

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
September 26, 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 September 12, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 1 – New Member

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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| 2023-126 | Certification of the Annual Audit by the Board of Commissioners |
| 2023-127 | Authorize Chapter 159 Insertion of Revenue for National Opioids Settlement Funds |
| 2023-128 | Authorize Tax Lien Redemption |
| 2023-129 | Authorize Refund for Overpayment of Taxes |
| 2023-130 | Appoint Fire Inspector |
| 2023-131 | Appoint Bergen County Community Development Representative |
| 2023-132 | Authorize Block Party Permit for the Bergen County Busking Festival and Annual Street Fair |

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

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| 2023-15 | ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 55 WEBSTER STREET, RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 10,454 SQUARE FEET |
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PROCLAMATION

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

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| 2023-133 | Authorize Closed Session Meeting |
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ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2023-126

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year ended December 31, 2022 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Village Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of the Ridgefield Park, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Resolution 2023-127

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the Budget of any Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park received **\$12,995.20** from the National Opioids Settlement Fund and wishes to amend its 2023 Budget to include a portion of this amount as an item of revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, that the Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Budget year of 2023, in the sum of.....**\$12,995.20**

which is now available as a revenue item from:

- Miscellaneous Revenues
 - Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:
 - Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
 - National Opioids Settlement

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of.....**\$12,995.20**

be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

- General Appropriations:
 - (a) Operations excluded from CAPS
 - Programs Offset by Revenues:
 - National Opioids Settlement

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward two (2) copies of this Resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 2023-128

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-001 was redeemed on September 11, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to issue checks for the Lien Redemption amount and Return of Premium amount to the following:

Lien No.	Block/Lot	Redemption	Premium	Payable To
22-001	144/21 181-183 Bergen Tpke.	\$35,832.20	\$57,000.00	Evolve Bank & Trust 6000 Poplar Avenue Memphis, TN 38119

Resolution 2023-129

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received a payment from Tracy Alam for Block 123 Lot 6.01, 19 Laurel Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ, and

WHEREAS, the payment was inadvertent by the taxpayer and resulted in a substantial overpayment on the account, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer has requested a refund of \$2,830.00 of the overpayment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a refund be provide to Tracy Alam in the amount of \$2,830.00 and that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this resolution.

Resolution 2023-130

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Kurt Nemecek as a Fire Inspector for the Village of Ridgefield Park for a term terminating December 31, 2023.

Resolution 2023-131

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park has entered into a three (3) year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:8a-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Governing Body appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2023-2024 term starting July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park hereby appoints Matthew Reber as its representative to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2023-2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an alternate representative will be named at a later date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an original copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bergen County Division of Community Development, One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.

RESOLUTION 2023-132

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park will be hosting their annual Street Fair/Jazz Festival on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Village will also be hosting the Bergen County Busking Festival on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Village would like to permit the limited consumption of alcoholic beverages at these two events; and

WHEREAS, Village Ordinance 113-20 does not permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets in the Central Business District except as otherwise provided in 113-21, which does permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages for “block party” events throughout the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has deemed the annual Street Fair/Jazz Festival and the Busking Festival as qualifying as a block party event in order to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has no objection to issuance of a block party permit for the above two events; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorized the issuance of a block party permit for the Bergen County Busking Festival on Saturday, September 30, 2023 and the Annual Street Fair and Jazz Festival on Saturday, October 7, 2023, subject to the terms and conditions set forth above.