

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 22, 2020
7:30 PM

Mayor Anlian announces that this meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10 4-6 et seq." notice of which was sent to the Record and the Star Ledger on December 31, 2019 and was posted on the Municipal Website and Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

HEARING OF CITIZENS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Anlian announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2020-163 Appoint Construction Board of Appeals Member
- 2020-164 Appoint Municipal Court Personnel
- 2020-165 Appoint Fire Inspectors
- 2020-166 Appoint Local Assistance Board Member
- 2020-167 Appoint Class 3 Planning Board Member
- 2020-168 Appoint Planning Board Members
- 2020-169 Appoint Pool Commission Members
- 2020-170 Appoint Qualified Purchasing Agent
- 2020-171 Appoint Rent Stabilization Board Members
- 2020-172 Appoint Shade Tree Commission Members
- 2020-173 Appoint Zoning Board Members
- 2020-174 Authorize Establishment of Petty Cash Funds
- 2020-175 Authorize Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes
- 2020-176 Authorize Cancellation of Small Balances
- 2020-177 Designate Official Depositories of the Village
- 2020-178 Designate Official Newspapers of the Village
- 2020-179 Designate Signatories for Banking Purposes
- 2020-180 Appoint Insurance Consultants
- 2020-181 Appoint Various Professional Services
- 2020-182 Appoint Village Attorney
- 2020-183 Authorize Liquor License Renewal
- 2020-184 Authorize Appeal to Appellate Division

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

Appointment Class 2 member of the Planning Board

PROCLAMATION

Artist Laureate

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

2020-185 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

2020-163

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following appointment to the Construction Board of Appeals:

Tom Vercelli, 1st Alternate, one year, term expiring December 31, 2021

2020-164

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following personnel to the Municipal Court for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.

Thomas Quirico	Prosecutor
David Molk	Public Defender
Susan Vargas	Court Administrator
Eunkyong Lee	Deputy Court Administrator
Bonnie Manaut	Violations Clerk

2020-165

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following personnel as Fire Inspectors for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021:

Richard Cravello Fire Inspector

Carl Dettloff Fire Inspector

2020-166

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following appointment to the Local Assistance Board:

Commissioner William Gerken, Member, term expiring December 31, 2024

2020-167

THAT, Commissioner Adam A. MacNeill, be and hereby is appointed Class 3 Member of the Planning Board for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating on May 2024.

2020-168

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following appointments to the Ridgefield Park Planning Board:

Lisset Torres, Regular Member, term expiring December 31, 2022

Stephen Quinn, Regular Member, term expiring December 31, 2024

2020-169

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as members of the Pool Commission for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.

Sheymey Colon

Karen Conway

Michael Nagurka

Paula Petrella

Clare Rovito

2020-170

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appoints James T. Olobardi as Qualified Purchasing Agent, at an annual salary of \$2,000.00, for a one year term ending on December 31, 2021.

2020-171

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as Landlord Representative to the Rent Stabilization Board for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.

Peter Bedevian

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as Homeowner Representatives to the Rent Stabilization Board for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.

Mary Puleio

2020-172

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints George Gosen as a Regular Member to the Shade Tree Commission for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Chris Rutkowski as a Regular Member to the Shade Tree Commission to fill the unexpired term expiring December 31, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Kate Spontak and Frank Zaccherio as Associate Members of the Shade Tree Commission for term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021:

2020-173

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following appointments to the Ridgefield Park Zoning Board:

Michael Alberque, Member, four-year term expiring December 31, 2024

William Orth, Member, four-year term expiring December 31, 2024

2020-174

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the following petty cash funds to be established for the following departments for the year 2021:

Ridgefield Park Library	\$200.00
Police Department	\$200.00
Village Clerk's Office	\$100.00
Department of Public Works	\$100.00
Municipal Pool	\$100.00
Recreation Department	\$ 25.00

2020-175

WHEREAS, RS 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 54:4-67 permits fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on the amount in excess of \$1,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1.) The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date, subject to abatement of discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law.
- 2.) There shall be a grace period of ten (10) days for each quarterly tax payment.

2020-176

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey permits the cancellation of either overpayments or past due balances under \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel small balances on properties with balances under \$10.00 for year 2021.

2020-177

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby designates the following as official depositories of all monies belonging to or in control of the Village of Ridgefield Park for the year 2021.

State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Valley Bank

2020-178

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby designates the following as official newspapers of the Village of Ridgefield Park to be used for legal notices and any other official business required for the year 2021:

The Record
The Star Ledger

2020-179

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby designates the following as official signatories on Village of Ridgefield Park Bank Accounts for the year 2021:

John H. Anlian, Mayor
Adam A. MacNeill, Commissioner
Vincent Buono, Chief Financial Officer
Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk

2020-180

WHEREAS, there exists a need for insurance consultant services including, within the Village of Ridgefield Park for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in connection with the insurance of the Village of Ridgefield Park known as the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (m) permits the retention of an insurance consultant and requires a resolution authorizing the award of a contract for these services as "Extraordinary Unspecified Services" which may be awarded without competitive bids and the contract must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners certifies that these services meet the statutory and other regulations governing the award of said contracts; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners desires to retain Mathew M. McArow and Ezio I. Altamura of GJEM Insurance Agency, Inc., 363 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666 as its Insurance Consultants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park the following:

1. There is hereby awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary Unspecified Service" in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5 1 (a) (i) and (m) of the Local Public Contracts Law an insurance contract with Mathew M. McArow and Ezio I. Altamura because such services are specialized and quantitative in nature, require expertise, extensive training and personal reputation.
2. The Mayor and the Village Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute agreement with Mathew M. McArow and Ezio I. Altamura for a period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to reflect their services as Insurance Consultants.
3. The amount paid to Mathew M. McArow and Ezio I. Altamura for the services rendered shall be equal to six percent (6%) of the municipality's annual assessments as promulgated by the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund who will pay such fees directly to Mathew M. McArow and Ezio I. Altamura.

2020-181

WHEREAS, there exists a need for various professional services including, attorneys, auditor, Village engineer, and consulting engineers, to act in accordance with the Code of the Village of Ridgefield Park and to represent the Village in various matters during the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be made available in the 2020 Current/Capital Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for professional services without competitive bids and the contracts themselves must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park that professional contracts will be awarded for legal, auditing, and engineering, and services to the following professionals for the period commencing January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021;

Legal Services (Bond Counsel)

Steven Rogut, Esq., Rogut McCarthy, LLC

37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016

Legal Services and Costs, Line Account 01-2010-20-1552-036

Amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Legal Services (Labor Counsel)

Fox Rothschild, LLP

75 Eisenhower Parkway, Roseland, NJ 07068

Labor Negotiations, Line Account 01-2010-20-1570-027

Amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

**Auditing Services
(Village Auditor)**

Ferraiolo, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A.

401 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

Audit Services, Line Account 01-2010-20-1352-100

Amount not to exceed \$80,000.00

**Engineering Services
(Village Engineer)**

Boswell McClave Engineering

330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, NJ 07606

Engineering O/E, Line Account 01-2010-20-1652-076

Amount not to exceed \$65,000.00

**Engineering Services
(Sewer Consultants)**

Mott MacDonald Group, Inc.

111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ 08830

Engineering O/E, Line Account 04-2150-55-1601-001

Amount not to exceed \$200,000.00

**Economic Consultant Services
Financial Advisor
Special Planner**

Benecke Economics

55 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

Special Consultant, Line Account 01-2010-21-1803-028

Amount not to exceed \$ 10,000.00

2020-182

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park requires the services of a Village Attorney pursuant to NJSA 40A:9-134 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021 as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-25; and

WHEREAS, the fees that will be paid to Philip Boggia, of the firm Boggia Boggia Betesh Voytus, LLC, will not exceed \$250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for one year from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and may be extended until the appointment of another municipal attorney in the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, Philip Boggia, Esq., of the firm Boggia Boggia Betesh Voytus, LLC, has indicated that he will provide the necessary legal services to the Village of Ridgefield Park in accordance with applicable law and that he will furnish to the Village an estimated amount of the budget for legal fees in connection with the preparation of its annual budget; and

WHEREAS, Philip Boggia, Esq. of the firm Boggia Boggia Betesh Voytus, LLC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that Philip Boggia, Esq., for the firm of Boggia Boggia Betesh Voytus, LLC, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee from the Village of Ridgefield Park in the previous year and which further certifies that Philip Boggia, and the firm of Boggia Boggia Betesh Voytus, LLC, will be prohibited from making any reportable contributions throughout the term of his appointment as Village Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds will be made available in the 2021 Current Fund Budget for Legal Services and Costs, line account #01-2010-20-1552-036.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Philip Boggia, of the firm Boggia Boggia Betesh Voytus, LLC, is hereby appointed as Village Attorney for the period commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021 or until a successor is appointed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of value shall be placed on file with this resolution in the Village Clerk's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Village Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Contract for professional services with Philip Boggia, Esq.; and

2020-183

WHEREAS, a renewal application for the following liquor license has been filed with the State of New Jersey:

Limited Retail Distribution License:

Speziale Carlo & Giovanna

No. 0250-43-003-003

WHEREAS, the licensees have paid the appropriate State and Village fees; and

WHEREAS, the licensees have been issued their Tax Clearance Certificates; and

WHEREAS, the licensees have received a special ruling from the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 for license term 2020-2021.

WHEREAS, the licenses are inactive and shall remain in the office of the Village Clerk. The license certificates may be signed by the Mayor of the Village of Ridgefield Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above licenses be approved for renewal by the Board of Commissioners in the Village of Ridgefield Park for the licensing term of 2020-2021 and a certified copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control.

2020-184

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPEAL TO APPELLATE DIVISION RE:
VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK V. OUTFRONT MEDIA, LLC**

WHEREAS, The Village of Ridgefield Park has continuously opposed the site plan application filed with the Bogota Joint Planning and Zoning Board commencing in 2015 which seeks approval for a billboard on 261 North Ave., Bogota, NJ. The proposed billboard is less than 50 feet from residential homes in the Village of Ridgefield Park; and

WHEREAS, after initially denying the approval for a billboard in 2015, the Joint Bogota Planning and Zoning Board reversed itself and approved the billboard application in 2019. This approval was appealed to the Superior Court of New Jersey, who upheld the approval in November 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to appeal the decision of the Superior Court to the new Jersey Appellate Division; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Village to protect their neighborhoods against intrusive and oversized billboards like the one proposed on North Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Ridgefield Park hereby authorizes the appeal to the New Jersey Appellate Division challenging the approval of the billboard application and the Village further authorizes Stephan F. Pellino, Esq. to represent the Village in this appeal as he has done throughout these legal proceedings.

Mr. Pellino shall keep the Village Attorney informed of the status of these proceedings and provide him with copies of all pleadings that are filed in connection with the appeal.