

Approved, January 24, 2023

Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
January 3, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

A Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge was called to order at the above time, place and date.

John Hansen, Borough Fire Inspector and Former Chief Park Ridge Fire Department, led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Goldsmith, Council President Fenwick and Mayor Misciagna

Also Present: Associate, Borough Attorney
Connie Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Misciagna called on Reverend Vincent D’Agostino of Our Lady of Mercy Church for the Invocation. Reverend Vincent D’Agostino calls for a Blessing on the people that are called to lead this community. Grant them the wisdom and the courage in order to do what to do is right, good and true. May they be blessed and guided by the spirit of community, justice and love.

COUNCILMAN BRUCE GOLDSMITH SWORN IN

Mayor Misciagna advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a certificate of election for **Councilman Bruce Goldsmith**, said term expiring 12/31/2025

Honorable Senator Holly Schepisi administered the Oath of Office and Councilman Goldsmith takes his seat on the dais.

(Councilman Goldsmith is joined at the podium by his wife.)

COUNCILMAN GREGORY HOFFMAN SWORN IN

Mayor Misciagna advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a certificate of election for **Councilman Gregory Hoffman**, said term expiring 12/31/2025.

Honorable Assemblyman Robert Auth administered the Oath of Office and Councilman Hoffman takes his seat on the dais.

(Councilman Hoffman is joined at the podium by his fiancé.)

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith
Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Fenwick, Mayor Misciagna

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Misciagna asked for nominations for **President of the Council** for the year 2023.

Councilmember Cozzi nominates Councilmember William Fenwick.

Seconded by Councilmember Goldsmith to confirm.

Mayor Misciagna asks if there are any further nominations, none.

A motion is made by Councilmember Cozzi and seconded by Councilmember Goldsmith that nominations be closed.

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

Mayor Misciagna declares **Councilmember Fenwick, Council President** for the year 2023.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SWORN IN

Mayor Misciagna administered the Oath of Office to the **Fire Department Chief** for the year 2023.

FIRE DEPT. CHIEF Mark Durst

Mayor Misciagna administered the Oaths of Office jointly to the following **Officers of the Fire Department** for the year 2023:

Deputy Chief, Richard Bosi

Captain, Peter Mauro

Captain, Kyle Ladewig

Lieutenant, Brad Moser

Lieutenant, Tom Tracy

POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS SWORN IN

Mayor Misciagna announced the **Officers of the Police Reserves** for the year 2023:

Chief, Paul Witte

Captain, Christopher Brown

Lieutenant, George Harcher

Sergeant, Roque Schipilliti

MAYOR'S 2023 ADDRESS

I would like to welcome the two new Councilmembers on the dais, Greg and Bruce Welcome, we have a lot of hard work to do. We met and had lunch and talked about some of the issues that Park Ridge is facing and we need hard working people to step up and get the job done. I know you guys are capable and willing to do the job. I welcome you both. At the same time we recognized two departing Councilmembers. Councilmember Kelly Epstein, who was a former Council President, she also worked in many capacities she did a very good job and will be missed. My good friend Robert Metzendorf will also be missed. I don't know two harder working two Council people than you and you will be missed. You both have a fire in your belly and served in multitude of capacities. These people took their jobs extremely seriously and glad you are staying involved. Last few years have been extremely difficult from COVID to affordable housing litigation. I am looking forward to working with this team and getting work for Park Ridge done. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to appoint the **Borough Officials** listed herein for the year 2023

A motion is made by Council President Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Ferguson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

Fire Surgeon	Dr. Lester Levine	1 Year term
Police Matron	Lucille Bosco	1 Year term
Police Matron	Fran Smith	1 Year term
Zoning Officer	Tonya Janeiro	1 Year term
Tax Search Officer	Jessica Mazzarella	1 Year term
Assessment Search Officer	Magdalena Giandomenico	1 Year term
Custodian of Petty Cash	Consuelo Carpenter	1 Year term

BOROUGH HISTORIAN

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to appoint **Ralph Donnell** as **Borough Historian** for the year 2023.

A motion is made by Council President Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARDS

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to appoint the **School Traffic Guards** named below for the year 2023.

A motion is made by Council President Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Cozzi to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Goldsmith

Joseph Felice	Don Eckbak	James Tonner
Gerald Alexander	Joseph Harris	Tom Hoskins
Linda Strabone	Charles Trojan	Bruce Goldsmith

Relief Guards

Caryl Yaiser BJ Quackenbush Charles Sappah Kim DiGregorio Charles Smith

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO OFFICAL BOARDS WITH THE ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL

Mayor reads Boards and Appointees as follows:

BOARD OF HEALTH (three-year term, two-year term alternate)

Dr. Marilyn Miller	12/31/2025
Joan Valas, PhD	12/31/2025
Chad Spies	12/31/2025
Eileen Kearney	12/31/2024

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (three-year term)

Sean McNamara	12/31/2025
Michael Mintz	12/31/2025
Robert Metzdorf	12/31/2024

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (five-year term member, one-year term alternate)

Jamie DeMartino	12/31/2026
John M. Cozzi (Mayor’s Alternate)	12/31/2023
Tom Madru	12/31/2027

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD (two-year term)

Barbara Martine

12/31/2024

MUNICIPAL SWIM POOL COMMISSION (three-year term)

Thomas Madru

12/31/2025

Tom Scheulen

12/31/2025

ZONING BOARD ADJUSTMENT (four-year term member, two-year term alternate)

Michael Brickman

12/31/2026

Lynda Carraher

Alternate #1

12/31/2024

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to accept the said Appointees to the Official Boards.

A motion is made by Council President Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to confirm

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

PLANNING BOARD

(Mayor's appointments, no council confirmation needed)

Mayor Misciagna appoints **Robert Metzdorf and Mark Bisanzo, Class IV** members of the **Planning Board**, to fill a vacancy of a four - year term, said term expiring December 31, 2026.

Mayor Misciagna appoints **Julie Falkenstern, Municipal Official, Class II** member of the **Planning Board** to a one-year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Mayor Misciagna advises that there is a **Class III** member of the **Planning Board** (a member of the Governing Body) to be chosen by the Governing Body.

Councilmember Council President Fenwick nominates Councilmember Hoffman

Mayor Misciagna asks if there are any further nominations.

A motion is made by Council President Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to close the nominations.

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

Mayor Misciagna declares **Councilmember Hoffman, Class III** member of the **Planning Board** for the year 2023.

In accordance with the terms of the Planning Board Ordinance, **Mayor Misciagna** notes that he automatically becomes and remains a **Member (Class I)** of the **Planning Board** for the year 2023.

***ALL OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR ONE YEAR,
THEY ARE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT COUNCIL CONFIRMATION***

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to appoint the residents enumerated below to the various **Volunteer Committees** listed for the year 2023.

A motion is made by Council President Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Cozzi to confirm

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

CABLE TV COMMITTEE (PKRG)

Howard Fredrics (Chair)	Lori Fredrics (Vice-Chair)
Jamie Lewis (Program Director)	Venkat Shanmugam
Tom Bauer	Sue Tudisco
Trevor Dublin	Miguel Manalo
Will O'Toole	Tammy Levinson
Brian Quinn	Chuck Caccioli
Daniel Simpson	Anthony Gibbons
Tammy Levinson	

D.A.R.E. COMMITTEE

PO Scott Malloy	Frances Smith
Lt. Peter Mauro	PO Dan Hoffman
Jean Joyce	Tammy Levinson
Liz Falkenstern	Kelly Gaccione
PO Dutcher	Kristen Newton
Rosemarie Malloy	Frank Izzo
Ken Helman	

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Judi Youngman	
Jorge Becerra	Joyce Bruno
Barbara Dell’ Armo	Paul Higgins
Andy Yaeger	Melanie Nagel
Tammy Levinson	
Troy Lederman, Principal PRHS	
Christopher Kirkby, Principal West Ridge	
Kevin Stokes, Principal East Brook	
Laraine Meehan, Principal OLM	
Phil Langer, Park Ridge Elks	

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Penny Peed	Betty Jean Quackenbush
Barbara Martine	John Thomsen, Sr.
Marilyn Miller	Anthony Fiorenza
Joe Bruno	Joan Valas

TRAIN STATION PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

June Bertini	Ken Koury
Barbara Martine	Anthony Morgan
Joseph Bruno	

RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Regina Deutch	Jason Roth	Michael Raia
Rob Nicolich	Paul Wharton	Laurie Wharton
Paul Scarduffa	Tom Hoskins	Greg Perez
Lyn Beer	Bob La Rubbio	Bob Fornatale
Ray Mital	Doug Salvi	Marissa Ekback
Tom Mitchell	Ira Rosen	James Dowels
Joan Valas	Carolee Chirico	Martha Vales
Maureen Howell	Liz Falkenstern	Steven Como

Kelly Epstein	Steve Masson	Binnie Sharma
Neil Pollenz	Rosemary Happ	

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Jamie DeMartino (co-Chair)	Shenai Jensen (co-Chair)
Kevin Loo (Vice Chair)	Jeanne McVerry (Secretary)
Gail Burton	Lynda Carraher
Pedro Castelli	Lisa Clifford
Mark Suriano,	Joan Valas
Carolyn Wagner	Sofia Wahdat
Kelly Epstein	Julie Falkenstern (Borough Advisor)

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE/GARDEN CLUB

Jim Hesper	Peter Jacobson	Donald Schwamb
Joann Schwamb	Gil Santos	Gwen Pardi
<u>Garden Club Members</u>		
Gwen Pardi	Gabriel Smith	Bill Koenig
Peter Jacobsen	Barbara Martine	

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Jerry Brunetto	Bill Koenig
Barbara Martine	Donald Schwamb
Gwen Pardi	Richard Henning
Ralph Donnell	
Pete Jacobson	
Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning Boards	

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Josh Arak	Dan Browne, BOE
Kirk Brouwer	Paul Wharton
Lynn Beer	Scott Kreisler
Carmine Lizza	Technology Coordinator, PRHS
Michael Mintz	

ACCESS FOR ALL COMMITTEE

Lisa Bernardo (represents Park Ridge schools)
Liz Falkenstern (represents Rec Committee)
Julie Falkenstern (Borough Administrator)
Ed Pittarelli (member of community-at-large); serves as Chair
Chad Spies (represents Board of Health)
Brittany Vozza (represents the Chamber of Commerce)
Charles Ward (member of community-at-large; lives in Lehmann Gardens)
Sgt. Michael Babcock (OEM/Police)

GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE

Bob Bogert
Danielle Cawood - Public
Barbara Coleman – Public
Roseann Crisafi – Public
Vinny Lemba – Public
James McDermott- Public
Diana Rosner – Public
Frank Murphy – Public
Sergio Gil – Public
Natalie Rehak – Public
Don Schwamb – Planning Board
Keith Misciagna – Mayor - Advisor
Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator - Advisor

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Don Schwamb	Eric Wagner
Dave Vozza	Keith Misciagna
William Fenwick	

MAYOR’S WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Keri Cooper	Donna Fiorenza
Barbara Hennig	William Hennig
Shelby Klein	Marilyn Miller
Harold Katz	Joan Valas
Joelle Kuron	Teri Ann Christopher
Cathy Ferrero	Board of Health Secretary (Advisor)

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Ron Romano	William Diedtrich, Jr.
Bob Howell	Greg Perez
Keith Misciagna	Gregory Hoffman

MAYOR’S HOUSING TASK FORCE

Borough Attorney
John Hansen, Fire Official
Capt. Joseph Rampolla
Marjorie Vanacore, Inspector, Bergen County Department of Health Services
Tonya Janeiro, Zoning Officer
Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator
Elena Rega, Property Maintenance Officer

SEATING ON DAIS: 2023 (from Mayor’s left to right)

Hoffman, Ferguson, Fenwick, MAYOR, Cozzi, Capilli, Goldsmith

2023 STANDING COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Mayor Misciagna announces the Standing Committees and Liaisons for 2023:

STANDING COMMITTEES – 2023

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	Fenwick & Capilli
FIRE	Ferguson
INSURANCE	Cozzi
NEGOTIATIONS	Misciagna & Fenwick
OPERATIONS/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	Ferguson
PERSONNEL	Fenwick & Misciagna
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE	Goldsmith
PUBLIC SAFETY/TRI BORO PUBLIC SAFETY	
SHARED SERVICES	Fenwick & Capilli

BOARDS & COMMITTEES LIAISONS FOR 2023

ACCESS FOR ALL	Cozzi
AMERICAN LEGION	Fenwick
ATRIUM LIASON	Cozzi
BERGEN COUNTY 9-1-1	Police
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Capilli
BOARD OF HEALTH/Local Assistance & Pascack Mental Health	Goldsmith
BUSINESS COMMUNITY/CHAMBER	Fenwick
CABLE TV/PKRG-TV	Ferguson
D.A.R.E COMMITTEE	Hoffman
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Fenwick & Misciagna
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL	Hoffman

GREEN TEAM	Capilli
HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE	Hoffman
HANDICAP AWARENESS ADVISORY	Goldsmith & Administrator
HISTORICAL ADVISORY	Fenwick
LIBRARY BOARD	Cozzi
MAYOR’S WELLNESS	Hoffman
MUNICIPAL POOL	Ferguson
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	Misciagna
OPEN SPACE	Goldsmith
P.R.A.A.	Ferguson
RECREATION & CULTURAL	Hoffman
FIELD COORDINATOR	Rosanna Monteleone
SAFETY COMMITTEE	Cozzi
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY	Cozzi
SHADE TREE/GARDEN CLUB	Capilli
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	Goldsmith
TRAIN STATION PRESERVATION COMMITTEE	Cozzi
UTILITY BOARD LIASON	Cozzi

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE TO 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: None

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2023

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 2023-001, An Ordinance Establishing Official, Appointees and Employees of the Borough of Park Ridge for the Year 2023

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

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

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

Borough Clerk: Ordinance No. 2023-001, An Ordinance Establishing Official, Appointees and Employees of the Borough of Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey for the Year 2023

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

Borough Clerk: This is the yearly salary ordinance that sets the parameters of salaries for the calendar year 2023.

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

Speaker: None

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to pass this Ordinance on the first reading by title and it be published in full in The Bergen Record with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on January 24, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hoffman and seconded by Council President Fenwick to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

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:

Mayor Misciagna asks if any Council member would like to abstain from voting on any resolution on the Consent Agenda.

- Council President Fenwick abstained from voting on Res. No. 023-017 – Appointment of Borough Attorney

Speaker:

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

A motion was made by Council President Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Cozzi to confirm.

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.

RESOLUTIONS:

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE RESOLUTION NO. 023-001

ADOPTING BY-LAWS FOR 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following updated by-laws shall be adopted and are hereby approved as By-Laws regulating the conduct of meetings; order of business; appointment and duties of committees; and other matters more specifically referred to.

ARTICLE I

These By-Laws shall regulate the conduct of the meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge and shall remain effective until the next reorganization meeting or until repealed, supplemented or amended at a regular meeting by the majority vote of the whole council. Any specific portion of the By-Laws may be suspended temporarily at any regular meeting for that meeting only, upon the simple majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE 2

MEETINGS

1. Ordinances and Resolutions may only be acted upon at formal meetings which are advertised pursuant to NJSA 10:4-6 et seq.

2. The meetings of the Mayor and Council shall be held in the Borough Hall Council Chambers in accordance with the Resolution adopted at the Reorganization meeting each year setting forth the times and dates. Additional special meetings at which formal action may be taken will be scheduled as needed and, in the manner, provided by law.

3. Prior to the meeting of the Mayor and Council, with the assistance of the Mayor and Borough Administrator, the agenda, to the extent known at the time shall be prepared by the Borough Clerk. The agenda for regularly scheduled formal meetings shall be distributed no later than the Friday preceding the formal meeting. Notwithstanding, the agenda may be amended after distribution, as necessary, to include all pending business, and items not known at the time the agenda was prepared. All agenda changes will be announced as part of the regular order of business. The Borough Clerk shall add to the agenda any item that is requested at least 48 hours prior to the formal meeting by at least 3 members of the Borough Council to be placed on the agenda for discussion, consideration, or formal action. At the time of the meeting, by motion, requiring a second and simple majority of the Council under New Business, items may be added to the agenda.

4. The regular order of business at each formal council meeting shall be:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Compliance Statement
- Agenda Changes
- Public Privilege of the Floor
- Ordinance Introduction
- Ordinance Public Hearing
- Consent Agenda
- Communications
- New Business
- Reports of Governing Body
- Approval of Minutes
- Optional Additional Public Privilege of the Floor
- Adjournment

5. The Council may, by resolution duly passed at a meeting, dispense with a future meeting or designate a different date for any regular meeting.

6. Seating and Voting Roll Call shall be determined by the Mayor.

7. All formal meetings shall end no later than 11:00 pm.

8. The Public Privilege of the Floor at a formal meeting shall be limited to a 5-minute maximum per speaker. Nevertheless, at a meeting where more than 20 members of the public are present, the Mayor and Council may decide to shorten the allotted time for speaking in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible.

9. The public shall be permitted to speak at a work session as provided by law for a maximum of 5 minutes per speaker. The Mayor shall announce within a reasonable time from the opening of the meeting that the floor is open to the public for comments and will notify speakers of the 5-minute limitation.

10. Executive Sessions, commonly known as closed sessions, will be conducted as necessary in the manner prescribed by law to discuss only those matter allowed by law.

11.Pursuant to the New Jersey's Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7, any member of the Mayor & Council may participate in any closed session or public meeting by telephone communication device provided that the device being used is free from being intercepted and not be overheard by anyone. Participation by telephone communication shall not count for quorum purposes.

12.The Mayor and/or Acting Mayor (in the absence of the Mayor) shall call for a vote in the public meeting for items on or added to the agenda. If either refuse the Borough clerk shall call for a vote. Tabling of agenda items shall require a motion, second, and a simple majority vote of the Council.

13.Mayor and Council will set aside the first Tuesday of December each year for a Special Meeting dedicated to Reorganization. At that time the Mayor and Council will invite any elected candidates that will be sworn in at the January Reorganization Meeting to this Special Meeting to discuss liaison and committee assignments.

14. Except as herein specified, Robert's Rules of Order Shall be used

ARTICLE 3 COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

1. The regular standing committees shall be as follows:

Finance & Administration
Fire
Insurance
Negotiations
Operations
Personnel Policy
Public Buildings & Grounds
Public Health & Welfare
Public Safety

2. Each committee shall consist of at least one member of the Council and appointment to each Committee shall be made by the Mayor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Finance & Administration Committee shall have two members of the Council who shall be chosen from each political party, if applicable. If a subsequent vacancy exists for any Committee or Board Liaison appointment, then in such event, e Mayor shall make the appointment to fill said vacancy. The Mayor, in his/her sole determination, shall make changes to Committee/Board Liaison assignments at any time during the year.

3. The Mayor, or the Council by a majority vote, shall have the power to appoint special committees for purposes other than those embraced in the duties of the standing committees. The Mayor, or the Council, shall have the power to appoint members from the Council or other citizens of Park Ridge as be determines necessary.

4. The Mayor shall be a member of all Committees, both special and standing.

5.All committees shall make a report to the Council either in writing or orally of their activities as necessary.

ARTICLE 4 PAYMENT OF BILLS

All bills or claims against the Borough. shall be processed and paid in accordance with the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, Chapter 6, entitled "Claims Approval and Payment."

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-002**

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that The Ridgewood News, a Gannett Company, McLean Virginia is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Borough of Park Ridge for the publication of advertisements and notices as required by law to be published for the year 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Bergen Record, Community Life and Pascack Press, New Jersey be used for advertisement on an as needed basis.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-003**

DESIGNATION OF LEGAL DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40a:5-14 requires that the Borough designate a deposit for its monies a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State and organized under the laws of the United States or this State; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following listed banks and associations are hereby designated as depositories for the Borough of Park Ridge:

Valley Bank
New Jersey Cash Management

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the deposit of any municipal funds in any of the above listed depositories, said depository shall file with the Chief Financial Officer a certification indicating their compliance with the New Jersey Division of banking requirements for participation in the Government Unit Protection Act pursuant to R.S. 17:9-41.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-004**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATES ON DELINQUENT TAXES &
ASSESSMENTS UNDER R.S. 54:4-67**

WHEREAS, R.S. 54:4-67 et seq., permits the Governing Body to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal charges; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes shall be eight percent per annum on the first One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars of delinquency and 18 percent per annum on any amount in excess of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made on or before the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the interest provided above, on all delinquencies in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars and which are not paid prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Tax Collector shall also collect a penalty of six (6) percent of the amount of the delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Chapter 99, the Tax Collector is hereby permitted to conduct the yearly tax sale.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-005**

**2023 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, requires that each municipality adopt a Cash Management Plan designed to assure the deposit, investment, and proper disbursement of local funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby adopt the following Cash Management Plan.

A. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following institutions are designated as permissible depositories for the deposit of Borough funds:

Valley Bank
Chase Bank
New Jersey Cash Management

All depositories must conform to the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) and shall provide a Notification of Eligibility from the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, on a semi-annual basis. In addition, designated depositories shall maintain maximum FDIC or FSLIC coverage of all Borough funds on deposit.

B. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt, in accordance with NJSA 40A:5-15 into appropriate fund operating accounts. Non-interest bearing operating and capital accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment. Debt Service and Trust accounts shall be maintained in accordance with Federal and State statutes regulating such funds. Payroll, Developers' Escrow deposits and other agency funds, which represent funds of individuals and other organizations held by the Borough shall be deposited in regular, non-interest-bearing checking accounts unless applicable State statutes direct otherwise. Grant funds shall be deposited in accordance with regulations of the granting government or agency.

Where compensating balances are required by any designated depository to offset the cost of services provided, an agreement between the Borough and the depository shall be executed, specifying the charge for each service and the balance required to offset each charge.

C. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES

The Borough may purchase those investments permitted in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, which include:

United States Treasury Bonds, Notes, and Bills
United States Government Agency and Instrumentality Obligations
Bonds and other obligation of the Borough of Park Ridge
Bonds and other obligations of the Park Ridge Board of Education
Commercial Bank Deposits and Certificates of Deposit
New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Fund
Savings Bank Deposits and Certificates of Deposit

State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund

The Borough may purchase other obligations approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of Treasury for investment by local units.

Investments shall be limited to a maturity of not more than one year unless a longer term is permitted by applicable Federal or State regulations. Allowable investments with maturities which extend beyond the end of the Borough’s fiscal year shall be permitted only if interest accrued on the investment is credited to the Borough at the end of the fiscal year for the purpose of realizing budgetary revenue.

The purchase of Certificates of Deposit shall be made based on the availability of funds for investment and the analysis of projected cash flows. Bids for Certificates of Deposit will be solicited of at least three designated depositories only if the amount available for investment is \$100,000 or greater. Telephone bids will be solicited by the Chief Financial Officer, or designated staff member. Bidders shall specify the principal amount, interest rate, and maturity of the investment. A check or wire transfer will be made available to the winning bidder on the same business day the bid is awarded. Where the return on a proposed investment does not exceed the cost of making such investment, the Chief Financial Officer will not make the investment. The Chief Financial Officer shall have the discretion to award an investment to the depository wherein the funds reside, should that institution’s quoted interest rate be less than other quoted rates, and the differential in interest rates is not more than twenty-five (25) basis points (0.25%), providing that the term of the investment is thirty (30) days or less. The Chief Financial Officer shall have discretion to reject all bids.

D. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

All funds shall be disbursed as authorized and directed by the Mayor and Council, except that the Chief Financial Officer shall have the authority to make disbursements prior to receiving the approval of the Borough Council in extreme emergencies where the safety of the public is jeopardized. In addition, the following disbursements may be made prior to receiving approval of the Mayor and Council:

County Taxes	Petty Cash Reimbursements
County Open Space Taxes	Postage
Debt Service	Purchase of Investments
Insurance Premiums	Salaries and Wages
Interfunds	School Taxes
Public Library Tax Levy	Self-Insurance Payments
Payroll Withholding Amounts	Special Improvement District Taxes
Bergen County Utility Authority	State of New Jersey Pension Obligations
And manual checks as approved in writing by the Borough Administrator	

For disbursements relative to payroll tax withholding, the Mayor and Council may authorize the use of a servicer to take possession of the local unit funds and execute the disbursements of the Borough to the taxing authorities. Tasks to be performed by the servicer may include report preparation, calculation of withholding and direct deposit of payroll disbursements.

The Chief Financial Officer is designated the “approval officer” responsible for authorizing and supervising the activities of the servicer. In cases where the servicer takes possession of local unit funds for payments of payroll claims, the approval officer is charged with ensuring that payments are made on a timely basis by regularly securing third party confirmation of such.

Disbursements shall be executed via electronic wire transfer of funds by the Chief Financial Officer, or designated staff member, when that method of payment will result in a financial benefit to the Borough in the form of increased investment income.

E. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

Chapter 6 of the Code for the Borough of Park Ridge designates the Mayor, Borough Clerk, Deputy Borough Clerk, Borough Treasurer, and Assistant Borough Treasurer as the authorized signers of checks. All warrants or checks for the disbursement of money shall be made by three (3) of the authorized signers and facsimile signatures may be used. Payroll and Agency checks related to Salary and Wages shall be signed by the Borough Treasurer and facsimile signature may be used.

F. PETTY CASH FUND

Reimbursement for expenditures through the Petty Cash Fund shall be made within the limits approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Petty Cash Fund shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21. Individual reimbursements from the Petty Cash Fund shall not exceed \$75 per item. The following Petty Cash Funds shall be maintained:

Current Fund	\$750.00
Electric & Water Utility	\$500.00
Swim Pool Utility	\$250.00
Golden Age Club	\$750.00

G. BONDING

The following officials shall be covered by surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution:

Chief Financial Officer	Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Borough Treasurer	Assistant Borough Treasurer
Tax Collector	Borough Clerk
Borough Administrator	

Staff members of the Department of Finance and Tax Collection not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employee’s Faithful Performance Bond.

H. COMPLIANCE

The Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Park Ridge shall be subject to the approval of the Borough’s Legal Counsel, and shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4

As stated in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the official(s) charged with the custody of Borough funds shall deposit them as instructed in the Cash Management Plan and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability or loss due to the insolvency or closing of any designated depository.

If at any time this Cash Management Plan conflicts with any regulations of the State of New Jersey, or any department thereof, the applicable State regulations shall apply.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-006

PETTY CASH POLICY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county or municipality by application and resolution, and,

WHEREAS, the Borough currently has the following existing petty cash funds:

Office Staff	\$250
Police Department	\$500 (Chief Joe Madden)
DPW	\$200 (Pete Wayne)
Electric Utility	\$500 (Jim Leichtnam)

Water Utility	\$500 (Chris O’Leary)
Swim Pool Utility	\$250
Golden Age Club	\$750

Which, were previously approved by the Division of Local Government Services naming the Chief Financial Officer as the Custodian of Petty Cash, and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Mayor and Council to formally establish guidelines for use of such funds as follows:

- 1. Petty Cash is to be used for business related cash expenditures or reimbursement of \$75 or less.
- 2. A Petty Cash slip indicating the name, purpose, date, amount, and line-item to charge must be completed and signed by the individual receiving the funds. Additionally, a receipt must be attached. The slip must also be signed by the Petty Cash Custodian.
- 3. The Petty Cash fund will be replenished periodically. All receipts will be attached and included on the payment of bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that Petty Cash disbursements be limited to \$75 or less and must include proper documentation as outlined above.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-007

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL TAX SEARCH OFFICER 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, that Jessica Mazzarella, Tax Collector, being a duly bonded Official of the Municipality, be and she is hereby designated as Official Tax Search Officer (N.J.S.A. 54:5-11 of the Borough of Park Ridge for the year 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be no additional compensation for this appointment.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-008

APPOINT FUND COMMISSIONERS 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge does hereby appoint the following fund commissioners for the year 2023:

Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund:
Borough Administrator Julie Falkenstern as Fund Commissioner
Chief Financial Officer Consuelo Carpenter as Alternate

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-009**

DESIGNATION OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that Magdalena Giandomenico, Municipal Clerk being a bonded official of the Municipality be, hereby is, designated as the person for searching improvements pursuant to the provisions of Article 3A of Title 54, Chapter 5, of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all lawful fees collected by the said Magdalena Giandomenico, Municipal Clerk in her official capacity as the person to make and issue certificates as to the liability for assessments for municipal improvements, be received and retained by the Borough of Park Ridge.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-010**

APPOINT PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER 2023

BE IT RESOVLED that the Borough Administrator, Julie Falkenstern, be appointed as the public agency compliance officer for the calendar year 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the:

Public Agency Unit
State of New Jersey
Department of the Treasury
Division of Public Contracts
Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance
PO Box 209
Trenton, NJ 08625-0209

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-011**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, NJ
THROUGH THE PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033
PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE PARK RIDGE POLICE TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE
EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Park Ridge Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Park Ridge Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A,” which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Park Ridge Police Department without restriction; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Park Ridge Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following “DEMIL B through Q” property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes controlled property items authorized for acquisition, including quantity, e.g., (1) utility truck, (12) 5.56 millimeter rifles, or (1) MRAP, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park Ridge Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Council authorize the Park Ridge Police Department to submit an application for participation in the aforementioned "1033 Program" and hereby expresses its approval of any such application by a majority of the full membership of the Council.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-012**

**MUTUAL AID - PASCACK VALLEY
FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge recognizes the necessity for the sharing of the emergency services, aka mutual aid, to communities or districts inside and outside of the presently established Pascack Valley and Tri-Boro Mutual Aid groups, for the purpose of providing of personnel and fire rescue equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge's Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designated representative will be making decisions to provide mutual aid to area communities with brief notice; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge's Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designated representative will ensure that arrangements are made, prior to providing such mutual aid to other communities, for appropriate emergency protection for the Borough of Park Ridge and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge understands that the community or region requiring mutual aid may not be adjacent to or part of the existing Pascack Valley or Tri-Boro Mutual Aid groups already established in the Pascack Valley of Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, Worker's Compensation will be provided by the Borough of Park Ridge (employer), General Liability is assumed by the recipient of the service and Automobile Liability/Physical Damage and Property Insurance stays with the owner of the property (Borough of Park Ridge).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park that it authorizes the Borough of Park Ridge's Fire Chief and or the Fire Chief's designated representative to provide mutual aid services to any community or district the Fire Chief or his designated representative deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Park Ridge will provide its insurance carriers and its insurance agents with copies of this resolution to ensure that insurance coverage, in the same manner as provided on an everyday basis, is provided to the Borough of Park Ridge and its representatives during the time period mutual aid is provided to another community or district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governing Body of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Old Tappan, River Vale, Township of Washington, Westwood, Woodcliff Lake and to the Park Ridge Fire Department.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-013**

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MUTUAL AID PLAN
AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE**

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day to day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison

riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief’s Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies, and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that the Park Ridge Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief’s Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the police Department of the Borough of Park Ridge, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief’s Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-014**

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S
“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in
Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Body of the Borough of Park Ridge, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-015**

**AUTHORIZE ANNUAL CDL RANDOM ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING
PROGRAM – 2023**

WHEREAS, the Federal law (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act, Title V of P. L. 102-143) requires all transportation-related employers to perform mandatory drug and alcohol testing. Employees affected are those holding a valid CDL and who drive, as part of their work, certain sized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, States and municipalities are considered employers under the Federal law and drivers that meet these criteria are subject to the testing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Federal policy for CDL holders requires pre-employment, post-accident, reasonable suspicion, random, and return-to-work drug testing; and

WHEREAS, Valley Health System, 223 North Van Dien Ave, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450 has submitted a proposal dated November 1, 2022 for the provision of said services for the calendar year 2023 including the State mandated Business Registration Certificate copy attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for said services is not anticipated to exceed either the Pay-to-Play (P.L. 2005 c. 271) threshold and/or the State Bid threshold during calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has recommended the Borough of Park Ridge enter into a contract for the calendar year 2023 with Valley Medical Group for the provision of these services and additional related services, as may be needed and the Borough Administrator concurs; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds, in 2023 Budget Account Nos: 01-2010-26-2902-025, 07-2010-55-5022-026 and 05-2010-55-5022-026 (shared proportionally by department – Electric, Water and Roads).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge does authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to authorize a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-016**

2023 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January, 2023; and

WHEREAS, said total appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2022 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvements and public assistance in the said 2022 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for the Borough's records.

	Adopted 2022	Temp #1
General Appropriations within Caps		
General Government:		
General Administration		
Salary and Wages	92,000	24,150.00
Other Expenses	81,800	21,472.50
Grant Consultant	35,000	9,187.50
Mayor and Council		
Salary and Wages	43,200	11,340.00
Other Expenses	10,500	2,756.25
Municipal Clerk		
Salary and Wages	180,000	47,250.00
Other Expenses	39,300	10,316.25
Financial Administration		
Salary and Wages	179,585	47,141.06
Other Expenses	58,000	15,225.00
ADS	16,000	4,200.00
Annual Audit	47,500	0.00
Revenue Administration		
Salary and Wages	77,100	20,238.75
Other Expenses	7,700	2,021.25
Assessment of Taxes		
Salary and Wages	16,400	4,305.00
Other Expenses	28,275	7,422.19
Legal Services		
Other Expenses	350,000	91,875.00
Other Expenses Tax Appeal		
Engineering Services and Cost		
Other Expenses	50,000	13,125.00
Park Ridge Television		
Salary and Wages	15,000	3,937.50
Other Expenses	12,000	3,150.00
Municipal Land Use Law NJSA 40:55D-1		
Planning Board		
Salary and Wages	89,308	23,443.35
Other Expenses	13,625	3,576.56
Master Plan		
Zoning Board of Adjustment		

Salary and Wages	53,692	14,094.15
Other Expenses	11,600	3,045.00
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Housing Task Force		
Salary and Wages	12,100	3,176.25
Other Expenses	250	65.63
Construction Code		
Salary and Wages	255,000	66,937.50
Other Expenses	17,750	4,659.38
Zoning Officer		
Salary and Wages	15,200	3,990.00
Other Expenses	1,100	288.75
Insurance		
General Liability	210,000	52,500.00
Employee Group Health	1,305,000	342,562.50
Health Benefit Waiver	40,000	10,500.00
Insurance/Tri-Boro Ambulance	8,500	2,231.25
Public Safety:		
Department of Police		
Salary and Wages Regular	3,223,000	846,037.50
Other Expenses	122,550	32,169.38
Pistol Range	25,000	6,562.50
Police Reserve		
Salary and Wages	19,600	5,145.00
Other Expenses	29,400	7,717.50
Other Expenses regular Specials		
Public Safety Functions		
Office of Emergency Management		
Salary and Wages	6,000	2,500.00
Other Expenses	8,200	2,152.50
Fire Department		
Salary and Wages	65,000	
Other Expenses Miscellaneous	93,470	24,535.88
Tri-Boro Safety Corp		
Other Expenses	299,500	78,618.75
Aid to Volunteer Ambulance Companies		
First Aid organization Contribution	20,000	0.00
Uniform fire Safety Act (Ch. 383, PL 1`983)		
Salaries and Wages Fire Official	49,100	12,888.75
Other Expenses	7,800	2,047.50
Fire Hydrant Services	22,000	5,775.00

Public Works Function		
Road Repairs and Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages	944,000	247,800.00
Other Expenses	330,600	86,782.50
Shade Tree		
Other Expenses	15,700	4,121.25
Solid Waste Collection		
Sanitation	751,570	197,287.13
Recycling	141,750	37,209.38
Building and Grounds		
Salaries and Wages	102,300	26,853.75
Other Expenses	159,200	41,790.00
Vehicle Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages	112,500	29,531.25
Other Expenses	92,800	24,360.00
Sewer		
Salary and Wages	61,600	16,170.00
Other Expenses	11,800	3,097.50
Health and Human Service		
Board of Health		
Salaries and Wages	12,000	3,150.00
Other Expenses	54,475	14,299.69
Welfare/Administration of Public Service		
Salaries and Wages	12,000	3,150.00
Other Expenses	1,500	393.75
Aid to Mental Health		
Other Expenses	9,000	
Parks and Recreation		
Recreation Services and Programs		
Salaries and Wages	41,100	10,788.75
Other Expenses	22,000	5,775.00
Senior Citizens Committee		
Salaries and Wages	23,300	6,116.25
Other Expenses	7,500	1,968.75
Library		
Salaries and Wages	331,915	87,127.69
Other Expenses	725,974	190,568.18
Library Support	61,000	16,012.50
Other Common Operating Functions		

Municipal Service Act		
Other Expenses	30,000	7,875.00
Celebration of Public Events		
Other Expenses	5,000	
Utilities Expenses and Bulk Purchase		
Electric and Gas	90,000	23,625.00
Telephone	30,000	7,875.00
Water	17,500	4,593.75
National Gas	20,000	5,250.00
Gasoline	75,000	19,687.50
Landfill/Solid Waste Disposal Costs		
BCUA Fees	718,038	188,484.98
Landfill/Solid Waste	80,000	21,000.00
Recycling Tax	12,000	3,150.00
Total Operations within Caps		
Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	6,032,000	1,567,263
Other Expenses	6,496,227	1,681,241
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenses		
Social Security	245,000	245,000.00
DCRP	5,000	5,000.00
PERS	306,750	306,750.00
PFRS	851,009	851,009.00
Total deferred Charges and Statutory Expenses	1,407,759	1,407,759
Total General Appropriations for Municipal purposes within	13,935,986	4,656,262.34
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTION		
LOSAP		
Fire Department	54,120	0.00
Tri-Borough Ambulance	20,000	0.00
Total Other Operations excluded from Caps	74,120	0.00
Shared Service Agreement		
Municipal Court (Tri-Boro)		
Other Expenses - Contractual	122,419	32,135.00

Total Interlocal Service Agreement	122,419	32,135.00
WATER APPROPRIATIONS 2023		
WATER SALARY AND WAGE		
Full-Time	789,688	207,293
Water Office	390,000	102,375
Seasonal	25,000	6,563
Overtime	100,000	26,250
Vacation/Sick in Lieu	3,312	869
Standby	25,000	6,563
WATER OTHER EXPENSES		
Meals	4,000	1,050
Postage	15,000	3,938
Contractual	99,900	26,224
Legal Services	25,000	6,563
Office Supplies	15,000	3,938
Conferences & Meetings	8,000	2,100
Gas & Diesel Fuel	15,000	3,938
Telephone Charges	20,000	5,250
Medical Insurance	300,000	78,750
Insurance Premiums	150,000	39,375
Interest Returned Deposit		
Electric, Water & Gas	500,000	131,250
Chemical-Water Treatment Plan	50,000	13,125
Analysis- Water Treatment Plan	50,000	13,125
Supplies Analysis/Chemical Trts	10,000	2,625
Shop Operation Supplies	30,000	7,875
Maintain Wells/Booster Station	100,000	26,250
Active Carbon P-Wells	125,000	32,813
Parts & Supplies/Water Treatment	3,000	788
Maintenance - Standpipe	12,000	3,150
Maintenance - Maines	90,000	23,625
Maintenance - Service	12,000	3,150
Maintenance - Meters	6,000	1,575
Maintenance - Hydrants	10,000	2,625
Vehicle Equipment/Radios	15,000	3,938
Computer Maintenance & Programs	20,000	5,250
Special Services / Auditors	30,000	7,875
Special Services / Engineer	50,000	13,125
Legal Engineer/Ground Water	10,000	2,625
Special Services Report	2,000	525
Board Expense/General	8,000	2,100
Office Rentals	105,000	27,563
PWT Water Tax	10,000	2,625
Fees & Permits	30,000	7,875
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	100,000	26,250
Payroll	3,000	788
Insurance Waiver	4,000	1,050
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		

CIF	50,000	13,125
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Wells & Springs	240,000	63,000
Structure & Improvements		
Electric Pump Equipment		
Water Treatment Equipment		
Computer Hardware/Software		
General Structure		
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,547,900	931,324
ELECTRIC APPROPRIATIONS 2023		
ELECTRIC SALARY & WAGES		
Full-Time	900,000	236,250.00
Electric Office	440,000	115,500.00
Seasonal	30,000	7,875.00
Overtime	80,000	21,000.00
Vacation/Sick in Lieu	10,000	2,625.00
Standby	24,000	6,300.00
ELECTRIC OTHER EXPENSES		
Meals	3,000	787.50
Postage	10,000	2,625.00
Office Supplies	15,000	3,937.50
Conferences & Meetings	2,000	525.00
Electric, Water & Gas	75,000	19,687.50
Gas & Diesel Fuel	34,500	9,056.25
Telephone Charges	15,000	3,937.50
Medical Insurance	250,000	65,625.00
Misc. Insurance	150,000	39,375.00
Interest Returned Deposit	-	
Shop Operation Supplies	75,000	19,687.50
Maintenance - Service	60,000	15,750.00
Maintenance - Meters	60,000	15,750.00
Vehicle Equipment/Radios	50,000	13,125.00
Computer Maintenance & Programs	20,000	5,250.00
Special Services / Auditors	30,000	7,875.00
Special Services / Engineer	20,000	5,250.00
Special Services/Legal	25,000	6,562.50
Board Expense/General	6,000	1,575.00
Office Rentals	30,000	7,875.00
Public Power Association of NJ	32,000	8,400.00
Fees & Permits	8,000	2,100.00
Maintenance-Substation	45,000	11,812.50
Maintenance of lines	60,000	15,750.00
Maintenance - Underground lines	8,000	2,100.00
Maintenance-Line Transformers	10,000	2,625.00
Maintenance=- Street Lights & Signals	10,000	2,625.00
Recreational Lighting	8,000	2,100.00
Maintenance Trees	20,000	5,250.00

Maint. of Structure & Improvements	8,000	2,100.00
Insurance Waiver	8,000	2,100.00
Payroll ADS	2,500	656.25
PURCHASE OF CURRENT		
Bulk Power-Wire	6,160,000	1,617,000.00
IN LIEU OF FRANCHISE & GROSS REVENUE		
PILOT	500,000	131,250.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		
CIF	90,000	23,625.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Structures & Improvements	100,000	26,250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,484,000	2,489,550

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-017

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an attorney to serve as Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint John Schettino, Esq. with a mailing address of 800 Main St., Suite 101, Hackensack, NJ 07601as Borough Rate Counsel for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-018**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of a professional to serve as Borough Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP with a mailing address of 17-17 Route 208, Fairlawn, NJ 07410 as Borough Auditor for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-019**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an attorney to serve as Borough Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Rogut McCarthy, LLC with a mailing address of 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016 as Borough Bond Counsel for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law,(NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-020**

APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an attorney to serve as Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint King, Moench and Collins LLP with a mailing address of 51 Gibraltar Drive - Suite 2F Morris Plains NJ 07950 as Borough Conflict Attorney for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contracts to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-021**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an engineer to serve as Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Neglia Engineer Associates with a mailing address of 34 Park Avenue, PO Box 426, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 as Borough Engineer for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointments and the contracts are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award these contracts as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of these contracts is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contracts and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into these contracts and shall be incorporated in full in the said contracts,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contracts to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineers shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-022**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an engineer to serve as Borough Environmental Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint WSP with a mailing address of 350 Mt Kemble Ave Suite 200 Morristown NJ 07960 as Borough Environmental Engineer for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-023**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH FINANCIAL ADVISOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of a financial advisor to serve as Borough Financial Advisor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint NW Financial Group with a mailing address of 2 Hudson Place, 3rd Floor, Hoboken, NJ 07030 as Borough Financial Advisor for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-024**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH GRANT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of a professional to serve as Borough Grant Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Bruno Associates, Inc. with a mailing address of 1373 Broad Street, Suite #304, Clifton, NJ 07013 as Borough Grant Consultant for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-025**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH LABOR COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an attorney to serve as Borough Labor Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Weiner Law Group with a mailing address of 629 Parsippany Ave, Parsippany NJ 07054 as Borough Labor Counsel for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-026**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PLANNER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an planner to serve as Borough Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Colliers Engineering with a mailing address of 331 Newman Spring Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ 07701as Borough Planner for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-027**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH RATE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an attorney to serve as Borough Rate Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Holly Schepisi, Esq. from O'Toole Scrivo LLC with a mailing address of 14 Village Park Rd, Cedar Grove NJ 07009 Borough Rate Counsel for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and

Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-028**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH RISK MANAGER - MEDICAL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of a professional to serve as Borough Risk Manager - Medical; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint The Vozza Agency with a mailing address of One Depot Square, PO Box 100, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 as Borough Risk Manager - Medical for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-029**

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH RISK MANAGER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of a professional to serve as Borough Risk Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint The Vozza Agency with a mailing address of One Depot Square, PO Box 100, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 as Borough Risk Manager for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-030**

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT RATE ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an engineer to serve as Borough Electric Department Rate Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Colliers Engineering & Design with a mailing address of 331 Newman Springs Rd., Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ 07701 as Borough Electric Department Rate Engineer for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-031**

APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an engineer to serve as Borough Environmental Regulatory Compliance Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint H2M Associates, Inc. with a mailing of 119 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 110, Parsippany, NJ 07054 as the Environmental Regulatory Compliance Engineer for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Exhibit A) is hereby incorporated into this contract and shall be incorporated in full in the said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the above appointment is hereby ratified and confirmed and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge, said contract to be in the form as approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vendor shall supply the Borough of Park Ridge with Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or State Certificate of Employee Information Report within the time period specified by NJAC 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper, The Bergen Record, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-032**

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge Office of Emergency Management is required by the State of New Jersey to appoint a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to appoint the following individuals; as per attached schedule, to serve as members of the LEPC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the individuals named be and are hereby appointed as members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-033**

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL RATE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of Special Rate Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Robert Weishaar Jr from McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC located at 1200 G Street, NW Suite 800 Washington DC 20005 as Borough Special Rate Counsel for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-034**

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an attorney to serve as Borough Special Tax Appeal Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon & Cappuzzo at 300 Lightening Way, Suite 200 Secaucus NJ 07094 as Borough Special Tax Appeal Attorney for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to award this contract as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 023-035**

APPOINTMENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT RATE ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge requires the professional service of an engineer to serve as Borough Water Department Rate Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Colliers Engineering & Design with a mailing address of 331 Newman Springs Rd., Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ 07701 as Borough Water Department Rate Engineer for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and the contract are exempted from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) as “Professional Services,” pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a); and

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COUNCILMEMBERS REMARKS:

Councilmember Hoffman:

First, I'd like to thank Kelly and Rob for a very well-fought campaign. Bruce and I knew going into this election that the competition was going to be tough and that we were going to have our work cut out for us.

I also need to thank Councilmen Fenwick and Cozzi for their advice and guidance, telling us, given their experience, some of the things that worked and some of the things that didn't when they ran. Councilman Fenwick spent many weekends with us knocking on doors and getting to know people in town. He's a very hard worker and I know weekends can sometimes be a luxury. I can't thank him enough for signing on to be our campaign treasurer and spending his free time to walk the town with us.

I want to thank all those who supported our campaign. I'm forever grateful to those who believed in us. We wouldn't be here without your support, so thank you.

I want to thank Assemblyman Auth, Senator Schepisi, and the Bergen County Republican Organization too for their support. They were a great resource for learning the ins and outs of running an effective campaign and articulating our platform.

I thank my parents and my family for who I am today and instilling into me the desire to always push to be better than I was the day before.

I want to also thank my fiancé, Kaitlan, for always standing by me. She's my rock and my biggest supporter, and she continues to put up with me. I love you Kaitlan.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank the people of the town who put their confidence in me. This town has been my home since I was three years old. The one thing we heard more than anything else on the trail was, "this is a great place to live." I couldn't agree more. In everything that I do in this position, I promise to always put the needs of the town first, to always be open to hear any concerns. I look forward to working with everyone and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Ferguson: Happy New Year to everyone, hopefully everyone has a happy and healthy. Once again, thank you Rob Metzdorf and Kelly Epstein for your hard work and the time we spent up here, fighting the good fight for everyone. Thank you. Good luck to Bruce and Greg, it is a lot of hard work, but we are here, so let's work together and make it a good year.

Councilmember Goldsmith: First I would like to say thank you for showing that you have confidence in me and Greg, we might be green, I know Greg and I want to work with you and the town and the Borough. Thank you to the Borough residents for voting for us. It was a great challenge for us. Rob Metzdorf and Kelly Epstein are opponents who have really established themselves thoroughly in the town. It will be shoes that are hard to fit in, but we work hard and do our best. I would like to thank Greg for being a great partner in running the campaign along with Mr. Fenwick. I appreciate everyone and think it will be a great year. Wishing everyone a great New Year!

Councilmember Capilli: To Rob and Kelly, it was a pleasure serving with you both, we accomplished a lot of great things during the time on the council together. I know Greg and Bruce are going to fill right in. I look forward to collaborating with the both of you. I think this council will work hard together for the residents of Park Ridge. I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Councilmember Cozzi: I came in as green as you Greg and as green as you Bruce, and learning how to do this was tough, especially during COVID. When we were sworn in everyone was virtual and we were here masked. It was hard getting our feet wet. Kelly and Rob and everyone else were more than open in showing us the ropes and what to do. We learned what was important to the people of Park Ridge. I thank all of you for doing that. Kelly and Rob you will be missed and good to see you both on boards. We need a good year, from COVID to litigation, we need to enjoy the town everyone loves. Here is to a great year everyone!

Council President Fenwick: First I would like to thank my fellow Councilmembers for putting the trust in me to serve as Council President. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Fire Department Chief Mark Durst; Deputy Chief, Richard Bosi; Captain, Peter Mauro; Captain, Kyle Ladewig; Lieutenant, Brad Moser; and Lieutenant, Tom Tracy and Police Reserve Chief Paul Wittie. I look forward to a year of fiscal responsibility, and promise to always put Park Ridge first. Finally, I would like to thank Councilmember Metzdorf and Councilmember Epstein, for their service to the Borough. As others have echoed and as I have said during Sine Die, I am encouraged both of you are continuing to serve the town on various boards and committees. I would like to also thank all the volunteers you just reappointed. Park Ridge would be nothing without our volunteers. From our volunteer Fire Department, our Volunteer Fire Reserves, to the recreation committee, to the green team to our Utility Board members. Our volunteers are what truly make Park Ridge a great place to live.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Park Ridge volunteers are the lifeline of our community. We have been through couple tough years, we have made it through COVID and large part because of our volunteers and our exceptional employees. Our Clerk Maggie Giandomenico, our Administrator Julie Falkenstern, our CFO Connie Carpenter and all of our Department Heads are top shelf. We have Chief Madden in the back who runs the best police department in the state of New Jersey. We have the best reserves, Chief Wittie is right next to him. Our Fire Department are exceptional and put their lives on the line. Just a month ago we had a horrible house fire, we have 4 that were injured, and it could have been way worse if it wasn't for their training and dedication to what they do for us. I would like to acknowledge all of them. I would also agree with Councilmember Cozzi, it is about time to enjoy some things. I am hoping 2023 is full of happy times and hopeful moments. I would like to again welcome the two new Councilmembers, Greg and Bruce. Rob, when you were giving your speech you said someone gave you advice to always do the right thing and everything will be fine. I will go a little further and add: Always put Park Ridge First. You two new Councilmembers, follow that and you will be fine, don't let other people influence what you do. Put Park Ridge first, I think all of us do that and we will continue with that tradition. With that, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you Lori for

BENEDICTION

Mayor Misciagna calls on Reverend Vincent D'Agostino of Our Lady of Mercy Church for the Benediction.

There being no further business, Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to close the Reorganizational meeting.

A motion is made by Council President Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Cozzi to confirm

AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Cozzi and Council President Fenwick.