

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
January 10, 2023  
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 29, 2022 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

**ROLL CALL**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 13, 2022  
Commissioners Closed Session Meeting of December 13, 2022  
Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 27, 2022

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 1 – Resignation  
Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 1 - Transfer

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Swearing In of New Police Officer  
Installation of Elected Officers – Ridgefield Park Heavy Rescue Squad

**RECESS**

**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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| 2023-01 | Adopt Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2023  |
| 2023-02 | Award Professional Services Contract to Michael J. Edwards, Esq.                      |
| 2023-03 | Approve Inter-local Services Agreement for Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force |
| 2023-04 | Appoint Emergency Management Council Members  |
| 2023-05 | Appoint Board of Health Members   |
| 2023-06 | Appoint Historic Preservation Commission Members                                      |
| 2023-07 | Appoint Library Board Members   |
| 2023-08 | Appoint Local Assistance Board Members  |
| 2023-09 | Appoint Planning Board Members  |
| 2023-10 | Appoint Pool Committee Members  |
| 2023-11 | Appoint Rent Stabilization Board Members  |
| 2023-12 | Appoint Shade Tree Commission Members   |
| 2023-13 | Appoint Zoning Board Members  |

**CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)**

2023-14 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution 2023-01

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25 percent of the total appropriations in the 2022 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance, in said 2022 Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MICHAEL J. EDWARDS, ESQ. OF THE FIRM SURENIAN, EDWARDS & NORLAND, LLC, 311 BROADWAY, SUITE A, POINT PLEASANT, NJ 08742, TO SERVE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE VILLAGE'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body is desirous of hiring Special Counsel to assist the Village in connection with the Village's affordable housing and declaratory judgment action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has received a proposal from Michael J. Edwards, Esq., to perform all services necessary and appropriate in connection with same; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Edwards' proposal sets forth the following rates: (a) \$200.00 per hour for all time spent by Jeffrey R. Surenian or Michael J. Edwards, Esq.; (b) \$190.00 per hour for all time spent by Erik C. Nolan; (c) \$185.00 per hour for all time spent by any of the Firm's associates: William E. Olson, Nancy L. Holm, or Christine M. Faustini; (d) \$90.00 per hour for all paralegal work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body is satisfied that Mr. Edwards and his firm possess the requisite experience pertaining to such matters; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(i), a professional services contract is exempt from public bidding requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A20.4 et seq. (the "Pay-to-Play Law"), and has been awarded to the contractor based upon the merits and abilities of the contractor to provide the services necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, because this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process," Mr. Edwards has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that neither he nor his firm has made any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) to a political or candidate committee in the Village of Montvale with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit said persons and entities from making any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body is desirous of awarding a contract to Michael J. Edwards, Esq., in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body, at the hourly rates set forth above; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a contract is hereby awarded to Michael J. Edwards, Esq. to serve as Special Counsel in connection with the Village's Affordable Housing Litigation, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein. B

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners and Village Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute a contract consistent with the provisions and intent of this Resolution, subject to approval of same by the Village Attorney.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk shall publish notice of this contract award in the official newspaper of the Village, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

## Resolution 2023-03

**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 2023-04

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following personnel to the Emergency Management Council for a term commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

John H. Anlian	Mayor
Michael Lauer	Emergency Management Coordinator
Richard Flynn	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Richard LaTour	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Tara O'Grady	Village Clerk
Joseph Rella	Police Chief
Christopher Thibault	Police Liaison
John Antola	Fire Chief
Mike Ruiz	Rescue Squad Chief
Chelsea Nagurka	EMS Chief
James Fedorko	Health Officer
Michele Lynn	Administrative Assistant
Peter Arciuolo	Resource Officer
Edward Monroe	Superintendent DPW
Dr. Barry Haines	Acting Superintendent of Schools

Resolution 2023-05

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following appointments to the Board of Health, *retroactive to July 1, 2022*:

Mary Koegel, Member, three-year term expiring June 30, 2025  
Virginia Pizzuta, Member, three-year term expiring June 30, 2025  
Mary Puleio, Member, three-year term expiring June 30, 2025

Resolution 2023-06

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as a Regular Member of the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2025:

Jeff Hoffman

**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, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023:

Theresa Robinson  
Nelson Nunez

**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, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023:

Gerard Garofalow

Resolution 2023-07

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following to the Village of Ridgefield Park Library Board commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2027:

George Gosen  
Marsha Rosen

Resolution 2023-08

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

Mary Puleio, Member, term expiring December 31, 2024

Resolution 2023-09

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following appointments to the Ridgefield Park Planning Board with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2026:

Gerard Garofalow  
Lisset Torres  
James Visioli

Resolution 2023-10

**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, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

Karen Beltran

Mike Nagurka

Paula Petrella

Cristina Salcedo

Sharon Strowbridge

Resolution 2023-11

**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, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023:

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, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023:

Mary Puleio

Resolution 2023-12

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as a Regular Member to the Shade Tree Commission for a five-year term commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2027:

Virginia Pizzuta

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as Associate Members of the Shade Tree Commission for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023:

Veronica Hanne  
Joe Romano  
Kate Spontak

Resolution 2023-13

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following appointments to the Ridgefield Park Zoning Board of Adjustment with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2026:

David Cathcart  
Gerard Garofalow