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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: October 25, 2021

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

	Adj. to Ex.		Public	
	Pres.	Abs.	Pres.	Abs.
Mayor Suarez				
Castelli				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
	Mayor Suarez	
Castelli		
Penabad		
Shim		
Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Larkin		

Discuss 2021 Best Practices Inventory

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2421 entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$175,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$166,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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| 264-2021 | Councilman Jimenez | Banking Services-Kearny Bank |
| 265-2021 | Councilman Castelli | Authorize to Advertise – RFQs 2022 Professionals |
| 266-2021 | Councilman Jimenez | Veteran’s Deduction-Block 3103, Lot 5 |
| 267-2021 | Councilwoman Larkin | Appointment to Rent Leveling Commission |
| 268-2021 | Councilman Jimenez | Redemption of Tax Title Lien #21-011 |
| 269-2021 | Councilman Kontolios | Municipal Alliance Grant FY2023 |
| 270-2021 | Councilman Penabad | Appoint Fire Inspector – Motta |
| 271-2021 | Councilman Castelli | Authorize DOT Pleasantview Terrace and Surrounding Roadway Improvements Project Grant Application |
| 272-2021 | Councilman Castelli | Authorize DOT Shaler Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Project Grant Application |
| 273-2021 | Councilman Kontolios | Salary Increase – Special Police Officers |

COUNCIL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS:

- | | | |
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| 274-2021 | Councilman Jimenez | Warrants |
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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 October 25, 2021

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				
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Larkin				
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. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

ORDINANCE NO. 2421

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

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$175,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$166,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

introduced on the 25th day of October, 2021, 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 8th day of November, 2021 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at the regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held via Zoom. 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				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

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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 \$175,000, which sum includes \$8,750 as the amount of down payment for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, 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.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$175,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$166,250 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 \$166,250 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 obligations are to be issued include, but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) <u>Public Works Department</u> – Acquisition Of Two (2) Dump Trucks; And	\$155,000	\$147,250	\$7,750	5.00 years
(ii) <u>Recreation Department</u> - Acquisition And Installation, As Applicable, Of Various Park	\$20,000	\$19,000	\$1,000	15.00 years

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Equipment Including, But Not Limited To, A Pavilion And Benches.				
TOTALS	<u>\$175,000</u>	<u>\$166,250</u>	<u>\$8,750</u>	

(b) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$166,250.

(c) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$175,000, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the down payment available for said purposes.

(d) All such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall include, but are not limited to, as applicable, all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and also shall include all work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto and all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and available for public inspection and hereby approved.

SECTION 4. 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. 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 purposes. 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 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 6.14 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 \$166,250 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 \$1,000 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 purposes or improvements 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:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 264-2021

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has determined it to be in the best interest of the Borough of Ridgefield to establish a banking relationship with Kearny Bank.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the authorized officers for the Borough execute the necessary documents that give authority to transact business with Kearny Bank, including but not limited to the opening and maintenance of checking, savings and escrow accounts.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 265-2021

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-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 RFP; (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 Attorney
- 5) Borough Engineer
- 6) Borough Planner and/or Planning Board Planner
- 7) Borough Auditor

- 8) Insurance Agent/Risk Manager
- 9) Independent Professional Real Estate Appraiser
- 10) Borough Prosecutor
- 11) Public Defender
- 12) Planning Board Attorney
- 13) Planning Board Engineer
- 14) Labor Attorney
- 15) Special Counsel
- 16) Tenant Advocate
- 17) Special Projects Engineer
- 18) Grant Writer
- 19) Environmental Consultant
- 20) Financial Advisory Services
- 21) 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) Compensation proposal
- 5) 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 9, 2021 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 Qualification Statements must be submitted by 11:00 AM on December 10, 2021
- 3) A statement that the RFQs are being made by the Borough

- 4) The address and phone number of the Borough Purchasing Agent's office and a statement that applicants may obtain the RFQ document from the Purchasing Agent's office if they cannot obtain the RFQ documents from the Borough's website;
- 5) A statement that the RFQs are 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 Purchasing Agent 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 Purchasing Agent or his 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 10, 2021, at 11:00 AM in 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 2022. 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				
Penabad				
Shim				
Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 266-2021

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes in the Borough of Ridgefield was received for the year of 2021 due to the Veterans Allowance of Block 3103 Lot 5, also known as 578 Carpenter Place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a refund in the amount of \$250.00 for the year 2021 be issued to David Parliament;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$250.00 from account 01-1040 and made payable to: David Parliament and mailed to 578 Carpenter Place, Ridgefield, NJ 07657.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilwoman Larkin

RESOLUTION NO. 267-2021

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

JOEY KERZNER

be appointed to the Rent Leveling Commission A2 Alt. 1 to fill the unexpired term of Yaacov Reich; and

SCOTT RUSSO

be appointed to the Rent Leveling Commission A1 Alt. 1 to fill the unexpired term of Paul Griffin.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 268-2021

WHEREAS, NOVAD/HUD on behalf of Destasio, Leonard, have deposited a check in the amount of \$22,320.11 into the Suspense Account for the redemption and subsequent taxes of Tax Lien # 21-011, Block 3212 Lot 2, further known as 602 Carpenter Place, sold to US BANK CUST ACTLIEN and whereas \$67,600.00 was deposited into the Trust Account for the premium at the time of tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue and sign a check in the amount of \$22,320.11 from the Suspense Account and a check for \$67,600.00 from the Trust Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the check in the amount of \$22,320.11 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Suspense Account 01-2999 and the check in the amount of \$67,600.00 be drawn on the Borough of Ridgefield Trust Account 03-2950 and be made payable to: US BANK CUST ACTLIEN and be mailed to 50 s. 16th Street Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 269-2021

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Ridgefield County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Ramsey Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 4507.18
Cash Match	\$ 1126.80
In-Kind	\$ 3380.39
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda Silvestri, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Borough Council on this 25 day of October, 2021.

Linda Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Penabad

RESOLUTION NO. 270-2021

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

RICHARD A. MOTTA

be appointed as a Fire Inspector for the remainder of calendar year 2021 at the hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour effective immediately.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Penabad				
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Jimenez				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 271-2021

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Pleasant View Terrace and Surrounding Roadways Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield formally approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as *LFIF-2022-Pleasant View Terrace and Surround-00013* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council on this 25th day of October, 2021.

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 272-2021

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Shaler Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield formally approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as *LTPF-2022-Shaler Boulevard Streetscape Impro-00053* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Ridgefield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council on this 25th day of October, 2021.

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 273-2021

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the hourly rate for Special Police Officers be increased to \$16.00 per hour effective October 21, 2021.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 25, 2021

Presented by Councilman Jimenez

RESOLUTION NO. 274-2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$2,471,568.47**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,256,152.22
TRUST	\$110,588.50
CAPITAL	\$1,103,672.84
POOL	\$1,080.51
DOG LICENSE	\$74.40
TOTAL	\$2,471,568.47

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk