# AGENDA SINE DIE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL JANUARY 5, 2021 6:00 PM

|  | Mayor | Misciagna | calls | meeting | to | order | at |
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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Absent:

Also Present:

Mayor Misciagna Reads Compliance Statement, as required by Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

# PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Misciagna acknowledges outgoing Councilman Thomas Farinaro and Council President Michael Mintz for their dedicated service to the Borough of Park Ridge and with heartfelt thanks from the Borough's residents and Governing Body.

In grateful appreciation for 3 years of dedicated service to Councilman Thomas Farinaro serving the Borough of Park Ridge from 2018 to 2020.

In grateful appreciation for 4 years of dedicated service to Councilman and Council President Michael Mintz serving the Borough of Park Ridge from 2017 to 2020.

## PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, <u>he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes.</u> 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:

#### **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.

## Speaker:

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

| A motion was made by and seconded by to confirm.   |  |
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| Roll Call:   |  |
| RESOLUTIONS;   |  |
| <ul> <li>Res. No. 020-302 – Schedule of Mayor &amp; Council Meetings for 2021</li> <li>Res. No. 020-303 – Refund State Court Judgment</li> <li>Res. No. 020-304 – Refund State Court Judgment</li> <li>Res. No. 020-305 – 2020 Budget Transfers – Current Fund</li> <li>Res. No. 020-306 – 2020 Budget Transfers – Water Operating Fund</li> <li>Res. No. 020-307 – Authorize Tax Lien/Payment of Maintenance – High Sierra Landscaping Contractors, Inc.</li> <li>Res. No. 020-308 – Authorizing Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholder</li> <li>Res. No. 020-309 – Payment of Bills - Utility</li> <li>Res. No. 020-310 – Payment of Bills - Borough</li> </ul> |  |
| COMMUNICATIONS:  |  |
| OLD BUSINESS:  |  |
| NEW BUSINESS:  |  |
| APPROVAL OF MINUTES  |  |
| Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to approve the Minutes as follows:   |  |
| Public Meeting Minutes Dated December 22, 2020   |  |
| A motion was made by and seconded by to confirm.   |  |
| Roll Call:   |  |
| REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY  |  |
| Councilmember Metzdorf:  |  |
| Councilmember Epstein:   |  |
| Councilmember Capilli:   |  |

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| Councilmember Farinaro               |                 |                     |
| Council President Mintz:             |                 |                     |
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| <u>ADJOURN</u>                       |                 |                     |
| A motion was made by<br>Die meeting. | and seconded by | to adjourn the Sine |
| Sine Die meeting adjourned at p.m.   |                 |                     |

Councilmember Ferguson:

## SCHEDULE OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2021

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that all meetings of the Governing Body for the year 2021 shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 53 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, in accordance with the following schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that formal action may be taken at these meetings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council will hold Closed/Executive Session Meetings at 6:45 p.m., followed by Agenda/Work Session meetings, prior to the start of each Public Meeting, in which no action will be taken.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to publish this Annual Notice in the official newspaper pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

# **2021 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

All public meetings are held on Tuesdays at 8:15 pm unless otherwise noted.

## **Public Meetings**

January 5 - Sine Die 6:00 PM

January 5 - Reorganization 6:15 PM

January 26

February 9

February 23

March 9

March 23

April 13

April 27

May 11

May 25

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June 8

June 22

July 13 August 10 July 27

August 24

September 14

September 28

October 12

October 26

November 9

December 14

|          | Introduced | Seconded | AYES  | NAYES | ABSENT  | ABSTAIN |
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| Capilli  |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Epstein  |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Farinaro |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Ferguson |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Metzdorf |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Mintz    |            |          |       |       |         |         |
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| Attest:  |            |          |       | •     | GNA, MA | YOR     |

# REFUND STATE COURT JUDGMENT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Court entered a 2019 Judgment for Block 2506, Lot 2, also known as 256 Ellin Drive, Park Ridge, NJ 07656; and

WHEREAS, the owners of record are James and Jane Hespe; and

WHEREAS, taxes are to be refunded on Block 2506, Lot 2 to The Valerie Hofer, Esq. Trust Account – P.O. Box 787, Montville, New Jersey, 07045 on behalf of the aforementioned owner; and

WHEREAS, the Court Judgment refund amount is \$6114.60; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the Director of Finance/CFO refund the total amount of \$6114.60 as requested by the Judgment.

| Adopted// | on roll call vote as follows: |
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|          | Introduced | Seconded | AYES | NAYES | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Capilli  |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Epstein  |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Farinaro |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Ferguson |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Metzdorf |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Mintz    |            |          |      |       |        |         |

| Magdalena Giandomenico |                           |
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| Attest:                | KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR |
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|                        | APPROVED:                 |
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| Mintz                  |                           |
| Metzdorf               |                           |
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# REFUND STATE COURT JUDGMENT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Court entered a 2019 Judgment for Block 103, Lot 3, Qualifier C0283, also known as 283 Hampshire Ridge, Park Ridge, NJ 07656; and

WHEREAS, the owners of record are Joseph and Edina Kaufman; and

WHEREAS, taxes are to be refunded on Block 103, Lot 3, Qualifier C0283 to The Valerie Hofer, Esq. Trust Account – P.O. Box 787, Montville, New Jersey, 07045 on behalf of the aforementioned owner; and

WHEREAS, the Court Judgment refund amount is \$3910.50; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the Director of Finance/CFO refund the total amount of \$3910.50 as requested by the Judgment.

| Adopted / | - / | on roll call vote | as follows: |
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| Farinaro |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Ferguson |            |          |      |       | ·      |         |
| Metzdorf |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Mintz    |            |          |      |       |        |         |

|         | APPROVED:                 |
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| Attest: | KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR |

# 2020 BUDGET TRANSFERS - CURRENT FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-58 permits transfers among Budget Appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year and first three months of the preceding year,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers among the 2020 Budget Appropriations:

Shade Tree O/E

Streets & Roads O/E

FROM

7,000.00

<u>TO</u>

7,000.00

**OPERATIONS "WITHIN CAP"** 

**OPERATIONS "OUTSIDE CAP"** 

01-2010-26-3002

01-2010-26-2902

Borough Clerk

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| Adopted _   |                  | on roll ca | ll vote a | as follows | ::         |          |   |        |
| Adopted _   |                  |            |           |            |            | ABSTAIN  | 7 |        |
| Capilli   | //<br>Introduced |            |           |            | ABSENT     | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein  |                  |            |           |            |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro                                  |                  |            |           |            |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson                      |                  |            |           |            |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf          |                  |            |           |            |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf          |                  |            |           |            |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf          |                  |            |           |            |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf          |                  | Seconded   | AYES      | NAYES      |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf          |                  | Seconded   |           | NAYES      |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf          |                  | Seconded   | AYES      | NAYES      |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf          |                  | Seconded   | AYES      | NAYES      |            | ABSTAIN  |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf<br>Mintz |                  | Seconded   | PPROV     | NAYES      | ABSENT     |          |   |        |
| Capilli Epstein Farinaro Ferguson Metzdorf Mintz                |                  | Seconded   | PPROV     | NAYES      |            |          |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf<br>Mintz |                  | Seconded   | PPROV     | NAYES      | ABSENT     |          |   |        |
| Capilli<br>Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf<br>Mintz |                  | Seconded   | PPROV     | NAYES      | ABSENT     |          |   |        |

# 2020 BUDGET TRANSFERS - WATER OPERATING FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-58 permits transfers among Budget Appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year and first three months of the preceding year,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers among the 2020 Budget Appropriations:

Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

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FROM

1,000.00

1,000.00

<u>TO</u>

1,000.00

1,000.00

**OPERATIONS "WITHIN CAP"** 

**OPERATIONS "OUTSIDE CAP"** 

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| Epstein  | Introduced | Seconded   | AYES      | NAYES      | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Epstein<br>Farinaro                              | Introduced | Seconded   | AYES      | NAYES      | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson                  | Introduced | Seconded   | AYES      | NAYES      | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf      | Introduced | Seconded   | AYES      | NAYES      | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf      | Introduced | Seconded   | AYES      | NAYES      | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf      | Introduced |            |           |            | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf      | Introduced |            | AYES      |            | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Epstein<br>Farinaro<br>Ferguson<br>Metzdorf      | Introduced |            |           |            | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Epstein Farinaro Ferguson Metzdorf               | Introduced |            |           |            | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Epstein Farinaro Ferguson Metzdorf               | Introduced | Al         | PPROV     | ED:        |        |         |
| Capilli Epstein Farinaro Ferguson Metzdorf Mintz | Introduced | Al         | PPROV     | ED:        | ABSENT |         |
| Epstein Farinaro Ferguson Metzdorf               | Introduced | Al         | PPROV     | ED:        |        |         |
| Epstein Farinaro Ferguson Metzdorf Mintz         | Introduced | Al         | PPROV     | ED:        |        |         |
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# AUTHORIZE TAX LIEN/PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE HIGH SIERRA LANDSCAPING CONTRACTORS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge contracted with High Sierra Landscape Contractors, Inc. to perform maintenance on unkept properties within the borough, in the amount of \$450.00; and

WHEREAS, High Sierra Landscape Contractors, Inc. has requested payment for the work completed to date; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account No. 01-2010-26-2902-029;

WHEREAS, payment will be made and a lien will be placed on each property, as indicated on the below listing; and

#### TAX LIEN TO BE ISSUED:

| BLOCK/LOT   | AMOUNT    |
|-------------|-----------|
| BL 1916/L8  | \$ 180.00 |
| BL 1916/L17 | \$ 50.00  |
| BL 1910/L1  | \$ 220.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized and directed to pay High Sierra Landscape Contractors, Inc., for a total amount of \$450.00 and place liens on the borough properties accordingly.

Adopted \_\_\_/\_\_ on roll call vote as follows:

|          | Introduced | Seconded | AYES | NAYES | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Capilli  |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Epstein  |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Farinaro |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Ferguson |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Metzdorf |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Mintz    |            |          |      |       |        |         |

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

## AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on November 6, 2019, a lien was sold on Block 1302 Lot 2, also known as 103 Fremont Avenue in Park Ridge, for 2018 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #19-00972 was sold to US Bank Cust Tower DB IX at 0% interest and a premium of \$60,100; and,

WHEREAS, Feldstein Properties, LLC, has affected redemption of Certificate #19-00972, on January 5, 2021, in the amount of \$56,485.88,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, that the Director of Finance/CFO is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$56,485.88, payable to US Bank Cust Tower DB IX, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #19-00972, along with a premium check for \$60,100.00.

| Adopted . | 1 1 | on roll call vote as follows: |  |
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| Capilli  |            |          |      |       |        |         |
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| Ferguson |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Metzdorf |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Mintz    |            |          |      |       |        |         |

|         | APPROVED:                 |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Attest: | KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR |

Magdalena Giandomenico

Borough Clerk

# PAYMENT OF BILLS - UTILITY

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that they are in receipt of the following Board of Public Works Utility bills in the sum of \$ 467,329.41 (bill list dated 12/31/2020) which were previously approved and authorized for payment by the Board of Public Works Chief Financial Officer have been approved and authorized for payment and that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Borough Treasurer are, hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

| Adopted / / on roll call | vote as follows: |
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|          | Introduced | Seconded | AYES | NAYES | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Capilli  |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Epstein  |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Farinaro |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Ferguson |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Metzdorf |            |          |      |       |        |         |
| Mintz    |            |          |      |       |        |         |

|         | APPROVED:                 |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Attest: | KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR |

# PAYMENT OF BILLS - BOROUGH

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following bills in the sum of \$ 99,729.42 (bill list dated 12/31/2020) have been approved and authorized for payment and that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Borough Treasurer are, hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

|          | Introduced | Seconded | AYES  | NAYES | ABSENT  | ABSTAIN |
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| Capilli  |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Epstein  |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Farinaro |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Ferguson |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Metzdorf |            |          |       |       |         |         |
| Mintz    |            |          |       |       |         |         |
|          |            | A        | PPROV | ED:   |         |         |
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|          |            |          |       |       | GNA, MA | YOR     |
| Attest:  |            |          |       |       | GNA, MA | YOR     |

Adopted \_\_\_/\_\_ on roll call vote as follows:

Borough Clerk