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Regular Public Meeting
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The following minutes are a summary of the Planning Board meeting of February 3, 2026. Interested parties may request an audio recording of the meeting from the Board Secretary for a fee.

Call to Order & Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Mr. Joel called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The Oath of Office was taken by Sammy Thomas, Alternate #2 Member.

Roll Call – The following members were present: Rob Willis, John Young, Deputy Mayor Perron, Richard Joel, Jim Van Goor, David Refkin, Reese Campbell and Sammy Thomas. Fran Barto, Michael Stern and Elizabet Timofeeva were absent. Also present were Christopher Martin, Esq., Board Attorney, and Jane Wondergem, Board Secretary.

Public Comments on Topics not Pending Before the Board –

Pam Welch commented regarding Ordinance #4072 and her shock that the Board recommended the approval of the ordinance as she feels the ordinance does not support the Master Plan. Ms. Welch had submitted specific sections of the Master Plan that supported her comments and stressed that Ridgewood residents want a Village feel.

Committee/Commission/Professional Updates for Non Agenda Topics -

Deputy Mayor Perron provided a Council update.

Mr. Refkin provided a Green Ridgewood update regarding Climate Resiliency Planning Grant and how they will prepare for the next grant cycle.

Review of proposed Ordinance #4081 – Vacating a Portion of Grandview Circle –

Deputy Mayor Perron explained that the proposed ordinance to vacate a portion of Grandview Circle was introduced at the last Council Meeting, stating that the subject property is landlocked and has no street address. Deputy Mayor Perron said the Village has no access to the property without going through private property and the property is not needed for any municipal public purpose. The Board viewed map which showed how the property will be incorporated with the adjacent property owners. The property owners will be responsible for all subdivision and Deed requirements.

Following Board discussion, it was agreed that the Board will recommend approval of the Ordinance to the Mayor and Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wondergem, Board Secretary

Date Approved: February 17, 2026