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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 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. Appointment and Swearing-in of Deputy Village Clerk
 - a. **Resolution 25-103 - Appoint Jennifer Natoli as Deputy Village Clerk**
 - b. Swearing-in of Jennifer Natoli as Deputy Village Clerk
8. Proclamations
 - A. Read Across America Day
 - B. Super Science Saturday
 - C. Dad's Night Days - Hawes School and Somerville School
 - D. Proclaim March American Red Cross Month
 - E. Proclaim March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

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.

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

10. Village Manager's Report

11. Village Council Reports

12. RESOLUTION

25-104 Authorize Temporary Water Capital Budget and Temporary General Capital Budget - Approves funding for the down payment for the Water Utility ordinance which appropriates funds from the Water Capital Fund Surplus to purchase SCADA and Security upgrades at various facilities. Also approves funding for the general capital bond ordinance for the 2025 road resurfacing, streetscape, and other related road work; and the purchase of two packer sanitation trucks, including all related costs and expenditures.

13. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

4032 - Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Water Capital Fund Surplus - SCADA and Security Upgrades at Various Facilities (NTE \$350,000) - Appropriates funds from the Water Capital Fund Surplus to fund the purchase of SCADA and Security Upgrades at various facilities

14. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

15. RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-105 THROUGH 25-113 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:

- 25-105 Award Contract - Qualified End User - Soil Removal, Testing and Disposal of Ridgewood Water's Soil Spoils (NTE \$100,000)** - Awards a contract to a "Qualified End User", REBCO Contracting Corporation, 541 Stuyvesant Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ
- 25-106 Award Emergency Contract - Emergency Construction - Water Main Break (NTE \$16,534.08)** - Awards an emergency contract to excavate, locate, and repair a water main break to Conquest Construction, Inc., 450 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ
- 25-107 Award Sole Source Contract - Exchange of Granular Activated Carbon - Carr Treatment Plant and Twinney Treatment Plant (NTE \$278,400)** - Awards a sole source contract to Calgon Carbon Corporation, 300 GSK Drive, Moon Township, PA
- 25-108 Award Sole Source Contract - ControlWave RTU Panel Design & Fabrication - Linwood Well**
- 25-109 Award Sole Source Contract - Furnishing Corrosion Inhibitor (NTE \$285,080.40)** - Awards a sole source contract for corrosion control to ESC Environmental, 6 Redwood Drive, Glenville, NY
- 25-110 Award Contract Under Educational Services Commission of NJ - Security Improvements at Various Water Facilities (NTE \$305,855.43)**- Awards a contract under ESCNJ to Open System Integrators, Inc., 211 Yardville Hamilton Square Road, Hamilton, NJ
- 25-111 Award Professional Services Contract - Professional Engineering Services - Design and Permitting - West Glen Booster Station (NTE \$45,00)** - Awards a Professional Services Contract for professional engineering services to Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ.

The required Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office.

25-112 Accept Ridgewood Water Annual Maintenance Fee - Accepts an operating and administrative maintenance fee from Ridgewood Water based on the amount of total tax indicated by the assessed value of the land owned by Ridgewood Water

25-113 Establish Interest Rates for Delinquent Payments to the Water Utility for 2025 and Set Grace Period for Payment of Water Utility Bills - Sets an interest rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 and 18% per annum on a balance over \$1,500 for the non-payment of water utility bills in excess of \$50. Also sets a 30-day grace period for the payment of all water bills. In addition, a 6% per annum penalty may be charged on any fiscal year delinquency in excess of \$10,000 in paying a water bill, as is imposed on taxpayers for the non-payment of taxes.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, NUMBERED 25-114, WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND READ IN FULL:

25-114 Award Emergency Contract - Tree Removal - Water Main Break (NTE \$4,850)

16. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

4033 - Establish Berkshire Road as a Through Street and Establish Stop Signs on Intersections with Berkshire Road -

Establishes Berkshire Road from Grove Street to Ellington Road as a through street, which allows Stop Signs to be placed at the cross streets with Berkshire Road

4034 - Bond Ordinance - Paving of Various Roads and Purchase of Packer Sanitation Trucks (NTE \$2,765,550) -

Appropriates funding for paving of various roads and purchase of packer sanitation trucks

4035 - Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Parking Regulations on Library Place, Corsa Terrace and Southwest Parking Lot Area of Pease Building - Establishes parking regulations to delineate the parking spaces to be used by employees of and visitors to Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch, located at the Pease Building

4036 - Establish 2025 Significant Sewer Discharger Fees -
Establishes significant sewer discharger fees for 2025

17. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

4028 - Amend Various Salary Ordinances

4029 - Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Establish Stop Sign on Heights Road at Avondale Road

- 4030 - Amend Chapter 260 - 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

18. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-115 THROUGH 25-143 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:

- 25-115 **Award Contract - Disposal of Recyclable Materials (NTE \$72,000)** - Awards a contract to Atlantic Coast Recycling, 101 7th Street, Passaic, NJ
- 25-116 **Award Contract - 2025 Concession Refreshment Service - Graydon Pool** - Awards a contract to the sole proposal from Legacy Hospitality & Entertainment Group, LLC, 155 Willowbrook Boulevard #110, Wayne, NJ. They will pay the Village \$13,000 for the summer season for the opportunity to run the concession refreshment service for Graydon Pool.
- 25-117 **Award Contract - Annual Maintenance for Software for Finance Department (NTE \$25,000)** - Awards a contract to Edmunds & Associates, 301 Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ
- 25-118 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract - Rental of Two Trucks - Sanitation Department (NTE \$73,000)** - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract to Premier Truck Sales & Rental, Inc., 7700 Wall Street, Cleveland, OH, for the continued rental of two sanitation packer trucks, until the Village is able to purchase the trucks, later this year
- 25-119 **Award Contract Under State Contract - Dissolved Oxygen Sensor System for Aeration Tanks - Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$17,822.57)** - Award a contract under State Contract to Miller Energy, Inc., 3200 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ
- 25-120 **Award Contract Under State Contract - 2024 Ford F-550 Chassis and Dump Body - Streets Department (NTE \$84,396)** - Awards a contract under State Contract to Route 23 Automall, LLC, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ
- 25-121 **Award Contract Under State Contract - 2024 Ford F-550 Truck with Dump Body - Streets Department (NTE \$82,616)** - Awards a contract under State Contract to Route 23 Automall, LLC, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ
- 25-122 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract - Snowplows for Ford F-550 Trucks -**

Streets Department (NTE \$15,942.60) - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract to FDR Hitches, 1173 Goffle Road, Hawthorne, NJ

25-123 Award Contract Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission - Additional Storm System Cleaning and TV Inspection of Sewer Mains (NTE \$40,000) - Awards a contract under Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Cooperative Pricing to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Company, Inc., 285 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ

25-124 Award Contract Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Through Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission - Two Anaerobic Digester Mixers - Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$462,900) - Awards a contract under Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Cooperative Pricing to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Company, Inc., 285 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ

25-125 Award Contract Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Through Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission - Two Return Activated Sludge Pumps - Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$219,480) - Awards a contract under Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Cooperative Pricing to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Company, Inc., 285 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ

25-126 Award Contract Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Through Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission - One Skid Mounted Non-Potable Water Booster System - Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$248,990) - Awards a contract under Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Cooperative Pricing to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Company, Inc., 285 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ

25-127 Award Contract Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Through Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission - Trailer-Mounted Diesel By-Pass Pump for Clarifiers - Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$163,225) - Awards a contract under Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Cooperative Pricing to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Company, Inc., 285 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ

25-128 Authorize Shared Services Agreement - Maintenance of Fire and Traffic Signals (Ho-Ho-Kus) - Authorizes

a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Ho-
Ho-Kus which will pay the Village for repair and
maintenance of traffic signals; traffic signage;
and maintenance, service and upkeep of the Gamewell
fiber optic network

25-129 Establish Interest Rate for Delinquent Taxes and Non-Payment of Assessments and Other Municipal Liens for 2025 and Set Grace Period and Due Date - Authorizes the Tax Collector to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 becoming delinquent after the due date. Also allows for a ten-day grace period for quarterly tax payments and a due date at 25 days from the date of Village Council certification of costs for other municipal liens. In addition, the Tax Collector is authorized to charge a 6% per annum penalty on any fiscal year delinquency in excess of \$10,000.

25-130 Establish Interest Rates for Delinquent Payments for Significant Sewer Discharger Bills for 2025 - Sets an interest rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 and 18% per annum on a balance over \$1,500 for the non-payment of significant sewer discharge bills. Also sets a 30-day grace period for all bills. In addition, a 6% per annum penalty may be charged on any fiscal year delinquency in excess of \$10,000 in paying a significant sewer discharger bill, as is imposed on taxpayers for the non-payment of taxes.

25-131 Authorize Electronic Tax Sales - Authorizes the Tax Collector to continue to conduct electronic tax sales through New Jersey Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com, as allowed by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

25-132 Authorize Cancellation of Tax Overpayments and Delinquent Amounts - Authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel delinquent property taxes and refund property tax overpayments in amounts of less than \$10

25-133 Authorize Tax Collector to Charge for Mailing of Tax Sale Notices - Authorizes the Tax Collector to charge \$25 per mailing of the tax sale notice and add it to the cost of the tax sale, in lieu of any two publications of the tax sale notice

25-134 Accept Donation - Natural Stone Bench - Accepts the donation of a natural stone bench from the Women Gardeners of Ridgewood, which is being given to the Village in celebration of their 100th anniversary. The Women Gardeners of Ridgewood do not have applications before any Village Boards or Committees at this time.

- 25-135 Authorize 2024 Budget Reserve Transfers** - Transfers money in the 2024 budget from departments that have excess funds to those departments that do not have adequate funds
- 25-136 Authorize Execution of Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract - Grant for Municipal Park Project - Veterans Field Installation of Energy-Efficient LED Lighting** - Authorizes the Mayor to sign the Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract for the grant for the installation of energy-efficient LED Lighting at Veterans Field. This resolution also acknowledges that the Village will be reimbursed the \$103,323 grant after the submission of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents as well as proofs of payment by the Village.
- 25-137 Appoint Members to Planning Board** - Appoints Reese Campbell as a Class IV Member to the unexpired term of Darlene Johnson which expires 12/31/25; Elizabet Timofeeva as Alternate #1, which term expires 12/31/26; and Sammy Thomas as Alternate #2 to an unexpired term which expires 12/31/25
- 25-138 Appoint Members to Zoning Board of Adjustment** - Appoints Khidir Abdalla as Alternate #1 to an unexpired term which expires 12/31/25; and Matthew Swan as Alternate #2, which term expires 12/31/26
- 25-139 Appoint Members to Green Ridgewood** - Appoints Jane Rouse as a Citizen Member, which term expires 12/31/27 and Victoria Van Dyke as the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Board member, which term expires 12/31/25
- 25-140 Appoint Members to Ridgewood Green Team Advisory Committee** - Appoints Geri Atwood and Joseph Ferrante as Citizen Members to terms that expire 12/31/26
- 25-141 Appoint Members to Central Business District Advisory Committee** - Appoints Glenn Carlough and Tom Hillmann as Business Owners to terms that expire 12/31/26; Miranda Soffian as a Resident Member to fill an unexpired term which expires 12/31/25; Rebecca Tatlock as a Resident Member to a term that expires 12/31/26; and David Rosen as a Resident Member who is also a Member of the Citizens Safety Advisory Committee to a term that expires 12/31/26
- 25-142 Appoint Member to Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Committee** - Appoints James Van Goor as the Planning Board Member to a term that expires 12/31/25 and Alex Pastore as a Ridgewood resident member to a term that expires 12/31/26
- 25-143 Appoint Member to Historic Preservation Commission** - Appoints Michael Stern as a Class C member from the

Planning Board, for the duration of his term on the
Planning Board, which is 12/31/26

19. Comments from the Public (Not to Exceed 3 minutes per person)
20. Resolution to go into Closed Session
21. Closed Session
Legal - Contract with Economic Development Strategists, LLC
22. Adjournment