

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

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

Date: October 27, 2014

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Suarez

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

- Nature Center Improvements

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-WORK SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
Acosta		
Penabad		
Shim		
Todd		
Vincentz		

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Suarez		
Castelli		
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ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

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Mayor Suarez		
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Presentation of Summer Playground Anti-Bullying Certificates

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2264 entitled, “A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$110,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS”

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

Public Hearing

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

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2265 entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$726,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$689,700 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

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

Public Hearing

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Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

261-2014	Councilman Castelli	Authorize Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Application
262-2014	Councilman Acosta	Tax Appeal Settlement 2011-1125 Pleasantview Terr.
263-2014	Councilman Acosta	Tax Appeal Settlement 2012-1125 Pleasantview Terr.
264-2014	Councilman Acosta	Tax Appeal Settlement 2013-1125 Pleasantview Terr.
265-2014	Councilman Acosta	Tax Appeal Settlement 2014-1125 Pleasantview Terr.
266-2014	Councilman Acosta	Tax Appeal Settlement 2013-530 Church Street
267-2014	Councilman Acosta	Tax Appeal Settlement 2014-530 Church Street
268-2014	Councilman Castelli	PAIC Membership Renewal
269-2014	Councilman Acosta	Tax Appeal Settlement-373 Morse Avenue

COUNCIL VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS:

270-2014 Councilman Acosta Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

Coin Toss Request:

RMHS Music Parents

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Rain Date Sunday, November 16, 2014

9:00 am-3:00 pm

RMHS Music Parents

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Rain Date Sunday, April 26, 2015

9:00 am-3:00 pm

RMHS Project Graduation

Saturday, November 29, 2014

Saturday, March 14, 2015

9:00 am-3:00 pm

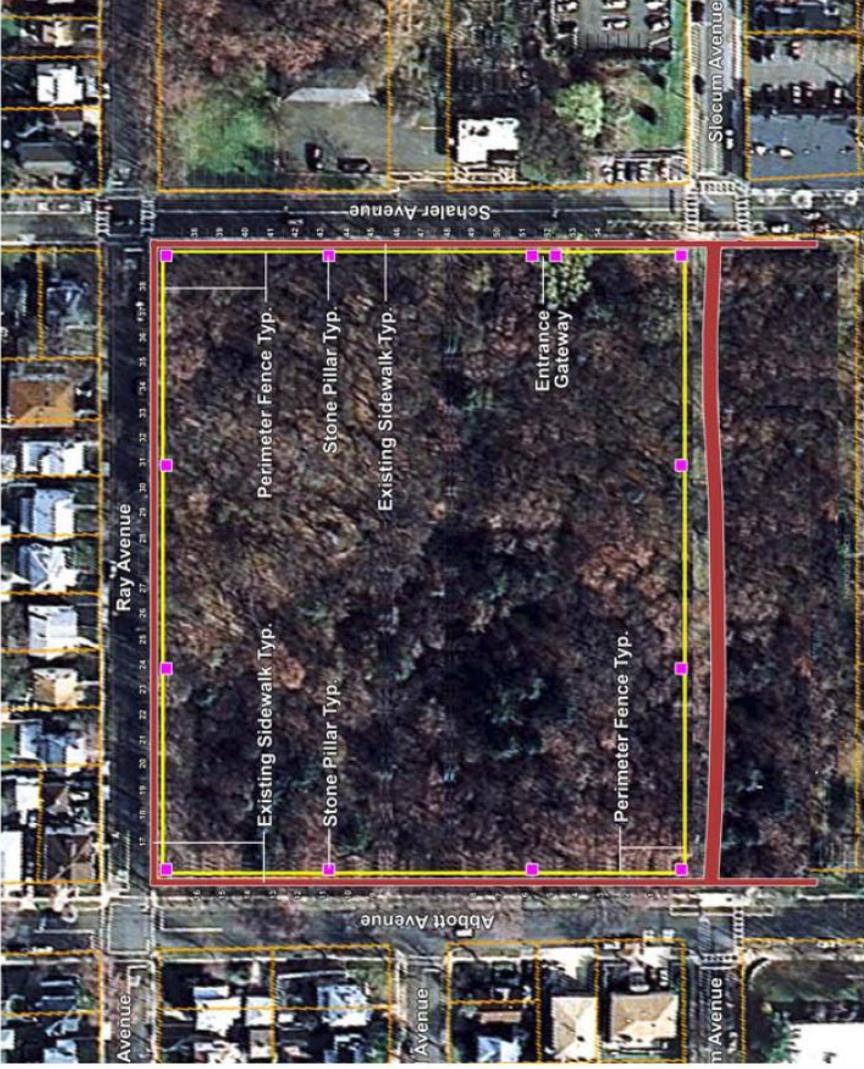
COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEN:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk



10/23/14



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Ridgefield Nature Center

Ridgefield, New Jersey



To: Mayor Anthony Suarez
From: DMR Architects
Date: October 23, 2014

RE: Ridgefield Nature Center

Ridgefield Nature Center
Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate

The following is a list of estimated construction cost:

<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Total</i>
Two Park Entrance Gateways	1 ea.	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Perimeter Fencing	2,050 lf.	\$ 50	\$102,500
Perimeter Stone Pillars	13 ea.	\$ 7,500	\$ 97,500
Entrance Signage	1 ea.	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
		Sub-Total	\$ 232,500
		Contingency & Soft Costs (30%)	\$ 69,750
		Total	\$ 302,250

From: Don Torino <greatauk4@gmail.com>

Date: August 13, 2014 at 5:31:22 PM EDT

To: <asuarez@ridgefieldboro.com>, Karen Riede <theriedes@hotmail.com>

Cc: Mary Kostus <mkostus@hotmail.com>

Subject: Nature Center

Dear Mayor Suarez ,

Thank-you very much for the phone call today regarding our letter about the nature center . I was very encouraged by your enthusiasm for the future protection of the nature center and your wish to keep the nature center as a natural preserve for everyone to enjoy .and connect to the natural world . And we also agree that any changes to be made will be with the environment as a priority and feedback from the community

We both agree that we need to get more people in Ridgefield to visit the center and involved in its future . We hope they we can work with you in exploring ways that will accomplish these goals.

Bergen County Audubon Society much appreciates your prompt attention in clearing up any misunderstanding about the future the nature center

Thank you again for working with us to protect the Environment of Bergen County

Don Torino

President-Bergen County Audubon Society

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

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.

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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 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2264

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

“A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$110,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS”

introduced on the 13th day of October, 2014, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

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Bergen County, New Jersey

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“A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$110,000 FROM THE
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IMPROVEMENTS”

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

Section1. The Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey,
authorizes Community Center Kitchen Improvements to be funded from the source specified in
Section 2 of the Ordinance.

Section2. The amount of \$110,000 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 \$110,000.

Section3. 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.

Section4. 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.

Section5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and
publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Acosta

ORDINANCE NO. 2265

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“BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$726,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$689,700 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

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Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

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Presented by Councilman Acosta

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

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$726,000, such sum includes the sum of \$36,300 as the down payment (the “Down Payment”) required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments or capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$689,700 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$689,700 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
(1) Acquisition of various vehicles, including, but not limited to a street sweeper, sewer/jetter cleaner, 4 wheel drive sport utility vehicle, and pickup truck with plow, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	\$641,000	\$608,950	13.73 Years
(2) Border Streets roadway improvements, including but not limited to a portion of Lafayette Avenue and Nelson Avenue, including milling and resurfacing, including all work and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto.	50,000	47,500	10 Years
(3) Acquisition of various equipment, including a paint striping machine and the re-keying of all Borough buildings, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto..	35,000	33,250	15 Years
TOTAL	\$726,000	\$689,700	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$689,700.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$726,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of

the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

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

SECTION 6:

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

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

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 13.53 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$689,700 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received

which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

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

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$689,700.

SECTION 10:

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2014

WHEREAS, The Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, 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 municipal recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$72,250.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Ridgefield Nature Center Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make 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 board held a public meeting on November 24, to receive comments prior to the submission of said application; 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 projects; and

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 October 31, 2014, 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 Council has, 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

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
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Vincentz				
Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

 Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

 Linda M. Silvestri,
 Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 262-2014

WHEREAS, Bruce J. Stavitsky, Esq., representing Genzyme Biosurgery, has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 1125 Pleasantview Terrace, Block 4014, Lot 11;

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is:

LAND:	Three Million Seventy Thousand (\$3,070,000.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS:	Twenty Million One Hundred Thousand (\$20,100,000.00) Dollars
TOTAL:	Twenty Three Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$23,170,000.00) Dollars

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 2011 at:

LAND:	Three Million Seventy Thousand (\$3,070,000.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS:	Eighteen Million Four Hundred Thirty Thousand (\$18,430,000.00) Dollars
TOTAL:	Twenty One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$21,500,000.00) 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.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Approved:

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

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RESOLUTION NO. 263-2014

WHEREAS, Bruce J. Stavitsky, Esq., representing Genzyme Biosurgery, has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 1125 Pleasantview Terrace, Block 4014, Lot 11;

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is:

LAND:	Three Million Seventy Thousand (\$3,070,000.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS:	Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred (\$19,866,400.00) Dollars
TOTAL:	Twenty Two Million Nine Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred (\$22,936,400.00) Dollars

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:

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Bergen County, New Jersey

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WHEREAS, Bruce J. Stavitsky, Esq., representing Genzyme Biosurgery, has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 1125 Pleasantview Terrace, Block 4014, Lot 11;

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is:

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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:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 266-2014

WHEREAS, Dennis J. Francis, Esq., representing Christopher Boel, has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 530 Church Street, Block 2904, Lot 3;

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is:

LAND: Five Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$544,200.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS: Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred (\$525,800.00) Dollars
TOTAL: One Million Seventy Thousand (\$1,070,000.00) Dollars

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 2013 at:

LAND: Five Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$544,200.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS: Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred (\$405,800.00) Dollars
TOTAL: Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$950,000.00) 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.

COUNCIL VOTE

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

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 267-2014

WHEREAS, Dennis J. Francis, Esq., representing Christopher Boel, has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 530 Church Street, Block 2904, Lot 3;

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is:

LAND: Five Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$544,200.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS: Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred (\$525,800.00) Dollars
TOTAL: One Million Seventy Thousand (\$1,070,000.00) Dollars

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 2014 at:

LAND: Five Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$544,200.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS: Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred (\$405,800.00) Dollars
TOTAL: Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$950,000.00) 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;
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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 268-2014

WHEREAS, Ridgefield Borough, hereafter referred to as "Public Entity" is a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund, hereinafter referred to as "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, said renewal membership terminates as of January 1, 2015 at 12:01 am standard time, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Public Entity and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit is afforded the following types of coverages:

- ❖ Workers' Compensation
- ❖ Package (property, boiler & machinery, crime, auto & general liability including Police Professional)
- ❖ Public Officials Liability
- ❖ Excess Liability
 - Auto & General Liability (including Police Professional)
 - Public Official Liability
- ❖ Environmental Impairment Liability

WHEREAS, the Public Entity desires to renew said membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Public Entity agrees to renew its membership in the Fund for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2015, and ending January 1, 2018 at 12:01 am eastern standard time, and to be subject to the coverages, operating procedures, bylaws, and other organizational and operational documents of the Fund presently existing or as from time to time amended by the Fund and/or the Department of Banking and Insurance.
2. The Public Entity agrees that as a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund the Public Entity must purchase all types of coverages offered by the Fund which are applicable to the Public Entity.
3. The Public Entity hereby appoints Erik Lenander as the Public Entity's Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the renewal Indemnity and Trust Agreement thereby evidencing annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Fund the Public Entity's renewal of its membership.

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

**PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND
INDEMNITY AND TRUST RENEWAL AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____, 2014, in the County of _____, State of New Jersey, by and between the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund, hereinafter referred to as "**Fund**", and the Governing Body of **Ridgefield Borough**, hereinafter referred to as "**Public Entity**"; and

WHEREAS, the **Fund** seeks to provide its members with insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, two or more public entities have collectively formed a joint insurance fund as is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et. seq.* and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the **Public Entity** has resolved to renew said membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The **Public Entity** hereby renews its membership in the **Fund** for a three (3) year, beginning January 1, 2015 and ending January 1, 2018 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time.
2. The **Public Entity** hereby ratifies and reaffirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of the **Fund** and as from time to time amended and altered by the **Fund** and/or Department of Banking and Insurance in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were executed contemporaneously herewith.
3. The **Public Entity** agrees to be a participating member of the **Fund** for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership.
34. The **Public Entity** agrees that as a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund the **Public Entity** must purchase all types of coverages offered by the **Fund** which are applicable to the **Public Entity**.
35. In consideration of renewal of membership in the **Fund**, the **Public Entity** agrees that for those types of insurance in which it participates, the **Public Entity** shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the **Fund** all of whom, as a condition of membership in the **Fund**, shall execute a verbatim counterpart to this Agreement. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the **Public Entity** is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the **Fund** in accordance with the bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable statute or regulation.
6. If the **Fund**, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the **Public Entity** agrees to reimburse the **Fund** for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.

7. The **Public Entity** and the **Fund** agree that the **Fund** shall hold all monies paid by the **Public Entity** to the **Fund** as fiduciaries for the benefit of **Fund** claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations.
8. The **Fund** shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.13 and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable.
9. Each **Public Entity** that becomes a member of the **Fund** shall be obligated to execute this Agreement.
10. The **Fund** Commissioner designated in the Resolution to Renew Membership is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement to renew membership.

By: _____
Ridgefield Borough - Authorized Signature

By: _____
Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund – Authorized Signature

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 247-2014

WHEREAS, Marc D. Ramundo, Esq., representing Domenico & Filomena Vaccaro, has filed a tax appeal challenging assessments at 373 Morse Avenue, Block 3804, Lot 2;

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue is:

LAND: Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred (\$213,600.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS: Six Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred (\$646,400.00) Dollars
TOTAL: Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand (\$860,000.00) Dollars

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 2013 at:

LAND: Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred (\$213,600.00) Dollars
IMPROVEMENTS: Five Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred (\$586,400.00) Dollars
TOTAL: Eight Hundred Thousand (\$800,000.00) 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;
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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.

Frank Berardo,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting October 27, 2014

Presented by Councilman Acosta

RESOLUTION NO. 270-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$1,418,520.98**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$1,359,873.78
TRUST	\$8,308.94
CAPITAL	\$122.50
POOL	\$694.02
DOG LICENSE	\$63.60
AGED ITEMS	\$49,458.14
TOTAL	\$1,418,520.98

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mayor Suarez				

Approved:

Attest:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

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