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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2025
7:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order - Mayor
2. Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
3. Roll Call - Village Clerk
4. Flag Salute
5. Acceptance of Financial Reports
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Proclamations
 - A. Recognize Ridgewood Lunar New Year Festival
 - B. Jamboree Days

Pursuant to Chapter 3-19 of the Code of the Village of Ridgewood, Manner of Addressing Council, and Chapter 3-20, Decorum, the Village Council meetings shall be conducted in the following manner:

Manner of Addressing Council

Persons other than Councilmembers may be permitted to address the Council in the proper order of business. A person present may, upon recognition by the Chair, be heard either upon ordinances upon second reading or at the time of petitions and oral communications from the public and at such other times as the Council may, by majority vote of those present, specifically permit. No person shall address any remark or question to any specific Councilmember, nor shall any person be permitted to address the Chair while a motion is pending. A

Councilmember may, through the Chair, respond to any communication or address received pursuant to this section.

Decorum

Any person who shall disturb the peace of the Council, make impertinent or slanderous remarks or conduct himself in a boisterous manner while addressing the Council shall be forthwith barred by the presiding officer from further audience before the Council, except that if the speaker shall submit to proper order under these rules, permission for him to continue may be granted by a majority vote of the Council.

8. Comments from the Public (Not to exceed 3 minutes per person - 40 minutes in total)

9. State of the Village - Mayor Paul Vagianos

10. Village Manager's Report

11. Village Council Reports

12. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

13. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

14. RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-38 THROUGH 25-76 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:

25-38 Award Sole Source Contract - CUBES Software for Ridgewood Water Automated Customer Collection Process (NTE \$53,000) - Awards a sole source contract to Computil, LLC, 30 Controls Drive, Shelton, CT

25-39 Award Contract - Eastside Distribution Water Main Replacement (NTE \$2,673,000) - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Matina & Son, Inc., 146 English Street, Hackensack, NJ

25-40 Title 59 Approval - Replacement of Water Service Line - Main to Curb - Approves the plans and specifications for Water Service Line (Main-Curb) Replacements, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59

- 25-41 **Award Contract - Replacement of Water Service Line - Main to Curb (NTE \$200,000)** - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Conquest Construction, Inc., 450 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ
- 25-42 **Title 59 Approval - Tree Maintenance Services** - Approves the plans and specifications for Tree Maintenance Services, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-43 **Award Contract - Tree Maintenance Services(NTE \$80,000)** - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Almstead Tree, Shrub, and Lawn Care Company, 504 High Mountain Road, North Haledon, NJ
- 25-44 **Title 59 Approval - Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hypochlorite** - Approves the plans and specifications for Furnishing and Delivering of Sodium Hypochlorite, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-45 **Award Contract - Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hypochlorite (NTE \$124,000)** - Awards a contract to the sole responsible bidder, PVS Minibulk, Inc., 10900 Harper Avenue, Detroit, MI
- 25-46 **Title 59 Approval - Line Stop and Valve Insertion Services** - Approves the plans and specifications for Line Stop and Valve Insertion Services for the Years 2024 and 2025, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-47 **Award Contract - Line Stop and Valve Insertion Services (NTE \$100,000)** - Awards a contract to the sole responsible bidder, ConQuest Construction, Inc., 450 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ
- 25-48 **Title 59 Approval - Servicing and Repair of Potable Water Wells and Pumping Facilities** - Approves the plans and specifications for Servicing and Repair of Potable Water Wells & Pumping Facilities, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-49 **Award Contract - Servicing and Repair of Potable Water Wells and Pumping Facilities (NTE \$500,000)** - Awards a contract to the sole responsible bidder, William Stothoff Company, 27 Minneakoning Road, Suite 100, Flemington, NJ
- 25-50 **Title 59 Approval - Pipe and Appurtenances** - Approves the plans and specifications for Pipe & Appurtenances, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-51 **Award Contract - Pipe and Appurtenances (NTE \$415,000)** - Awards a contract to the low bidder for valves, fittings, clamps/sleeves, hydrants, boxes and brass to Capitol Supply Construction, LLC, 149 Old Turnpike Road, Wayne, NJ; awards a contract to the low bidder for hydrants and pipe to Raritan Group, Inc., 301

Meadow Road, Edison, NJ; and awards a contract to the low bidder for hydrants and copper tubing to Ferguson Waterworks, 507 Oak Glen Road, Howell, NJ

- 25-52 Title 59 Approval - Infrared Asphalt Surface Repair -**
Approves the plans and specifications for Infrared Asphalt Surface Repair, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-53 Award Contract - Infrared Asphalt Surface Repair (NTE \$175,000) -** Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Atlantic Infrared, Inc., 5042 Industrial Road, Suite A, Wall, NJ
- 25-54 Title 59 Approval - Concrete Pavement and Sidewalk Restoration -** Approves the plans and specifications for Concrete Pavement & Sidewalk Restoration, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-55 Award Contract - Concrete Pavement and Sidewalk Restoration (NTE \$50,000) -** Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, ConQuest Construction, Inc., 450 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ
- 25-56 Title 59 Approval - Cold Water Meters and Accessories -**
Approves the plans and specifications for Cold Water Meters and Accessories, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-57 Award Contract - Cold Water Meters and Accessories (NTE \$223,451.70) -** Awards a contract to the sole responsible bidder, Rio Supply, Inc., 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ
- 25-58 Title 59 Approval - Asphalt Trench Repair -** Approves the plans and specifications for Asphalt Trench Repair, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-59 Award Contract - Asphalt Trench Repair (NTE \$50,000) -** Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, ConQuest Construction, Inc., 450 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ
- 25-60 Title 59 Approval - Annual PFAS Laboratory Analysis Services -** Approves the plans and specifications for Annual PFAS Laboratory Analysis Services, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-61 Award Contract - Annual PFAS Laboratory Analysis Services (NTE \$90,080) -** Awards the first year of a two year contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Pace Analytical Services, LLC, 1275 Bloomfield Avenue, Building 6, Fairfield, NJ
- 25-62 Title 59 Approval - Annual Laboratory Analysis Services -** Approves the plans and specifications for Annual Laboratory Analysis Services, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-63 Award Contract - Laboratory Analysis Services (NTE \$177,755) -** Awards the first year of a two year contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Pace

Analytical, LLC, 1275 Bloomfield Avenue, Building 6,
Fairfield, NJ

- 25-64 **Title 59 Approval - Landscaping Services** - Approves the plans and specifications for Landscaping Services for Ridgewood Water, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-65 **Award Contract - Landscaping Services (NTE \$149,950)** - Awards the second year of a two year contract to the sole responsible bidder, LTI, Inc., 122 Main Road, Montville, NJ
- 25-66 **Title 59 Approval - Servicing and Repair of Electric Source** - Approves the plans and specifications for Servicing and Repair of Electric Source, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-67 **Award Contract - Servicing and Repair of Electric Source (NTE \$250,000)** - Awards the second year of a two-year contract to Vanore Electric, Inc., 238 High Street, Hackensack, NJ
- 25-68 **Title 59 Approval - Water Billing and Data Collection Services** - Approves the plans and specifications for Water Billing and Data Collection Services, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-69 **Award Contract - Water Billing and Data Collection Services (NTE \$343,068)** - Awards a one-year extension of a contract for 2025 to the sole responsible bidder, Computil, Inc., 30 Controls Drive, Shelton, CT
- 25-70 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing - Material and Supplies - Facilities Maintenance, Repair, Operating Supplies and Janitorial Supplies (NTE \$65,000)** - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing to Grainger, Government Call Center, 1001 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ
- 25-71 **Award Contract Under County Contract - Materials and Supplies for Water Main Repairs (NTE \$100,000)** - Awards a contract under Bergen County Contract to Braen Stone Industries, Inc., 400-402 Central Avenue, Haledon, NJ
- 25-72 **Award Contract Under State Contract - Field Service for Equipment for Monitoring and Reporting Water Quality Testing (NTE \$74,980)** - Awards a contract under State contract to Hach Company, 5600 Lindbergh Drive, Loveland, CO
- 25-73 **Award Professional Services Contract - SCADA System - Software and Support (NTE \$22,549.26)** - Awards a Professional Services Contract to the sole source provider, Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solution, Inc., 200 Beta Drive, Pittsburgh, PA
- 25-74 **Award Professional Services Contract - Hydrogeologic Consulting Services (NTE \$109,000)** - Awards a

- Professional Services Contract to WSP, USA, 600 East Crescent Avenue, Suite 200, Upper Saddle River, NJ
- 25-75 Authorize Change Order - Water Service Line Replacements - Main to Curb (NTE \$49,000)** - Authorizes a change order to the original lowest responsible bidder, Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ. This change order is necessary so that Shauger Property Service, Inc., can continue to assist Ridgewood Water in continuing to replace main to curb lead lines as a stopgap measure until the I-Bank Lead Service Line Replacement Contract 1 begins in June 2025.
- 25-76 Refund Water Overpayment - 345 Manor Road (NTE \$1,481.98)** - Refunds the former owner of 345 Manor Road, as both she and the Title Company paid the water bill when the property was sold, resulting in an overpayment.

15. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

- 4028 - Amend Various Salary Ordinances** - Amends Blue Collar, Non-Union and Management salary ordinances
- 4029 - Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Establish Stop Sign on Heights Road at Avondale Road** - Establishes a stop sign on Heights Road at the intersection of Avondale Road
- 4030 - Amend Chapter 260 - Tree Protection, Removal, and Replacement** - Replaces Chapter 260 in its entirety with a new Chapter 260, entitled, Tree Protection, Removal, and Replacement
- 4031 - Amend Chapter 3 - Administration of Government - Establish Additional Police Sergeant Position and Add to Police Department Table of Organization** - Establishes an additional Police Sergeant position, which allows for the hiring of an additional Police Sergeant

16. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

17. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-77 THROUGH 25-95 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:

- 25-77 Authorize Tax Assessor/Tax Collector to File Appeals and/or Settlement Stipulations** - Authorizes the Tax Assessor and/or Tax Collector to file tax appeals

and/or settlement stipulations with the Bergen County Board of Taxation for the purpose of correcting assessment errors for the year 2025. This resolution also authorizes the Tax Assessor, in conjunction with the Village Attorney, to conduct settlement negotiations in matters pending before the Tax Court New Jersey in 2025.

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25-78 Award Contracts - 2025 Recreational Program Instruction
 - Awards contracts to various vendors for various recreational program instruction for the year 2025

25-79 Title 59 Approval - Landfill Disposal of Solid Waste -
 Approves the plans and specifications for Landfill Disposal of Solid Waste, prepared by the Operations Director, pursuant to Title 59

25-80 Award Contract - Landfill Disposal of Solid Waste (NTE \$872,860) - Awards the second year of a two-year contract to the sole responsible bidder, I.W.S. Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc., 300 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Suite 39, Teaneck, NJ

25-81 Award Contract Under State Contract - Purchase, Installation, and Repair of Vehicles and Equipment - Police Department (NTE \$60,000) - Awards a contract under State Contract to Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ

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25-82 Authorize Change Order - Additional Restoration of Pavement at Chestnut Street Garage (NTE \$3,835) - Authorizes change order #2 to the original lowest responsible bidder, Betts Environmental Service, 160 Hamburg Turnpike, Butler, NJ. This change order is necessary due to the fact that additional asphalt pavement restoration was required to cover areas where unexpected contaminated materials were excavated and removed.

25-83 Award Contract - Diamond C Trailer - Parks and Recreation (NTE \$21,057.50) - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible quote from Hampton RV Sales, Inc., 54 Hampton House Road (Route 206), Newton, NJ

25-84 Authorize Shared Services Agreement - Maintenance and Repairs - Police Motorcycles (Paramus) - Authorizes the Village of Ridgewood to enter into and execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for the maintenance and repairs of the two Police Department motorcycles. This Shared Services Agreement is necessary due to the fact that the

Village of Ridgewood does not have mechanics who are
certified to work on the motorcycles.

25-85 Authorize Installation of NJ Transit Bus Shelter at Ridgewood High School and Authorize Execution of Agreements - Authorizes the installation of a NJ Transit bus shelter on the westbound direction of East Ridgewood Avenue, near Ridgewood High School. NJ Transit will install the bus shelter, and the Village will be responsible for the bus shelter's maintenance and upkeep. Also authorizes the Village Manager to execute all required agreements.

25-86 Authorize Execution of Agreement for Use of 33 Douglas Place by The Valley Hospital Paramedics - Authorizes the Mayor, Village Manager, and Village Clerk to execute an Agreement for the use of 33 Douglas Place by The Valley Hospital paramedics. The paramedics will be permitted to use the kitchen, restrooms, lounge area, and one parking place. There will be no cost to Valley Hospital or the Village of Ridgewood during the one-year trial period.

25-87 Accept Donation - Enhance Programming at the Ridgewood Community Center - Accepts a \$1,000 donation from North Jersey Masters to the Ridgewood Community Center to enhance programming in the Community Center

25-88 Authorize Application for NJ Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant and Execution of Grant Agreement - Enhance Graydon Park Skate Park - Authorizes the application and submission of a grant for up to \$100,000 to the NJ Department of Community Affairs for enhancing the Graydon Park Skate Park. Also authorizes the execution of the grant agreement and the expenditure of grant funds, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the grant.

25-89 Authorize Endorsement of Community Development Block Grant - SHARE, Inc. - Roof Repairs - 130 Prospect Street - Confirms the endorsement of an \$115,000 Community Development Block grant. This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the Village but will expedite the expenditure of Community Development funds.

25-90 Authorize Endorsement of Community Development Block Grant - SHARE, Inc. - Roof Repairs - 104 Cottage Place - Confirms the endorsement of a \$43,000 Community Development Block grant. This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the Village but will expedite the expenditure of Community Development funds.

- 25-91 **Authorize Endorsement of Community Development Block Grant - Children's Aid and Family Services - Installation of Generator - 29 Washington Place -** Confirms the endorsement of a \$16,575 Community Development Block grant. This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the Village but will expedite the expenditure of Community Development funds.
- 25-92 **Authorize Endorsement of Community Development Block Grant - Children's Aid and Family Services - Replacement of HVAC System - 29 Washington Place -** Confirms the endorsement of a \$11,000 Community Development Block grant. This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the Village but will expedite the expenditure of Community Development funds.
- 25-93 **Authorize Endorsement of Community Development Block Grant - Family Promise of Bergen County - Accelerating Family Futures with Job Readiness -** Confirms the endorsement of a \$16,575 Community Development Block grant. This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the Village but will expedite the expenditure of Community Development funds.
- 25-94 **Authorize Execution of Lease for Social Services Association's Use of Ridgewood Train Station for Food Pantry -** Authorizes the Mayor and Village Clerk to execute the Lease for Social Services Association's use of the Ridgewood Train Station for their food pantry, administrative offices, and meeting rooms, from 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2029
- 25-95 **Appoint Member to Shade Tree Commission -** Appoints Andrew Gorman to the Shade Tree Commission to a term that expires on 12/31/2025

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

19. Resolution to go into Closed Session

20. Closed Session

 Personnel - Appointments to Boards and Committees

21. Adjournment