

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
October 12, 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**

**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:**

- 2021-103 Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 245 Main Street, 55 Webster Street and 11 Poplar Street
- 2021-104 Award Artistic Services Contract – Nature Preserve Tree Sculpture
- 2021-105 Oppose S-3810/A-5862 State Legislation
- 2021-106 Appoint Shade Tree Commission Associate Member
- 2021-107 Authorize Commissioner Olson to execute NJ CSO Cooperative Pricing Agreement

**PROCLAMATION**

100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary – Knights of Columbus

**CLOSED SESSION** (if necessary)

- 2021-108 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution 2021-103

**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 RPK Properties, LLC (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Numbers 007343-2020 and 004015-2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid Tax Appeal involves a mixed use commercial building and two nearby parking lots located at 245 Main Street, 55 Webster Street and 11 Poplar Street, and is otherwise designated as Block 75 Lot 5.01, Block 60 Lot 8.01 and Block 75 Lot 8, respectively, on the tax assessment map of the Village; 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 components are set forth in the Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof; 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 herein.

**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 in the attached Schedule "A"; 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.

**SCHEDULE "A"**

A. The terms of the aforesaid tax appeal settlement shall consist as follows:

Block 60 Lot 8.01  
2020 Appeal: Withdrawn  
2021 Appeal: \$331,300

Block 75 Lot 8  
2020 Appeal: Withdrawn  
2021 Appeal: \$326,200

Block 75 Lot 5.01  
2020 Appeal: Withdrawn  
2021 Appeal: \$1,142,500

B. The total assessment for all three parcels shall not exceed \$1,600,000 in the 2022 tax year.

Resolution 2021-104

**A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Greg Napolitan for Artistic Services for the Creation of a Tree Sculpture at the Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Ridgefield Park has a need for the services of an artist to create a tree sculpture at the Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village did solicit quotes from three vendors for this work, with one vendor being unwilling to submit a quote for this work; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the two quotes received, it was determined that this contract should be awarded to Greg Napolitan, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the price of said contract is \$125 per hour, plus supplies and 50% of the vendor's hotel bill, which is estimated to be a total of \$22,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is being awarded pursuant to the "alternative process" set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Napolitan has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political candidate or candidate committee in the Village of Ridgefield Park in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Mr. Napolitan from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park as follows:

1. The Recitals above are incorporated as if set forth herein at length.
2. A contract is hereby awarded to Greg Napolitan as set forth above for the creation of a tree sculpture at the Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve.
3. The Mayor (or Commissioner-in-Charge) and the Village Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute a contract with Mr. Napolitan in a form satisfactory to the Village Attorney and to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this resolution.



**Resolution to Oppose S-3810 & A-5862**

**WHEREAS**, legislation which may again be considered by the State Legislature, S-3810 and A-5862, would substantially expand the power and influence of public sector labor unions in collective bargaining negotiations with county and municipal governments across the State; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would empower organized labor to negotiate previously non-negotiable items such as performance evaluations, transfers, assignments, disciplinary procedures, and more; and,

**WHEREAS**, local governing bodies negotiate with property taxpayer dollars and the public's vested interest in limiting the scope of labor negotiations; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would eliminate long-established precedent in public sector labor negotiations by creating permissive issues of negotiations that would broaden the category to include all collective bargaining units, eliminate the category's temporary nature, and subject previously non-negotiable items to binding arbitration; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would provide broad privileged communication protections in legal matters, with no exceptions, for labor but no such protections for management; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would create a disincentive for labor to negotiate what controls remain in place when an existing contract expires and where the parties have failed to reach an agreement on a successor contract; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would place the burden of proof on management in grievance proceedings subject to binding arbitration even where labor is the moving party; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would impose a significant administrative burden on human resource departments by requiring management to share detailed information on non-union members with union representatives and by expanding the date certain when employees may opt-out of a collective bargaining unit under the "Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act"; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the (*insert the name of municipality*) strong believes that S-3810/A-5862 will not only infringe upon the ability of public sector management to manage it will drive up costs borne by local government and, ultimately, our taxpayers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the (*insert the name of the municipality*) strongly oppose S-3810/A-5862 and urge the Legislature to vote no on S-3810/A-5862; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, (*insert name of municipality's Senator and Assembly Representatives*), Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Resolution 2021-106

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Joe Romano as an Associate Member to the Shade Tree Commission for an unexpired term through December 31, 2021.

Resolution 2021-107

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ridgefield Park Board of Commissioners authorizes Commissioner Olson to sign the NJ CSO Cooperative Pricing Agreement between the Village of Ridgefield Park and the NJ CSO Group.