

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
September 14, 2021
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 28, 2020 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 10, 2021

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:

- 2021-96 Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 116 Hudson Avenue
- 2021-97 Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 422-430 Teaneck Road
- 2021-98 Appoint Bergen County Community Development Representatives
- 2021-99 Recognize September 2021 as "Hunger Action Month"

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

- 2021-12 AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR YEAR 2021

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

- 2021-100 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2021-96

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property Tax Appeal filed by Johnny Delahoz (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Number 000086-2021; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Tax Appeal involves a residential property located at 116 Hudson Avenue, and is otherwise designated as Block 77 Lot 16 on the tax assessment map of the Village (hereinafter the "Subject Property"); and,

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal by legal counsel, the Village Appraiser and the Village Tax Assessor; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Tax Appeal settlement would reduce the Subject Property's 2020 tax assessment to \$476,900; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (the "Freeze Act") shall not be applicable to the terms of this settlement; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, that the settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be hereby approved, in accordance with the terms set forth herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to same, the Mayor, Village Clerk, Village Tax Attorney and/or any other appropriate Village official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

Resolution 2021-97

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property Tax Appeal filed by Galbone, Inc. (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Number 007394-2021; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Tax Appeal involves a commercial property located at 422-430 Teaneck Road, and is otherwise designated as Block 71 Lot 10 on the tax assessment map of the Village (hereinafter the "Subject Property"); and,

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal by legal counsel, the Village Appraiser and the Village Tax Assessor; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Tax Appeal settlement would reduce the Subject Property's 2021 tax assessment to \$825,000; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, that the settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be hereby approved, in accordance with the terms set forth herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to same, the Mayor, Village Clerk, Village Tax Attorney and/or any other appropriate Village official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

Resolution 2021-98

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park has entered into a three (3) year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:8a-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Governing Body appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2021-2022 term starting July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park hereby appoints Matthew Reber as its representative and Chris Farrell as its alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2021-2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an original copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bergen County Division of Community Development, One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.

Resolution 2021-99

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity are a reality for far too many of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, those who are food insecure are without reliable access to adequate amount of affordable, nutritious food. Food insecurity can affect anyone, whether they are recently unemployed, underemployed, or supporting a large family; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity is a symptom of broader challenges, such as unemployment, disability, retirement or unforeseen financial challenges; and

WHEREAS, those who do not have their basic needs met are further hampered in their path toward self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing health crisis has increased food insecurity amongst individuals and families throughout Bergen County and across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, it was estimated that the County of Bergen experienced a 71% increase in food insecurity, thus overwhelming many local food pantries in short supply; and

WHEREAS, there are residents in every municipality in Bergen County who receive SNAP benefits, illustrating that this is an issue impacting residents all across Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, the economic coattails of the pandemic are long, and despite levels of “reopening”, tremendous need still exists within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Food Security Task Force has been established to support food pantries in Bergen County by increasing the supply of healthy food options, connecting those in need to vital services, and investing in long term infrastructure to build a more resilient pantry network to ensure no one in Bergen County goes hungry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park hereby recognizes the month of September 2021 as “Hunger Action Month” in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, and encourages all Ridgefield Park residents to support their local food pantries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board is committed to ending hunger in Bergen County, and will spread awareness and increase engagement in our community to solve this problem.