

*Village Council meetings are now available with participants at remote locations, connecting to conferencing software provided by zoom.us or by telephone.*

*Members of the public are invited to view meetings live using Zoom, which also allows them to “raise a hand” and contribute with voice and video when they are invited to do so, during Public Comments as well as during Public Hearings, during the meeting.*

Please click the link below to join the virtual meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82592799142?pwd=aUJFVTBlditwbEszRXJFcUFnd3ovdz09>

Webinar ID: 825 9279 9142

Passcode: 07450

or Telephone, Dial: 1-646-558-8656, 1-646-931-3860, 1-309-205-3325, or 1-312-626-6799

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD  
VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2024  
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 Lunar New Year Festival
  - B. Recognize Audrey Fink for her Service to the Ridgewood Arts Council
8. Appointment and Swearing-in of Tax Collector Nicole Compesi

a. **Resolution #24-03 - Appointment of Tax  
Collector Nicole Compesi**

b. Swearing-in of Tax Collector Nicole Compesi

9. Swearing-in of Police Officer Shannon Greer  
**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.

10. Comments from the Public (Not to exceed 3 minutes  
per person - 40 minutes in total)

11. Village Manager's Report

12. State of the Village Address - Mayor Paul Vagianos

13. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

14. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

15. RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 24-04 THROUGH 24-09 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:

- 24-04 Authorize Withdrawal of Bid - Raw Water Mains - Phase 1 - Contract 1 - Connection to Prospect Treatment Facility** - Authorizes the withdrawal of the bid at the request of the apparent lowest responsible bidder, Matina & Son, Inc., 146 English Street, Hackensack, NJ the day after the bid opening, due to a mathematical error that Matina & Son, Inc., discovered on their Bid Proposal Form
- 24-05 Reject Bid - Raw Water Mains - Phase 1 - Contract 1 - Connection to Prospect Treatment Facility** - Rejects the bid by the second apparent lowest responsible bidder, Conquest Construction, Inc., 450 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ, due to non-compliance with the bid document requirement of Acknowledgement of Receipt of Changes to Bid Document
- 24-06 Award Contract - Raw Water Mains - Phase 1 - Contract 1 - Connection to Prospect Treatment Facility (\$2,603,250)** - Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Underground Utilities Corporation, 711 Commerce Road, Linden, NJ
- 24-07 Award a Contract Under State Contract - NJ Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NJCPA) - Emergency and Non-Emergency Mass Notification Services (NTE \$35,772.30)** - Awards a contract under State Contract, NJ Cooperative Purchasing Alliance to SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ
- 24-08 Award Contract Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (NTE \$82,500)** - Awards a contract under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission to PCS Pump and Process, Inc., 41 Plymouth Street, Fairfield, NJ
- 24-09 Reject Bid - Line Stop and Valve Insertion Services** - Rejects the bid received for Line Stop and Valve Insertion Services so that the

bid specifications can be revised to include wording to permit experience with a specified insertion valve, or equivalent

16. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, NUMBERED 24-10, 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, AND IT WILL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY:

**24-10 Authorize Temporary Capital Budget** - Approves money for the down payment for the general capital bond ordinance for the 2024 road resurfacing, streetscape, and other related road work; and the purchase of a packer truck for the Recycling Division

17. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

**3981 - Bond Ordinance - General Capital (\$2,000,000)** - Appropriates this money for the 2024 street paving, streetscape, and other related road work; and the purchase of a packer truck for the Recycling Division

**3982 - Establish Regulations for Inspections of Rental Dwellings for Lead-Based Paint** - Establishes regulations for lead-based paint inspections for rental units, in dwellings built prior to 1978. This inspection must be done every 3 years or upon change of tenants. The inspections will be conducted through a contractor, hired by the Village of Ridgewood or the landlord may hire their own contractor for this inspection.

**3983 - Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Payment at 15-Minute Meters** - Requires payment by coin at the 15-minute parking meters, whether a vehicle is parking, stopping or standing. Payment past the 15 minutes may result in a summons being issued.

**3984 - Amend Various Salary Ordinances** - Amends various salary ordinances to add new titles and salary ranges, remove titles that no longer exist, and to adjust some salary ranges for existing titles

**3985 - Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Graydon Pool, Summer Day Camp, Tennis/Pickleball** - Establishes the fees for 2024 and 2025 for Graydon Pool, Summer Day Camp, and Tennis/Pickleball

**3986 - Establish Anti-Nepotism Policy** - Establishes an Anti-Nepotism Policy to regulate the hiring of relatives of the Village Manager, Department

Directors and Supervisors, and Elected Officials  
of the Village of Ridgewood

**3987 - Amend Chapter 3 - Administration of Government -  
Alternative Hiring - Entry Level Police**

**Department Hiring** - Allows entry level Police Officers to be hired off of a NJ Civil Service Certification List or without taking the NJ Civil Service exam if the candidates have completed or will complete, within 90 days, a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school or facility approved and authorized by the NJ Police Training Commission

**3988 - Amend Chapter 3, Administration of Government -**

**Police Department Personnel** - Allows for a sixth Police Sergeant to be hired, in the Police Department's Table of Organization, until such time that a Police Lieutenant has been appointed. Once the Police Lieutenant is appointed, the sixth Police Sergeant will not be replaced.

**3989 - Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Time  
Limit Parking - Cottage Place** - This is to

codify a 3-hour time limit for parking on both sides of Cottage Place, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on all days, except Sundays and Holidays

**3990 - Bond Ordinance - General Capital - Packer Truck  
for Sanitation Division (\$437,750) -**

Appropriates this money for the purchase of a packer truck for the sanitation division

18. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

**3978 - Amend Chapter 212 - Parks and Recreation Areas -  
Regulations on Electric Bicycles, Electric  
Scooters, Electric Skateboards, and Non-Human  
Powered Vehicles**

**3979 - Establish Position of Village of Ridgewood  
Historian**

**3980 - Amend Chapter 190, Section 190-106 - R-3  
Single-Family Residence District - Bulk and Lot  
Regulations**

19. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 24-11 THROUGH 24-30 ARE TO BE ADOPTED BY A CONSENT AGENDA, WITH ONE VOTE BY THE EACH RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. EACH RESOLUTION WILL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY:

- 24-11 Authorize Tax Assessor/Tax Collector to File Appeals and/or Settlement Stipulations -**  
Authorizes the Tax Assessor and/or Tax Collector to file tax appeals and/or settlement stipulations with the Bergen County Board of Taxation for the purpose of correcting assessment errors for the year 2024. This resolution also authorizes the Tax Assessor, in conjunction with the Village Attorney, to conduct settlement negotiations in matters pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey in 2024.
- 24-12 Adopt 2024 Temporary Budgets -** Approves the 2024 Temporary Budgets for the General budget, the Water Utility budget, and the Parking Utility budget, which will fund Village operations prior to the adoption of the 2024 Budget
- 24-13 Award Contract Under County Contract - Janitorial Cleaning Services (NTE \$67,301.08)**  
- Awards a contract under County Contract to Maverick Building Services, 22 Chestnut Street, Rutherford, NJ, beginning February 1, 2024
- 24-14 Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program - Rental of Two Rear Load Packer Garbage Trucks (NTE \$60,000)** - Awards a three-month contract under Sourcewell

Cooperative Purchasing Program to Premier Truck Sales & Rental, Inc., 7700 Wall Street, Cleveland, OH

- 24-15 **Award Professional Services Contract - Land Surveying Services Retainer (NTE \$1,900) -** Awards a Professional Services Contract to Daniel M. Dunn, Dunn Surveying and Mapping, P.A., 40 East Prospect Street, Waldwick, NJ
- 24-16 **Authorize Shared Services Agreement - Removal of Trees on County Roads (Bergen County) -** Authorizes a Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County whereby Bergen County will remove trees in the public right of way of County roads if they are able to provide staffing to do so
- 24-17 **Authorize Shared Services Agreement - School Resource Officer (NTE \$100,000)(Ridgewood Board of Education) -** Authorizes a Shared Services Agreement with the Ridgewood Board of Education whereby the Village will provide the Ridgewood Board of Education with a Police Officer to serve as a School Resource Officer in the Ridgewood Public Schools. The Village and the Ridgewood Board of Education will each pay \$100,000 towards the salary and benefits of the School Resource Officer.
- 24-18 **Authorize Shared Services Agreement for the Services of a Health Officer (Mahwah) -** Authorizes a Shared Services Agreement for the Village of Ridgewood to provide Health Officer Services to the Township of Mahwah. The Township of Mahwah will pay the Village of Ridgewood for these services, which includes Ridgewood's Health Officer working two half days per week in the Township of Mahwah.
- 24-19 **Authorize Shared Services Agreement - TV Inspection of Sewer Mains (Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority)(NTE \$0.92 per foot, minimum payment \$500/day) -** Authorizes the second year of a two-year Shared Services Agreement with the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for TV Inspection of water and stormwater mains
- 24-20 **Authorize Bergen County Police Chiefs**



- Association Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force** - Authorizes the Ridgewood Police Department to participate in a County-wide Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to be used in times of emergency
- 24-21 Declare Property Surplus** - Declares property from various Village Departments surplus, no longer needed for public use and authorizes the Village Manager to dispose of said surplus property
- 24-22 Adopt Form for Notice of Tort Claims** - Adopts a form for Notice of Tort Claims to be used by the Village of Ridgewood, upon the recommendation of the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund
- 24-23 Certify Compliance with Federal Civil Rights Requirements** - Certifies that the Village of Ridgewood's hiring practices comply with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964", as amended, pertaining to the consideration of an individual's criminal history. This is required under P.L. 2017, c. 183, which requires that this be certified prior to the Village submitting its approved annual budget to the NJ Division of Local Government Services.
- 24-24 Accept Donation - Purchase of Public Shade Trees** - Accepts a \$1,000 donation from Councilmember Siohban Winograd to the Ridgewood Shade Tree Commission, to be used towards the purchase of public shade trees. Councilmember Winograd does not have any applications before any Ridgewood Boards or Committees at this time.



**24-32      Appoint Members to Parks, Recreation and  
Conservation Board**

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

21. Adjournment