

# 20210113 - Village of Ridgewood Regular Public Meeting

*For the duration of the Coronavirus pandemic, Village Hall is closed to the public and meetings are being held with participants at remote locations, connecting to conferencing software provided by zoom.us. 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.*

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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD  
VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2021  
8:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order - Mayor
2. Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

"Due to the fact that we continue to meet through a remote meeting format, there are some required announcements to be made.

- All participants are muted during this meeting.
- Anyone wishing to make comments, may do so during Comments from the Public, and during the public hearings on any ordinances by dialing \*9 on your phones to raise your hand, and then once you are recognized, dialing \*6 on your phones to unmute, or by raising your hand icon if you are on your computers. You must state your name and address for the record.
- Members of the public may also submit written comments to us for any future remote meetings by either email to Donna Jackson, Deputy Village Clerk, at [djackson@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:djackson@ridgewoodnj.net) (<mailto:djackson@ridgewoodnj.net>), with the subject line, "Comments for Village Council Meeting" or written letter to Donna Jackson, Deputy Village Clerk at Village Hall. Written comments must have a name and address, and be received by 4:00 p.m. on the day before the remote meeting in order to be read into the record during the meeting. All written comments must adhere to the time limits already set by ordinance.
- Members of the public commenting during a remote meeting shall not act in any manner to disrupt the meeting. If anyone becomes disruptive during the meeting, they will be muted. If time permits, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public are provided an opportunity to comment.
- Any continued disruption may result in the member being prevented from speaking during the remainder of this meeting. Disruptive conduct includes, but is not limited to, shouting, interruption, and the use of profanity."

3. Roll Call - Village Clerk

4. Flag Salute and Moment of Silence
5. Acceptance of Financial Reports
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Proclamations

Recognizing Jamboree

**Pursuant to Chapter 3-19 of the Code of the Village of Ridgewood, Manner of Addressing Council, and Chapter (https://ecode360.com/6688950#6688947)**

**3-20, Decorum, the Village Council meetings shall be conducted in the following manner: (https://ecode360.com/6688950#6688947)**

### **Manner of Addressing Council**

Persons other than Council members 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 Council member, nor shall any person be permitted to address the Chair while a motion is pending. A Council member 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. RESOLUTIONS

**21-02 Authorize Temporary Capital Budget - Approves a temporary Capital Budget to appropriate money for the down payment for the general capital bond ordinance for the 2020 road paving and streetscape program**

### **12. ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION – RIDGEWOOD WATER**

NONE

13. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING – RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

14. RESOLUTIONS – RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

15. ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

**3835 – Fire Department Salary Ordinance** - Sets the salaries for the FMBA and FMBA/SOA for the years 2019-2022

**3836 - Bond Ordinance – Street Paving and Streetscape (\$2,500,000)** – Appropriates this money for the 2021 street paving, streetscape, and other related road work

**3837 – Amendment to Local Supplemental Violations Payable Amounts** – Amends the Violations Bureau Schedule of Designated Offenses and Payable Amounts to bring the fines charged in line with those charged by other Municipal Courts in Bergen County

**3838 – Establish Stop Signs at Eastside Avenue, Albert Place and Maxwell Place** – Establishes Stop Signs at Albert Place and Maxwell Place at their intersection with Eastside Avenue

**3839 – Supervisors Salary Ordinance** – Sets the salaries for the Supervisors Group for the years 2020 - 2023

16. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

**3833 – Amend Chapter 265 – Vehicles and Traffic – Avenue** Establish Stop Signs at Shelton Road and Steilen Avenue

**3834 – Authorize Renewal of PILOT Agreement-Ridgecrest**

17. RESOLUTIONS

**21-03 Authorize 2021 Temporary Budgets** - Approves the 2021 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 2021 Budget

**21-04 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

2021. This resolution also authorizes the Assessor, in conjunction with the Village Attorney, to conduct settlement negotiations in matters pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey in 2021.

**21-05 Award Contract – Kitchen Renovation – Fire Department (NTE \$25,553)** – Awards a contract to the lowest quote received from Dayson’s Kitchen and Bath, 12 Sunflower Avenue, Paramus, NJ

**21-06 Authorize Shared Services Agreement – School Resource Officer (Ridgewood Board of Education – NTE \$100,000)** - Approves a Shared Services Agreement with the Ridgewood Board of Education, whereby the Village and the Board of Education will each pay \$100,000/year for funding a School Resource Officer

**21-07 Authorize Shared Services Agreement - 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

**21-08 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.

**21-09 Increase 2021 Deferred School Taxes -** Increases deferred school taxes from \$48,977,618.54 to \$49,696,739.54, an increase of \$719,121.00 from 12/31/2019 to 12/31/2020

**21-10 Adopt Notice of Tort Claim Form –** Adopts a template for an updated Notice of Tort Claim Form, which includes contact information and reflects HIPPA information. This has been recommended by the Joint Insurance Fund.

**21-11 Endorse Application for Community Development Block Grant – SHARE, Inc. – 104 Cottage Place – Public Bathroom Addition** - Confirms endorsement of a \$30,000 CDB grant. This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the Village but will expedite the expenditure of Community Development funds.

**21-12 Endorse Application for Community Development Block Grant – SHARE, Inc. – 130 Prospect Street – Renovation of Bathrooms and Powder Room** - Confirms endorsement of a \$150,000 CDB grant. This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the Village but will expedite the expenditure of Community Development funds.

**21-13 Authorize Execution of Stipulation of Settlement for Tax Appeal for Pondview Medical Building** – Authorizes the execution of a Stipulation of Settlement for the tax appeal filed by the owners of the Pondview Medical Building located at 1124 East Ridgewood Avenue

**21-14 Authorize Disbursement of Affordable Housing Trust Fund Money to 257 Ridgewood Avenue Associates and United Way for Special Needs Housing** - Authorizes the release of \$500,000.00 from the Village’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund to 257 Ridgewood Avenue Associates and Bergen County United Way for the specific purpose of developing and constructing Affordable Special Needs Housing at the Enclave project, and authorizes the necessary Village staff to execute the necessary documents

**21-15 Appoint Member to Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Board** – Appoints Richard Brooks to a term which shall expire on December 31, 2023

18. Comments from the Public (Not to Exceed 5 minutes per person)

19. Adjournment

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