

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 25, 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 March 14, 2023
Commissioner Closed Session Meeting of March 14, 2023

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:

- 2023-69 Authorize 2023 Temporary Capital Budget
- 2023-70 Authorize transfer of the General Assistance Program to Bergen County Board of Special Services
- 2023-71 Authorize Grant Application to the Bergen County Trust Fund – Hunter Park
- 2023-72 Authorize No Mow May

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)
- 2023-04 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESURACING OF SUMMIT STREET (FROM RAILROAD AVENUE TO LINCOLN AVENUE) IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.
- 2023-05 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESURACING OF MAIN STREET (FROM SUMMIT STREET TO NORTH AVENUE) IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$425,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mental Health Awareness Month
Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

2023-73 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK

COUNTY OF BERGEN

Resolution 2023-69

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park desires to establish the 2023 Temporary Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting therein the following projects.

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

Section 1. The 2023 Temporary Capital Budget of the Village of Ridgefield Park is hereby established by the adoption of the schedule to read as follows:

Temporary Capital Budget of the
Village of Ridgefield Park
County of Bergen, New Jersey
Projects Scheduled for 2023
Method of Financing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Costs</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Budget Appr. Fund</u>	<u>Capital Imp. Fund</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>	<u>Self-Liquidating Bonds</u>
Resurfacing of Main Street	425,000				425,000	
Resurfacing of Summit St.	250,000			12,000	238,000	

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of this project for 2023 Temporary Capital Budget, to be included in the 2023 Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

Resolution 2023-70

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF RIDGEFIELD PARK'S
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF
SPECIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey funds a General Assistance Program which is administered at the local level in Ridgefield Park by the Local Assistance Board and Director of Welfare pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield Park investigated the feasibility of transferring Ridgefield Park's General Assistance Program to the Bergen County Board of Social Services for administration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:8-145.1, Ridgefield Park may, by mutual agreement with Bergen County, transfer to the Bergen County Board of Social Services the financial and operational responsibility for the administration of the General Assistance Program under N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et seq. to Ridgefield Park residents; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a transfer, also pursuant to said statute the municipal welfare agency is to be abolished and its functions, powers and duties transferred to the Bergen County Board of Social Services no later than the 60th date after the effective date of the transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park finds that it is in the best interest of the municipality and its residents to transfer the General Assistance Program in Ridgefield Park to the Bergen County Board of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no cost to Ridgefield Park, and the effective date of the transfer shall be June 1, 2023 to ensure there is no disruption in services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Ridgefield Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor, Clerk, and such other officials and employees as may be appropriate are hereby authorized and directed to transfer Ridgefield Park's General Assistance Program to the Bergen County Board of Social Services in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulation and this Resolution, the transfer taking effect on June 1, 2023, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) On or before May 1, 2023, Ridgefield Park shall send all open cases a letter informing residents that their General Assistance cases will be administered by the Bergen County Board of Social Services.

- (b) On or before May 15, 2023, Ridgefield Park shall make appropriate arrangements to transfer the physical files of the open and any pending cases in Ridgefield Park to the Bergen County Board of Social Services.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any agreement as may be required by law with the Bergen County Board of Social Services necessary to effectuate the transfer as described in this Resolution.
 3. The applicable provisions of the Ridgefield Park ordinances shall be amended by ordinance as may be necessary to reflect this transfer of the General Assistance Program to the Bergen County Board of Social Services.
 4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Bergen County Board of Social Services and the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services.

Resolution 2023-71

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND FOR HUNTER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park wishes to apply for a grant from the Bergen County Trust Fund Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$290,000.00 for certain improvements to Hunter Park located at 2nd Street and Central Ave.; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received a proposal from Boswell Engineering that sets forth the preliminary estimate for the park improvements that include resurfacing the tennis courts, basketball courts and fencing replacements within Hunter Park for a total project budget in the amount of \$629,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ridgefield Park Board of Commissioners formally approves the grant application for the above described project and authorizing the Commissioner in charge of Parks and Recreation and the Village Clerk to sign the grant application on behalf of the Village and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution 2023-72

NO MOW MAY IN THE VILLAGE of RIDGEFIELD PARK

WHEREAS, insects, especially bees, serve a significant and critical role as pollinators of plants including agricultural plants; and

WHEREAS, the ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is one comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season; and

WHEREAS, the formative period for establishment of pollinator and other insect species and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species that depend upon them occurs in late spring and early summer as they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat; and,

WHEREAS, "No Mow May" is a community science initiative that encourages property owners to limit lawn mowing practices during the month of May to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring, especially in urban landscapes when few floral resources are available; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Ridgefield Park would like to encourage interested residents to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices on their own properties for the month of May during this formative period; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Village of Ridgefield Park recognizes No Mow May to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence, generation of crucial pollinator-supporting habitat and early spring foraging opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sustainable Ridgefield Park will maintain a registry of properties participating in No Mow May and will make a No Mow May lawn sign available to them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Village of Ridgefield Park directs staff to not issue correction notices for properties registered in No Mow May, for long grass and weed violations for the month of May, permitting all residents to voluntarily delay lawn care until June, allowing pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses and forbs to establish, which may result in ground-cover exceeding established ordinance height restrictions.