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**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD  
VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
MARCH 13, 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. Proclaim March 21, 2024 World Down Syndrome Day
  - B. Proclaim April 2, 2024 World Autism Awareness Day
  - C. Honor Rabbi Fine and Mahmoud Hamza
  - D. Proclaim March Red Cross Month
  - E. Proclaim March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
  - F. Proclaim March 17-23, 2024 as National Poison

## Prevention Week

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. Swearing-in of Police Sergeant Raymond Tarino
9. Comments from the Public (Not to exceed 3 minutes per person - 40 minutes in total)
10. Village Manager's Report
11. Village Council Reports
12. 2024 BUDGET INTRODUCTION
  - A. Budget Message
  - B. Introduction - Ordinance 3993 - Establish a CAP Bank -
  - C. RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 24- THROUGH 24- 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-           **Approve Temporary Water Utility Capital Budget** - Approves a temporary Water Utility Capital Budget, prior to the adoption of the permanent Water Utility Capital Budget
- 24-           **Approve Temporary General Capital Budget** - Approves a temporary General Capital Budget, prior to the adoption of the permanent General Capital Budget
- 24-           **Increase 2024 Deferred School Taxes -**

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

- 22-85           **Approve 2024 Municipal Budget and Set April 10, 2024 as the Date for the Public Hearing Thereon**

13.   ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION - RIDGEWOOD WATER

- 3994 - **Bond Ordinance - Water Utility Capital (NTE \$)** - Appropriates this money for various capital improvements for Ridgewood Water
- 3995 - **Amend Chapter 145 - Fees - Water Rates & PFAS Treatment Charges** - Sets new water rates at a 3% increase from 2023. Also establishes a new charge to fund PFAS treatment, which will be charged quarterly.

14.   ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING - RIDGEWOOD WATER

NONE

15.   RESOLUTIONS - RIDGEWOOD WATER

- 24-   **Establish 2024 Water Rates and PFAS Treatment Charge**

24-Award Sole Supplier Contract - 2024 Exchange of  
 Granulate Activated Carbon Media at Carr and  
 Twinney Treatment Facilities  
 24-Award Sole Source Contract - Furnish Corrosion  
 Inhibitor  
 24- Title 59 Approval - Line Stop and Valve Insertion  
 Services  
 24-Award Contract - Line Stop and Valve Insertion  
 Services  
 25-Award Contract - Ames PFAS Treatment Facility  
 24-Award Contract - Raw Water Mains - Phase 1 -  
 Contract 2 - Future Connection to Wortendyke  
 Treatment Facility and Cedar Hill Treatment  
 Facility  
 24-Award Professional Services Contract -  
 Professional Engineering Services for  
 Construction Administration and Inspection  
 Phase - East Ridgewood and West End Facilities  
 24-Award Additional Funding - Pipes, Appurtenances  
 and Service Materials  
 24-Award Additional Funding - SCADA Support and  
 Training  
 24-Approve Shared Services Agreement - Lead Service  
 Line Replacement (Glen Rock, Midland Park and  
 Wyckoff)  
 24-Establish Special Tax Assessment - Cost of Lead  
 Service Line Replacements  
 24-Authorize Lease of Property from Village of  
 Ridgewood to Ridgewood Water - Maple Park and  
 Graydon Park  
 24-Refund Overpayment of Water Bill

16. ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

3996 - Bond Ordinance - General Capital  
 (NTE \$5,173,400) - Appropriates this money for  
 various capital projects/purchases for various  
 Village departments

17. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

18. RESOLUTIONS

24- Award Emergency Contract - Repair of Boiler at  
 Streets Division - Materials and Supplies (NTE \$)

- 24-Award Contract - Disposal of Ground Yard Waste and Grass Clippings
- 24-Award Contract Under State Contract - Two Tri-Band Portable Radios - Ridgewood Fire Department (NTE \$)
- 25-Award Contract Under State Contract - Firefighter Turnout Gear (NTE \$)
- 24- Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program - Recycling Truck
- 24-Award Contract Under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract - Polaris All Terrain Vehicles
- 24-Award Professional Services Contract - Ambulance Billing Services
- 24- Award Contract - Revise Funding - Employee Assistance Program
- 24- Authorize 2023 Budget Reserve Transfers
- 24- Authorize Release of Performance Bond - Shell Gas Station and Dunkin Donuts - 657 Franklin Avenue
- 24-Refund Tax Overpayment - 420 Colonial Road
- 24- Authorize Application for NJ Department of Community Affairs Local Recreational Improvement Grant - New Playground at Habernickel Park
- 24-Authorize NJ Historic Trust Grant Application - Train Station Pedestrian Tunnel
- 24-Authorize Submission of Municipal Alliance Grant Application and Strategic Plan for Use of the Grant
- 24-Endorse Bergen County Community Development Grant - Family Promise of Bergen County
- 24- Declare Property Surplus - Sanitation Division
- 24- Declare Property Surplus - Fire Department

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

20. Adjournment