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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 12, 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. National Poison Prevention Week 2025
 - B. World Down Syndrome Day
 - C. World Autism Day

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. Village Manager's Report

10. Village Council Reports

11. RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, NUMBERED 25-147, WILL BE ADOPTED BY A CONSENT AGENDA, WITH ONE VOTE BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL. THERE IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION BESIDE THE RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY:

25-147 Authorize Temporary Water Capital Budget and Temporary General Capital Budget - Approves funding for the down payment for the Water Utility Capital Budget ordinance, which provides funding for various Water Utility improvements and the down payment for the General Capital Budget ordinance, which provides funding for various capital improvements for all Village departments

12. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

4037 - Amend Chapter 145- Fees - Establish 2025 Ridgewood Water Rates, Facilities Charge, and PFAS Treatment Charge - Sets new water rates at a 9% increase from 2024. Also continues the charge to fund PFAS treatment, which will be charged quarterly.

4038 - Amend Chapter 269 - Water - Proof of Lead or Galvanized Service Line Replacement - For properties that have lead or galvanized service lines, for a new Ridgewood Water Account, Ridgewood Water may require proof that the line has been replaced or that the property is enrolled in the Lead Service Line Replacement Program or the property owner has contracted with a private plumbing contractor to replace their service line before a new account is created.

In addition, prior to the sale or transfer of ownership of a property and prior to the creation of a new Ridgewood Water account, the property owner shall provide proof to Ridgewood Water that any lead or galvanized service line has been replaced, the property is enrolled in the Lead Service Line Replacement Program or the property owner has contracted with a private plumbing contractor to replace their service line.

- 4039 - Bond Ordinance - Water Utility Capital (NTE \$4,992,000) -**
Appropriates this money for various capital improvements for Ridgewood Water

13. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

- 4032 - Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Water Capital Fund Surplus - SCADA and Security Upgrades at Various Facilities (NTE \$350,000)**

14. RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-148 THROUGH 25-151, 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:

- 25-148 Award Sole Source Contract - Corrosion Control at Passaic Valley Water Commission Interconnection (NTE \$12,805.59)** - Awards a sole source contract to Carus, LLC, 315 5th Street, Peru, IL
- 25-149 Award Contract - Leak Detection Services - Intermediate Zone (NTE \$19,800)** - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible quote from FSC Leak Detection, 805 Preakness Avenue, Wayne, NJ
- 25-150 Award Contract - HVAC Maintenance and Repair (NTE \$55,000)** - Awards the second year of a two-year contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Unitemp Mechanical Degrees, Inc., 26 Worlds Fair Drive, Unit D, Somerset, NJ
- 25-151 Award Professional Services Contract - Construction Administration - Eastside, Main and Mountain PFAS Treatment Facilities (NTE \$1,498,278.61)** - Awards a non-fair and open contract to Arcadis U.S., Inc., 17-17 Route 208 North, Suite 200, Fair Lawn, NJ. The Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's office, as required by law.

15. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

- 4040 - **Amend Chapter 156 - Food and Food Handling Establishments - Establish Definition of Temporary Events** - Defines Temporary Events for food vendors
- 4041 - **Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Health Department Annual Fees for Temporary Events** - Establishes an annual Temporary Event fee of \$150 for food vendors
- 4042 - **Amend Chapter 105 - Animals - Prohibit Wildlife Feeding Ordinance** - This ordinance is being enacted to protect public health, safety, and welfare. It prohibits unconfined wildlife feeding on public and private property. A person is allowed to have a birdfeeder that at its lowest point is six feet off of the ground with a food/seed catching device attached to it, and has a restrictive opening. In addition, any single property is limited to no more than three birdfeeders.
- 4043 - **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
- 4044 - **Amend Chapter 241 - Regulating Skateboards, Scooters and Micromobility Vehicles or Devices in the Central Business District** - Replaces Chapter 241 in its entirety, with a new Chapter 241, entitled, Skateboards, Scooters, and Micromobility Vehicles or Devices in the Central Business District
- 4045 - **Bond Ordinance - General Capital (NTE \$4,092,190)** - Appropriates this money for various capital projects/purchases for various Village departments

16. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

- 4033 - **Establish Berkshire Road as a Through Street and Establish Stop Signs on Intersections with Berkshire Road**
- 4034 - **Bond Ordinance - Paving of Various Roads and Purchase of Packer Sanitation Trucks (NTE \$2,765,550)**
- 4035 - **Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Parking Regulations on Library Place, Corsa Terrace and Southwest Parking Lot Area of Pease Building**
- 4036 - **Establish 2025 Significant Sewer Discharger Fees**

17. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-152 THROUGH 25-178, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 25-159 WHICH IS BEING REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA, 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:

- 25-152 **Award Contract - Four Thermal Imaging Camera Kits - Fire Department** - Awards a contract under State Contract to Strategic Safety Dynamics, LLC, P.O. Box 1022, Smithtown, NY. The cost of \$29,905 for these cameras was paid for by a grant through Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, which was obtained by the Ridgewood Fire Department.
- 25-153 **Award Sole Source Contract - Upgrades to SCADA System - Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$25,803.80) -** Awards a sole source contract to Emerson Process Management Power and Water Solutions, Inc., 200 Beta Drive, Pittsburgh, PA
- 25-154 **Award Contract Under State Contract - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) - Fire Department (NTE \$344,991.29)** - Awards a Contract under State Contract to New Jersey Fire Equipment, 119-131 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ. An Assistance to Firefighters Grant will provide \$263,725.45 of the funding for this purchase.
- 25-155 **Award Contract Under Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System - Purchase of Equipment, Service, and Licenses for Access Control, and CCTV (NTE \$194,000)** - Awards a contract under Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System to Open Systems Integrators, Inc., 211 Yardville Hamilton Square Road, Hamilton, NJ
- 25-156 **Award Contract Under Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System - New Equipment Body for Ford F-250 Pickup Truck (NTE \$24,531)** - Awards a contract under Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System to Cliffside Body Corporation, 130 Broad Avenue, Fairview, NJ
- 25-157 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing - Repair and Resurfacing of Somerville Tennis Courts (NTE \$79,000)** - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing to Sport Tech Acrylics, 410 Route 22, Brewster, NY
- 25-158 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing - Repair and Resurfacing of Glen Pickleball Courts (NTE \$39,000)** - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing to Sport Tech Acrylics, 410 Route 22, Brewster, NY
- 25-159 **REMOVED FROM AGENDA**
- 25-160 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing - Leasing and Maintenance of Police Vehicles (NTE \$200,000)** - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing contract to Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., 1550 Route 23 North, Suite 101, Wayne, NJ

- 25-161 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing - Leasing of Vehicle for Health Department (NTE \$7,500) -**
Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing for the fifth year of a five-year agreement to Enterprise Fleet Management, 1550 Route 23 North, Suite 101, Wayne, NJ
- 25-162 **Award Professional Services Contract - Professional Municipal Planning Consultant - Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (NTE \$22,500) -** Awards a non-fair and open contract to Elizabeth McManus of Kyle + McManus Associates, LLC, 2 East Broad Street, Hopewell, NJ. The Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office, as required by law.
- 25-163 **Award Professional Services Contract - Special Counsel - Schedler Property - SHPO Application (NTE \$40,000) -**
Awards a non-fair and open Professional Services Contract to William C. Sullivan, Esq., of Scarinci and Hollenbeck, 150 Clove Road, 9th Floor, Little Falls, NJ. The Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office, as required by law.
- 25-164 **Award Professional Services Contract - Historic Preservation Consultant - Schedler Property - SHPO Application (NTE \$10,000) -** Awards a Professional Services Contract to Kelly C. Ruffel, 246 Westervelt Place, Lodi, NJ.
- 25-165 **Award Professional Services Contract - Engineering and Landscape Architectural Services for Concept Development - Schedler Property - SHPO Application (NTE \$51,000) -**
Awards a non-fair and open Professional Services Contract to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., 96 U.S. Highway 206, Flanders, NJ. The Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office, as required by law.
- 25-166 **Award Professional Services Contract - Historical Architectural Services - Oversight of Construction of Sanitary Sewer Lateral from Zabriskie Schedler House to Sanitary Sewer Lateral in West Saddle River Road (NTE \$8,485) -** Awards a Professional Services Contract to Margaret M. Hickey of Connolly and Hickey Historical Architects, 1 South Union Avenue, Cranford, NJ
- 25-167 **Authorize Change Order - North Walnut Parking Lot - Removal of Underground Fuel Storage Tanks (NTE \$560,000) -** Authorizes a change order to the original lowest responsible bidder, T.R. Weniger, Inc., 1900 New Brunswick Avenue, Piscataway, NJ. This change order is necessary due to out of scope tasks which must be performed, related to the project.

- 25-168 **Approve Budget Reserve Transfers** - Transfers money in the 2024 budget from departments that have excess funds to those departments that do not have adequate funds
- 25-169 **Request Permission to Anticipate 2025 Tax Collection Rate** - Requests the permission of the Director of Local Government Services to be allowed to anticipate the tax collection rate at 99.33% for the year ended 12/31/2025
- 25-170 **Authorize Application for and Accept Grant Funding from Bergen County Municipal Alliance Grant (2025-2026)** - Accepts a Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$4,507.18 for the 2025-2026 program year. This grant provides for Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programs for the community.
- 25-171 **Authorize Refund and Cancellation of Property Taxes - Block 4704.01, Lot 5** - Authorizes the Village Tax Collector to refund the 1st Quarter of 2025 property taxes and to cancel the 2nd Quarter of 2025 property taxes and forward, due to the owner being a permanently disabled Veteran, during time of war.
- 25-172 **Authorize Execution of Documents for the Removal and Remediation of Underground Fuel Storage Tanks at North Walnut Street Parking Lot** - Authorizes Christopher Rutishauser, P.E., Village Engineer/Director of Public Works to execute the required documents related to the removal and remediation of the abandoned underground fuel storage tanks at the North Walnut Street parking lot, located at 132 Franklin Avenue, on behalf of the Village of Ridgewood
- 25-173 **Accept Donation - Project Pride** - Accepts a \$1,000 donation from Councilmember Siobhan Winograd towards purchases for Project Pride. Councilmember Winograd does currently not have applications before any Ridgewood Board or Committee.
- 25-174 **Accept Donation - Furniture for Zabriskie-Schedler House** - Accepts the donation of several pieces of used furniture for furnishing the Zabriskie-Schedler House
- 25-175 **Declare Police Vehicles Surplus Property** - Declares three Police vehicles surplus property and authorizes them to be traded-in to Enterprise Fleet Services, which will be credited to the Ridgewood Police Department for replacement vehicles
- 25-176 **Name Change for Project Pride to Ridgewood Beautification Team** - Changes the name of the Project Pride Committee to the Ridgewood Beautification Team
- 25-177 **Appoint Member to Central Business District Advisory Committee** - Appoints Don Axelband as a Business Owner to a term that will expire on 12/31/2026
- 25-178 **Appoint Members to Community Center Advisory Board** - Appoints the following members to the Community Center Advisory Board to terms that will expire on 6/30/2025:

Lillian Blood - Senior Citizen Resident, Gene Solomon - Senior Citizen Resident, Carol Mattessich - Adult Resident, Liz Kloak - Adult Resident, Anna Salerno - Adult Resident with children in school system, Claudia Fortunato - Adult Resident with children in school system, Ryan Shintani - Ridgewood High School Representative, Jaden Lee - Ridgewood High School Representative, Chief Forest Lyons or designee - Ridgewood Police Department Liaison, Deanna Schablik - Parks and Recreation Department Representative, Sheila Brogan - Ridgewood Board of Education Liaison

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, NUMBERED 25-179, WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND READ IN FULL:

**25-179 Resolution Supporting Legislation to Allow Publication
of Legal Notices on Official Government Websites**

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