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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD  
VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
MAY 14, 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Women Gardeners of Ridgewood
  - B. Recognize Opening Day of The James Rose Center, a Significant Cultural Resource
  - C. Proclaim May Military Appreciation Month
  - D. Proclaim May 18-24, 2025 Emergency Medical Services Week
  - E. Proclaim June as Pride Month
  - F. Proclaim June 1, 2025 as National Cancer Survivors Day
  - G. Proclaim June 6, 2025 as National Gun Violence Awareness 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. ORDINANCE - PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE 4046 - Establish a CAP Bank
12. 2025 Budget Hearing
  - a. Overview of 2025 Budget
  - b. Village Council's Comments
  - c. Public Hearing on 2025 Budget
13. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-227 THROUGH 25-228 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:

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| <b>25-227</b>  | <b>Amendment to 2025 Budget</b> - Amends the 2025 Budget for the Village of Ridgewood, in accordance with the requirements set forth by the State of New Jersey |
| <b>25-227A</b> | <b>Authorize Temporary Water Capital Budget</b> - Approves funding for the down payment for the Water Utility capital ordinances                                |

**25-228      Adopt 2025 Budget -** Adopts the 2025 Budget for the Village of Ridgewood, Bergen County, NJ

14.    ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

15.    ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

16.    RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-229 THROUGH 25-233 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:

- 25-229      Award Sole Source Contract - Upgrade SCADA System Hardware and Software for PFAS Facilities (NTE \$34,399.89)** - Awards a sole source contract to Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc., 2507 Lovi Road, Building 3/3A, Freedom, PA
- 25-230      Award Sole Source Professional Services Contract - Engineering Field Services - Onsite Programming, Wiring and Startup Services - New Wells (\$18,717.78)** - Awards a sole source Professional Services Contract to Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc., 2507 Lovi Road, Building 3/3A, Freedom, PA
- 25-231      Award Professional Services Contract - Professional Engineering Services - Hydraulic Modeling (NTE \$66,620)** - Awards a non-fair and open Professional Services Contract to Circular Water Solution, LLC, 1106 Tannerie Run Road, Ambler, PA. The required Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office.
- 25-232      Authorize Change Order - Professional Engineering Services - PFAS Treatment Plant - Ravine Well Site (NTE \$37,000)** - Authorizes a change order to the originally hired Professional Engineers, Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Suite 300, Iselin, NJ. This change order is necessary due to increased administration tasks, review of payment applications, coordination and communications to facilitate proper execution of the work, and project management.
- 25-233      Refund Water Overpayment - 552 Cliff Street (NTE \$1,335.55)** - Both the owner of the property and the tenant paid the water bill, resulting in an overpayment. This resolution authorizes the owner of the property to be issued a refund of his payment, since the tenant was responsible for paying the water bill.
- 25-234      REMOVED FROM AGENDA (Renumbered to Resolution #25-227A)**

17. ORDINANCE - INTRODUCTION

**4048 - Project Labor Agreement Ordinance** - This ordinance allows the Village of Ridgewood to include a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of any Village of Ridgewood or Ridgewood Water projects which exceed a total of \$5 million in cost. The Bergen County Trades Council, AFL-CIO, its affiliates, and members have approached the Village to consider permitting the use of a Project Labor Agreement for these types of projects. The Project Labor Agreement establishes guidelines for every tier of the project work, setting forth minimum recruitment and workforce requirements for union workers and staffing. It also includes any Tele-data work, electrical work, as well as sheet metal subcontracting.

18. ORDINANCE - PUBLIC HEARING

**4047 - Authorize Acquisition of Certain Real Property Easement Interest - 535 East Ridgewood Avenue**

19. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-235 THROUGH 25-253 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:

- 25-235      Award Sole Source Contract - E-Ticketing Application (NTE \$20,500)** - Awards a sole source contract to Mobizent, LLC, 12 Kingswood Way, Manalapan, NJ
- 25-236      Title 59 Approval - Maintenance of Irrigation Systems/Water Fountains for Contract Years 2025 and 2026 - Parks and Recreation** - Approves the plans and specifications for Maintenance of Irrigation Systems/Water Fountains for Contract Years 2025 and 2026, prepared by the Ridgewood Parks and Recreation Department, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-237      Award Contract - Maintenance of Irrigation Systems/Water Fountains for Contract Years 2025 and 2026 - Parks and Recreation (NTE \$20,000)** - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Sprinkler Guy Irrigation, LLC, P.O. Box 513, Ridgewood, NJ
- 25-238      Award Contract - Disposal of Street Sweepings (NTE \$20,000)** - Awards a contract to a "qualified end user", with the sole quote received from Organic Recycling, Inc. 121 Route 303, Orangeburg, NY
- 25-239      Award Contract - Replacement of Backstop - Pleasant Park/Hawes Baseball Diamond (NTE \$34,450)** - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible quote from Anchor Fence Contractors, Inc., 115 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, NJ

- 25-240     **Award Contract Under State Contract - Ammunition - Police Department (NTE \$43,713.09)** - Awards a contract under State Contract to Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son - New Jersey, 1707 Third Street, Thorofare, NJ
- 25-241     **Award Contract Under State Contract - Gasoline and Diesel Fuel (NTE \$400,000)** - Awards a contract under State Contract to Rachles/Michele's, Oil Company, Inc., 116 Kuller Road, Clifton, NJ
- 25-242     **Award Contract Under New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance - Emergency Mass Notification System (NTE \$35,772.30)** - Village of Ridgewood and Ridgewood Water - Awards a contract under NJ Cooperative Purchasing Alliance to SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ
- 25-243     **Award Contract Under Educational Services Commission of New Jersey - Asphalt Hot Patcher Dump Trailer (NTE \$40,746)** - Awards a contract under Educational Services Commission of NJ contract to McGrath Municipal Equipment, LLC, P.O. Box 422, Springfield, NJ
- 25-244     **Award Professional Services Contract - Conduct and Prepare Phase III of the Special Improvement District (NTE \$14,000)** - Awards a Professional Services Contract to Economic Development Strategists, LLC, 238 Jefferson Avenue, River Edge, NJ to conduct and prepare Phase III of the Special Improvement District, which includes providing an organizational structure to provide the day-to-day affairs of the Special Improvement District and to establish an approach for approvals
- 25-245     **Authorize Change Order - Kingsbridge Lane Pedestrian Bridge - Structural Repair (NTE \$10,073.95)** - Awards a change order to the original lowest responsible bidder, Fred Devens Construction, 403 Stonetown Road, Ringwood, NJ. This change order is necessary for the contractor and their consulting engineering firm to design and detail the bearings, deck joints, and drainage at the end of the Kingsbridge Lane Pedestrian Bridge, which are out of scope tasks from the original contract.
- 25-246     **Authorize Change Order No. 2 - Removal of Abandoned Underground Storage Tanks - North Walnut Street (NTE \$345,400)** - Awards a change order to the original lowest responsible bidder, T.R. Weniger, Inc., 1900 New Brunswick Avenue, Piscataway, NJ. This is necessary due to finding additional underground storage tanks; additional collection, testing, and disposal of contaminated water from the site; additional environmental sample collection and testing; backfilling the excavations with certified clean fill; and extension of the project contract by an additional 80 calendar days, due to the additional work.

- 25-247 Authorize Change Order - Professional Services Contract Community Outreach for Schedler Property (NTE \$23,410)**  
- Authorizes a change order to the original vendor, Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., 26 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ. This change order is necessary due to the heightened interest in the environmental investigation of the Schedler Property, which has resulted in the vendor providing additional public outreach and engagement beyond the requirements set forth in the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's guidance documents for Administrative and Public Notification and Outreach.
- 25-248 Change Name of Vendor - Resolution #24-164 - Bellair Pump Station Repairs (NTE \$23,942.18)** - Resolution #24-164 awarded a contract under the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System through the Lead Agency, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, to Precision Electric Motor Works, Inc. Since the award, the name of the vendor has changed. This resolution awards a contract to the new name of the vendor, Integrated Power Services, 18 Sebago Street, Clifton, NJ, which will allow the Village to render a new check with the new name, so that the vendor can get paid.
- 25-249 Rescind and Replace Resolution #23-407 - Preparation of 2024 Village Council Meeting Minutes - Change Name of Vendor (NTE \$15,000)** - Rescinds and replaces Resolution #23-407, as there was a change in the name of the vendor. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible quote from Prestige EVAs, 898 Hammond Road, Ridgewood, NJ. This resolution will allow the Village to render a new check, with the new name, so that the vendor can get paid.
- 25-250 Confirm Endorsement of Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant - James Rose Center Improvements** - Confirms endorsement of an application for a Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant by the James Rose Center, in the amount of \$50,000. This grant will pay for the replacement of exterior doors and windows and the restoration of an exterior staircase. This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the Village but will expedite the expenditure of Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust funds.
- 25-251 Appoint Member to Citizens Safety Advisory Committee** - Appoints Marian Rutherford to the unexpired term of Charles DiMarco, which term shall expire on 12/31/2025
- 25-252 Appoint Members to Ridgewood Community Access Network (ACCESS)** - Appoints officers and members representing the Special Needs Community to terms that shall expire on 12/31/2025
- 25-253 Award Sole Source Contract - Sodium Hypochlorite Solution - Graydon Pool (NTE \$23,000)** - Awards a sole source contract to Buckman's, Inc., 105 Airport Road, Pottstown, PA

20. Comments from the Public (Not to Exceed 3 minutes per person)
21. Adjournment