

Approved, June 14, 2022  
Municipal Building  
Park Ridge, NJ  
May 24, 2022 - 8:00 P.M.

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

Michael Mintz, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Present:** Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein, Councilmember Capilli(partially), Council President Metzdorf and Mayor Misciagna

**Absent:** Councilmember Cozzi

**Also Present:** Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk  
Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator  
John Schettino, Esq., Borough Attorney  
Connie Carpenter, Borough CFO

**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 a **presentation of a Ceremonial Proclamation to Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month, to present a Proclamation Supporting the People of Ukraine and to present the Public Presentation, Hearing and Adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget and 2022 Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Application.**

A motion was made by Council President Metzdorf and seconded by Councilman Ferguson to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Capilli and Councilmember Cozzi

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## **A CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATION FOR LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Park Ridge wishes to honor the history of the LGBTQ liberation movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQ citizens have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ people in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Borough of Park Ridge calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for members of the LGBTQ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Keith J. Misciagna, Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge, on behalf of the Governing Body, hereby proclaims the month of June 2022 as Pride Month in Park Ridge in support of the LGBTQ community.

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## **PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

**WHEREAS**, the Russian unprovoked, unjustified, and illegal invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine has led to over 2 million people fleeing the country and at least hundreds of Ukrainian civilians being killed, with both of those numbers expected to increase in the coming days; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Ukraine have bravely resisted the relentless assaults, bombings and crimes against peace waged by Putin and his brutal military, despite overwhelming military odds and the continuing onslaught of modern Russian military strikes against innocent, unarmed civilian populations; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine is a proud and honorable nation under siege, and the brutality of this unnecessary and violent war is an affront to both international law and common decency;

**WHEREAS**, the United States, along with allies in Europe, and others around the world, committed to coordinated economic sanctions, including severe restrictions, against Russia's Central Bank and full blocking sanctions against Vladimir Putin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine deserves the support of every American and the entire international community as it defends itself from this unprovoked Russian invasion, the largest attack by one state against another in Europe since World War II; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Keith J. Misciagna, Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge, on behalf of the Governing Body, hereby:

- Proudly stand alongside Ukraine, its people, and its leaders during this horrific and unnecessary war.
- Condemn in the strongest possible terms, Vladimir Putin's violent attack on the people of Ukraine and strongly endorse the swift and severe economic sanctions that the United States imposed on Russia.
- Urge Russia to immediately cease its violent, illegal, and immoral assault upon Ukraine, end the needless bloodshed, and return to diplomacy and the rules-based international order that has ensured peace and prosperity for so many.

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#### **PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Council President and Finance Committee Chairman Robert Metzdorf introduced Finance Committee Member Councilman William Fenwick.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert Metzdorf and Councilman William Fenwick presented the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert Metzdorf advised that Utility Board Finance Committee Member Michael Mintz will be presenting the 2022 Water and Electric Utility Budgets as well as the Municipal Pool Budget and introduced Municipal Pool Committee Member Michael Mintz.

(See the budget presentations at the end of the minutes.)

Mayor Misciagna asks if anyone present from the public wished to comment on the 2022 Municipal Budget and opened the hearing to the public.

**Speaker:** Mr. Mintz, 66 South 3<sup>rd</sup> St., The budget needs to be passed tonight because expenses are going up for things like copper and all the stuff we buy for the utilities and the pool. Things will only get more expensive, and we are running into a supply shortage. If the budget doesn't pass, we will consume, and things will be more expensive than what we budgeted for it. You are not saving money by voting against the budget, you are increasing the cost.

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*Councilman Capilli joined the meeting.*

## **2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Mayor Misciagna calls for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022-158 - Resolution to Amend 2022 Municipal Budget

A motion was made by Council President Metzdorf and seconded by Councilmember Epstein to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

**NAYS:** Councilmember Fenwick

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Cozzi

### **BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE RESOLUTION 022-158**

#### **RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget for the year 2022 was approved on the 26th day of April, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2022 be made:

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
General Appropriations		
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"		
Deferred Charges		
Overexpenditure of Appropriations	\$25,280	\$1,268
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"	1,438,731	1,414,719
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	11,939,031	11,915,019

Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal Excluded from "CAPS"  
Deferred  
Charges

Emergency Authorizations	-	24,012
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Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal Excluded from "CAPS"	52,000	76,012
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Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	4,607,439	4,631,451
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2022 local municipal budget so amended.

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mayor Misciagna for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022-159 Waiver of Reading in Full of the 2022 Budget

A motion was made by Council President Metzdorf and seconded by Councilmember Epstein to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

**NAYS:** Councilmember Fenwick

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Cozzi

**RESOLUTION NO. 022-159  
WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF THE 2022 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, 2022.

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### **ADOPTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mayor Misciagna calls for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022-160 - Adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget

A motion was made by Council President Metzdorf and seconded by Councilmember Epstein to confirm.

**Councilmember Fenwick:** While I agree with most of the budget as drafted, I believe we should be using more surplus and COVID relief money to offset the tax increase. I disagree with the allocation of hundred of thousands of dollars of COVID relief money for the capital improvement fund, these projects should be bonded for given that interest rates are still relatively low. I think it is important to raise these issues and we consider them drafting the budget. Therefore, I vote no.

**Councilmember Epstein:** I want to thank you guys for putting together a fiscally responsible budget and addressing all the concerns that our citizens have brought to our attention. It will allow us to function as we all ways do as a town. It has a focus on public safety, it is ensuring that our financial standing and bonding will be maintained. We used surplus and we used COVID funding because we can use it for one time, and we did a great job putting that into the budget. Counter to what was set, depleting, and dipping into the surplus is probably the worse thing you can do on a continuous basis. I thank you for being responsible and not over dipping. We have a great budget, and I am an emphatic yes.

**Council President Metzdorf:** Will and I worked on the budget together and we were there for the process, we probably agreed on 99% of the budget. We did disagree on the amount of surplus to use. Currently this budget has a surplus of \$916,000. I want to save taxpayers money. When Mr. Fenwick brought that forth, using more surplus then suggested, we started investigating. He wanted to take an additional \$100,000 out of the surplus and that did sound attractive to me. Except, I went to the CFO and to the Auditor, and I was told that already \$916,000 in surplus is too low so to make it \$816,000 would be fiscally irresponsible. The Borough might not be able to financially survive that. I went to our CFO and asked if we took an additional \$100,000 of the surplus, what would that that save the average taxpayer a year? She said \$6.00. Do we want to risk our financial health of the Borough for \$6.00. I know that \$6.00 is still money and money is

best spent with the taxpayers, but to be fiscally irresponsible is not sound. The suggestion from Moody's, our CFO and Auditor is to always have \$1.5 million, and we are below that.

Another thing Mr. Fenwick and I disagreed on, is the hiring of an additional police officer. In this budget we will be expanding the Police Department by one officer. We did that because the Chief advised that one police officer who is making \$120,00 a year will be leaving the employment of Park Ridge he is going to another state. The replacement of his is necessary and an entry level police officer has a salary of about \$55,000. Hiring a new police officer is another \$55,000 if you add that up it is \$110,000 verse the \$120,000 salary of the officer leaving. When the Police Officer spoke to us about that, I wondered how we could save the taxpayer money. We were going to give the Chief \$125,000 in overtime, but he agreed to keep it at \$100,000, so we saved another \$25,000. The Chief presented a letter to me, which I gave to all the Councilmembers, and he explained why we need another officer. We do have a lot more residents in the James, one day Sony will be developed and there is an increase in crime. In comparison to Montvale, Woodcliff Lake and Rivervale his department is about the same size of Woodcliff Lake and yet we have 3,000 more residents. This would be budget neutral for at least this year. Most of us agree it is prudent to hire a new officer.

**Councilmember Fenwick:** I would like to correct one minor thing, I did not oppose the hiring of the additional police officer, I just disagreed on the timing of that hiring.

**Council President Metzdorf:** Yes, you wanted to wait a year or so.

**Mayor Misciagna:** It is a good budget and you guys worked hard putting it together. We take or direction from our professionals, we hire good professionals. I am an electrician; I shouldn't be making decisions on our municipal finances without having input from people like our Auditor Jeff Bliss. The thing with the surplus, and Jeff Bliss has educated me a lot about this over the last decade, it is important for a lot of reasons. Even though we are good, we are still short from where we should be in surplus. I support what you guys did and appreciate all of the hard work.

**AYES:** Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

**NAYS:** Councilmember Fenwick

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Cozzi

**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: \$11,253,369.00 to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes, \$634,889.00 minimum Library Tax and \$5,408,212.00 General Revenue equaling for total revenues equaling \$17,296,470.00. Water Utility Revenues Equaling \$4,149,715.00, Electric Utility Equaling \$9,966,175.00 and Pool Utility Equaling \$397,300.00.

*Councilmember Capilli left.*

**PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUBMISSION OF A 2022 BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATIONS TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION**

**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 2022 BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND APPLICATION whereas the Borough of Park Ridge desires to obtain a matching grant in the amount of \$86,000 for Park Ridge Railroad Station Rehabilitation and Improvements. The Borough is requesting \$86,000 from the Bergen County Historic Preservations Trust Fund for Park Ridge Railroad Station Rehabilitation and Improvements, with the Borough's share being the remaining \$86,000.

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

**Speaker:** None

Mayor Misciagna calls for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022-183 - 2022 BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND APPLICATION

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

**AYES:** Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Capilli and Councilmember Cozzi

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-183**

**2022 BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND APPLICATION  
MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR NON-PROFIT  
APPLICANTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund provides grants to non-profit organizations for assistance in the preservation of historic buildings, districts, and sites; and



**WHEREAS**, as part of the 2022 application by the Borough of Park Ridge to the County of Bergen is the requirement that the applicant must obtain a resolution of acknowledgement that the municipality in which the project is located knows that the application is being made; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge has informed the Borough of Park Ridge of its intent to apply for a Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for assistance in the historic preservation of the Park Ridge Railroad Station located on property known as 10 Hawthorne Avenue, Park Ridge, New Jersey, part of Block and Lot 1519/1 on the tax map of the Borough of Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Park Ridge does not assume any financial liability or other responsibilities related to the application or the project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Borough of Park Ridge acknowledges that the Borough of Park Ridge is applying to the Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

**Mayor Misciagna:** I would like to take a moment of silence for the victims in the catastrophe that occurred in Texas. Some young person killed 19 children and two adults, most of the kids were very little. I would like to take a moment of silence in their memory.

**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.*

**Mr. Hunt:** 2 Mayer Place., I have a question about some of the resolutions on the agenda, specifically about the James and what that transfer of ownership is and is there any impact on us as a town. Mayor Misciagna: It is just changing hands to the new owners. Everything the previous owner was required to do they will be required as well. **Mr. Hunt:** So, there would be no impact to the pilot program? **John Schettino:** The assume all the liabilities and the responsibilities and the representations that were made by the previous owner, all of there obligations under the developer's agreements are being assigned to the new owner.

**Mr. Hunt:** Anything happening with the electric pond, I know us residents sent letters of support for dredging it? **Mayor Misciagna:** Nothing to report on right now. We are very hopeful that we might be getting some federal funds for some of our projects, which I do not want to bring up at this point, but we are very hopeful. We have requested money from different avenues, from federal funding to state funding.

**Councilmember Fenwick:** Fish and Game will come down this summer and do an ecological study of the pond.

**Mr. Hunt:** COVID relief funds, you mentioned those must be spent, how does that work? **Mr. Schettino:** They came with some restrictions and the can be used only for onetime expenses, so you cannot use it for operating expenses unless it was relating to public health and safety. Prudent advice is to use it on an expense that you will only have one time, not to have a gap in your budget next year, so you would not use it on salaries. There were restrictions on the allowable expenditures the money can be used for. **Jeff Bliss:** You can use it for revenue loss, so the Borough used there's to offset the \$10million revenue loss because of COVID. The schools have there own programs, they have to use it for either learning loss of specific COVID expenditures.

**Mr. Hunt:** How much problems does the OPRA requests cause? **Ms. Giandomenico:** We have multiple requests daily, from developers, real estate agents, contractors, and lawyers, etc. who are looking for business. The intent is to provide public information, but some use it for their businesses to solicit clientele.

## **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:** Councilmember Fenwick asked to have Res. No. 022-170 – Resolution Supporting OPRA Reform placed under new business.

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

**Speaker:** Councilmember Fenwick will abstain from voting on:

- Res. No. 022-173 – Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with PR III/CP Park Ridge Urban Renewal, LLC
- Res. No. 022-174 – Resolution Consenting to Transfer and Authorizing Execution of Omnibus Assignment and Assumption Agreement
- Res. No. 022-176 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Redevelopment Estoppel Certificate
- Res. No. 022-177 – Resolution Authorizing the Approval & Execution of Schedule 1 Certificate of Completion & Compliance

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

A motion was made by Council President Metzdorf and seconded by Councilman Epstein to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Capilli and Councilmember Cozzi

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-157**

**RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE ROSANNA MONTELEONE TO THE TITLE OF  
“SENIOR ACCOUNTS CLERK” AS OF MAY 2, 2022, AND TO EXECUTE A  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE  
EMPLOYEES UNION - NONSUPERVISORY CLERICAL STAFF EMPLOYEES TO  
FACILITATE SAME**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge have recognized the benefit of promoting Account Clerk Rosanna Monteleone to a senior position as she has the experience and qualifications necessary to serve in such capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate same the current collective bargaining agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union – Non-Supervisory Clerical Staff needs to be amended to reflect Ms. Monteleone’s promoted to salary and position; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Public Service Employees Union – Non-Supervisory Clerical has agreed to such amendment and has executed a memorandum of understating reflecting same. The memorandum of understanding is made a part of this resolution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that Rosanna Monteleone is promoted to the title of Senior Accounts Clerk effective May 2, 2022 and that the Mayor is authorized and the Borough Clerk shall attest to the execution of the attached memorandum of understanding and any other documents necessary to effectuate same pursuant to this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of said contract shall be on file with the Borough Clerk and be available for public inspection.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-161**

**RELEASE OF ZONING ESCROW  
30 Fourth Street**

**WHEREAS**, Michael DePol, at 30 Fourth Street, known as Block 809, Lot 7 on the tax map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted a Zoning Board Escrow; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no further draw down on the initial deposit of this escrow account; and

**WHEREAS**, there remains a balance of \$253.25 in Escrow Sub Account No. 16-2000-20-2122 which the applicant has requested be returned; and

**WHEREAS**, Zoning Board Secretary, Tonya Tardibuono, has determined there are no outstanding claims against the Zoning Board Escrow and there remains no reason to maintain this escrow account; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the remaining escrow balance of \$253.25 in Escrow Sub Account No. 16-2000-20-2122 to Michael DePol, 30 Fourth Street, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 and close this escrow account and the refund to be mailed to the attention of Michael DePol with the mailing address of 305 Patterson Street, Apt. 209, Hillsdale, NJ 07642.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-162**

**RELEASE OF ZONING ESCROW  
234 Homestead Place**

**WHEREAS**, Matthew Richard at 234 Homestead Place, known as Block 2406, Lot 5 on the tax map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted a Zoning Board Escrow; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no further draw down on the initial deposit of this escrow account; and

**WHEREAS**, there remains a balance of \$514.25 in Escrow Sub Account No. 16-2000-20-2119 which the applicant has requested be returned; and

**WHEREAS**, Zoning Board Secretary, Tonya Tardibuono, has determined there are no outstanding claims against the Zoning Board Escrow and there remains no reason to maintain this escrow account; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the remaining escrow balance of \$514.25 in Escrow Sub Account No. 16-2000-20-2119 to Matthew Richard, 234 Homestead Place, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 and close this escrow account and the refund to be mailed to Matthew Richard at the above address.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-163**

**RELEASE OF ZONING ESCROW  
113 Ridge Avenue**

**WHEREAS**, John Larsen at 113 Ridge Avenue, known as Block 805, Lot 12 on the tax map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted a Zoning Board Escrow; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no further draw down on the initial deposit of this escrow account; and

**WHEREAS**, there remains a balance of \$581.75 in Escrow Sub Account No. 16-2000-20-2120 which the applicant has requested be returned; and

**WHEREAS**, Zoning Board Secretary, Tonya Tardibuono, has determined there are no outstanding claims against the Zoning Board Escrow and there remains no reason to maintain this escrow account; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the remaining escrow balance of \$581.75 in Escrow Sub Account No. 16-2000-20-2120 to John Larsen, 113 Ridge Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 and close this escrow account and the refund to be mailed to John Larsen at the above address.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-164**

**ESTIMATED THIRD QUARTER 2022 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 2022, Third Quarter Tax Bill be issued with an estimated tax rate of \$3.119 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.
2. That taxpayers, banks, and mortgage companies be permitted to pay estimated taxes on or before August 10, 2022, at 0% interest, after which interest at the rate of 8% per annum on amounts up to \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on amounts over \$1,500.00 of delinquency shall be charged from August 1, 2022.
3. That the reconciled November 2022 Fourth Quarter Taxes are due and payable as originally scheduled on November 1, 2022, with a ten-day grace period, interest to be calculated as of November 1, 2022 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 Bill.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-165**

**HIRE OF CROSSING GUARD**

**WHEREAS**, at the 2022 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on January 4, 2022 the Mayor and Council did appoint the School Crossing Guards for 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Anthony DiBlasi of the Park Ridge Police Department has recommended the hire of an additional crossing guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Joseph Madden concurs with this recommendation and employee to be hired as a crossing guard at the following pay rate:

Charles Smith, 73 S. Fifth St., Park Ridge, NJ - \$21.50/hr.

**WHEREAS**, Charles Smith, will attend and complete the mandatory School Crossing Guard training in September;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it authorizes that said employee be hired as a crossing guard with the start of the upcoming 2022/2023 school year.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-166**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRE OF PART TIME/CASUAL  
ROAD DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor of the Road Department has requested to hire casual labor employees to assist with the summer season operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Operations has recommended that James Brazofsky be hired as casual laborer employees for this operation at the rate of pay of \$12.00/hr.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works of the Borough of Park Ridge, recommends to the Mayor and Council that said employees be hired as casual laborers for a term beginning May 16, 2022 through September 30, 2022; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, to any and all documents necessary to hire James Brazofsky as a part/time Laborer with the Borough of Park Ridge Road Department for the fall and winter months.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-167**

**REFUND OF PERMIT FEE  
PASSAIC BERGEN WATER**

**Whereas**, The Borough of Park Ridge issues permits in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code N.J.A.C. 5:23; and

**Whereas**, payments to the Borough of Park Ridge for permit fees are payable by check or cash; and

**Whereas**, Passaic Bergen Water paid a permit fee of \$79.00 from Passaic Bergen Water account for permit fee associated with permit #22-085 for Block 2303, Lot 39 known as 12 Clifford Drive, Park Ridge, NJ 07656; and

**Whereas**, due to unforeseen circumstances the resident has cancelled his work; and

**Whereas,** Passaic Bergen Water is entitled to a 80% refund of \$63.20 of the fees associated with permit #22-085; and

**Whereas,** it is the policy of the Borough to issue refunds by check;

**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 \$63.20 to Passaic Bergen Water at 2850 Route 23 North, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-168**

**AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LIFEGUARDS**

**WHEREAS,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Park Ridge Swimming Pool Commission was authorized to hire at the subscribe rates of pay, to pool staff in order to operate the Park Ridge Swimming Pool for the 2022 season by way of Resolution No. 020-122; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Park Ridge Swimming Pool Commission is recommending stipends for the following pool employees enumerated below; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Park Ridge Swimming Pool Commission is hereby authorized to administer the stipends for the following pool employees.

Annabelle Dow	Lifeguard	\$ 12.37/Hr.
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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-169**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PSE&G TO PROVIDE  
ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Park Ridge Water Department will be constructing a new well facility in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and



**WHEREAS**, the facility will require electric services to operate the new well facility;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Public Service Electric & Gas is the electric provider in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, a quote in the amount of \$ 178,668.24 has been received for the installation of the electric service; and

**WHEREAS**, there are funds available for the installation of electric services - 06-2150-55-1421-001; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 the funds to have Public Service Electric & Gas to provide electric service to the new well facility that will be constructed in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it authorizes the funds to have Public Service Electric & Gas to provide electric service to the new well facility that will be constructed in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-171**

**PROPOSED BUS STOP CHANGES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey.

That pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8(e) the following described location is designated as a bus stop:  
**County Road**

1. **Along Kinderkamack Road (CR 503), southbound, on the westerly side,**  
A. Madison Avenue - (Near side)  
Beginning at the northerly curbline of Madison Avenue and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom (location 33156).

That pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8(e) the following described location is deleted as a bus stop:

1. **Along Kinderkamack Road (CR 503), southbound, on the westerly side,**  
A. Between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue - Mid-block

Beginning 150 feet north of the northerly curblin Park Avenue and extending 135 feet northerly therefrom (location 13189) (near service station).

That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-172**

**RESOLUTION CANCELLING AND EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION  
DOWN PAYMENT ON IMPROVEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has previously approved emergency resolutions providing for funding of the required down payment for the replacement of the multipurpose synthetic turf athletic field at Memorial Field due to flood damage from Hurricane Ida and the 2021 Road Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, these resolutions authorized emergency appropriations of \$24,100.00 in the Current Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the down payments required amounted to \$24,012.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge, that the emergency authorization balance of \$88.00 in the Current Fund be hereby cancelled, as of December 31, 2021.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-175**

**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 \$65.00; and

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

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

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

<u>TAX LIEN TO BE ISSUED:</u>	
<u>BLOCK/ LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BL 1910/L1	\$ 65.00

**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 \$65.00 and place a lien on the above borough property accordingly.

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-178**

**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 \$353,307.01 (bill list dated May 17, 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.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**

**RESOLUTION  
2022-031**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - UTILITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Public Works, that they are in receipt of the following bills:

Water Operating	\$ 110,271.70
Water Capital	\$ -0-
Electric Operating	\$ 191,570.49
Electric Capital	\$ -0-
Purchase of Current Wires	\$ 47,559.82
Utility Trust	\$ 3,905.00

Total sum being \$353,307.01 to be approved and authorized for payment by the Borough Treasurer

Offered \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

WATER OPERATING

Date	Check #	PO #	Vendor	Amount
05/10/22	0	221056	BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE FUEL - MARCH	1,766.80
05/10/22	163	221090	BOROUGH OF PARK TRANSFER TO PAY BOND PRINCIPAL &	64,100.00
05/05/22	145531	220943	BOROUGH OF PARK MARCH BILLING	27,458.07
05/05/22	145532	220809	ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS, WELL 19 BATTERY	409.48
05/05/22	145533	220922	PARK AVE LANDSCAPE & MASON GRASS SEED TICKET P02325	390.00
05/05/22	145534	220919	RUGGED OUTFITTERS, INC. BOOTS FOR MG 4/21/22	223.99
05/05/22	145535	220812	STAPLES ADVANTAGE PAPER TOWELS, LG ENVELOPES INV	33.72
05/05/22	145537	220990	VERIZON WIRELESS APRIL BILLING INVOICE 9904586864	602.01
05/05/22	145538	220954	HOLLY SCHEPISI, ESQ MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR FEB - MAY 2022	2,000.00
05/05/22	145539	220930	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW AIR QUALITY PERMIT ID 03130 INV	885.00
05/05/22	145540	220929	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW AIR QUALITY PERMIT ID03128 INV	0.00
05/05/22	145541	220928	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW AIR QUALITY PERMIT ID03127 INV	0.00
05/05/22	145542	220927	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW AIR QUALITY PERMIT ID063126 INV	0.00
05/05/22	145543	220927	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW AIR QUALITY PERMIT ID063126 INV	0.00
05/05/22	145544	220928	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW AIR QUALITY PERMIT ID03127 INV	885.00
05/05/22	145545	220929	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW AIR QUALITY PERMIT ID03128 INV	885.00
05/05/22	145546	220927	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW AIR QUALITY PERMIT ID063126 INV	885.00
05/10/22	145548	221045	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & MARCH BILLING	4,109.75
05/10/22	145549	220936	TIAA, FSB INV# 8876718 CONTRACT 41762406	70.00
05/10/22	145550	221057	TLC FACILITY MAINTENANCE INV# 1504 UTILITY GARAGE CLEANING -	300.00

WATER OPERATING

Date	Check #	PO #	Vendor	Amount
05/10/22	145551	220651	VANWELL ELECTRONICS INC. CENTRAL ST MONITORING 15 SULAK LN	162.50
05/11/22	145552	220145	W. W. GRAINGER, INC. INV# 9195193298 SHOP/WELL SUPPLIES	1,920.78
05/13/22	145553	221094	E-ZPASS AC# 2000 1240 3967 9 REPLENISH	254.70
05/18/22	145554	221105	OPTIMUM MAY BILLING 07870-014078-01-9	22.14
05/18/22	145555	221080	RINBRAND WELL DRILLING CO. INV #0506; WELL #19 CALIBRATE OWNERS	1,200.00
05/18/22	145556	221103	WESLEY/SICOMAC DAIRY FOODS DAIRY DELIVERIES - APRIL - UTILITIES	55.46
05/18/22	145557	221121	AMERICAN WEAR, INC. AC 443102 APRIL UNIFORM CLEANING	519.80
05/18/22	145558	221120	BRAEN STONE INDUSTRIES, INC. INV# 143891 TIX 973992 SHOULDER	615.31
05/18/22	145559	221076	MIRACLE CHEMICAL CO. INV# 49713 SPDIUM HYPOCHLORITE	407.20
05/18/22	145560	221119	VERIZON 255-912-783-0001-67 MAY	109.99

Total Fund 05 WATER OPERATING

110,271.70

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Finance Chairman

Total Departmental List: 110,271.70
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ELECTRIC OPERATING

Date	Check #	PO #	Vendor	Amount
05/10/22	0	221056	BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE	720.41
FUEL - MARCH				
05/10/22	773	221029	PJM INTERCONNECTION LLC	60,049.36
PURCHASE OF CURRENT 4/1-4/27/22				
05/10/22	775	221091	BOROUGH OF PARK	66,362.50
TRANSFER TO PAY BOND PRINCIPAL &				
05/13/22	776	221063	PJM INTERCONNECTION LLC	16,551.42
PURCHASE OF CURRENT 4/1-4/30/22				
05/13/22	777	221077	PJM INTERCONNECTION LLC	31,008.40
PURCHASE OF CURRENT 5/1-5/4/22				
05/05/22	144589	220942	BOROUGH OF PARK	3,530.39
APRIL BILLING				
05/05/22	144590	220898	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP.	290.40
SHIPPING TO PREFORMED LINE PROD INV				
05/05/22	144591	220925	FELDMAN BROTHERS ELEC SUPPLY	662.25
PHOTO CELLS/ HI SODIUM LAMPS INV				
05/05/22	144592	220812	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	4.49
PAPER TOWELS, LG ENVELOPES INV				
05/05/22	144594	220990	VERIZON WIRELESS	602.01
APRIL BILLING INVOICE 9904586864				
05/05/22	144595	220954	HOLLY SCHEPISI, ESQ	0.00
MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR FEB - MAY 2022				
05/05/22	144596	220954	HOLLY SCHEPISI, ESQ	2,000.00
MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR FEB - MAY 2022				
05/06/22	144597	212984	KENDALL ELECTRIC	5,408.40
INV #S111084524.001; S111084524.003				
05/10/22	144598	220998	OPTIMUM	59.95
AC 07870069895-01-2 INTERNET -				
05/10/22	144600	221030	ALDAN PRESS	56.00
INV# 22-5629 500 Business Cards -				
05/10/22	144601	221045	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC &	90.29
MARCH BILLING				
05/10/22	144602	220936	TIAA, FSB	70.00
INV# 8876718 CONTRACT 41762406				
05/10/22	144603	221057	TLC FACILITY MAINTENANCE	300.00
INV# 1604 UTILITY GARAGE CLEANING -				
05/10/22	144604	220651	VANWELL ELECTRONICS INC.	162.50
CENTRAL ST MONITORING 15 SULAK LN				
05/13/22	144605	221095	E-ZPASS	252.00
VIOLATION# T122281608966				

ELECTRIC OPERATING

Date	Check #	PO #	Vendor	Amount
05/13/22	144606	221111	JIM LEICHTNAM	231.00
STAPLES & UBREAKIFIX REIMBURSEMENT				
05/18/22	144607	221110	GREENER BY DESIGN	3,000.00
INV# 3508 5/5 - APRIL SERVICES				
05/18/22	144608	221105	OPTIMUM	22.14
MAY BILLING 07870-014078-01-9				
05/18/22	144610	221103	WESLEY/SICOMAC DAIRY FOODS	55.46
DAIRY DELIVERIES - APRIL - UTILITIES				
05/18/22	144611	221124	AGL WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	81.12
INV# 10073211 TANKS & HAZARDOUS				

Total Fund 07 ELECTRIC OPERATING

191,570.49

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Total Departmental List: 191,570.49
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UTILITY TRUST FUND

Date	Check #	PO #	Vendor	Amount
05/18/22	141260	220977	DAN BENDER RETURN DEPOSIT 8495 ACCT 6497-0	162.45
05/18/22	141261	220974	DANIELLE BATTAGLIA RETURN DEPOSIT 7222 ACCT 4871-0	187.27
05/18/22	141262	220980	DAVID FRIEDMAN RETURN DEPOSIT 6723 ACCT 5605-0	32.85
05/18/22	141263	220969	DIGNA-DESEAR RETURN DEPOSIT 7184 ACCT 683-0	176.53
05/18/22	141264	220978	JOOAH SHIN RETURN DEPOSIT 8522 ACCT 6615-0	150.00
05/18/22	141265	220970	KIM MIHOV RETURN DEPOSIT 7569 433-23	200.00
05/18/22	141266	220968	LIBBY HOLMAN RETURN DEPOSIT 7614 ACCT 6394-0	263.77
05/18/22	141267	220971	LORRAINE STEVENSON RETURN DEPOSIT 2678 ACCT 4242-0	87.61
05/18/22	141268	220982	MARGARET VICINI RETURN DEPOSIT 8215 ACCT 6527-0	150.00
05/18/22	141269	220979	MARIO & AIDA CANI RETURN DEPOSIT 8466 ACCT 5708-0	376.89
05/18/22	141270	220983	MARY VICINI RETURN DEPOSIT 8214 ACCT 6572-0	200.00
05/18/22	141271	220972	MATTHEW LEFERVER RETURN DEPOSIT 6286 ACCT 3960-0	326.80
05/18/22	141272	220973	MICHAEL O'LEARY RETURN DEPOSIT 7841 ACCT 4391-0	381.96
05/18/22	141273	220975	MICHAEL WITTENBERG RETURN DEPOSIT 8173 ACCT 730-0	156.28
05/18/22	141274	220981	ROBERT BROWN RETURN DEPOSIT 766 ACCT 5288-0	99.03
05/18/22	141275	221129	BOROUGH OF PARK UTILITIES DEPOSIT RETURN/ELECTRIC	229.41
05/18/22	141276	221130	BORO OF PARK RIDGE WATER UTILITIES DEPOSIT RETURN/APRIL WATER	724.15

Total Fund 23 UTILITY TRUST

3,905.00

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Finance Chairman

Total Departmental List: 3,905.00
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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-179**

**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 \$659,226.13 (bill list dated May 20, 2022) has 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.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**  
**Cash Requirements**

Dates: 05/11/22 05/24/22

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Total for	01 CURRENT FUND	73,480.63
Total for	03 OTHER TRUST	26,018.77
Total for	04 GENERAL CAPITAL	534,952.38
Total for	09 POOL OPERATING	4,896.85
Total for	16 ESCROW	1,785.00
Total for	20 OPEN SPACE TRUST	11,612.50
Total for	21 COAH AFFORDABLE HOUSING	250.00
Total for	27 RECREATION TRUST	6,230.00
<b>Total Bill List (see lists attached):</b>		<b>659,226.13</b>

Check List  
**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**  
**FOR MEETING OF MAY 24, 2022**

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01 CURENT FUND

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<b>01 CURENT FUND</b>				
SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP	220457	0.00	INV# SH501532 5/7 ADMIN AND FRONT	151874
SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP	220457	201.02	INV# SH501532 5/7 ADMIN AND FRONT	151874
SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP	220457	364.36	INV# SH501532 5/7 ADMIN AND FRONT	151874
Total for: A/E O/E			Copier Machines 565.38	
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL	221170	252.66	INV# 31577510 STANDARD RENTAL;	151861
Total for: A/E O/E			Postage 252.66	
W.B. MASON CO., INC.	220937	6.40	INV# 229394369 HEADSETS	151882
Total for: A/E O/E			Office Supplies 6.40	
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	221172	79.20	INV# 4582347 AC 396495 APRIL	151869
Total for: MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE			Advertising 79.20	
FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP.	221075	87.83	INV# 7-741-84355 PAK TO ROGUT	151857
Total for: MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE			Postage 87.83	
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	220909	86.43	ORD#7355161871 RESO PAPER &	151877
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	221014	0.00	INV# 3507366886 SOUTHWORTH RESO	151877
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	221014	48.99	INV# 3507366886 SOUTHWORTH RESO	151877
Total for: MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE			Office Supplies 135.42	
ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC	221106	426.67	INV# 77826 PERIOD END 4/30 -	151843
Total for: FINANCE DEPARTMENT O/E			Payroll 426.67	
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	221018	47.98	INV# 3507366888 HP67XL INK	151877
Total for: FINANCE DEPARTMENT O/E			Office Supplies 47.98	
ANSELM & CARVELLI, LLP	221127	270.00	INV# 21588 - FEB SONY/HORNROCK	151847
MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATES,	220959	650.00	INV# 2022-103 REVIEW SETTLEMENT	151867
Total for: LEGAL O/E			Tax Appeals 920.00	
BANISCH ASSOCIATES, INC	221079	700.00	INV# P22-32208 COAH LIT - FEB	151848
Total for: LEGAL O/E			Legal Litigation 700.00	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES,	221073	77.72	INV# 1H1H-9YMT-FCNM CAT 8	151844
Total for: PKRG			Miscellaneous 77.72	
SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP	220458	296.97	INV# SH501532 5/7 COPIER MACHINE	151874
Total for: A/E O/E			Copier Machine 296.97	
G.T.B.M. INC.	221081	177.60	INV# 35230 JAN - MAR ETICKET	151858
POWER DMS, INC.	220356	805.00	INV# 13546 POWERDMS STANDARDS	151872
Total for: POLICE DEPT O/E			Service Agreements 982.60	
VERIZON	221156	1,036.15	INV #M554905880-22115; APRIL/MAY	151879
Total for: Tri-Borough Safety Corps O/E			Telephones 1,036.15	
GOOSETOWN COMMUNICATIONS,	220987	171.16	INV #145124; TICKET #75053	151860
Total for: Tri-Borough Safety Corps O/E			Service Agreements 171.16	
NORTHWEST BERGEN CENTRAL	220906	51,985.00	INV #06022021-87; and #1019-9 2ND	151870
Total for: Tri-Borough Safety Corps O/E			TBS Dispatcher 51,985.00	
CABLEVISIO/OPTIMUM	221174	21.81	ac 07870-007170-01-2 DPW BOX- MAY	151850
FASTENAL COMPANY	220639	166.90	INV# MN019633498 FAST PROGRAM FEE	151856
VERIZON WIRELESS	221108	196.53	INV# 9905385667 MAY - ROAD	151880
Total for: STREETS & ROADS DEPARTMENT O/E			Other Contractual 385.24	
STEVEN DEVINCENT	221112	1,250.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR CDL LICENSE	151878

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<b>Total for: STREETS &amp; ROADS DEPARTMENT O/E Education and</b>		<b>1,250.00</b>		
DURIE LAWNMOWER &	220131	0.00	INV# F 1247 TSPS, WW HEADS, CASE	0
P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	220156	0.00	MO INVOICES - APR - DPW	0
W. W. GRAINGER, INC.	221083	108.18	WEB1935679548 URINAL SCREEN &	151881
<b>Total for: STREETS &amp; ROADS DEPARTMENT O/E Other Equipment</b>		<b>108.18</b>		
AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	221104	543.00	APRIL UNIFORM CLEANING - DPW	151846
<b>Total for: STREETS &amp; ROADS DEPARTMENT O/E Laundry Service -</b>		<b>543.00</b>		
BRAEN STONE INDUSTRIES,	220109	0.00	INV# 143890 TIX# 973425 FILLIN	0
<b>Total for: STREETS &amp; ROADS DEPARTMENT O/E Road Material</b>		<b>0.00</b>		
P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	220156	0.00	MO INVOICES - APR - DPW	0
DURIE LAWNMOWER &	220131	189.90	INV# F 1247 TSPS, WW HEADS, CASE	151855
<b>Total for: STREETS &amp; ROADS DEPARTMENT O/E Equipment Parts</b>		<b>189.90</b>		
BRAEN STONE INDUSTRIES,	220109	150.00	INV# 143890 TIX# 973425 FILLIN	151849
<b>Total for: RECYCLING O/E Concrete and</b>		<b>150.00</b>		
CHATHAM IRRIGATION	221109	2,299.00	INV# 65818 & 65819	151851
DRAINBUSTERS PLUMBING	221055	690.00	INV# 71141 SNAKE BLOCKAGE -	151853
HORIZON TERMITE & PEST	221016	433.35	INV# 464878B & 464879B 2ND QTR FD	151863
<b>Total for: BLDGS/GROUNDS O/E Other Contractual</b>		<b>3,422.35</b>		
HAGEMAN ROOFING	220270	1,900.00	INV# 33448 (PD) & 33449 (BORO	151862
HAGEMAN ROOFING	221175	0.00	INV# 33646 SPRING MAINT - FIRE	151862
HAGEMAN ROOFING	221175	750.00	INV# 33646 SPRING MAINT - FIRE	151862
<b>Total for: BLDGS/GROUNDS O/E Maintenance</b>		<b>2,650.00</b>		
AMERICAN PAPER TOWEL CO.,	221084	707.09	INV# J1299876 TOILET PAPER,	151845
<b>Total for: BLDGS/GROUNDS O/E Janitorial,</b>		<b>707.09</b>		
DRISCOLL'S LOCK & KEY	220130	139.00	INV# 1488 PRIVACY LEVER & KEYS	151854
<b>Total for: BLDGS/GROUNDS O/E General Hardware</b>		<b>139.00</b>		
CHURCHILL PLUMBING &	221149	1,585.51	INV# 16604 PLUMBING REPAIRS 2"	151852
<b>Total for: BLDGS/GROUNDS O/E Plumbing, A/C and</b>		<b>1,585.51</b>		
AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	221104	103.40	APRIL UNIFORM CLEANING - DPW	151846
<b>Total for: BLDGS/GROUNDS O/E Laundry Services</b>		<b>103.40</b>		
AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	221104	0.00	APRIL UNIFORM CLEANING - DPW	151846
AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	221104	101.40	APRIL UNIFORM CLEANING - DPW	151846
<b>Total for: VEHICLE MAINTANENCE O/E Laundry Service</b>		<b>101.40</b>		
GOODYEAR AUTO SERVICE	221150	0.00	INV# 29047 & 29048 TIRES	151859
GOODYEAR AUTO SERVICE	221150	510.64	INV# 29047 & 29048 TIRES	151859
<b>Total for: VEHICLE MAINTANENCE O/E Tires - Police</b>		<b>510.64</b>		
GOODYEAR AUTO SERVICE	221150	665.72	INV# 29047 & 29048 TIRES	151859
<b>Total for: VEHICLE MAINTANENCE O/E Tires - Roads</b>		<b>665.72</b>		
P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	220156	0.00	MO INVOICES - APR - DPW	0
P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	220156	0.00	MO INVOICES - APR - DPW	0
<b>Total for: VEHICLE MAINTANENCE O/E Parts - Police</b>		<b>0.00</b>		
P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	220156	61.67	MO INVOICES - APR - DPW	151871
POWERTECH MOTION CONTROL	220169	67.05	INV# 3812349 HOSE FITTINGS	151873
<b>Total for: VEHICLE MAINTANENCE O/E Parts - Roads</b>		<b>128.72</b>		
P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	220156	0.00	MO INVOICES - APR - DPW	151871
P&A AUTO PARTS, INC.	220156	24.45	MO INVOICES - APR - DPW	151871
<b>Total for: VEHICLE MAINTANENCE O/E Replacement</b>		<b>24.45</b>		
STAPLES	221134	72.99	BR TN 660 TONER- REGISTRAR	151876
<b>Total for: BD OF HEALTH O/E Office Supplies</b>		<b>72.99</b>		
INSTITUTE FOR PROF	221118	50.00	INV# 51122 RECORDS MANAGEMENT	151865

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<b>Total for: BD OF HEALTH O/E</b>		<b>Professional</b>	<b>50.00</b>	
BALLOON CHICA	221036	500.00	INV #5110858; BALLOON ARCH FOR	151839
BEETS JUICE BAR	221037	100.00	INVOICE #100; JUICE BOTTLES	151841
KEVIN BRENNAN	221034	400.00	INV DATE: 5/3/22; LIVE	151842
<b>Total for: BD OF HEALTH O/E</b>		<b>Mayors's Wellness</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	
INSERRA/LML SUPERMARKETS	221123	322.47	ID# 82052 GOLDEN AGE-	151864
<b>Total for: SENIOR CITIZENS</b>		<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>322.47</b>	
NEW HORIZON	221107	479.56	INV# 1827340 MO INVOICE - MAY	151868
SPECTROTEL INC.	221160	987.87	INV# 10887887 MO INVOICE - MAY	151875
<b>Total for: UTILITY &amp; BULK PURCHASES</b>		<b>TELEPHONE EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,467.43</b>	
INTERNATIONAL CODE	212229	132.00	INV# 1001408058 IMC CODE &	151866
<b>Total for: CONSTRUCTION CODE - O/E</b>		<b>Code Book</b>	<b>132.00</b>	
<b>Total Fund: CURRENT FUND</b>			<b>73,480.63</b>	

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03 OTHER TRUST				
RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	221184	21,101.19	INV 361934 & 363247 FUEL	1224
Total for: FUEL PROGRAM			21,101.19	
STAPLES	221178	1,042.58	HDMI CABLES & GRADUATION BOOKLETS	1225
Total for: DARE DONATIONS			1,042.58	
HOWARD J POST	221074	3,875.00	INV# 22-0117 125TH ANN GALA BOOK	1223
Total for: Borough 125th Anniversary			3,875.00	
Total Fund: OTHER TRUST			26,018.77	

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04 GENERAL CAPITAL				
FIELDTURF USA INC.	212801	534,952.38	MEMORIAL FIELD TURF REPLACEMENT	. 14167
Total for: ORD #21-026 Turf Field		Turf Field	534,952.38	
Total Fund: GENERAL CAPITAL		534,952.38		



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<b>09 POOL OPERATING</b>				
FORCELLATI BROS., INC.	221026	753.00	INV# 14161 SERVICE TO	140884
KILEY & SONS LLC	220963	2,700.00	REPLACE/REPAIR SNACK BAR CEILINGS	140885
<b>Total for: OTHER EXPENSES</b>		<b>Equipment</b>	<b>3,453.00</b>	
LAURA BEER	221144	300.00	PAINTED DECORATIONS IN KIDDIE	140886
STAPLES	221151	169.05	FOLDERS, TAPE, WITE-OUT, ETC	140888
<b>Total for: OTHER EXPENSES</b>		<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>469.05</b>	
LINGO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	221113	16.83	INV# 32479036 POOL PHONE - MAY	140887
VERIZON	221182	37.97	201-391-0831 MO INVOICE - MAY -	140889
<b>Total for: OTHER EXPENSES</b>		<b>Telephone Charges</b>	<b>54.80</b>	
SARAH HUR	221179	410.00	RESO 022-150 REFUND POOL	140882
SAMEH SALEH	221180	510.00	RESO 022-150 REFUND POOL	140883
<b>Total for: OTHER EXPENSES</b>		<b>Refunds</b>	<b>920.00</b>	
<b>Total Fund: SWIM POOL UTILITY</b>		<b>4,896.85</b>		

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<b>16 ESCROW</b>				
BRIAN GIBLIN, ESQ	221131	500.00	INV# ZB 22-07 PREP RESO FOR	3619
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	221154	785.00	INV #716866; PROJ #PRZ0009, 23 N.	3620
Total for: ANGELILLO - 23 N. MAPLE AVE		ZONING, 1506/15	1,285.00	
BRIAN GIBLIN, ESQ	221153	0.00	INV #ZB22-09; PREP RESO FOR	3619
BRIAN GIBLIN, ESQ	221153	500.00	INV #ZB22-09; PREP RESO FOR	3619
Total for: KRAMER - 8 FREDERICK CT		ZONING, 1203/41 (8	500.00	
Total Fund: ESCROW		1,785.00		

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20 OPEN SPACE TRUST				
JACOBSEN LANDSCAPE	221148	11,612.50	INV #3430; DEPOSIT MAINTENANCE	140314
Total for: Reserve for Open Space			11,612.50	
Total Fund: OPEN SPALCE TRUST		11,612.50		

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21 COAH AFFORDABLE HOUSING				
PIAZZA & ASSOCIATES, INC	221072	250.00	INV# 291 APRIL COAH MONITORING	140116
Total for: COAH RESERVE			250.00	
Total Fund: COAH AFFORDABLE HOUSING		250.00		

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27 RECREATION TRUST				
RENT A TENT, LLC	221147	6,230.00	ESTIMATE #2943; RENTAL FOR TOWN	1194
Total for: Town Picnic		Town Picnic	6,230.00	
Total Fund: RECREATION TRUST		6,230.00		

**Total Bill List: 659,226.13**

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-180**

**2022 APPROVAL OF BANNER REQUEST  
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that it hereby approves the following Diversity & Inclusion Committee request, subject to the availability of space and other conditions which may occur that would not permit banners to be hung at this location:

**2022 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Banner:**

**\*Diversity & Inclusion Committee**  
Park Avenue – Borough Hall  
June 1st - June 6<sup>th</sup>  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-182**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT  
CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
THE FY23 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has funds available for road projects through its FY23 Municipal Aid Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge are in support of the FY23 Municipal Aid Program and wish to file a grant application for surface improvements on North Ave; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge formally approve the grant application for the above stated project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2023-North Ave Surface Improvements-00040 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Park Ridge and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves execution of the grant agreement.

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Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to vote on Res. No. 022-170 – Resolution Supporting OPRA Reform.

A motion was made by Council President Metzdorf and seconded by Councilman Epstein to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

**NAYS:** Councilmember Fenwick – *I agree with some of the proposals in the resolution but not all.*

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Capilli and Councilmember Cozzi

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-170**

**SUPPORTING OPRA REFORM**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., enacted in 2002, has been in effect long enough to review the impact on Municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the position of the Bergen County League of Municipalities (BCLOM), which represents all 70 municipalities in Bergen County, that OPRA can and must be improved upon to make it less onerous on municipalities and protect the safety and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal staff and budgets are increasingly utilized to accommodate the requestors and commercial entities who bombard municipalities with public records requests to the extent that in some instances, additional personnel are hired primarily to handle such requests; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are already required by state law to post and provide certain information and documentation on their municipal websites, including but not limited to, annual budgets, annual financial statements, annual audits, public meeting notices and meeting minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, under existing law, OPRA fees are woefully inadequate for the amount of time and effort needed to search for documents; it takes valuable time away from staff – not only in the Clerk's office – but also among other departments that may be involved in the same request; and

**WHEREAS**, OPRA has become broadly construed in favor of access and the requestor and, a requestor who prevails in any proceeding in appealing a denial of access is permitted to

collect exorbitant attorney's fees; conversely, however, the resources and guidance available to record custodians and municipal counsel tasked with responding to such requests has narrowed drastically in the ever-changing OPRA arena, muddled by subsequent, voluminous and often-conflicting court decisions that contradict the original intent of the law and will continue to do so in the absence of necessary legislative reform; and

**WHEREAS**, OPRA law allows outside businesses, and activist groups to utilize municipal time and services for marketing leads or private commercial gain, and for litigants to use OPRA as a method of discovery; and

**WHEREAS**, a clear distinction needs to be made between individual and commercial and discovery requests; and

**WHEREAS**, serious concerns about breaches or misuse of personal information exist along with the potential for OPRA to be exploited and abused by requestors, as a threat, harassment, or retaliatory measure to bury local governments in hundreds of requests, not necessarily because the requested records are of any particular interest, but merely because they can and have been emboldened by the courts to do so, to the significant detriment of all other municipal business; and

**WHEREAS**, most importantly, OPRA must be reformed to enable municipalities, their respective record custodians and legal counsels to protect the safety and welfare of the general public;

**WHEREAS**, over the years, court decisions have chipped away at the reasonable expectation of privacy provision of the law, thus allowing the law to be molded and wielded as a tool that severs any sensible balance of transparency, and instead, now perpetuates rampant and dangerous degrees of for-profit data-mining, unsolicited marketing and uncontrolled publications of records on internet search engines specifically designed to circumvent and bypass what few protective measures currently exist under OPRA, and all while allowing the requestor to remain cloaked in anonymity, should they choose to exercise that option; and

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic has resulted in a startling and exponential rise in fraud and identity theft, crimes that were already notoriously difficult to investigate, track and prosecute; OPRA, left unchecked and unreformed, continues to add fuel to this already dangerous fire; and

**WHEREAS**, in a most reprehensible instance in the midst of the pandemic, the unthinkable happened when the young son of a U.S. District Court Judge was senselessly killed by an individual who had managed to compile a dossier of personal information about the Judge including a home address, ushering in the passage of Daniel's Law; and

**WHEREAS**, while this law as intentioned provides for necessary strides and long overdue amendments to OPRA, the scope of protection provided is critically deficient, the implementation creates challenges for custodians and municipal officials that remain unaddressed by law, with limited channels for guidance, while the vast remainder of the Open Public Records Act continues to be left recklessly unreformed, potentially leaving any officials not covered under Daniel's Law or even, the general public at-large exposed to the whim of any nefarious OPRA requestor lurking in the shadows of those demanding transparency at any cost;

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill No. 4894, introduced January 17, 2019, calling for the creation of a study commission to review OPRA, to-date, has been left negligently stagnant and, to-date the legislative approach to addressing the dangers of OPRA have been



fragmented, haphazard and contradictory at best, leading to a dire need for streamlined overhaul and reform, which, at a minimum should include the following:

- Immediate creation of a study commission on OPRA.
- Uniformity under the law: municipalities shall not be subject to any provision under OPRA that the legislature or other state agencies are, by contrast, exempt from.
- Provide a universal platform for clear and concise guidance for records custodians. Such guidance should be in place prior to any laws that impact OPRA going into effect.
- Require that official OPRA Request forms be used in order to be considered valid, including certifications by the requestor of (1) non-conviction of an indictable offense and (2) that information obtained will not be used for profit, solicitation, marketing or commercial gain, or published as part of a separate internet database or search engine.
- Prohibit OPRA requestors from remaining anonymous.
- Require that requestors provide a State of New Jersey address in order to be valid (OPRA should not apply to out-of-state requests).
- Prohibit requests for commercial purposes.
- Exempt email addresses (also serves as a deterrent to spoofing, phishing and other cyber scams and crimes).
- Exempt information maintained for emergency notification purposes.
- Exempt any information related to minor individuals, disabled persons and senior citizens as well as classes of citizens who are vulnerable to exploitation of their information.
- Exempt personal identifying information from Motor Vehicle Accident Reports, including driver's license numbers, dates of birth (DOBs), home addresses, VINs and registration/plate numbers, unless the requestor is a subject of the record, or their designated legal or insurance representative.
- Exempt pet license information to a need-to-know basis only (health department, police department, veterinarian of record, hospital, bite victim) to deter rising pet thefts and potential for targeted thefts of non-large-breed dog owners.
- Reaffirm exemption of unlisted telephone numbers, including personal cell phones.
- Exempt property owner names, CAMA Data and reaffirm the exemption of property record cards.
- Protections afforded under Daniel's Law should be afforded to all government officials, employees, volunteers and members of the general public as the threats from the disclosure of personal information is not unique to those rightfully protected under Daniel's Law.
- Provide a carve out for fee-shifting where a municipality in good faith and without clear

guidance through Statute or case law denies a request or redacts information which could reasonably be interpreted as not subject to disclosure.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BCLOM finds it imperative that the New Jersey Senate and Assembly review and reform the New Jersey Open Public Records Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution are sent to all New Jersey State Legislators, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Municipal Clerks' Association, the Bergen County Municipal Clerks' Association, the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and the Bergen County Police Chiefs' Association.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to appoint the following member enumerated below:

**NEIL POLLENZ & BINNIE SHARMA- PKRG-TV COMMITTEE**  
**NEIL POLLENZ & BINNIE SHARMA- RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

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

**AYES:** Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

**NAYS:** Councilmember Capilli and Cozzi

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Public Hearing Minutes Dated May 10, 2022  
Work and Closed Session Minutes Dated May 10, 2022

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

**AYES:** Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Epstein and Council President Metzdorf

## **REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**Councilmember Fenwick:** In relations to the finance committee, we just passed the municipal budget for this year. There won't be many finance committee meetings now coming up. In terms of redevelopment, as you saw tonight, the James has been purchased by a new owner. In terms of the historical committee, we just passed a resolution for the train station restoration. I was fortunate enough this past weekend to visit the car that the rec committee put together, it was a great time. I greatly appreciate the work of the recreation committee, and everyone did to put the event together. As I stated earlier, I was in communication with fish and games, who will be conducting an ecological study of mill pond and to see how the fish population is doing.

**Councilmember Ferguson:** I would like to thank the finance committee for all their hard work and professionalism putting the budget together. I would like to thank the whole Fire Department, Chief Lepore and Captain Durst, for all of the work they did to keep us safe especially with the recent fires. PRAA there is fall registration for fall sports, it is online from football, soccer to cheerleading, etc. PKRG has a new program "Being Well" hosted by Trevin Dublin talking about diversity and inclusion. The Memorial Day parade is back this year, the ceremony will be at 9:00am and then the Parade kicks off at 10:30am in Montvale. Please join us in support and remembrance.

**Councilmember Epstein:** I want to start off first recognizing the mayor's wellness committee, they have been doing a variety of events since May and they have been well attended and received. I would like to personally thank Tatiana Breslow for putting this all together from the beginning. We still have one last event on May 31<sup>st</sup>, information is online. June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the raffle for all the participants. I also would like to commend the council on approving tonight not only the proclamation for LGBTQ+ month for June. We have a newly formed committee for diversity and inclusion formed last year who have been working to integrate program with town events. Some updated on recreation, they did have a really great car show last weekend and we have upcoming event the town picnic on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 12-5:00pm. The summer concerts are scheduled for Thursday in July and August.

**Council President Metzdorf:** I would like to thank the recreation committee for the extraordinary car show they put together, from the residents to the car owners everyone enjoyed the event. The police department will be hiring two new officers. Last night I had a great night, I attended on behalf of the mayor luminary celebration put on by Park Ridge resident, Dean Rehak who is a high school student. Dean is doing his Eagle Scout project; he is working on doing a burn pit in the back of the American Legion so they can retire properly worn American flags. It is a great project, and he is raising money for the project and any additional funds will be given to the American Legion post in Park Ridge. I asked Dean to come to the next Council meeting to show us his project. His enthusiasm for the project and the town is great.

**Mayor Misciagna:** I do want to thank the Council for passing the resolution to apply for Historical Trust Fund grant money to restore our train station. Our town historian Ralph O'Donnell has been a great advocate for the project, and this should make him happy. Our goal

is to restore the train station back to what it use to look like. We would like to have the roof fixed, fix the floors and repaint it and also add some of the old signage.

Tatiana Breslow has been just a whirlwind of hard work putting together the mayor's wellness month and all of the events. She did a tremendous job; I would like to thank you Councilmember Epstein and Tatiana for keeping it going. Mayors' wellness is a program form the state designed to get the towns into better health.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Councilmember Fenwick and seconded by Councilmember Epstein to adjourn the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting. All in favor. **Meeting adjourned at 9:15P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Magdalena Giandomenico".

Magdalena Giandomenico  
Borough Clerk



# 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

*May 24, 2022*



# BUDGET PROCESS

## ■ Prior to Introduction:

- Reviewed and evaluated prior year's budget and spending/revenue position;
- Identified municipal budget goals;
- Reviewed requests with department heads;
- Conducted multiple reviews of the budget with Finance Committee and select department heads and adjusted; and
- Prepared Final Budget and Introduced – April 26, 2022

## ■ Tonight:

- Conduct Public Hearing; and
- Adopt Budget





# 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET GOALS

- Fund Essential Services
- Maintain Sufficient Fund Balance
- Fund Necessary Capital Improvements
- Decrease Debt
- Provide Competitive Utility Rates with  
Exceptional Service



# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## PROPERTY TAX FUNDED:

### 1. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

*(Including Library)*



## USAGE CHARGE FUNDED:

2. POOL UTILITY
3. WATER UTILITY
4. ELECTRIC UTILITY







# MUNICIPAL BUDGET SECTION

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Keith Misciagna
- Council President Robert Metzdorf
- Councilperson William Fenwick
- Borough Administrator Julie Falkenstern
- CFO/Treasurer Connie Carpenter
- Tax Collector / Assistant Treasurer Jessica Mazzearella
- Supported by Auditor Jeff Bliss of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins





# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Total Proposed Budget - \$17,296,470
- Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation - \$11,888,258
  - Increase of \$408,829
- Tax Rate (*inclusive of library*) – 0.754
  - Increase of 0.028
  - Increase Based on Average Assessed Home ~ \$133.00





# 2022 ESTIMATED TAX DOLLAR ALLOCATION

Library

**Municipal**

School

County



1¢



**23¢**

66¢



10¢

# BELOW STATE MANDATED “CAPS”

## ➤ APPROPRIATION CAP

- Allowed - \$12,031,565
- Proposed - \$11,939,031
- Bank - \$92,534

## ➤ TAX LEVY CAP

- Allowed - \$12,169,447
- Proposed - \$11,253,369
- Bank – \$916,078







# BUDGET COMPONENTS

APPROPRIATIONS = ANTICIPATED REVENUES

\$17,296,470

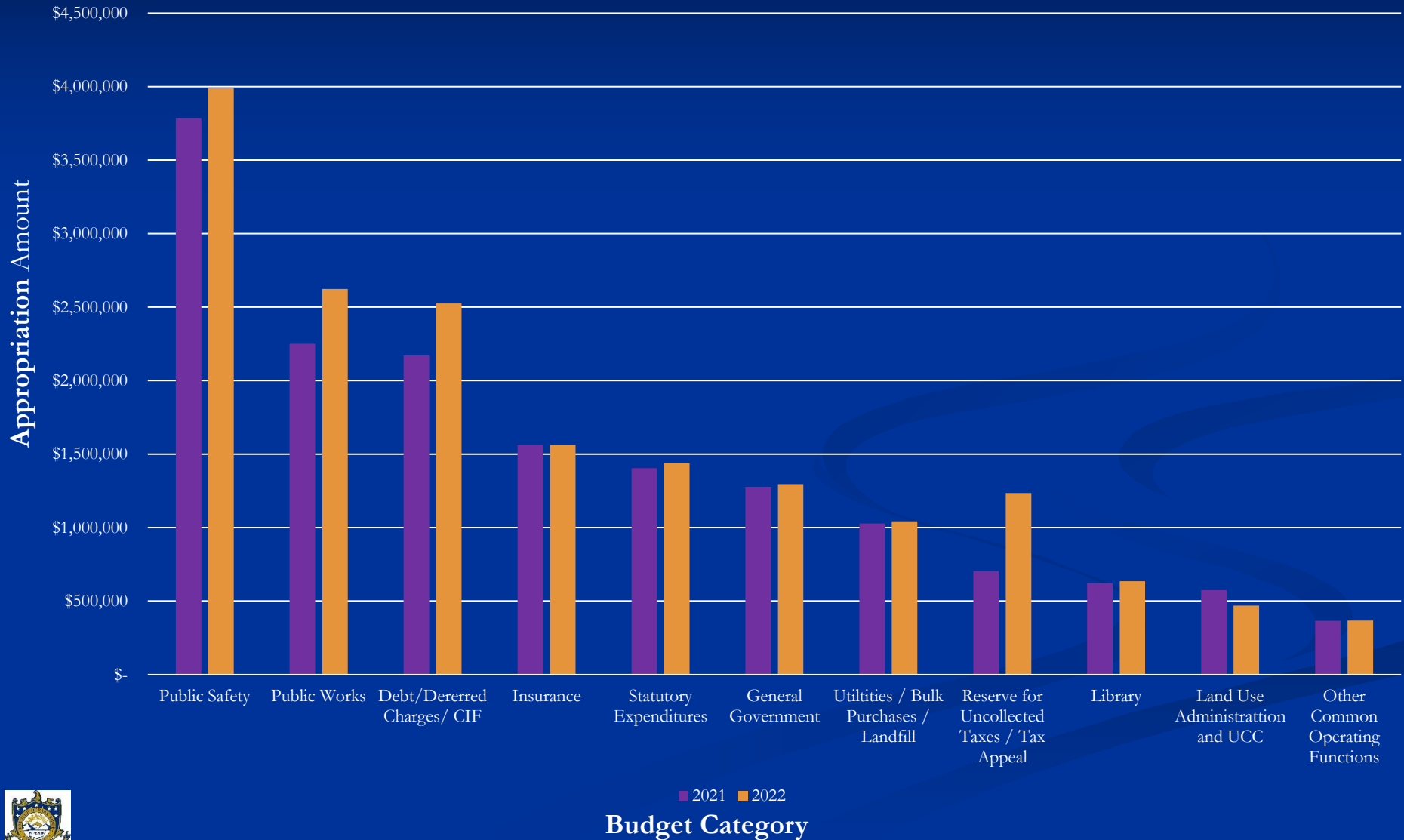
\$ 5,408,212 – General Revenues

\$ 11,253,369 – Amount to be Raised

\$ 634,889 – *Mandatory Minimum Library Tax*



# ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS



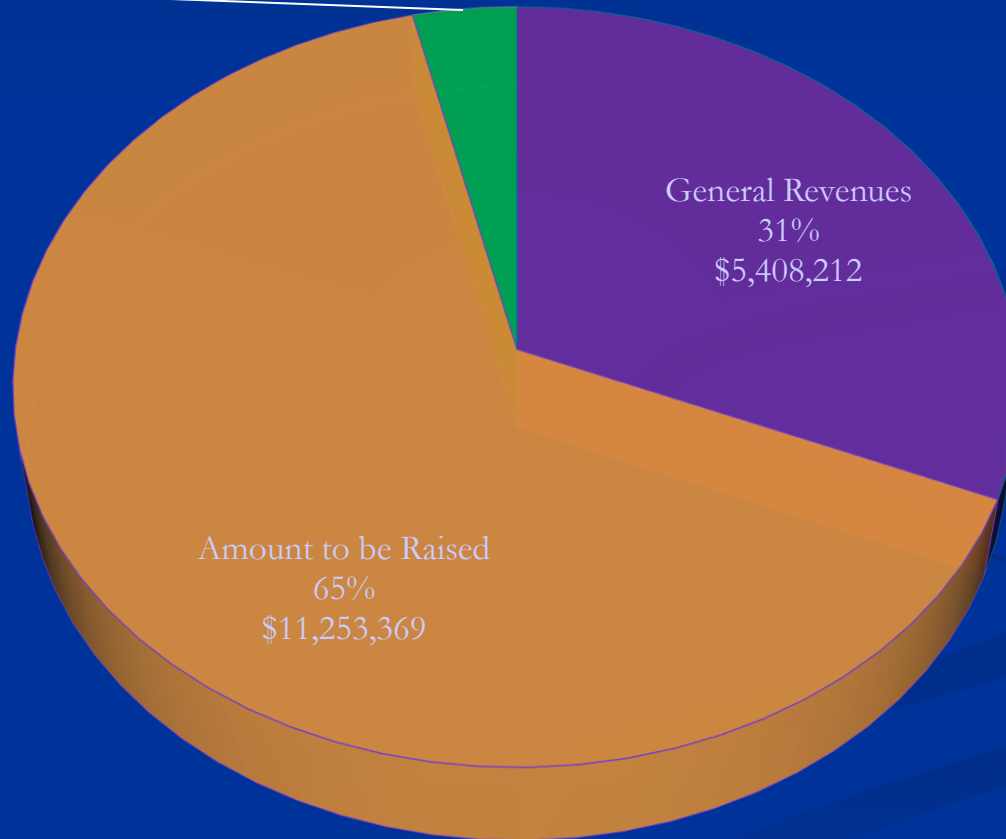


# ALLOCATION OF ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Municipal Library Tax

4%

\$634,889



Amount to be Raised

65%

\$11,253,369

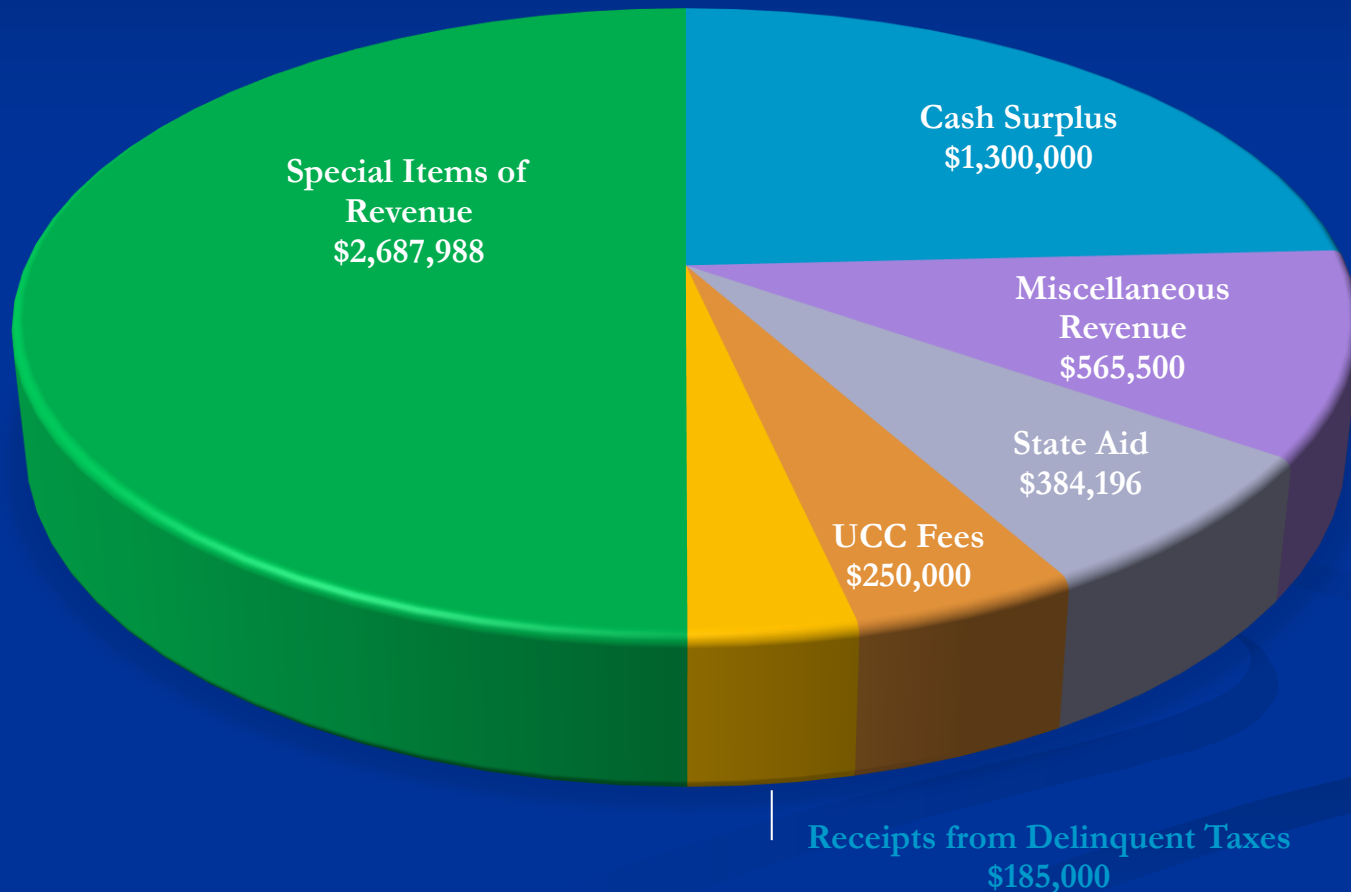
General Revenues

31%

\$5,408,212



# ALLOCATION OF GENERAL REVENUE







# 2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECT/EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION	ESTIMATED COST
Improvements to Roads / Roads Program	\$1,000,000
In Car Cameras – New with 5-year warranty	\$79,400
Pistol Range Upgrade	\$210,000
Acquisition of a Police Department SUV	\$60,000
New Radios – Police Department	\$22,200
Installation of new engine – DPW Leaf Vacuum	\$18,000
Acquisition of Fire Department Chief Vehicle	\$80,000





# DEBT IMPACT

DEBT	2022*	2021	2020	2019	2018
PRINCIPAL PAYDOWN	1,796,311	1,663,432	1,626,592	1,564,788	1,395,300
AUTHORIZED	1,396,500	2,591,300	879,353	1,926,315	626,303
INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	(399,811)	927,868	(747,239)	361,527	(768,997)

*\* Based on 2022 proposed municipal budget.*





# IMPACT ON AVERAGE HOME

Apportionment of Taxes	2021	2022	Prior Year Change
Average Home	474,000	474,000	
Municipal Operations	3,256	3,384	128
Free Public Library	185	190	5
Municipal Tax Levy	\$3,441	\$3,574 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$133



(1) Based on proposed Tax Levy Amount - \$11,888,258

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## 1. PROPERTY TAX FUNDED:

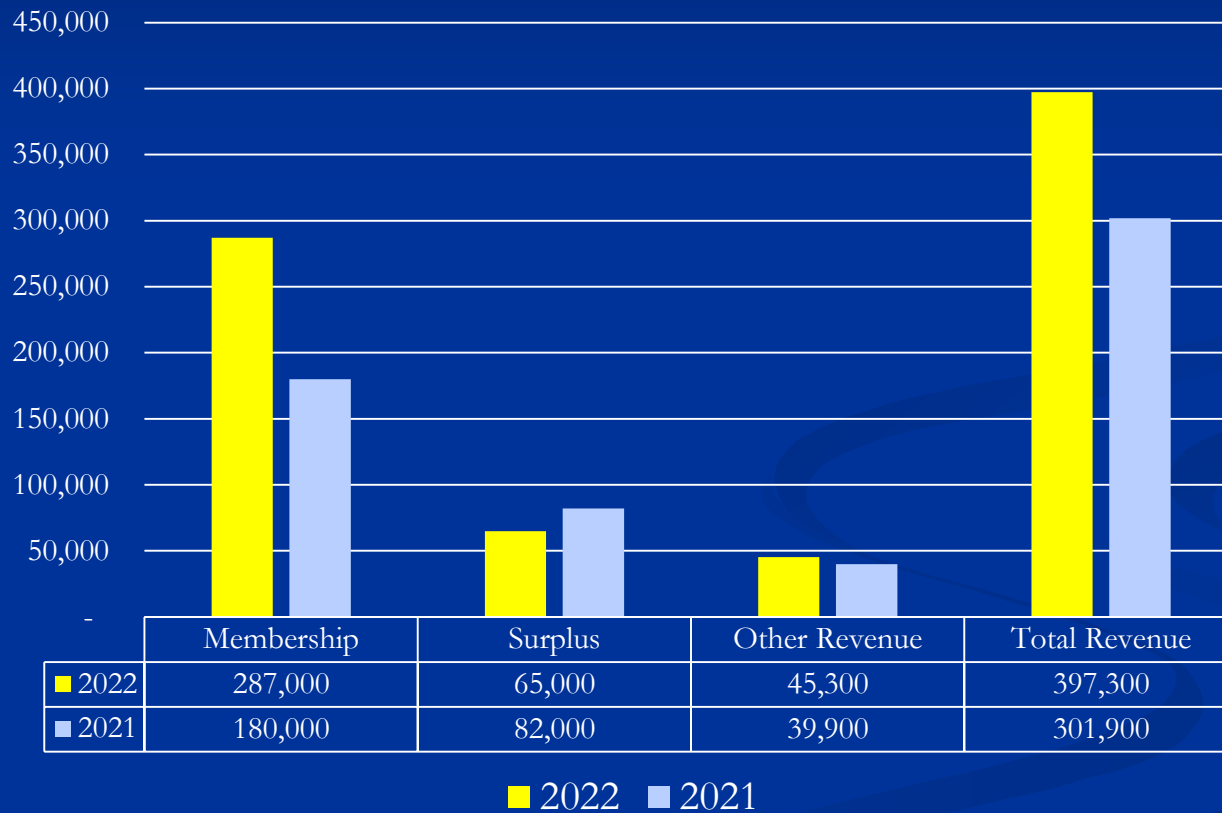
1. MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Including Library)

## 2. USAGE CHARGE FUNDED:

1. **POOL UTILITY**
2. WATER UTILITY
3. ELECTRIC UTILITY



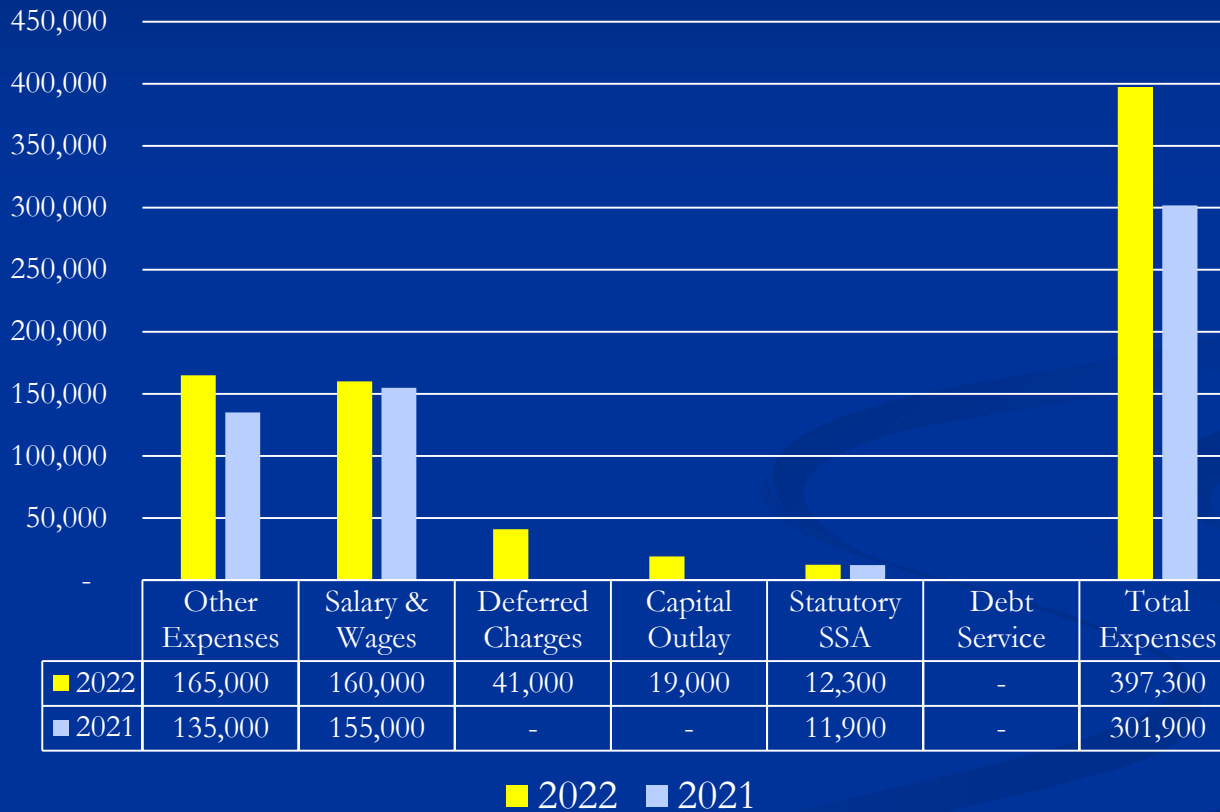
# Pool Revenue







# Pool Expenditure





# Pool Highlights

- We open this Saturday for the season!!!
- Same rates for the last 3 years
- We had over \$300k in revenue last year during Covid-19
- New on-line registration system.
- Updated locker rooms



# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## 1. PROPERTY TAX FUNDED:

1. MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Including Library)

## 2. USAGE CHARGE FUNDED:

1. POOL UTILITY
2. WATER UTILITY
3. ELECTRIC UTILITY



# Board of Public Works

- Keith Misciagna, Mayor
- Jeff Rutkowski, President
- Michael Mintz, Vice President
- Sean McNamara, Treasurer
- Frank Pantaleo, Member
- Rob Metzdorf, Council Liaison





# Supported by

- Paul Longo, Director of Operations
- Jim Leichtnam, Supervisor Electric Distribution
- Christopher O'Leary, Supervisor Water/Sewer Distribution
- Angelo Dell'Armo, Project Engineer
- Peter Wayne, DPW Superintendent



# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## 1. PROPERTY TAX FUNDED:

1. MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Including Library)

## 2. USAGE CHARGE FUNDED:

1. POOL UTILITY
2. **WATER UTILITY**
3. ELECTRIC UTILITY



# Water Revenue





# Rate Comparisons

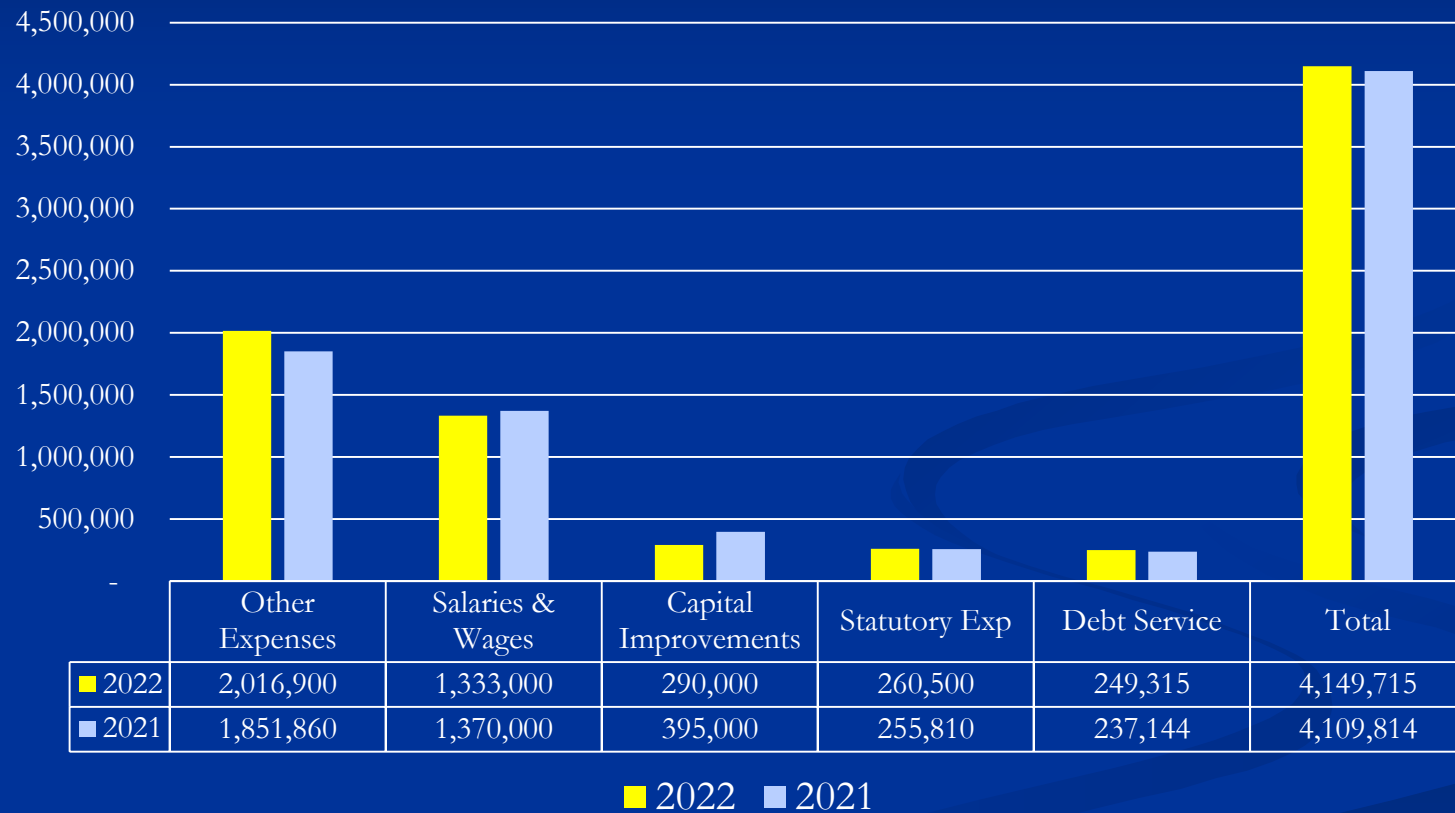
	Park Ridge	Suez
Rate per 1000 gallons	5.06	6.35
Monthly Bill	45.54	57.15
Yearly Bill	546.48	685.80

A Park Ridge / WCL Resident would pay \$139.32 a year more from Suez





# Water Expenses



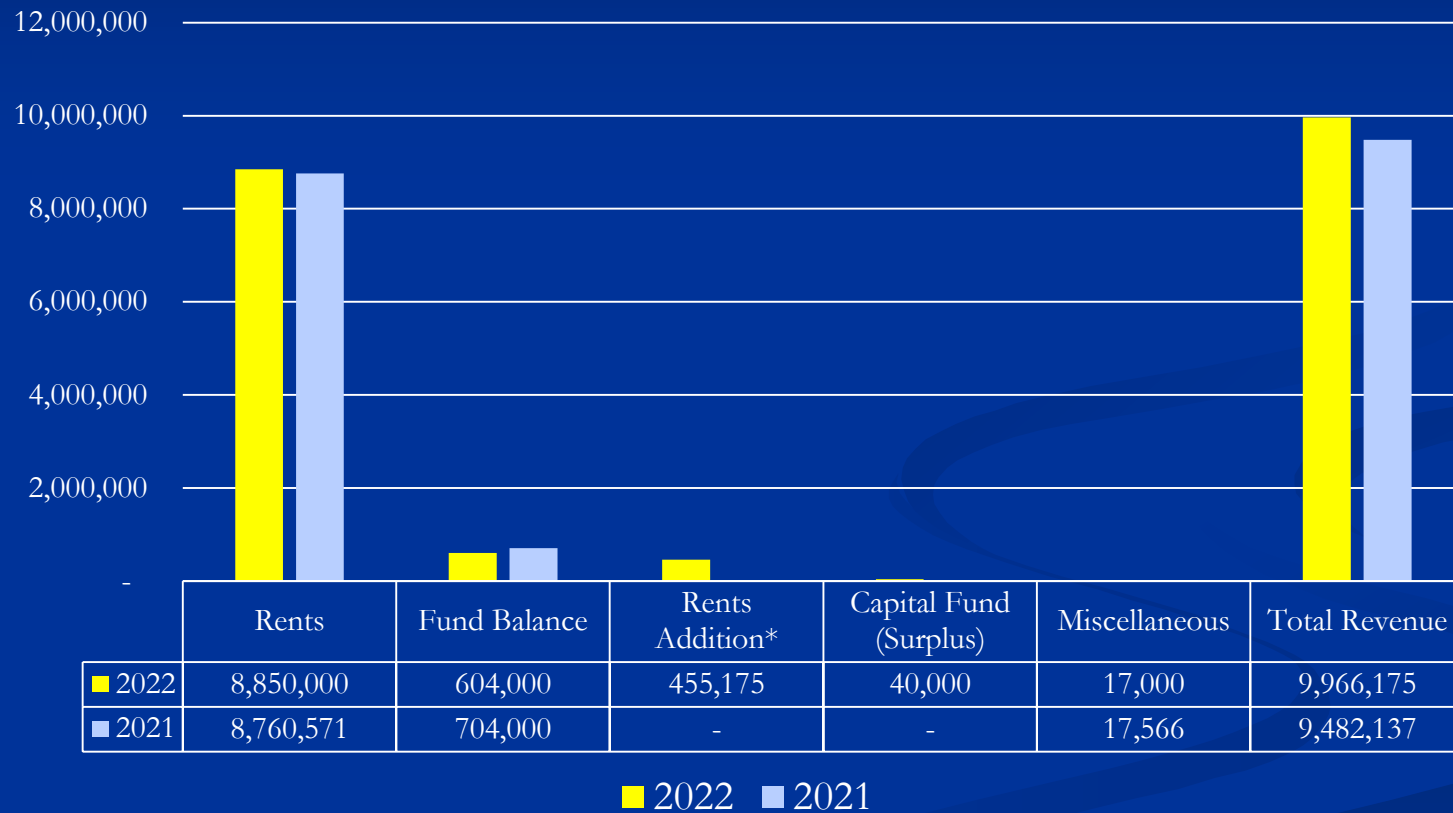


# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

1. PROPERTY TAX FUNDED:
  1. MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Including Library)
2. USAGE CHARGE FUNDED:
  1. POOL UTILITY
  2. WATER UTILITY
  3. **ELECTRIC UTILITY**



# Electric Revenue







# Rate Comparisons

	Park Ridge	PSE&G	Rockland P&G
Monthly Bill*	149.93	161.83	178.63
Yearly Bill	1,799.16	1,941.96	2,143.56

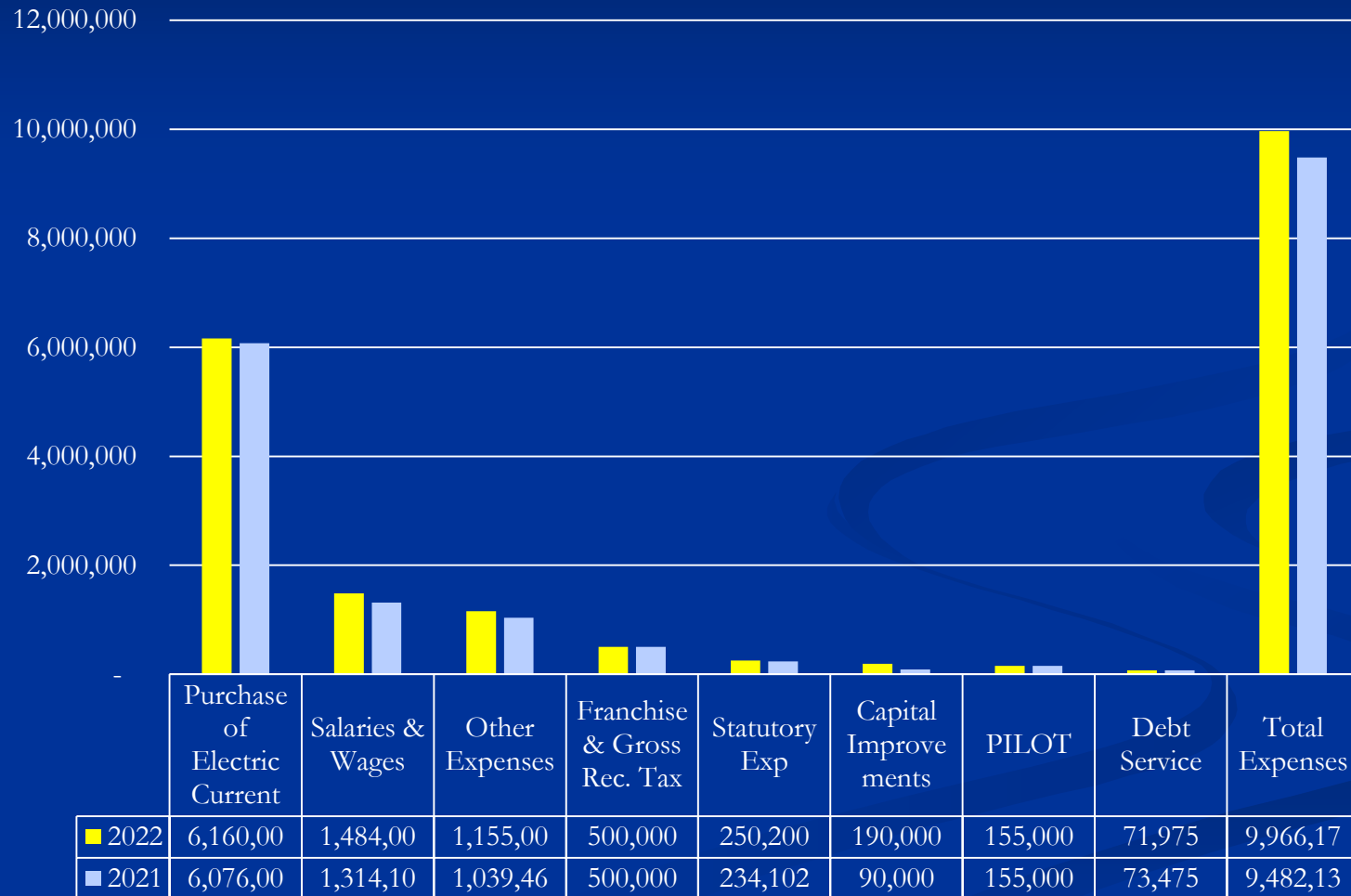
A Park Ridge Resident would pay \$142.80 or \$344.40 a year more from PSE&G and Rockland respectively\*

\*Based on average household usage of 900kWh per month





# Electric Expenses



2022 2021

2022-05-24





# Capital Outlay

- Transformers
- Cables
- Meters
- Distribution Materials
- Street Lighting Equipment
- Mill Street Substation

