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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 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. Read Across America Day
 - B. Super Science Saturday
 - C. Dad’s Night Days - Hawes School and Somerville School

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 - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

12. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

13. RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 24-37 THROUGH 24-54 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:

- 24-37 Award Additional Amount of Sole Source Contract - Furnish Corrosion Inhibitor (NTE \$12,086.98)** - Increases the amount awarded to ESC Environmental, Inc., 6 Redwood Drive, Glenville, NY, which is necessary for additional chemicals needed to maintain the operability of the Ridgewood Water system
- 24-38 Award Sole Source Contract - SCADA Software Support (NTE \$19,869.12)** - Awards the third year of a three year contract to Emerson Process Management Power and Water Solutions, Inc., 200 Beta Drive, Pittsburgh, PA
- 24-39 Award Emergency Contract - Repacking of Air Stripping Towers - Twinney Water Treatment Facility (NTE \$132,450)** - Awards an emergency contract to PACT TWO, LLC, 554 NJ-31, Ringoes, NJ
- 24-40 Title 59 Approval - Servicing and Repair of Electric Source** - Approves the plans and specifications for Servicing and Repair of Electric Source, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 24-41 Award Contract - Servicing and Repair of Electric Source (NTE \$250,000)** - Awards the first year of a two year contract to the sole responsible bidder, Vanore Electric, Inc., 238 High Street, Hackensack, NJ
- 24-42 Title 59 Approval - Servicing and Repair of Potable Water Wells & Pumping Facilities** - Approves the plans and specifications for Servicing and Repair of Potable Water Wells & Pumping Facilities, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 24-43 Award Contract - Servicing and Repair of Potable Water Wells & Pumping Facilities (NTE \$500,000)**- Awards the first year of a two year contract to the sole responsible bidder, William Stothoff Company, 27 Minneakoning Road, Suite 100, Flemington, NJ
- 24-44 Title 59 Approval - Annual PFAS Laboratory Analysis Services** - Approves the plans and specifications for Annual PFAS Laboratory

- Analysis, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 24-45 **Award Contract - Annual PFAS Laboratory Analysis Services (NTE \$82,000)** - Awards the second year of a two year contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Pace Analytical Services, Inc., 2665 Long Lake Road, Suite 300, Roseville, MN
- 24-46 **Title 59 Approval - Cold Water Meters and Accessories** - Approves the plans and specifications for Cold Water Meters and Accessories prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 24-47 **Award Contract - Cold Water Meters and Accessories (NTE \$213,634.41)** - Awards the second year of a two year contract to the sole responsible bidder, Rio Supply, Inc., 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ
- 24-48 **Title 59 Approval - Annual Laboratory Analysis Services** - Approves the plans and specifications for Annual Laboratory Services prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 24-49 **Award Contract - Annual Laboratory Analysis Services (NTE \$179,640)** - Awards the second year of a two year contract to the sole responsible bidder, Pace Analytical Services, Inc., 2665 Long Lake Road, Suite 300, Roseville, MN
- 24-50 **Title 59 Approval Water Billing and Data Collection Services** - Approves the plans and specifications for Water Billing and Data Collection Services, prepared by Ridgewood Water, pursuant to Title 59
- 24-51 **Award Contract - Water Billing and Data Collection Services (NTE \$320,096)** - Awards the third year of a three year contract to the sole responsible bidder, Computil, Inc., 30 Controls Drive, Shelton, CT
- 24-52 **Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System - Maintenance of Generators (NTE \$42,176.15)** - Awards a contract under the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System (NJPA) to Cummins, Inc., 435 Bergen Avenue, Kearny, NJ
- 24-53 **Accept Ridgewood Water Annual Maintenance Fee** - Accepts an operating and administrative

maintenance fee from Ridgewood Water based on the amount of total tax indicated by the assessed value of the land owned by Ridgewood Water

24-54 Establish Interest Rates for Delinquent Payments to the Water Utility for 2024 and Set Grace Period for Payment of Water

Utility Bills - Sets an interest rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 and 18% per annum on a balance over \$1,500 for the non-payment of water utility bills in excess of \$50. Also sets a 30-day grace period for the payment of all water bills. In addition, a 6% per annum penalty may be charged on any fiscal year delinquency in excess of \$10,000 in paying a water bill, as is imposed on taxpayers for the non-payment of taxes.
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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 24-55 THROUGH 24-56, WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND READ IN FULL:

24-55 Title 59 Approval - Tree Maintenance Services

24-56 Award Contract - Tree Maintenance Services (NTE \$80,000)

14. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

NONE

15. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

3981 - Bond Ordinance - General Capital (\$2,000,000)

3982 - Establish Regulations for Inspections of Rental Dwellings for Lead-Based Paint

3983 - Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Payment at 15-Minute Meters

3984 - Amend Various Salary Ordinances

3985 - Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Graydon Pool, Summer Day Camp, and Tennis/Pickleball Fees

3986 - Establish Anti-Nepotism Policy

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

3988 - Amend Chapter 3, Administration of Government - Police Department Personnel

3989 - Amend Chapter 265 - Vehicles and Traffic - Time Limit Parking - Cottage Place

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

16. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 24-57 THROUGH 24-72 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:

- 24-57 Award Contract - Annual Maintenance for
Software for Finance Department
(NTE \$25,000) - Awards a contract to
Edmunds & Associates, 301 Tilton Road,
Northfield, NJ**
- 24-58 Award Contract - Restoration and Remediation
of Maple Park Field (NTE \$41,321.76) -
Awards a contract to the lowest responsible
quote from The LandTek Group, Inc., 105
Sweenydale Avenue, Bay Shore, NY**
- 24-59 Award Contract - Restoration and Remediation
of Veterans Field (NTE \$10,685) - Awards a
contract to the lowest responsible quote
from Tri-County Property Maintenance,
Athletic Field Division, 734 Howard Road,
Ridgewood, NJ**

- 24-60 **Title 59 Approval - Landfill Disposal of Solid Waste** - Approves the plans and specifications for Landfill Disposal of Solid Waste, prepared by the Operations Director, pursuant to Title 59
- 24-61 **Award Contract - Landfill Disposal of Solid Waste (NTE \$872,860)** - Awards a two year contract to the lowest responsible bidder, I.W.S. Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc., 300 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Suite 39, Teaneck, NJ
- 24-62 **Award Contract Under Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System - Solar Tech Message Board Trailer (NTE \$27,091.60)** - Awards a contract under Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System to National Highway Products, 301 Riverside Drive, Building D, Millville, NJ
- 24-63 **Award Contract Under New Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System - Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission - Siphon and Pump Station Cleaning Services for Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$45,000)** - Awards a contract under NJ Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System - Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission to National Water Main Cleaning Company, 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, NJ
- 24-64 **Award Contract Under New Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System - Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission - Replacement Pump for Water Pollution Control Facility (NTE \$104,000)**- Awards a contract under NJ Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System - Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Company, Inc., 285 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ
- 24-65 **Authorize Partnership with Green Ridgewood and Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs - Develop Plans and Propose Strategies for Sustainability Projects** - Authorizes a partnership between graduate students from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs for the following projects: Flood

Mitigation, Reduction of
and Expansion of Renewable Energy

Energy Use,

24-66 Establish Interest Rate for Delinquent Taxes and Non-Payment of Assessments and Other Municipal Liens for 2024 and Set Grace and Due Date - Authorizes the Tax Collector to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 becoming delinquent after the due date. Also allows for a ten-day grace period for quarterly tax payments and a due date at 25 days from the date of Village Council certification of costs for other municipal liens. In addition, the Tax Collector is authorized to charge a 6% per annum penalty on any fiscal year delinquency in excess of \$10,000.

24-67 Establish Interest Rates for Delinquent Payments for Significant Sewer Discharger Bills for 2024 - Sets an interest rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 and 18% per annum on a balance over \$1,500 for the non-payment of significant sewer discharge bills. Also sets a 30-day grace period for all bills. In addition, a 6% per annum penalty may be charged on any fiscal year delinquency in excess of \$10,000 in paying a significant sewer discharger bill, as is imposed on taxpayers for the non-payment of taxes.

24-68 Authorize Cancellation of Tax Overpayments and Delinquent Amounts - Authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel delinquent property taxes and refund property tax overpayments in amounts of less than \$10

24-69 Authorize Tax Collector to Charge for Mailing of Tax Sale Notices - Authorizes the Tax Collector to charge \$25 per mailing of the tax sale notice and add it to the cost of the tax sale, in lieu of any two publications of the tax sale notice

24-70 Authorize Mailing of Estimated 2024 Third Quarter Tax Bills - Authorizes the mailing of estimated tax bills for the 2024 third quarter to ensure that sufficient cash flow is available to meet the Village's financial obligations

24-71 Authorize Electronic Tax Sales - Authorizes
the Tax Collector to continue to conduct
electronic tax sales through New Jersey Tax
Lien Investors/RealAuction.com, as allowed by
the Director of the Division of Local
Government Services

24-72 Declare Property Surplus - I.T. Equipment -
 Declares I.T. equipment surplus, and
 authorizes the Village Manager to dispose of
 said property

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, NUMBERED 24-73, WILL BE
CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND READ IN FULL:

24-73 Appoint Member to Open Space Committee

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

18. Adjournment