

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 24, 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 October 10, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 1 – New Junior Members

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:

- 2023-140 Authorize Refund for Overpayment of Taxes
- 2023-141 Authorize the Village to Redeem and Charge for Tax Lien Redemptions
- 2023-142 Affirm the Village’s Civil Rights Policy

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

- 2023-143 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2023-140

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received a payment from BSI Financial Services for Block 94 Lot 2, 133 Main Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ, and

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

WHEREAS, the taxpayer has requested a refund of \$2,392.63 of the overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a refund be provided to BFI Financial Services in the amount of \$2,392.63 and that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this resolution.

Resolution 2023-141

RESOLUTION TO REDEEM AND CHARGE FOR TAX CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificates NJSA 54:5-50 allows the purchaser of a Tax Sale Certificate to record the certificate of sale in the office of the clerk or register of deeds of the county; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-53.2 allows upon redemption of the aforesaid, the owner thereof shall be entitled to have, the certificate of tax sale, duly receipted for cancellation that said certificate of tax sale may be canceled of record; and

WHEREAS, numerous owners fail to cancel their certificates, then at a later time finding out that the certificate is still not cancelled at the County, which causes delays in their real estate transactions, and requests to the Tax Collector to issue a certificate of redemption; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has stated that the Village could initiate the cancellation of said certificate; and

WHEREAS, Village of Ridgefield Park will charge a service fee for presenting the Tax Sale Certificate to the Bergen County Board of Taxation for processing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that, beginning on November 1, 2023, the fee of \$50 shall be as set forth as the service fee and added to all Tax Lien redemptions and that the appropriate fee ordinances be amended to include this fee.

Resolution 2023-142

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Village of Ridgefield Park to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Village of Ridgefield Park by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Village of Ridgefield Park shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee, volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Village of Ridgefield Park or using the facilities or property of the Village of Ridgefield Park.

Section 2: The prohibition and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Villag of Ridgefield Park to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Village.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Board of Commissioners shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Board of Commissioners shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Village of Ridgefield Park as well as other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Board of Commissioner shall establish a system to monitor compliance.

Section 8: At least annually, the Board of Commissioners shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Village. This communication shall include a statement from the Board of Commissioners expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Village's website.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Village of Ridgefield Park in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Village's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.