

Approved, September 14, 2021
Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
August 26, 2021 – 5:00P.M.

A Special Meeting (held Virtually) of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge was called to order at the above time, place and date.

Mayor Keith Misciagna asks Councilman Fenwick, to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Metzdorf and Mayor Misciagna

Absent: Council President Epstein

Also Present: Jefferey Zenn, Borough Attorney
Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk
Lori Woods, Deputy Borough Clerk

Mayor Misciagna read the Compliance Statement, as required by Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The Notice for the Special Public Meeting of the Mayor & Council Meeting of Thursday, August 26, 2021, as required by Section 3(D) of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided by:

1. Publishing in The Bergen Record on August 23, 2021
2. On August 20, 2021 posting the same on the Municipal Bulletin Board.
3. Faxing Notice of this meeting to The Record, Community Life, The Pascack Press and Ridgewood News.
4. Filing a copy of this Notice in the office of the Borough Clerk.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Misciagna asks if anyone present wishes to be heard on any matter.

Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without recognition by the Mayor.

Speaker: There was no one.

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-022**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$549,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A COUNTY GRANT AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, 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

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-022, A Bond Ordinance authorizing the making of various equipment acquisitions, appropriating therefor the sum of \$549,000 making of Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Machinery and Equipment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Metzdorf and seconded by Councilmember Fenwick to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Metzdorf

Absent: Council President Epstein

Mayor Misciagna asks the **Borough Clerk** to read the Ordinance by title.

Borough Clerk: Ordinance No. 2021-022, A Bond Ordinance To Authorize the Making of Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery, New Communication and Signal System, New Information Technology Equipment and a New Automotive Vehicle, Including Original Apparatus and Equipment, In, By and for the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of \$549,000 to Pay the Cost Thereof, to appropriate a County Grant and Contributions from other Municipalities, to Make a Down Payment, to Authorize the Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Such Bonds.

Mayor Misciagna asks the **Borough Clerk** to give a brief description of this Ordinance.

Borough Clerk: This bond authorizes the Borough to make various public improvements and to acquire new or replacement equipment for the various departments based on the capital budget that was streamlined by the finance committee and approved by the governing body.

Mayor Misciagna asks if anyone wishes to be heard concerning the adoption of this Ordinance.
Speaker: None

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on this Ordinance and that it be adopted with notice of final passage to be published in The Bergen Record.
A motion was made by Councilmember Metzdorf and seconded by Councilmember Fenwick to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi,
Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Metzdorf

Absent: Council President Epstein

Clerk Reads:

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

Ordinance No. 2021-022, A Bond Ordinance To Authorize the Making of Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery, New Communication and Signal System, New Information Technology Equipment and a New Automotive Vehicle, Including Original Apparatus and Equipment, In, By and For the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of \$549,000 to Pay the Cost Thereof, to Appropriate a County Grant and Contributions from other Municipalities, to Make a Down Payment, to Authorize the Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Such Bonds.

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey on August 26, 2021 and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-023**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW RESCUE FIRE TRUCK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$765,000 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.

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-023, A Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of a New Rescue Fire Truck in the Sum of \$765,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson and seconded by Councilmember Fenwick to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Metzdorf

Absent: Council President Epstein

Mayor Misciagna asks the **Borough Clerk** to read the Ordinance by title.

Borough Clerk: Ordinance No. 2021-023, A Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Acquisition of a New Rescue Fire Truck, In, By and For the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of \$765,000 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.

Mayor Misciagna asks the **Borough Clerk** to give a brief description of this Ordinance.

Borough Clerk: This bond authorizes the borough to acquire a new rescue fire truck for the Park Ridge Fire Department with the necessary confined space rescue equipment.

Mayor Misciagna asks if anyone wishes to be heard concerning the adoption of this Ordinance.

Speaker: There was none.

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on this Ordinance and that it be adopted with notice of final passage to be published in The Bergen Record.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson and seconded by Councilmember Fenwick to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Metzdorf

Absent: Council President Epstein

Clerk Reads:

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW RESCUE FIRE TRUCK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$765,000

**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
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CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Misciagna asks if any Councilmember would like to have any Resolution removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

Speaker: None.

Mayor Misciagna asks if any Councilmember would like to abstain from voting on any Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Speaker: None

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda (with the abstentions so noted).

A motion was made by Councilmember Metzdorf and seconded by Councilmember Cozzi to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi,
Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Metzdorf

Absent: Council President Epstein

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 021-247**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND
PRUEA
FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025**

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) and its subsequent extensions via Memorandums of Understanding between the Borough of Park Ridge (“Borough”)

and Park Ridge Utility Employees Association (“Union”), fully expired on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Union have engaged in ongoing negotiations for the terms and provisions of a successor CBA; and

WHEREAS, such negotiations have been successful and the parties have come to an agreement for terms to be contained in a CBA to cover conditions between the parties for the years 2021 through 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to accept these terms and wish to memorialize its approval of these terms and provisions of the by the execution of a formal CBA with the Union; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the attached CBA between the Borough of Park Ridge and Park Ridge Utility Employees Association governing terms of labor/employment between the parties for years 2021 through 2025 is hereby accepted and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk, be and are hereby authorized, upon adoption of this resolution, to execute the CBA hereby attached to this resolution, by affixing their signatures and Borough Seal to said document known as the CBA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of such CBA shall be on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, and shall be available for public inspection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copy of such CBA shall be file with the office of the State of New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 021-248**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPOARY ELECTRIC LINEMAN
KEITH DULHAGEN**

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Electric Department currently understaffed in regard to experienced line workers; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Electric Department is in need of a temporary Electric Lineman to assist in restoration of power; and

WHEREAS, Paul Longo, Director of Operations was able to recruit the assistance of PSE&G retiree Keith Dulhagen on an on call temporary basis to assist during any outages at a rate of \$50.53 per hour for work performed between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm and a rate of \$75.79 per hour for hours worked between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 am; and

WHEREAS, Electric Supervisor James Leichtnam will approve such work and at no time should such work exceed 40 hours/per workweek; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has recommended that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge authorize the hiring of Keith Dulhagen on an as needed basis to be prepared for storm restoration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge authorize the hiring of Keith Dulhagen as a temporary Electric Lineman to assist in the power restoration efforts in the event of a power outage at a rate of \$50.53 per hour for work performed between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm and a rate of \$75.79 per hour for hours worked between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 am; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to Keith Dulhagen within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 021-249**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JESSICA MAZZARELLA AS TEMPORARY CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR
THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge's position of Chief Financial Officer shall become vacant on August 26, 2021 due the expiration/finalization of the agreement with Jersey Professional Management pursuant to resolution 21-150 ; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize the need to have this position staffed as the Borough conducts a search for a permanent Chief Finical Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has identified Jessica Mazzarella to serve as a temporary Chief Financial Officer in the interim at a rate of \$600 per week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor be and he is herby authorized and directed to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, to any and all documents necessary to appoint Jessica Mazzarella to serve as a temporary Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the within resolution be available for public inspection during regular business hours and pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey, County of Bergen and Borough of Park Ridge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to approve the Minutes as follows:

Public Hearing Minutes Dated August 10, 2021

A motion was made by Councilmember Metzdorf and seconded by Councilmember Fenwick to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi,
Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Metzdorf

Absent: Council President Epstein

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilmember Cozzi and seconded by Councilman Fenwick to adjourn the Special Mayor and Council Meeting.

AYES: Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi,
Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Metzdorf

Absent: Council President Epstein

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk