

AGENDA
MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
May 25, 2021
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 for the **Public Hearing on the submission of a Grant Application for the 2021 Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program, Finance Resolutions covering the Adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget**

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

Roll Call:

PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE 2021 BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL ENDORSING
RESOLUTION FOR MEMORIAL PARK – LAND ACQUISITION-PASSIVE
RECREATION

Mayor Misciagna: I would like to open the floor to the public for a Public Hearing on the submission of a grant application for the 2021 Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program whereas the Borough of Park Ridge desires to obtain a matching grant in the amount of \$92,500 for the development of the Land Acquisition for Passive Recreation. The Borough is requesting \$92,500 from the Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Development, with the Borough's share being the remaining \$92,500.

Mayor Misciagna asks if anyone present has any comments or wishes to be heard concerning the above matter.

Speaker:

Mayor Misciagna calls for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 021-164 - Trust Fund Application - Municipal Endorsing Resolution - Land Acquisition – Passive Recreation

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

Roll Call:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Misciagna calls for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 021-136 Waiver of Reading in Full of the 2021 Budget

**RESOLUTION NO. 021-136
WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF THE 2021 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget as advertised may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget shall

a) be made available in the free public library, and in a public place where public notices are customarily posted, and

b) is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough is hereby permitted to waive the reading in full, of the Municipal Budget for the year ending December 31, 2021.

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

Roll Call:

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Misciagna calls for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 021-137 - Adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget

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

Roll Call

Ms. Giandomenico: Be it resolved that the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen that the Budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of: \$10,857,491 to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes, \$621,938 minimum Library Tax and \$4,268,988 General Revenue equaling for total revenues equaling \$15,748,417. Water Utility Revenues Equaling \$4,109,814, Electric Utility Equaling \$9,482,137 and Pool Utility Equaling \$301,900.

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. 021-155 – 2021 Reserve Budget Transfers
- Res. No. 021-156 – Temporary Budget Amendment #6
- Res. No. 021-157 – Estimated Third Quarter 2021 Tax Bill
- Res. No. 021-158 – Authorize Refund of Pool Registration
- Res. No. 021-159 – Authorizing Agreement for a Six-Month Extension for the Collection of Solid Waste, Bulk Waste & Recyclable Materials
- Res. No. 021-160 - Authorize Payment to Montana Voucher No.2
- Res. No. 021-161 – Approving and Appointment of Fire Inspector - William Diedrich
- Res. No. 021-162 – Payment of Bills – Utility
- Res. No. 021-163 – 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 March 23, 2021
Closed and Works Session Minutes Dated April 27, 2021
Closed and Work Session Minutes Dated May 11, 2021

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

Roll Call:

REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilmember Fenwick:

Councilmember Ferguson:

Councilmember Cozzi:

Councilmember Capilli:

Councilmember Metzdorf:

Council President Epstein:

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. 021-136**

WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF THE 2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget as advertised may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget shall

a) be made available in the free public library, and in a public place where public notices are customarily posted, and

b) is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge has complied with the aforesaid requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough is hereby permitted to waive the reading in full, of the Municipal Budget for the year ending December 31, 2021.

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

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

APPROVED:

KEITH MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 10,001,032
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$ 1,333,520
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	
Excluded from "CAPS"	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations -Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 1,537,730
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 18,200
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 1,935,665
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ 217,270
(f) Judgements	37-480	\$
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 705,000
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)	07-195	\$
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 15,748,417

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 11th day of May, 2021.
 It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2021 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 11th day of May, 2021, _____, Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 021-155**

2021 RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

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, and

WHEREAS, the following budget transfers will be made retroactive to March 31, 2021.

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 2021 Reserve Budget Appropriations:

<u>OPERATIONS "WITHIN CAP"</u>		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
01-2030-20-1502	Tax Assessor O/E	18,870.00	
01-2030-25-2401	Police S & W	45,000.00	
01-2030-26-2901	Streets and Roads S & W	28,000.00	
01-2030-27-3301	Board of Health S & W	5,303.65	
01-2030-20-1552	Legal O/E		97,173.65
 <u>OPERATIONS "OUTSIDE CAP"</u>			
TOTAL		\$ 97,173.65	\$ 97,173.65

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. 021-156**

TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT #6

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to current fund appropriations, water utility appropriations, electric utility appropriations, and swim utility appropriations (see list below), and

WHEREAS, adequate provision has not been made in the 2021 temporary budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20, provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2021 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.S. 1951 (N.J.S.A.40A: 4-20) including this resolution total \$6,360,585.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A.40A: 4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for
 Borough of Park Ridge
 2021 Temporary Budget

Appropriation	Salary & Wages	Other Expenses	Total
<i>Insurance</i>			
Employee Group Health	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
<i>Parks & Recreation Functions</i>			
Recreation	\$5,100	\$0	\$5,100
<i>Education Functions</i>			
Maintenance of Public Library	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
<i>Municipal Debt Service</i>			
Interest on Bonds	\$0	\$27,000	\$27,000
TOTAL CURRENT	\$45,100	\$35,000	\$80,100
<i>Water Utility</i>			
Operating	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000
Group Health Insurance	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000
<i>Statutory Expenditures</i>			
PERS	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000
<i>Debt Service</i>			
Interest on BANS	\$0	\$7,054	\$7,054
TOTAL WATER	\$160,000	\$171,054	\$331,054
<i>Electric Utility</i>			
Operating	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$45,000
Purchase of Electric Current	\$0	\$320,000	\$320,000

Group Health Insurance	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Statutory Expenditures			
PERS	\$0	\$132,572	\$132,572
Defined Contribution	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL ELECTRIC	\$25,000	\$493,572	\$518,572
Swim Pool Utility			
Operating	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
TOTAL SWIM	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000

2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government 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. 021-157**

ESTIMATED THIRD QUARTER 2021 TAX BILL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge desire to provide a mechanism whereby the Borough's cash flow will not be adversely affected should the delay in the adoption of any budget, or the certification of any required information necessary for the issuance of tax bills extend beyond a reasonable time;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge as follows:

1. The Estimated August 2021, Third Quarter Tax Bill be issued with an estimated tax rate of \$3.051 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.
2. That taxpayers, banks, and mortgage companies be permitted to pay estimated taxes on or before August 10, 2021, at 0% interest, after which interest at the rate of 8% per annum on amounts up to \$1,500 of delinquency and 18% per annum on amounts over \$1,500 of delinquency shall be charged from August 1, 2021.
3. That the reconciled November 2021 Fourth Quarter Taxes are due and payable as originally scheduled on November 1, 2021, with a ten-day grace period, interest to be calculated as of November 1, 2021 if not paid prior to the expiration of said grace period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk forward one certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector for the purpose of preparing, printing, and mailing the Estimated Third Quarter Tax Bills.

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. 021-158**

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF POOL REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge Municipal Pool processes registrations for the 2021 pool season through Community Pass; and

WHEREAS, payments for registration are typically made using credit cards and e-checks through the Community Pass website; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough to issue refunds by check; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the funds available in Borough of Park Ridge Account No. 09-1920-09-5050-001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund a total of \$710.00 according to the list below.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Kristen Miller	22 Pascack Rd. Park Ridge, NJ 07656	\$ 100.00
Carol Grutta	43 Jordan Dr. River Edge, NJ 07661	\$ 25.00
Beth Newman	215 Graney Dr. River Vale, NJ 07675	\$ 75.00
Leana Zakhary	15 Fairfield Ct., Washington Twp, NJ 07676	\$ 510.00

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. 021-159**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR A SIX MONTH
EXTENSION FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE,
BULK WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2016 the Borough of Park Ridge entered into a five year contract for the collection of solid waste, bulk waste and recyclable materials with Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc. by adoption of Resolution No. 016-143; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge's municipal contract for the collection of solid waste, bulk waste and recyclable materials with Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc. ("Contractor") expires May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, potential significant changes in the manner in which the Borough collects municipal solid waste, bulk waste and recyclables were recently presented to the Borough, disallowing the Borough to execute bid specifications per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, outstanding balances are owed to the Borough by the "Contractor;" and

WHEREAS, the Borough determined the need to extend the Contract for a six-month period to November 30, 2021 to ensure uninterrupted service and settlement for monies owed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a request to extend its Contract with Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc. for a term extending for six-months to November 30, 2021, at the current rate for municipal solid waste, bulk waste and recyclable collection, representing no increase to the original monthly contract price; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Public Works Director and the Borough Administrator have completed a review of the Contractor's request and concluded that it is necessary and reasonable under the circumstances presented; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Park Ridge in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes a six-month Contract extension with Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc., at a rate current rate from June 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 due to the aforesaid circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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. 021-160**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO
MONTANA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR
SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH
EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR**

Voucher No.2

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge was notified on January 27, 2021 of a sinkhole on Woodland Street which was caused by the presence of a deteriorated/collapsed stormwater pipe along this portion of Woodland Street; and

WHEREAS, Montana Construction Corporation responded to the emergency and provided the repair service as needed for the deteriorated/collapsed stormwater pipe and full-depth repavement repair to stabilize the roadway of that portion of Woodland Street; and

WHEREAS, Montana Construction Corporation submitted payment voucher No. 2 totaling \$1,917.00 for services rendered for the emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge Purchasing Agent had previously declared the need to enter into the emergency contract to repair the sewer lateral main; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has adequate funds appropriated for the contract; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge authorize to make payment to Montana Construction Corporation in the amount of \$1,917.00 for services rendered in connection with the emergency repairs.

Adopted / / on roll call vote as follows:

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

APPROVED:

KEITH MISCIAGNE, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 021-161**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND APPOINTMENT OF FIRE
INSPECTOR
William Diedtrich**

WHEREAS, Chapter 60-5 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge provides for the creation of the positions of Fire Official and Fire Inspectors within the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 60-5(C) of the Borough Code provides that the Fire Inspector shall serve three-year terms and that Fire Inspectors "shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council and with regard to the recommendation of the Fire Official"; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official has advised that Daniel McEldowney has resigned effective May 1, 2021, thus has created a vacancy in the position of Fire Inspector; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official of the Borough of Park Ridge has recommended that William Diedtrich be appointed Fire Inspector effective May 1, 2021, within the Borough of Park Ridge subject to the consent of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge has agreed to appoint said individual as Fire Inspector, fulfilling the unexpired three-year term as provided in Chapter 60-5 of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to consent to the appointment of said Fire Inspector as required by Chapter 60-5,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Council hereby consent to the appointment of William Diedtrich as Fire Inspector, effective May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, as provided by Section 60-5 of the Code of the 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 MISCIAGNE, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 021-162**

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 \$310,055.07 (bill list dated May 19, 2021) which was 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:

	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. 021-163**

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 \$226,519.47 (bill list dated May 21, 2021) 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:

	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. 021-164**

**TRUST FUND APPLICATION FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION
PROJECTS MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("Trust Fund"), provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition of lands for open space conservation purposes and/or outdoor recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Park Ridge desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant of \$92,500 from the Trust Fund to fund the following project: Land Acquisition – Passive Recreation; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, the County Program Open Space Policy and Procedures Manual, and the open space application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body/board has held a public hearing on (*insert date of public meeting of the governing body*) to receive comments prior to the submission of said application(s); and,

WHEREAS, the Trust Fund shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Trust Fund program; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the Trust Fund grant funding in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project(s); and

WHEREAS, if the applicant is successful in acquiring said project through the use of a Trust Fund grant, then the applicant will permanently preserve said project for open space conservation and/or outdoor recreation purposes though a recorded deed of conservation easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Park Ridge:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the Trust Fund by this year's deadline established of **May 14, 2021**; and,
2. That, in the event of a Trust Fund award may be less than the grant amount requested above, the applicant has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and,
3. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

	Introduced	Seconded	A YES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli						
Cozzi						
Epstein						
Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk