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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 9, 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. Honor Charles DiMarco for Volunteer Service on the Citizens Safety Advisory Committee
 - B. Proclaim July as Disability Pride Month
 - C. Honor Luke Pash - 2025 Gatorade Track and Field Athlete of the Year & Greatest Distance Runner in Bergen County History
 - D. Proclaim July Parks and Recreation Month
8. Recognition of Ridgewood High School Coach Deirdre Tobin - Boys Tennis Coach of the Year

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. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

13. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

14. RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, NUMBERED 25-297, 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. THE RESOLUTION WILL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY:

- 25-297 Award Contract - Construction of Eastside Reservoir PFAS Treatment Facility (NTE \$7,776,500) - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Scafar Contracting, Inc., 14 Ridgedale Avenue, Suite 130, Cedar Knolls, NJ**

15. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

- 4050 - White Collar Salary Ordinance - Establishes the salaries and wages for White Collar Union employees from 2025-2028**
- 4051 - Blue Collar Salary Ordinance - Establishes the salaries and wages for Blue Collar Union employees from 2025-2028**
- 4052 - Amend Chapter 190 - Land Use and Development - Establish S-1 Senior Overlay Zone District - Permits a Senior Overlay Zone on Bock 3611, Lots 1, 19 and 22. This will implement the Village's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan while also expanding senior housing options in the Village.**
- 4053 - Establish Special Improvement District (SID) and Designate a Non-Profit District Management Corporation (DMC) - Establishes a Special Improvement District and Designates a Non-Profit District Management Corporation to promote economic development and growth, foster and encourage business vitality, improve the business climate and be in the best interest of the property owners in the SID and in the Village of Ridgewood. This shall be accomplished through a special assessment of those businesses located within the SID.**

16. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

- 4049 - Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Increase Fees for Connection to Sanitary Sewer Collection System**

17. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 25-298 THROUGH 25-321 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:

- 25-298 Award Sole Source Contract - Upgrades for SCADA System Software - Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$28,837.60) - Awards a sole source contract to Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc., 2507 Lovi Road, Building 3/3A, Freedom, PA**
- 25-299 Title 59 Approval - Restoration Eastbound Kiosk 1 (Pedestrian Stairwell Entrance) - Ridgewood Train Station - Approves the plans and specifications for Eastbound Kiosk 1 Restoration Ridgewood Train Station**

- in the Village of Ridgewood, prepared by the Ridgewood Engineering Division, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-300 **Award Contract - Restoration Eastbound Kiosk 1 (Pedestrian Stairwell Entrance) - Ridgewood Train Station (NTE \$98,000)** - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Hear Construction, Inc., 21st Street, South Ozone Park, NY
- 25-301 **Title 59 Approval - South Pleasant Avenue Resurfacing with Enhanced Improvements for the Disabled** - Approves the plans and specifications for NJDOT Municipal Aid 2024 South Pleasant Avenue Resurfacing with Enhanced Improvements for the Disabled in the Village of Ridgewood, prepared by the Ridgewood Engineering Division, pursuant to Title 59
- 25-302 **Award Contract - South Pleasant Avenue Resurfacing with Enhanced Improvements for the Disabled (NTE \$413,102.62)** - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Company, Inc., 150 Anderson Avenue, Wallington, NJ. A NJDOT grant will provide \$ towards this project.
- 25-303 **Award Contract Under State Contract - Purchase, Install, and Repair Emergency Lights and Other Equipment - Police Department (NTE \$140,000)** - Awards a contract under State Contract to Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, 250 Haddonfield Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
- 25-304 **Award Contract Under Bergen County Contract - Village Hall Roof Replacement (NTE \$39,600)** - Awards a contract under Bergen County contract to VMC Group, 288 Cox Street, Roselle, NJ
- 25-305 **Award Contract Under Bergen County Contract - Groundskeeper Mower - Parks Department (NTE \$133,265.62)** - Awards a contract under Bergen County Contract to Storr Tractor Company, 3191 U.S. 22, Branchburg, NJ
- 25-306 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing System - Vehicle Lease - Health Department (NTE \$5,661 annually)** - Awards a contract under the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing System for a 5-year lease of one small sized hybrid SUV for the Health Department from Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., 1550 Route 23 North, Suite 101, Wayne, NJ
- 25-307 **Chapter 159 - 2025 Budget Amendment - Approve Insertion of Item of Revenue into 2025 Budget - NJ Department of**

Community Affairs - Local Recreation Improvement Grant - Habernickel Park Playground - Requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2025 budget for Public and Private Revenues Offset

with Appropriations - State of New Jersey, Department
 of Community Affairs Local Recreational Improvement
 Grant

- \$68,000 and that a like sum be appropriated in the 2025 budget under Operations excluded from "CAPS", Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues: State of New Jersey, Department of Community

Affairs Local Recreational Improvement Grant -
 \$68,000

25-308 Award Professional Services Contract - Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services for Remedial Action Outcome Soil Impacts - Irene Habernickel Family Park (NTE \$3,250) - Awards a Professional Services Contract for LSRP Services to Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., 26 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ

25-309 Authorize Change Order #1 - Professional Services Contract - Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) On-Call Services at Former Town Garage Property (NTE \$10,000) - Authorizes a change order to the previous LSRP the Village hired for LSRP services for the removal of abandoned underground storage tanks at the North Walnut Street Parking Lot. This change order is necessary to provide on-call LSRP services for oversight of the remediation of the former Town Garage property, located at 120 Franklin Avenue.

25-310 Authorize Change Order #2 - Kingsbridge Lane Pedestrian Bridge - Hand Railings (NTE \$7,196.01) - Authorizes a change order to the original lowest responsible bidder, Fred Devens Construction, 403 Stonetown Road, Ringwood, NJ. This change order is necessary as the previous hand railings do not meet current standards.

25-311 Rescind and Replace Resolution No. 25-158 - Award Contract - Renovation of Glen Pickleball Courts (NTE \$67,000) - Rescinds and replaces Resolution No. 25-158 in order to award a contract for the renovation of the Glen pickleball courts, which will include installation of 6 pickleball courts, all repairs, complete resurfacing and relining and reinstallation of the new pickleball poles and nets at the Glen Pickleball

Court facility. This contract will be awarded under the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing System to Sport Tech Acrylics, 410 Route 22, Brewster, NY

- 25-312 Chapter 159 - 2025 Budget Amendment - Grant from State of New Jersey Department of Health, Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program - Funding for Communicable Disease Expenses and Protection of Public Health and Safety Impacts Report Requirements -** Requests the Director of the Division of Local

Government Services to approve the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2025 budget for Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations - State of New Jersey, Department of Health - Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program Grant - \$24,951 and that a like sum be appropriated in the 2025 budget under Operations excluded from "CAPS", Public and Private Appropriation Offset by Revenues: State of New Jersey, Department of Health - Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program Grant - \$24,951

- 25-313 Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing System - ADA Playground - Habernickel Park (NTE \$191,031.57) -** Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing System to Great Lakes Recreation D.B.A. Boyce Recreation, P.O. Box 295, Zeeland, MI

- 25-314 Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayment - Block 2313.02, Lot 3 (NTE \$139) -** Authorizes a refund to the previous owner of the property, due to an overpayment on the 2025 second quarter taxes by both the title company and the previous owner, by the closing date of the property, which has been sold to a new owner

- 25-315 Authorize Refund and Cancellation of Real Estate Property Taxes - Block 4305, Lot 13 (NTE \$4,085.33) -** Refunds the 2025 first and second quarter real estate taxes for Block 4305, Lot 13, due to the owner being qualified as a disabled veteran. The second half of the 2025 property taxes will also be cancelled, once billed, per state statute.

- 25-316 Place Local Referendum Question on General Election Ballot - Increase Ridgewood's Open Space Tax Levy -** Places a referendum question on the General Election ballot to increase Ridgewood's open space tax levy to one penny per \$100 of assessed value per year

- 25-317 Endorse Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Adopted by Ridgewood Planning Board -** Endorses the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that was adopted by the Planning Board

- 25-318 Renew Site Access Agreement - North Walnut Street Parking Lot - Sampling of Monitoring Wells** - Renews the Site Access Agreement and allows The ELM Group, Inc., a division of Haley and Aldrich, Inc., 4936 York Road, Suite 10000, Holicong, PA and their designated subcontractors who have been hired by the responsible party of the Former Town Garage property, allowing them to have access to the North Walnut Parking Lot. This access will be for the purposes of sampling the groundwater for various volatile and semi-volatile compounds and metals and measuring the groundwater elevation in the monitoring wells for up to an additional two years, as required by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, as part of the follow up to the environmental cleanup on the Former Town Garage Property.
- 25-319 Accept and Adopt Special Improvement District Feasibility Study** - Accepts and adopts the Special Improvement District Feasibility Study which was compiled and prepared by Economic Development Strategists, LLC, 238 Jefferson Avenue, River Edge, NJ
- 25-320 Appoint Student Intern Liaison to Green Ridgewood** - Appoints Anika Mukkatira as Green Ridgewood's Student Liaison to a term that expires on 6/30/2026
- 25-321 Nominate Isabella Altano for New Jersey Historical Commission Award of Recognition** - Nominates Isabella Altano for a New Jersey Historical Commission Award of Recognition for her work on urging the preservation of the historic Zabriskie-Schedler House

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