Mayor Anthony R. 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				
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Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2187

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

“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 9-11 MEMORIAL PATH FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND APPROPRIATING \$45,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

introduced on the 24th day of October, 2011, 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				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 24, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2187

“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 9-11 MEMORIAL PATH FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND APPROPRIATING \$45,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, authorizes sidewalk improvements and improvements to the 9-11 Memorial Path for the Borough of Ridgefield to be funded from the source specified in Section 2 of the Ordinance.

Section 2. The amount of \$45,000 is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance and which amount was funded from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$45,000.

Section 3. In connection with the purpose and the amount authorized in Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Borough determines the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Borough of Ridgefield may lawfully make as a general improvement.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2188

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

“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ACQUISITION OF A 29 YARD REAR
COMPACTING GARBAGE TRUCK FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND
APPROPRIATING \$225,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

introduced on the 14th day of November, 2011, 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 12th day of December, 2011 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				
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Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2188

“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ACQUISITION OF A 29 YARD REAR
COMPACTING GARBAGE TRUCK FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD AND
APPROPRIATING \$225,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, authorizes the acquisition of a 29 yard rear compacting garbage truck for the Borough of Ridgefield to be funded from the source specified in Section 2 of the Ordinance.

Section 2. The amount of \$225,000 is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance and which amount was funded from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$225,000.

Section 3. In connection with the purpose and the amount authorized in Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Borough determines the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Borough of Ridgefield may lawfully make as a general improvement.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 328-2011

WHEREAS, Michael I, Schneck, Esq. has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 550 Bergen Boulevard, Block 2502, Lot 9 for 2010; and

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is One Million Six Hundred Eighty-three Thousand Three Hundred (\$1,683,300.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the parties have exchanged discovery and appraisal reports and have entered into settlement discussions and proposed settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that it does hereby authorize and approve a proposed settlement as follows:

1. Adjusted assessment for 2010-2011 at One Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred (\$1,515,600.00) Dollars;
2. That the Special Tax Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Stipulation of Settlement for filing with the Tax Court;
3. That the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of the Tax Court Judgment, to calculate the amount of the refund and cause same to be paid to the taxpayer, without statutory interest, within sixty (60) days from the date of the Tax Court Judgment;
4. That the within settlement is subject to review and approval thereof by the taxpayer.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 328-2011

WHEREAS, Michael I, Schneck, Esq. has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 550 Bergen Boulevard, Block 2502, Lot 9 for 2010; and

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is Four Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred

COUNCIL VOTE

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Castelli				
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 329-2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-21A authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county or municipality by application and resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, to establish such a fund for the Ridgefield Youth Commission in the amount of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is Donna Castelli, who is bonded under a blanket public official bond carried by the Borough of Ridgefield; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, Bergen County, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 330-2011

WHEREAS, Martin Gobbo was custodian of the Borough Clerk Petty Cash Fund, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Borough of Ridgefield is changing the custodian to Linda Prina; and

WHEREAS, Linda Prina is bonded under a blanket public official bond carried by the Borough of Ridgefield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, Bergen County, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 331-2011

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen that the petty cash fund for Public Assistance be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, Bergen County, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 332-2011

WHEREAS, Richard Stoltenborg was custodian of the Police Department Petty Cash Fund, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Borough of Ridgefield is changing the custodian to T.J. Gallagher; and

WHEREAS, T.J. Gallagher is bonded under a blanket public official bond carried by the Borough of Ridgefield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, Bergen County, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 333-2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year ending June 30, 2011 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 – to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52-“A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Ridgefield hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 334-2011

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

MARIA DELPILAR MINANO GOLDMAN

be hired as a per-diem Community Center Attendant effective immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 335-2011

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen under N.J.S.A.40A:11-6 requiring immediate removal of felled trees and brush from Borough roads and properties as a result of a storm which occurred on October 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, expedient removal of felled trees and brush in the amount of \$27,000.00 is necessary to provide for the health safety and welfare of the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent have certified that proper procedures have been utilized in the Request for Emergency Purchases and that funds will be available from the Department of Public Works Line of the TY2011 Budget and Recycling Trust:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the emergency removal of felled trees and brush in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 is and hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds for this emergency repair will be available from the Department of Public Works Operating Expense line item of TY 2011 Current Budget and from the Recycling Trust..

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Prina, Acting Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 336-2011

WHEREAS, the following applicants have posted legal and engineering fees for development with the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment;

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0307	15	Rossi, Raymond & Lillian 815 Linden Ave	\$201.90

WHEREAS, Borough professionals have determined that all required improvements have been satisfactorily completed and all fees due for services rendered have been received:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough Treasurer is and hereby authorized to return the balance of escrow monies to the applicant.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Castelli				
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Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 337-2011

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 1305 Lot 3, also known as 667 Clinton Place, for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Andrei Amaritei be issued a refund in the amount of \$511.10 for the year 2009, \$528.11 for the year 2010 and \$538.57 for the year 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$1,577.78 made payable to William S. Winters, Esq., Attorney for Andrei Amaritei and mailed to 199 Route 18 South, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 338-2011

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 2902 Lot 13, also known as 527 Lowe Avenue, for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that 527 Lowe Ave, LLC be issued a refund in the amount of \$687.72 for the year 2009, \$710.60 for the year 2010 and \$724.68 for the year 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$2,123.00 made payable to William S. Winters, Esq., Attorney for 527 Lowe Ave, LLC and mailed to 199 Route 18 South, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 339-2011

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey has approved the settlement stipulation for an adjusted assessment on Block 3301 Lot 4, also known as 817 Lancaster Road, for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that Peter Adragna be issued a refund in the amount of \$1,156.62 for the year 2009, \$1,117.55 for the year 2010 and \$1,177.61 for the year 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$3,451.78 made payable to William S. Winters, Esq., Attorney for Peter Adragna and mailed to 199 Route 18 South, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 340-2011

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006, N.J.S.A. 1944A-20.1 et seq., commonly known as the “State Pay to Play Law, enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one year of the date the contract is to be awarded that is reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c.83 (C.19.44A-1 et seq.) to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, a “fair and open process” constitutes the following: (1) public advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) with twenty (20) days notice prior to the receipt of responses to the RFQ; (2) award of contract under a process that provides for public solicitation of qualifications; (3) award of contract under publicly disclosed criteria established, in writing, by the municipality prior to the solicitation of qualifications; and (4) the municipality shall publicly open and announce the qualifications when awarded; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Borough of Ridgefield (“the Borough”) to engage legal, financial, and engineering professionals and to engage the services of other individuals for extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to appoint such professionals and services by a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that RFQs for professional services for the following professional services for the Borough are hereby authorized:

- 1) Borough Attorney
- 2) Rent Leveling Attorney
- 3) Bond Counsel
- 4) Tax Appeal Counsel
- 5) Borough Engineer
- 6) Borough Planner
- 7) Borough Auditor

- 8) Insurance Agent/Risk Manager
- 9) Independent Professional Real Estate Appraiser
- 10) Municipal Prosecutor
- 11) Public Defender
- 12) Planning Board Attorney
- 13) Planning Board Planner
- 14) Planning Board Engineer
- 15) Labor Attorney
- 16) Other professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services as the Council may deem appropriate to award pursuant to a fair and open process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services as set forth hereinabove shall be prepared and published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq. and all submissions in response shall be evaluated on the basis of the most advantageous submission, all factors considered, including, but not limited to:

- 1) Experience and reputation in the field
- 2) Knowledge of the Borough and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract
- 3) Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Borough or Borough Agency
- 4) Any other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Borough or Borough Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on or before November 22, 2011 the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services enumerated above by the following means:

(1) on the Borough's internet web site. (The Borough Clerk is also authorized to publish the RFQ documents themselves on the Borough Website.); (2) on the Borough's bulletin Board at Town Hall; and (3) in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield. The notice of RFQs shall include the following:

- 1) A description of the requested professional or extraordinary unspecifiable service for which the RFQ is made;
- 2) A statement that Qualifications must be submitted by 10:00 AM on December 21, 2011
- 3) A statement that the RFQs are being made by the Borough
- 4) The address and phone number of the Borough Clerk's office and a statement that applicants may obtain the RFQ document from the Clerk's office if they cannot obtain the RFQ documents from the Borough's website;
- 5) A statement that the RFQ is being made through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Attorney is authorized and directed, in consultation with the members of the Finance Committee of the Mayor and Council, to effectuate the drafting of the RFQs, which shall include the evaluation criteria hereinabove stated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk or her designee shall publicly open and read aloud the submissions responding to the RFQs, including the name of the applicant and any other pertinent information on December 21, 2011, at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those positions included hereinabove are those which the Borough of Ridgefield reasonably believes will be subject to appointment for the year 2012. However, all such appointments are subject to the availability of funds and the continuing needs of the Borough. Accordingly, inclusion of a position in this resolution is not a representation or warranty that such position will be filled, or that if filled, it will be subject to the process contained herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council has determined that the terms of this Resolution constitute a fair and open process as to all positions included herein.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting 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.

Joseph Luppino,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting November 14, 2011

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 341-2011

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling \$879,648.95
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$870,452.41
TRUST	\$5,000.04
CAPITAL	\$1,011.46
POOL	\$3,135.84
DOG LICENSE	\$49.20
TOTAL	\$879,648.95

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Todd				
Vincentz				
Severino				
Acosta				
Jimenez				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Prina,
Acting Borough Clerk