

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 27, 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

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:

- 2023-38 Award Contract to Boswell Engineering for the Preparation of Specifications, Plans and Construction Inspection for the Road Resurfacing Project RP-768 Main Street from Summit Street to North Avenue
- 2023-39 Award Contract to Boswell Engineering for the Preparation of Specifications, Plans and Construction Inspection for the Road Resurfacing Project RP-754 Summit Street from Railroad Avenue to Lincoln Avenue
- 2023-40 Support Liquor License Reform Legislation
- 2023-41 Support Creation of Revolution NJ to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Establishment of the United States as in Independent Nation
- 2023-42 Award Contracts to Mazzway Photos LLC and Mirth & Joy LLC for Social Media Consulting Services

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

- 2023-43 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-38

A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Boswell Engineering, Inc. for the Preparation of Specifications, Plans, and Construction Inspection for the Road Resurfacing Project RP 768, Main Street from Summit Street to North Avenue

WHEREAS, The Village of Ridgefield Park has been selected to receive funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Municipal Aid Program for road resurfacing for Main Street from Summit Street to North Avenue, in the amount of \$293,380.00 toward the construction costs of \$345,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer, Boswell Engineering, Inc. (the "Professional"), has submitted a proposal dated November 30, 2022, a copy of which is on file with the Village Clerk, to prepare specifications, plans, and construction inspection for the Village pursuant to the scope of work set forth therein, for the estimated price not to exceed \$27,000.00 for the design phase and \$40,000.00 for the inspection phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, the award of a contract to a licensed professional is exempt from public bidding requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process" pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.4 et seq. (the "Pay-to-Play Law"), and has been awarded to Professional based upon the merits and abilities of Professional to provide the services necessary; and

WHEREAS, Professional has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Professional 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 Professional 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 in account number _____.

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 Boswell Engineering, Inc. pursuant to the November 30, 2022 Proposal, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference.
3. The Mayor (or Commissioner-in-Charge) and the Village Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute a contract with Boswell Engineering, Inc. in a form satisfactory to the Village Attorney and to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this resolution.
4. All other Village officials, officers and employees are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes and provisions of this resolution.

Resolution No. 2023-39

A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Boswell Engineering, Inc. for the Preparation of Specifications, Plans, and Construction Inspection for the Road Resurfacing Project RP 754, for Summit Street from Railroad Avenue to Lincoln Avenue

WHEREAS, The Village of Ridgefield Park has been selected to receive funding from the Bergen County Division of Community Development for road resurfacing for Summit Street from Railroad Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, in the amount of \$75,000.00 toward the construction costs of \$205,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer, Boswell Engineering, Inc. (the “Professional”), has submitted a proposal dated February 14, 2023, a copy of which is on file with the Village Clerk, to prepare specifications, plans, and construction inspection for the Village pursuant to the scope of work set forth therein, for the estimated price not to exceed \$9,500.00 for the design phase and \$22,500.00 for the inspection phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, the award of a contract to a licensed professional is exempt from public bidding requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, this contract has been awarded under the “alternative process” pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.* (the “Pay-to-Play Law”), and has been awarded to Professional based upon the merits and abilities of Professional to provide the services necessary; and

WHEREAS, Professional has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Professional 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 Professional 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 in account number _____.

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 Boswell Engineering, Inc. pursuant to the February 14, 2023 Proposal, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference.
3. The Mayor (or Commissioner-in-Charge) and the Village Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute a contract with Boswell Engineering, Inc. in a form satisfactory to the Village Attorney and to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this resolution.
4. All other Village officials, officers and employees are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes and provisions of this resolution.

Resolution 2023-40

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey's liquor license laws date back to the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, under current law, a municipality may issue plenary retail consumption licenses until the combined total number in the municipality is fewer than one license for each 3,000 municipal residents and this restriction creates a shortage of these licenses in some municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey's liquor license laws has caused an extreme supply imbalance that the statewide average cost of an individual liquor license is \$300,000, an exorbitant amount causing an inequitable landscape among current and potential restaurateurs; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant liquor license standards of other states in the Northeast region enable restaurateurs to join the market at a significantly lower price point than the State of New Jersey, thus giving them a competitive advantage; and

WHEREAS, in today's market, small business and downtown economic development thrive best where there is a healthy full-service restaurant market; and

WHEREAS, there is clear need for reform as demonstrated by the numerous bills already introduced in the New Jersey Legislature each session with the intent to expand liquor licensure; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy affirmed his commitment to reform in his State of the State address on January 10, 2023 with a draft plan to make it more equitable to obtain a new liquor license while providing compensation to existing active license holders; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to compensate existing license holders that paid exorbitant prices for the right to sell liquor in their restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey should be a leader in reform initiatives that helps its small businesses survive and thrive, provides an equitable business environment, and enables New Jersey to better compete in the regional market.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park that it supports meaningful liquor license reform legislation to create a more balanced liquor license market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk be and hereby is authorized to distribute copies of this Resolution to all appropriate officials and agencies including our Legislative Representatives, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created Revolution NJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State and Ridgefield Park; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Ridgefield Park hereby endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Commissioners commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.
2. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. The Board of Commissioners further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

Resolution 2023-42

A Resolution Awarding Contracts for Website and Social Media Consulting Services

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park has a need for website and media consultant services; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that a contract should be awarded to Mazzway Photos as Social Media Reporter, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the price of said contract is \$2,000 per month for a period of ten (10) months, effective March 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, which shall include all travel, postage and telephone charges; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that a contract should be awarded to Mirth & Joy LLC as Social Media Editor, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the price of said contract is \$3,650 per month for a period of ten (10) months, effective March 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, which shall include all travel, postage and telephone charges; and

WHEREAS, these contracts are being awarded pursuant to the “alternative process” set forth in *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Mazella has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that neither he nor Mazzway Photos 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 these persons and entities from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Michelle DeLuca has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that neither she nor Mirth & Joy LLC 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 these persons and entities 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 in account number 01-2010-20-1452-100.

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. Contracts are hereby awarded to Mazzway Photos, LLC and Mirth & Joy, LLC as set forth above for Website and Social Media Consulting Services.
3. The Mayor (or Commissioner-in-Charge) and the Village Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute contracts with Mazzway Photos, LLC and Mirth & Joy, LLC in a form satisfactory to the Village Attorney and to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this resolution.