

**AGENDA
MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2022
8:15 P.M.**

Mayor Misciagna calls meeting to order at:

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.

SUSPEND THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Misciagna calls for a motion to suspend the regular order of business to present Certificates of Recognition to the Girls 7th & 8th Grade Soccer NWBSA Undefeated Season, Boys Division 5 Soccer Undefeated Season and PRAA Girls Soccer Iron Woman Awards as well as present a Proclamation in celebration of Black History Month

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Roll Call:

**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION
GIRLS 7TH & 8TH GRADE SOCCER NWBSA
UNDEFEATED SEASON**

**COACHES: STACY DELLAVOLPE,
ANTHONY FRANCICA
ROB AMORESE**

LAUREN AMORESE	CELINE BASNA
KATE BRODERICK	ALYSSA BROWNE
HAILEY BROWNE	STACY CARACOTTA
AURELIA CAROLAN	FIONA CURRAN
DANIELLE DELLAVOLPE	GABRIELLA DELLAVOLPE
RILIE FAZIO	LIA FRANCICA
ELIZABETH GIBBONS	LORI GRAHAM
KAYLA IULA	ANNIKA KIVISIKK
ISABELLE LUCANIA	ELLA MC DERMOTT
LORELEI MIXON	KAYLA NEWTON
TORI PEIRANO	JACQUELINE PEREZ
EMMERSON WAGNER	

**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION
BOYS DIVISION 5 SOCCER
UNDEFEATED SEASON**

**COACH: TIM O'DONOVAN
ASSISTANT COACH: MICKY MC PARTLAND
ASSISTANT COACH: PETE LUCANIA
ASSISTANT COACH: JOHN BATTAGLIA**

RYLEY ANGUS	LUKE AZZONE
GIANNI BATTAGLIA	MARCELO CARO
ROCCO GRECO	TRICE KEENAN
KADEN LEE	NICHOLAS LUCANIA
LOGAN MAROLDA	TIMOTHY MC PARTLAND
HENRY O'DONOVAN	RIDAAN PATEL
JACK SAYERS	LIAM STUHRMANN

**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION
PRAA GIRLS SOCCER
IRON WOMAN AWARDS**

**COMMISSIONER: EMILIO BERMUDEZ
COMMISSIONER: ALEXANDRA MC CREIGHT
COMMISSIONER: TIM MC CREIGHT**

LAUREN AMORESE	KATE BRODERICK
ALYSSA BROWNE	HAILEY BROWNE
STACY CARACOTTA	FIONA CURRAN
GABRIELLA DELLAVOLPE	RILIE FAZIO
LIA FRANCICA	ELIZABETH GIBBONS
LORI GRAHAM	ANNIKA KIVISIKK
ELLA MC DERMOTT	KAYLA NEWTON

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and
- WHEREAS:** Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and
- WHEREAS:** the 2022 national theme for the observance is "Black Health and Wellness," and explores the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well; and
- WHEREAS:** the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS: the Borough of Park Ridge continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens - past, present, and future - are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and,

WHEREAS: the Borough of Park Ridge is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

Now, therefore, in recognition of African Americans – past and present – in our community I, Keith Misciagna, Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge, on behalf of the entire governing body, do hereby proclaim February 2022 to be:

Black History Month

I encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

AGENDA CHANGES

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

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

Speaker:

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

NONE

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

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 Councilmember 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.

Roll Call:

RESOLUTIONS:

- Res. No. 022-041 – Appointment of Borough Rate Counsel
- Res. No. 022-061 – Refund State Court Judgment
- Res. No. 022-062 – Appointing Joshua Salles to the Exempt Position of Payroll Clerk
- Res. No. 022-063 – Authorize Receipt of Bids Tree Trimming & Removal Services
- Res. No. 022-064 – Authorizing Refund Overpayment – Utilities
- Res. No. 022-065 – Resolution Authorizing the Application to the NJ Clean Energy Program Grant
- Res. No. 022-066 – Award of Contract for Repairs to Sulak Field
- Res. No. 022-067 – Appointment of Rate Counsel
- Res. No. 022-068 – Payment of Bills – Utility
- Res. No. 022-069 – Payment of Bills - Borough

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Public Hearing Minutes Dated January 25, 2022
Open & Work Session Minutes Dated January 25, 2022

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Roll Call:

ADJOURN

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting. Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-041**

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 John Schettino, Esq. with a mailing address of 800 Main St., Suite 101, Hackensack, NJ 07601 as Borough Rate Counsel for the year 2022; 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 2021 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2022 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.

Adopted ___/___/___ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli						
Cozzi						
Epstein						
Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-061**

REFUND STATE COURT JUDGMENT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Court entered judgments for a reduced assessment for Block 1909, Lot 1, also known as 117 Kinderkamack Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656; and

WHEREAS, this reduction in assessment resulted in the overpayment of taxes in 2021 in the amount of \$12,080.00; and

WHEREAS, the owner of record is Marciani Realty Investments, LLC; and

WHEREAS, taxes are to be refunded on Block 1909, Lot 1 to Janata, LaCap & Hazen LLP, One International Boulevard, Suite 400, Mahwah, New Jersey, 07495 on behalf of the aforementioned owner; 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 \$12,080.00 as requested by the Judgment.

Adopted ___/___/___ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli						
Cozzi						
Epstein						
Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-062**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSHUA SALLES TO THE EXEMPT
POSITION OF PAYROLL CLERK WITH THE BOROUGH OF PARK
RIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge has recognized the need to hire a Payroll Clerk, such position being an exempt employee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, having reviewed candidates, has determined and recommends to the Mayor and Council that Joshua Salles as he possesses the necessary skills and experience to hold the position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salles' employment as an exempt employee is not subject to the salary step guide and terms contained within the collective bargaining agreement in effect between the Borough and the United Public Service Employee Union (UPSEU). Accordingly, Mr. Salles' salary shall be \$55,000.00 annually.

WHEREAS, Mr. Salles' start date is set as February 22, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, to any and all documents necessary to appoint Joshua Salles' to the exempt position of Payroll Clerk with the Borough of Park Ridge pursuant to the terms of this resolution and according to laws/policies/requirements of the Borough of Park Ridge, the laws of the County of Bergen and the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

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

Adopted ___/___/___ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli						
Cozzi						
Epstein						
Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-063**

**AUTHORIZE RECEIPT OF BIDS
TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, due to normal maintenance of the Borough Streets and Parks there is a need to contract for tree trimming and removal services; and

WHEREAS, over a one (1) year period, the anticipated total annual expenditure for said tree trimming and removal services is over \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of New Jersey Statute 40A:11-4 requires the public advertising for bids when total annual expenditures for similar materials or supplies are over \$40,000;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Public Works, Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, that it recommends to the Mayor and Council to authorize for the receipt of sealed bids for unit prices for the purchase of tree trimming and removal services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey authorizes the receipt of sealed bids for the purchase of tree trimming and removal services.

Adopted ___/___/___ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli						
Cozzi						
Epstein						
Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-064**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND
OVERPAYMENT - UTILITIES**

WHEREAS, there exist overpayments of various final electric and /or water bills which should be returned to the customers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge authorize that the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby directed to draw and refund checks as follows:

Name/Mailing Address	Premise Address/Account No.	Electric 07-2441	Water 05-2441
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Carolyn Mazzei 227 Holmes St Rear Boonton, NJ 07005	145D Park Ave PR 723-0	\$119.96	\$0
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Adopted ___/___/___ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli						
Cozzi						
Epstein						
Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-065**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE
NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING
GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to ensure that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge strives to assure clean land, air, and water for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Energy Master Plan: Pathway to 2050 ("EMP") established that community-level action is necessary to achieve the state's goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has created a Community Energy Plan Grant program for municipalities to develop a community energy plan to meet the goals of the state's Energy Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge is invested in developing a community energy plan to help the state achieve the goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Community Energy Plan Grant program will help the Borough of Park Ridge to plan for and invest in renewable energy and to work towards a better environment for all residents by using the state's Energy Master Plan (EMP) as a guide to develop sustainable strategies that increase clean energy production, reduce energy use, and cut emissions.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge has determined that the Borough of Park Ridge should apply for the aforementioned Community Energy Plan Grant program; and

THEREFORE, the Borough of Park Ridge will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Community Energy Planning process, including for gathering of relevant data and for convening at least two public meetings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned application to the NJBPU Community Energy Plan Grant program.

Adopted ___/___/___ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-066**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS TO
SULAK FIELD**

WHEREAS, the Sulak Baseball field sustained major damage resulting from Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, the Borough solicited proposals for these renovations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Borough Purchasing Agent and CFO have identified the lowest quote from Natural Green Lawn Care; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has determined that Natural Green Lawn Care has the capability to perform the needed repairs and recommends that the Mayor and Council award the Contract for renovations to Natural Green Lawn Care; and

WHEREAS, the cost thereof to be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the funds are available in the Open Space Trust Fund 20-2001; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Contract for renovations to Natural Green Lawn Care in an amount not to exceed Forty- Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$42,120.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be sent to Natural Green Lawn Care 795 E. Main St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807 within ten (10) days of adoption.

Adopted ____/____/____ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli						
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Ferguson						
Metzdorf						
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APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-067**

APPOINTMENT OF 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. of Schepisi Consulting and Law, LLC with a mailing address of 754 Tiffany Avenue, River Vale, New Jersey 07675 as Borough Rate Counsel for the year 2022; 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 (l)(a); and

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved appropriations in the 2021 Municipal Budget for such services as described in the contract and the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the 2022 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; and

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 N.J.A.C. 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.

Adopted ___/___/___ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-068**

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 \$740,303.05 (bill lists dated February 2, 2022) which was previously approved and authorized for payment by the Temporary 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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Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 022-069**

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 \$ 2,062,229.92 (bill list dated February 4, 2022) have been approved and authorized for payment and that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Temporary Borough Treasurer are, hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

Adopted ___/___/___ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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Cozzi						
Epstein						
Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk