

ORDINANCE #2023-19

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000 FROM EITHER THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OR THE 2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET TO FUND THE VILLAGE'S POTENTIAL AND FINAL SHARE OF THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF TWO PROPERTIES SITUATED IN RIDGEFIELD PARK (BLOCK 20.01, LOTS 3.03 AND 5.05) FOR OWNERSHIP BY THE RIDGEFIELD PARK NATURE PRESERVE TO MATCH AN OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND SURPLUS FUNDS ALLOCATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** On June 16, 2023, the Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance Number 2023-09 authorizing the acquisition of certain property for the use and ownership by the Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve; the property being a portion of the property at Block 20.01, Lots 3.03 and 5.05 as more particularly described in the aforesaid Ordinance Number 2023-9, and for the specific public purpose of adding property to the municipal green acres (open space) inventory for the public to enjoy and to preserve environmentally sensitive lands.

**Section 2.** The capital improvement, meaning the acquisition of the property in the amount of \$149,650 is to be paid from surplus Open Space tax funds, which said Open Space trust fund may need to be supplemented by the Village in the maximum amount of \$30,000, to complete the acquisition of the property for the benefit and ownership by the Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve.

**Section 3.** Should said \$30,000 be found to be necessary to be supplemented to provide the necessary Open Space funds for said property acquisition the Village may use funds from the 2024 Temporary (operating) Budget or the General Capital Improvement Fund.

**Section 4.** To provide for sufficient funds to acquire and close on the aforesaid property the amount of \$30,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Capital Improvement Fund. Said appropriation may be cancelled if the 2024 Temporary Budget is used to pay for the Village's potential contribution.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final passage.

  
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Commissioner Gerken

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Commissioner MacNeill

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Commissioner Olson

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Commissioner Portorreal

  
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Mayor Anlian

  
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Village Clerk  
Adopted on December 12, 2023