

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 11, 2022
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 27, 2021 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting of October 12, 2021
Commissioners Closed Session Meeting of October 12, 2021

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:

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| 2022-03 | Approve Inter-local Services Agreement for Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force |
| 2022-04 | Appoint Historic Preservation Commission Members |
| 2022-05 | Appoint Planning Board Members |
| 2022-06 | Appoint Zoning Board Members |
| 2022-07 | Appoint 2022 Artist Laureate |

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

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| 2022-08 | Authorize Closed Session Meeting |
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ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2022-03

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed to a Mutual Aid Plan, a Rapid Deployment Force, a UASI Rapid Deployment team, and a Bergen County Regional SWAT Team to deal with these emergencies, and

WHEREAS, this plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 AND N.J.S.A. APP. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park that the Ridgefield Park Police Department, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, UASI RDT and the Bergen County Regional SWAT Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Bergen County Board of Commissioners, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

Resolution 2022-04

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as Regular Members of the Historic Preservation Commission for three-year terms commencing on January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024:

Matthew Bilow
Andre Lam

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as Alternate Members of the Historic Preservation Commission for one-year terms commencing on January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

Juan Kuriyama
Robert Olson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the Historic Preservation Commission Planning Board Representative for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

Gerard Garofalow

Resolution 2022-05

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

Frederic Rosen, Regular Member, term expiring December 31, 2025

Jenny Schmitt, 1st Alternate, term expiring December 31, 2023

Allan Suarez, 2nd Alternate, term expiring December 31, 2023

Resolution 2022-06

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

Thomas Olcott, 1st Alternate, two-year term expiring December 31, 2023
Carol Velez, 2nd Alternate, two-year term expiring December 31, 2023

VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07

A Resolution Recognizing George Cooke as the Village of Ridgefield Park Artist Laureate for 2022

Whereas, George Cooke has been a resident of the Village of Ridgefield Park for over 50 years; and

Whereas, George was initially a self-taught artist, having been interested in wood carving for most of his life; and

Whereas, more than 25 years ago George attended the American Woodcarving School in Wayne, New Jersey, first as a student and then as an instructor, where he further developed his passion for the arts; and

Whereas, George has always sought to hone his skills and challenge himself through attendance at a variety of classes and seminars, including in Austria at the Geisler Moroder Woodcarving School, in Canada with Benoi Deschenes, and in Maine with British woodcarver Chris Pye; and

Whereas, George further extended his artistic skillset by studying stone carving in New York with Ailene Fields and wood turning in Pennsylvania with David Ellsworth; and

Whereas, while on vacation in Italy, George was inspired by examples of clothing carved from wood, which led to his fascination with representing everyday “disposable” items through the relative permanence of wood and stone; and

Whereas, George has been selected to participate in a number of juried Art Shows, as well as several group exhibitions, showcasing his work and talent alongside many professional artists, including at:

- A Case for Art (Philadelphia, PA)
- Vanity Faire Show in Goggle Works Gallery (Reading, PA)
- Philadelphia Sculptors Exhibition in West Chester University (West Chester, PA)
- New Hope Arts Center (New Hope, PA)
- Art for Art’s Sake Show in Gallery 125 (Trenton, NJ)
- Wexler Gallery and Highwire Gallery (Philadelphia, PA)
- Mountain Lakes Art Show and Sale (Mountain Lakes, NJ)
- Mid-Atlantic Artistry in Wood Show and Competition (Fairless Hills, PA)
- Totally Turning Woodworkers Showcase (Saratoga Springs, NY)
- North Jersey Art Show and Woodcarving competition (Wayne, NJ); and

Whereas, George has won numerous awards, has had his work featured in prestigious galleries, and has sold many of his pieces to private collectors; and

Whereas, the Village has previously selected George's sculptures for display at the Municipal Building and at the Sculpture in the Park outdoor exhibition; and

Whereas, the Village recently sponsored a competition for the first publicly-funded sculpture in Ridgefield Park, and George was commissioned to create a limestone carving of the winning design, Aeon by Sung Ho Choi, which is currently displayed at the McGowan Park community garden; and

Whereas, as a member of the Ridgefield Park Arts Association, George has donated his time, as well as several sculptures, to the community, including the following:

- one stone and two wood sculptures (McGowan Park)
- one wood sculpture (Frank White Park)
- two woodcarvings and a small-scale sculpture (Fellowship Park)
- 7 large pencils in rainbow colors (Main Street near Mount Vernon Street - collaboration with Mark Olson)
- pending installation of a sculpture consisting of a stack of 5 limestone books (outside the Ridgefield Park Library)

Whereas, as a result of all of the foregoing, the Village would like to honor George Cooke as the Village's Artist Laureate for the year 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, as follows:

1. The Village does hereby recognize the numerous contributions of resident George Cooke to the Village, through the dedication to his craft, the contribution of his time and experience to Village residents, and the sharing of his artwork with the community.
2. The Village does hereby designate and honor George Cooke as the Village's Artist Laureate for the year 2022.