

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 26, 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

DISCUSSION

Bob Benecke – Grant Applications, PILOT Programs

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:

- 2021-109 Authorize Grant Application with the NJ Department of Community Affairs for Emerson Street Road Improvement
- 2021-110 Authorize Grant Application with the NJ Department of Community Affairs for Combined Sewer Overflow Remediation
- 2021-111 Authorize Grant Application and Execution with the State of NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for Body-Worn Cameras
- 2021-112 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement – 180 Main Street
- 2021-113 Authorize Municipal Alliance Grant Application
- 2021-114 Appoint Registrar Personnel

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

- 2021-115 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-109

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$1,800,000 to carry out a project to plan for Emerson Street Road Improvement; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. that the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
2. recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department; does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Village of Ridgefield Park and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION 2021-110

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$200,000 to carry out a project to plan for Combined Sewer Overflow remediation in the vicinity of Bergen Turnpike (near Emerson Street); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. that the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
2. recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department; does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Village of Ridgefield Park and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION 2021-111

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park desires to accept funding in the amount of \$75,406 with no match under the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, State Account No. BFY21-100-066-1020-495, award Number 21-BWC-370, Subaward Period: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said requests; and

WHEREAS, this project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General and the Ridgefield Park Police Department for the purpose described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. As a matter of public policy, Ridgefield Park Police Department wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General.
2. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
3. The Office of the Attorney General will be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds.
4. The Office of the Attorney General will initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION 2021-112

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 Mansoor & Samina Arain (hereinafter the “Tax Appeal”), under Docket Numbers 013085-2019 and 013190-2020; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Tax Appeal involves a mixed-use commercial building located at 180 Main Street, and is otherwise designated as Block 88 Lot 13 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:

2019 Appeal: \$330,000
2020 Appeal: Withdrawn

B. The provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (the “Freeze Act”) are expressly waived, and shall not apply to this settlement.

RESOLUTION 2021-113

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 Village Council of the Village of Ridgefield Park , 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village of Ridgefield Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

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

DEDR	\$ 4507.18
Cash Match	\$ 1126.80
In-Kind	\$ 3380.39

2. The Village Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

RESOLUTION 2021-114

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and appoints the following personnel to the Office of Registrar:

Registrar: Elizabeth VanGeldren, unexpired term effective November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Deputy Registrar: Stacy Fernandez, unexpired term effective November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021