

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2025
7:30 P.M.
SYDNEY V. STOLDT, JR. COURT ROOM**

1. Call to Order - Mayor
2. Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
3. Roll Call of Current Village Council - Village Clerk
4. Flag Salute and Moment of Silence
5. Invocation - Reverend Dr. Arturo Lewis - Emmanuel Church
6. Comments from the Public (Not to exceed 3 minutes per person
- 40 minutes in total)
7. Approval of Minutes
8. Remarks by Village Councilmembers about Councilmember
Lorraine Reynolds
9. Remarks by Councilmember Lorraine Reynolds
10. Reading of Certificate of Election of Frank Mortimer -
Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk
11. Oath of Office Administered to Frank Mortimer by Bergen
County Executive James J. Tedesco, III
12. Remarks by Councilmember Frank Mortimer
13. Reading of Certificate of Election of Pamela R. Perron -
Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk
14. Oath of Office Administered to Pamela R. Perron by Heather A.
Mailander, Village Clerk
15. Remarks by Councilmember Pamela R. Perron
16. Reading of Certificate of Election of Paul Vagianos -
Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk

17. Oath of Office Administered to Paul Vagianos by United States Congressman Josh Gottheimer
18. Remarks by Councilmember Paul Vagianos
19. Roll Call of New Village Council - Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk
20. Call for Nominations for Office of Mayor by Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk
21. Administering of Oath of Office to Mayor by United States Congressman Josh Gottheimer
22. Call for Nomination for Office of Deputy Mayor by Mayor
23. Administering of Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor by Mayor Vagianos
24. Call for Nomination for Office of President Pro Tempore of the Village Council by Mayor
25. Administering of Oath of Office to President Pro Tempore of the Village Council by Deputy Mayor Pamela R. Perron
26. Remarks by Deputy Mayor
27. Remarks by Mayor
28. **RESOLUTIONS**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-1 THROUGH 25-36 ARE TO BE ADOPTED BY A CONSENT AGENDA, WITH ONE VOTE BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL. THERE IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION BESIDE EACH RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. EACH RESOLUTION WILL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY:

- 25-1 Approve 2025 Temporary Budgets** - Approves the 2025 Temporary Budgets for the General budget, the Water Utility budget, and the Parking Utility budget, which will fund Village operations prior to the adoption of the 2025 Budget
- 25-2 Appoint Village Attorney (NTE \$199,000)** - Appoints Matthew Rogers as the Village Attorney under a non-fair and open contract for a term of 1/1/2025-12/31/2025. The required Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office, as required by law.

- 25-3 Appoint Village Bond Attorney (NTE \$125,000) -**
Appoints McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann, L.L.C.,
75 Livingston Avenue, 2nd Floor, Roseland, NJ as
the Village Bond Attorney from 1/1/2025-12/31/2025
under a non-fair and open contract. The required Pay to
Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's
Office, as required by law.
- 25-4 Appoint Village Labor Attorney - (NTE \$75,000) -**
Appoints Dominick Bratti and Bratti Greenan, LLC,
1040 Broad Street, Suite 104, Shrewsbury, NJ as
the Village Labor Attorney under a non-fair and open
contract from 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023. The required Pay
to Play forms have filed with the Village Clerk's
Office, as required by law.
- 25-5 Appoint Village Auditor (NTE \$75,000) -** Appoints
Nisivoccia, LLP, 200 Valley Road, Suite 300, Mount
Arlington, NJ, as the Village Auditor, under a non-fair
and open contract. The required Pay to Play forms have
been filed with the Village Clerk's Office, as required
by law.
- 25-6 Appoint Professional Planner (NTE \$20,000) -** Appoints
John Barree, of Heyer Gruel & Associates, 236 Broad
Street, Red Bank, NJ as the Village Professional
Planner, under a non-fair and open contract from
1/1/2025-12/31/2025. The required Pay to Play forms
have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office, as
required by law.
- 25-7 Appoint Professional Planning Consultant for Affordable
Housing and Related Matters (NTE \$85,000) -** Appoints
Elizabeth McManus, LEED, AP, PP, AICP and Kyle +
McManus Associates, LLC, 2 East Broad Street, Hopewell,
NJ as the Village Professional Planning Consultant for
Affordable Housing and Related Matters under a non-fair
and open contract, from 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025. The
required Pay to Play forms have been filed with the
Village Clerk's Office, as required by law.
- 25-8 Appoint Village Prosecutor (NTE \$550/session, NTE
\$30,000 total) -** Appoints Mark P. Fierro, 1086 Teaneck
Road, Suite 3A, Teaneck, NJ as the Village Prosecutor
from 1/1/2025-12/31/2025, under a non-fair and open
contract. The required Pay to Play forms have been
filed with the Village Clerk's Office, as required by
law.
- 25-9 Appoint Public Defender (NTE \$10,000) -** Appoints David
Altieri as the Public Defender from 1/1/2025-12/31/2025

- 25-10 **Appoint Alternate Public Defender (NTE \$7,000) -**
Appoints Omid Irani as the Alternate Public Defender
from 1/1/2025-12/31/2025
- 25-11 **Award Professional Services Contract - Special Counsel
- Tax Exemption Matters for Properties Owned by Valley
Hospital in the Village of Ridgewood (NTE \$50,000) -**
Appoints Martin Allen of DiFrancesco, Bateman,
Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer, and Flaum, P.C., 15 Mountain
Boulevard, Warren, NJ as Special Counsel for tax
exemption matters related to Valley Hospital properties
in Ridgewood, under a non-fair and open contract. The
required Pay to Play forms have been filed with the
Village Clerk's Office, as required by law.
- 25-12 **Award Professional Services Contract - Risk Management
Consultant (NTE \$35,000) -** Awards a Professional
Services contract under a non-fair and open contract to
Brown and Brown Metro, LLC, 56 Livingston Avenue,
Roseland, NJ. The hiring of a Risk Management
Consultant is required under the Joint Insurance Fund's
bylaws, and the required Pay to Play forms have been
filed with the Village Clerk's Office, as required by
law.
- 25-13 **Award Professional Services Contract - Retainer for
Professional Land Surveyor Services (NTE \$1,900) -**
Awards a Professional Services Contract to Daniel M.
Dunn, Dunn Surveying and Mapping, P.A., 40 East
Prospect Street, Waldwick, NJ
- 25-14 **Award Professional Services Contract - Social Worker
(NTE \$18,000 for 6 months) -** Awards a contract to The
Senior Company, 434 Union Boulevard, Totowa, NJ for a
social worker for 24 hours per month for six months, to
be used by the Health, Police, and Building Departments
- 25-15 **Award Contract - Grant Writer (NTE \$39,600) -** Awards a
Professional Services contract to Millennium
Strategies, 60 Columbia Road, Suite 230, Morristown, NJ
- 25-16 **Appoint Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner -** Appoints
Keith Kazmark, Village Manager, as the JIF Fund
Commissioner for 2025
- 25-17 **Appoint Public Agency Compliance Officer -** Designates
Keith Kazmark, Village Manager, as the P.A.C.O. for
the Village of Ridgewood for the calendar year 2025
- 25-18 **Appoint Disability Coordinator -** Appoints Keith
Kazmark, Village Manager, as the Village's Disability
Coordinator for 2025

- 25-19 **Authorize Bergen County Police Chiefs Association Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force** - Authorizes the Ridgewood Police Department to participate in a County-wide Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to be used in times of emergency
- 25-20 **Adopt Form for Notice of Tort Claims** - Adopts a form for Notice of Tort Claims to be used by the Village of Ridgewood, upon the recommendation of the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund
- 25-21 **Certify Compliance with Federal Civil Rights Requirements** - Certifies that the Village of Ridgewood's hiring practices comply with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964", as amended, pertaining to the consideration of an individual's criminal history. This is required under P.L. 2017, c. 183, which requires that this be certified prior to the Village submitting its approved annual budget to the NJ Division of Local Government Services.
- 25-22 **Appoint Members to the Planning Board** - Appoints Rob Willis as a Class I member, as the Mayor's designee for a term that expires 12/31/26; John Young as a Class II member for a term that expires 12/31/25; Councilmember Pamela Perron as a Class III member for a term that expires 12/31/25; and Frances Barto for a term that expires 12/31/28
- 25-23 **Appoint Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment** - Appoints Diana Ruhl and Yelena Raytser as full members for terms that expire 12/31/28
- 25-24 **Appoint Member to Library Board of Trustees** - Appoints Rebecca Rubenstein as a member of the Library Board of Trustees for a term that expires on 12/31/29
- 25-25 **Appoint Members to Citizens Safety Advisory Committee** - Appoints John Prieto, David Rosen and Elizabeth Rottinger as resident members, to terms that expire on 12/31/26; Sheila Brogan as the Ridgewood Board of Education Member, Christopher Rutishauser, Village Engineer, or his designee, and Chief Forest Lyons or his designee for terms that expire 12/31/26
- 25-26 **Appoint Members to the Open Space Committee** - Appoints James Bostler as a regular member to a term that expires 12/31/26. Also appoints David Sayles (PRC Board representative) and Robert Lasky (Field Committee) to terms that expire 12/31/25.

- 25-27 Appoint Members to Central Business District Advisory Committee** - Appoints Philip Davis as the representative for the Ridgewood Chamber of Commerce and Stephen Del Percio to terms that expire 12/31/26. Also appoints Stacey Tsapatsaris as a regular member, business owner, to a term that expires on 12/31/25. In addition, appoints Councilmember Pamela Perron and Police Chief Forest Lyons or his designee to terms that expire 12/31/25.
- 25-28 Appoint Members to Green Team Advisory Committee** - Appoints Michael Faherty and Manpreet Tyagi as Citizen Members to terms that expire on 12/31/27; and Christopher Rutishauser, Village Engineer or his designee to a term that expires on 12/31/25
- 25-29 Appoint Members to Green Ridgewood** - Appoints Saurabh Dani as the Ridgewood Board of Education representative and Jill Fasano as the Village representative for terms that will expire on December 31, 2025; and Peter Jerdee and David Refkin as Citizen Members for a term that will expire on 12/31/27
- 25-30 Appoint Members to the Shade Tree Commission** - Appoints Nancy Brennan Hill and Tim Hlavacek as Regular Members to terms that expire 12/31/27; and Victoria Van Dyke as the representative from the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Board to a term that expires on 12/31/25
- 25-31 Appoint Members to the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Board** - Appoints Victoria Van Dyke and Kate Heighington to terms that expires 12/31/27
- 25-32 Appoint Member to Historic Preservation Commission** - Appoints Tess Giuliani as a Class A Member to a term that expires on 12/31/28
- 25-33 Appoint Members to Pride Day Committee** - Appoints Jan Philips, Larisa Shlahet, and Jeanne Theisen to terms that expire on 12/31/26 and Mayor Paul Vagianos as the Village Council liaison to a term that expires on 12/31/25
- 25-34 Appoint Members to Residential Flood Advisory Committee** - Appoints the following resident members: Christine Fleischman (Saddle River), Barbara Sacks (Ho-Ho-Kus Brook), and Gerald Maurer (Stormwater) to terms that expire on 12/31/27; and Montserrat Limón (Saddle River), Juliann Ofodile (Ho-Ho-Kus Brook), and Laurie Howard (Stormwater) to terms that will expire on December 31, 2026. Also appoints Joan Hubertus as the Green Ridgewood member to a term that expires on 12/31/26.

- 25-35 Appoint Members to Project Pride** – Appoints Ridgewood Residents: Nancy Brennan Hill, Maria Gilosa, Cynthia Halaby, James Morgan, and Cavan Sieczkowski; Ridgewood Guild Representative Tony Damiano; Landscaper Representatives: Chris Raimondi, Raimondi Horticultural Group, Mike Tarleton, TLC Landscaping, and Blythe Yost, Rockfield Landscape to terms that will expire on 12/31/27. In addition, appoints Nancy Bigos, Director of Parks and Recreation and Matthew Andreula, Supervisor of Parks and Shade Tree to terms that will
- 25-36 Appoint Village Councilmembers as Liaisons to Various Boards and Committees** - Appoints Village Councilmembers as Liaisons to various boards and committees through December 31, 2025 expire on 12/31/27.

29. Comments from the Public (Not to Exceed 3 minutes per person)

30. Adjournment