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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2026
6:30 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. 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.

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. ORDINANCES - VOTE FOR FINAL ADOPTION

4071 - Amend Chapter 190 - Land Use and Development - Establish S-1 Senior Overlay Zone District

4072 - Amend Chapter 190 - Land Use and Development - Establish TO-1 Townhouse Overlay District

4073 - Amend Chapter 190 - Land Use and Development - Modify Zoning Standards to Create the C-R-1 Commercial-Residential District

4074 - Amend Chapter 190 - Land Use and Development - Modify Zoning Standards for the B-1 and B-2 Districts

4075 - Amend Chapter 190 - Land Use and Development - Modify the Mandatory Affordable Housing Set-Aside Standards

12. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 26-48 THROUGH 26-49 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:

26-48 Approve Temporary Water Utility Capital Budget -
Approves a temporary Water Utility Capital Budget, prior to the adoption of the permanent Water Utility Capital Budget

26-49 Approve Temporary General Capital Budget - Approves a temporary General Capital Budget, prior to the adoption of the permanent General Capital Budget

13. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

4084 - Bond Ordinance - Water Utility Capital (\$4,955,600) -
Appropriates this money for various capital projects/purchases for Ridgewood Water

4085 - Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Establish 2026 Ridgewood Water Rates, Facilities Charge, and PFAS Treatment Charge - Sets new water rates at an 8% increase from 2025. Also continues the charge to fund PFAS treatment, which will be charged quarterly. The overall annual increase is 11.3%.

14. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

15. RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 26-50 THROUGH 26-52 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:

- 26-50 Award Contract Under Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Contract - Security Upgrades at Various Water Facilities (NTE \$311,493.82)** - Awards a contract under the Educational Services Commission of NJ Contract to Open System Integrators, LLC, 211 Yardville Hamilton Square Road, Hamilton, NJ
- 26-51 Award Professional Services Contract - Hydrogeologic and Engineering Consulting Services (NTE \$109,000)** - Awards a non-fair and open Professional Services Contract to WSP USA, Inc., 350 Mount Kemble Avenue, Suite 200, Morristown, NJ. The required Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office.
- 26-52 Authorize Refund of Overpayments on Water Accounts (NTE \$3,126.32, in total)** - Authorizes a refund to Wyckoff Developers, LLC, the property owner of two Glen Rock properties and one Ridgewood property, who continued to make payments on the water accounts for these properties after the properties were sold

16. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

- 4086 - Bond Ordinance - General Capital (\$6,799,545) -**
Appropriates this money for various capital projects/purchases for various departments
- 4087 - Amend Chapter 190 - Land Use and Development - Blade Signs**
- Amends the conditions for blade signs for businesses on the ground floor in the Village's Central Business District

17. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

- 4076 - Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Establish Stop Sign at Recycling Center**
- 4077 - Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Various Recreation**
- 4078 - Rescind Chapter 210 - Park and Ride Facility**
- 4079 - Amend Non-Union Salary Ordinance**
- 4080 - Amend Management Salary Ordinance**
- 4081 - Vacate a Portion of Grandview Circle**
- 4082 - Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Rental of Mobile Concession Unit**
- 4083 - Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Rental of The Pavilion at the Irene Habernickel Family Park**

18. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 26-53 THROUGH 26-67 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:

- 26-53 Award Contract Under State Contract - Purchase of Equipment and Service for Vehicles - Police Department (NTE \$140,000)** - Awards a contract under State Contract to Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, 250 Haddonfield Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
- 26-54 Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program - Fleet Leasing/Maintenance Program - Police Department (NTE \$200,000)** - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program to Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., 1550 Route 23 North, Suite 101, Wayne, NJ
- 26-55 Award Contract under Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing System - Security Systems Vendor for Access Control and CCTV (NTE \$220,000)** - Awards a contract under ESCNJ to Open Systems Integrators, LLC, 211 Yardville Hamilton Square Road, Hamilton, NJ
- 26-56 Authorize Shared Services Agreement - Cosmetology Inspections (Norwood)** - Authorizes a Shared Services Agreement whereby the Village of Ridgewood provides the Borough of Norwood with cosmetology inspections
- 26-57 Rescind and Replace Resolution #26-21 - Annual Maintenance for Software - Finance Department (NTE \$33,377.53)** - Rescinds and replaces Resolution #26-21 which had an incorrect dollar amount for the contract and awards a contract to Edmunds & Associates, 301 Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ for the maintenance of proprietary software for the Finance Department
- 26-58 Rescind and Replace Resolution #25-510 - Appoint Village Attorney (NTE \$199,000)** - Rescinds and replaces Resolution #25-510 which had an incorrect dollar amount for the contract and awards a non-fair and open Professional Services contract to Matthew Rogers, Esq. and the Law Offices of Matthew S. Rogers, LLC, 123 Prospect Street, Ridgewood, NJ. The required Pay to Play forms have been filed with the Village Clerk's Office.
- 26-59 Accept Donation - Improvements to Community Center -** Accepts the donation from the Community Center of Ridgewood Foundation and the Ridgecrest Foundation for the completed improvements to the Community Center of Ridgewood. The Community Center of Ridgewood Foundation and the Ridgecrest Foundation do not have applications before any Ridgewood Boards or Committees at this time.

- 26-60 **Accept Donation - Removal and Replacement of Patio at the Children's Sensory Garden at The Stable** - Accepts the donation from the Conservancy for Ridgewood Public Lands for the removal of the current broken bluestone under the pergola and the installation of a concrete patio in its place, at the Children's Sensory Garden at The Stable property. The Conservancy for Ridgewood Public Lands does not have applications before any Ridgewood Boards or Committees at this time.
- 26-61 **Accept Donation - Renovation of Varsity Baseball Field and Softball Fields at Veterans Field** - Accepts the donation from the Ridgewood Baseball and Softball Association to renovate and refresh the 90 foot baseball field and the northeast and southeast softball fields on Veterans Field. The RBSA does not have applications before any Ridgewood Boards or Committees at this time.
- 26-62 **Authorize Payment - Partial Refund of Tax Court Judgment Settlement - 330 Franklin Turnpike (NTE \$50,000)** - Pursuant to a Tax Court Judgment Settlement, refunds \$50,000 as a partial refund to the property owner of 330 Franklin Turnpike, due to a reduced assessed value of the property, which resulted in a 2026 property tax overpayment. The remaining balance of the settlement will be applied as credits to subsequent property tax quarterly payments.
- 26-63 **Authorize Application for Local Recreation Improvement Grant - Community Garden at Irene Habernickel Family Park** - Authorizes the Village to apply for a \$75,000 grant to install a new community garden at the Irene Habernickel Family Park and authorizes the Mayor and Village Manager to sign the grant application
- 26-64 **Appoint Liaison from Parks, Recreation and Conservation Board to Shade Tree Commission** - Appoints Kate Heighington to as the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Board representative to a term that expires on 12/31/2026
- 26-65 **Appoint Members to Central Business District Advisory Committee** - Appoints Stephen Aspero as a Resident Member to a term that expires on 12/31/2027; Zohaib Rahman as the Citizens Safety Advisory Committee Member, to fill the unexpired term of David Rosen, which term expires on 12/31/2026; and James McGrath, Village Engineer or his designee, to a term that expires on 12/31/2026
- 26-66 **Appoint Member to Green Ridgewood** - Appoints Alina Mordkovich as a citizen member to fill the unexpired term of Justin Jonsson, to a term that expires on 12/31/2026 and Julia Buckley as the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Board representative to a term that expires on 12/31/2026
- 26-67 **Appoint Member to Green Team Advisory Committee** - Appoints Richard Krauser as a Citizen Member to fill Alina Mordkovich's term which term will expire on 12/31/2026

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