

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING AGENDA  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
January 4, 2024  
7:00 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, 2023 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

This agenda is listed as a courtesy and attempt to inform the public of actions being considered by the Village Board of Commissioners. There may be additions and deletions prior to the Board taking final action. Any action may be taken at any meeting, which includes all Caucus and Regular sessions. The Commissioners reserve the right to conduct and/or attend any meetings presently scheduled for the rest of 2024 by a combination of electronic and/or in-person means. Meetings are open to the public.

**ROLL CALL**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

12-17 NJDEP Weekly Update

12-18 Lucine Beylerian, County of Bergen – County Board of Commissioners 2024 Reorganization Meeting

12-19 NJLM Weekly Round-Up

12-20 NJLM Daily Update

01-01 NJLM Weekly Round-Up

01-02 Matthew McArow – Joint Insurance Fund Training for Elected Officials

**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:**

2024-01 Approve 2023 Budget Transfers

2024-02 Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds

2024-03 Authorize Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Attorneys Compensation

2024-04 Authorize Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen

**REPORTS**

Mayor & Commissioners

Village Attorney

Superintendent DPW

Chief of Police

Village Clerk

**CLOSED SESSION**

2024-05 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

## **Resolution 2024-01**

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Ridgefield Park has determined that certain budget lines require additional funds to meet the necessary expenses of various Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Local Government Services within the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-58 allows for the transfer of appropriations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proper offices are hereby authorized and instructed to make the attached Budget Transfers for Year 2023 from appropriations which have excess funds within the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-58.

Village of Ridgfield Park  
 2023 Transfer Resolution  
 Year End

Date	Account	From	To	Account
12/31/2023	01-2010-21-1901-001	30.96	-	RENT CONTROL SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-25-2521-028	1,885.28	-	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-27-3451-001	2,832.38	-	WELFARE - SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-20-1201-002	3,394.63	-	ELECTION SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-25-2751-001	3,452.14	-	PROSECUTOR SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-28-3711-004	4,633.20	-	YOUTH CENTER S/W
12/31/2023	01-2010-20-1551-001	7,446.96	-	LEGAL SERVICES & COSTS S/W
12/31/2023	01-2010-27-3301-011	8,040.89	-	BOARD OF HEALTH - SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-21-1861-003	9,212.04	-	LAND USE S/W
12/31/2023	01-2010-20-1301-002	9,505.47	-	C M F O SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-28-3701-003	12,495.03	-	RECREATION & PLAYGROUND SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-21-1802-029	17,895.41	-	PLANNING BOARD
12/31/2023	01-2010-20-1451-007	22,481.68	-	REVENUE & FINANCE S/W
12/31/2023	01-2010-25-2401-010	66,640.56	-	POLICE SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-26-3051-007	132,026.32	-	DPW GENERAL S/W
12/31/2023	01-2010-41-7832-001		(37,969.00)	FEMA GRANT FIRE VEHICLE
12/31/2023	01-2010-41-7900-001		(12,989.84)	STYROFOAM DENSIFYER
12/31/2023	01-2010-41-7032-091		(514.90)	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAM
12/31/2023	01-2010-28-3752-999		(132,026.32)	PARKS PLAZA O/E
12/31/2023	01-2010-20-1212-253		(70,990.56)	INFO TECHNOLOGY
12/31/2023	01-2010-22-1951-012		(14,321.16)	CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL S/W
12/31/2023	01-2010-36-4772-200		(14,136.71)	D.C.R.P. & P.E.R.S.
12/31/2023	01-2010-21-4251-109		(7,669.22)	CITIZENS ADVISORY S/W
12/31/2023	01-2010-30-4262-998		(3,591.70)	CIVIC LIFE
12/31/2023	01-2010-25-2661-004		(3,563.78)	UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-20-1501-002		(2,651.78)	ASSESSOR SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-27-3402-020		(1,068.60)	DOG REGULATION
12/31/2023	01-2010-21-1851-002		(478.70)	ZONING BOARD SW
12/31/2023	01-2010-31-4552-139		(0.42)	BCUA
12/31/2023	01-2010-20-1211-001		(0.26)	VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE SW
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>301,972.95</b>	<b>(301,972.95)</b>	

Resolution 2024-02

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Marshal, Peter Danzo has requested payment be made to Canon Financial Services; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure is a permitted use of funds in the Fire Prevention Dedicated Account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the following expenditure:

Canon Financial Services

\$ 126.74

## **Resolution 2024-03**

### **RESOLUTION REQUIRING PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY AND ATTORNEY TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO SUBMIT MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL COMPENSATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-42 allows for the Village of Ridgefield Park Planning Board to contract and fix compensation for legal counsel, in an amount not exceeding appropriations made by the governing body for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:55-71 allows for the Village of Ridgefield Park Zoning Board of Adjustment to contract and fix compensation for legal counsel, in an amount not exceeding appropriations made by the governing body for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, section 96A-13(b) establishes the offices of Planning Board Attorney and of the Attorney to the Board of Adjustment, and allows each Board to appoint and fix the compensation of their respective Board Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:55-53.2 places limits on municipal payments for professional services rendered pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, which requires certain documentation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Report of Audit for the Village of Ridgefield Park, dated December 31, 2022, identified that payment of annual compensation for the Planning Board Attorney and Attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment are currently being made through the Village payroll system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has been advised by the Auditor that the Planning Board Attorney and the Attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment must instead be paid by monthly voucher.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, that the Planning Board Attorney's annual compensation in the amount of \$6,631.99 and the Attorney to the Board of Adjustment's compensation in the amount of \$6,699.64 be paid through a monthly voucher in twelve (12) equal payments, to be signed and submitted by each attorney.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which shall notify their respective attorneys of this voucher system, as required by the Village Auditor.

**Resolution 2024-04**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park with to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$120,000.00 grant award from the 2023 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the acquisition of open space property in the project entitled “Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve” located in Block 20.01, Lots 3.03 and 5, on the tax maps of the Village of Ridgefield Park; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Mayor to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement contract; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Mayor to sign all County of Bergen Payment Vouchers submitted in conjunction with the aforesaid project.