

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
January 23, 2024  
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, 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**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023  
Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 26, 2023  
Commissioners Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024  
Commissioners Closed Session Meeting of January 9, 2024

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 2 - Resignation

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

NJ Green Acres Program – Fellowship Park Improvements

**RESOLUTION:**

2024-16 Authorize Application to NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program – Fellowship Park

**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:**

2024-17 Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds  
2024-18 Appoint Emergency Management Council  
2024-19 Appoint Environmental Commission Members  
2024-20 Authorize 2024 Temporary Capital Budget  
2024-21 Authorize Mayor Anlian to sign Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Agreement for Health Services

**PROCLAMATION**

2024 Artist Laureate

**CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)**

2024-22 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

## RESOLUTION 2024-16

### GREEN ACRES APPLICATION

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Ridgefield Park desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$487,500, in the form of a \$487,500 matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s) Playground for Fellowship Park at a cost of \$650,000;

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. John Anlian or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:
  - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
  - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
  - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$162,500;
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 2024-17

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Marshal, Peter Danzo has requested payment be made to International Association of Arson Investigators; 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:

International Association of Arson Investigators	\$ 283.00
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Resolution 2024-18

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following personnel to the Emergency Management Council for a term commencing on January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

John H. Anlian	Mayor
Michael Lauer	Emergency Management Coordinator
Richard Flynn	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Richard LaTour	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Tara O'Grady	Village Clerk
Joseph Rella	Police Chief
Christopher Thibault	Police Liaison
William Lynn	Fire Chief
Mike Ruiz	Rescue Squad Chief
Chelsea Nagurka	EMS Chief
James Fedorko	Health Officer
Michele Lynn	Administrative Assistant
Peter Arciuolo	Resource Officer
Edward Monroe	Superintendent DPW
Dr. Joseph Vespignani	Superintendent of Schools

Resolution 2024-19

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as Regular Members of the Environmental Commission with terms expiring as indicated:

Tammy Laverty	December 31, 2026
Dan Raftery	December 31, 2026

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as a Regular Member of the Environmental Commission to fulfill the unexpired 2-year term:

Rita Raftery	December 31, 2025
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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as an Alternate Member of the Environmental Commission with term expiring as indicated:

Nicole Terrarosa	December 31, 2026
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as Associate Members of the Environmental Commission:

Guillermo Lopez-Acosta	December 31, 2024
Gloria Rivera	December 31, 2024

**Resolution 2024-20**

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Ridgefield Park desires to constitute the 2024 Temporary Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting therein Various Capital Improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the 2024 Temporary Capital Budget of the Village of Ridgefield Park hereby constituted by the addition of a schedule to read as follows:

TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK IS  
HEREBY ESTABLISHED BY THE ADOPTION OF A SCHEDULE TO READ AS  
FOLLOWS:

PROJECT - Improvements to Nature Preserve

METHOD OF FINANCING - \$30,000 Capital Improvement Fund, \$120,000 Grants

PROJECT COST - \$150,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village 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 these projects for the 2024 Temporary Capital budget, to be included in the 2024 Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

Resolution 2024-21

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Mayor Anlian to sign the agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission for health services of a technical and professional nature as specified in the contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the agreement is set forth as follows:

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$18,400 per annum