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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 11, 2026
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 2026
 - 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. **2026 BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

A. Budget Message

B. **Introduction - Ordinance 4090 - Establish a CAP Bank -** Establishes that the final appropriations in the CY 2026 budget will be increased by 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, amounting to \$1,773,333.10 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted. This is done in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, and is advisable in order to establish a CAP Bank.

C. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, NUMBERED 26-72 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:

26-72 Increase Deferred School Taxes - Increases deferred school taxes from \$53,918,607 to \$55,215,688.50 an increase of \$1,297,081.50 from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2025

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, NUMBERED 26-73, WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND READ IN FULL:

26-73 Approve 2026 Municipal Budget and Set April 8, 2026 as the Date for the Public Hearing Thereon

12. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

13. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

4084 - Bond Ordinance - Water Utility Capital (\$4,955,600)

4085 - Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Establish 2026 Ridgewood Water Rates, Facilities Charge, and PFAS Treatment Charge

14. RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 26-74 THROUGH 26-80 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:

- 26-74 Award Sole Source Contract - Software and Support Services for SCADA System (NTE \$22,549.46)** - Awards the second year of a three-year sole source contract to Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc., 200 Beta Drive, Pittsburgh, PA
- 26-75 Award Contract - Soil Testing and Disposal of Soil Spoils (NTE \$100,000)** - Awards a contract as a qualified "end user" to Rebco Contracting Corporation, 541 Stuyvesant Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ
- 26-76 Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing - Materials, Supplies, and Equipment (NTE \$65,000)** - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing to W.W. Grainger, Government Call Center, 1001 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ
- 26-77 Award Contract Under NJSTART Program - Bituminous Concrete and Road Repair Materials (NTE \$100,000)** - Awards a contract under NJSTART Program to Braen Stone Industries, Inc., 400-402 Central Avenue, Haledon, NJ
- 26-78 Rescind and Replace Resolution #26-05 - Award Sole Source Contract and Authorize New Name of Vendor - Customer Portal and Invoice Cloud for Ridgewood Water Customers (NTE \$48,106.70)** - Rescinds and replaces Resolution #26-05 and awards the third year of a three-year sole source contract to Vertexone Software, LLC (which was formerly Watersmart Software, Inc.), 1321 Upland Drive, Suite 8389, Houston, TX
- 26-79 Authorize Change Order - 2026 Water Main Replacements - Geophysical Investigation and Baseline Investigation Report - West Glen Booster Station to Glen Avenue Water Tank (NTE \$53,270)** - Authorizes Change Order #1 to the original vendor, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., 96 Highway 206, Suite 101, Flanders, NJ. This Change Order is needed due to additional construction administration tasks being taken on by the vendor
- 26-80 Authorize Change Order - Professional Services - Raw Water Mains - Construction Phase Services (NTE \$87,987)** - Authorizes Change Order #3 to the original vendor, Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ. This Change Order is needed because the original construction services budget is almost expended and an additional amount is required to complete the work beyond the original project scope

15. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

- 4091 - Amend Supervisory Salary Ordinance** - Amends the Supervisory Salary Ordinance to adjust the 2026 and 2027 salary ranges for the title of Assistant Recycling Supervisor hired on or after January 1, 2015

- 4092 - **Amend Chapter 3 - Administration of Government - Emergency Management Council and Establish Office of Emergency Management as a Village Department** - Amends Chapter 3 of the Village Code in Section 3-47, pertaining to the Emergency Management Council and adds Section 3-43.5 establishing the Office of Emergency Management
- 4093 - **Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Office of Emergency Management Fees** - Amends Chapter 145 of the Village Code in Section 145-4 to establish Fees for authorizing cost recovery by the Office of Emergency Management for non-emergency requests for assistance

16. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

- 4086 - **Bond Ordinance - General Capital (\$6,799,545)**
- 4087 - **Amend Chapter 190 - Land Use and Development - Blade Signs**

17. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 26-81 THROUGH 26-94 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:

- 26-81 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing - Design, Supply, and Install Playground at Kings Pond Park (NTE \$133,671.02)** - Awards a contract under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase contract to Great Lakes Recreation-DBA Boyce Recreation, P.O. Box 295, Zeeland, MI
- 26-82 **Award Contract Under Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Purchasing - Design, Supply and Install Pavilion/Shelter at Kings Pond Park (NTE \$92,500)** - Awards a contract under Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Purchase to RCP Shelters, Inc., 2100 SE Rays Way, Stuart, FL
- 26-83 **Award Professional Services Contract - NJ Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Compliance (NTE \$10,000)** - Awards a non-fair and open contract to Topology, 60 Union Street #1N, Newark, NJ for revising the Village's Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) for Green Acres compliance
- 26-84 **Authorize Change Order - Public Outreach for Site and Remedial Investigation Activities - Schedler Property (\$35,230)** - Authorizes Change Order #2 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 needed to address continued and additional public outreach on this project.

- 26-85 Authorize Shared Services Agreement - Use of Styrofoam Densifier (Borough of Hillsdale)** - Authorizes a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Hillsdale for the use of the Village's Styrofoam densifier. The Borough of Hillsdale will deliver the Styrofoam collected in Hillsdale to the Village of Ridgewood, and will pay the Village of Ridgewood \$5/bag. The Village of Ridgewood will then process the Styrofoam through the Styrofoam densifier and sell the finished material to a company which manufactures products out of the densified Styrofoam.
- 26-86 Declare I.T. Property Surplus** - Declares various equipment used by the I.T. Department surplus, and authorizes the Assistant Director of I.T. to dispose of said property
- 26-87 Adopt Affirmative Marketing Plan for Affordable Housing** - Adopts an Affirmative Marketing Plan for Affordable Housing to ensure that all affordable housing units created are marketed to very low-income, low-income and moderate-income households, particularly those living and/or working in Bergen, Passaic, Hudson, and Sussex Counties
- 26-88 Adopt Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026** - Adopts the Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 which demonstrates the Village of Ridgewood's commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the plan
- 26-89 Authorize Application to and Appoint Liaison Officer for Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire Department Program** - Authorizes the Ridgewood Fire Department to apply for the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire Department Program and appoints Chief John Judge as the Liaison Officer for the purpose of coordinating and implementing this program
- 26-90 Appoint Municipal Housing Liaison for Affordable Housing** - Appoints Village Engineer James McGrath as the Village of Ridgewood's Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the Village's affordable housing program
- 26-91 Accept Donation - Removal, Replacement and Installation of Scoreboard for Maple Park Field** - Accepts the donation from the Ridgewood Lacrosse Association for the removal of the current scoreboard and the replacement and installation of a new scoreboard at Maple Park multipurpose field. The Ridgewood Lacrosse Association does not have applications before any Ridgewood Boards or Committees at this time.
- 26-92 Cancel Parking Utility Appropriations** - The Parking Utility had lower maintenance costs than expected in 2025, which lead to an unexpended balance in "Other Expenses". This resolution will cancel the unexpended balance and credit it to surplus so that it can be used for future parking maintenance expenses.

26-93 Title 59 Approval - Rebid Impacted Soils Removal at the Schedler Property - Approves the plans and specifications for Rebid Impacted Soils Removal at the Schedler-Zabriskie Property, Village of Ridgewood, prepared by the Engineering Department, pursuant to Title 59

26-94 Award Contract - Removal of Contaminated Soil at the Schedler Property (NTE \$2,635,151) - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Northstar Environmental Services, LLC, 1101 Doughty Road, Pleasantville, NJ

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

19. Adjournment