



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

April 08, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 101/102 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by President Casper at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: President Michele Casper, Trustee Kellee Venden, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Julene Garner, Trustee Brad Butler, Trustee Steve Vosberg, Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent, Michael Gorham-Marshal, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services Specialist and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: Trustee Ruth Nevins, Jerry Doescher-Director of Public Works

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on April 4, 2025 at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Thomas presented the Village with a framed photo from 1878 of the Village of Ridgeway, which at that time went all the way to the Dane County line,

Ryan Bohnsack shared his appreciation to the Village Board and Park & Rec Commission. He is looking forward to future partnering with the Village and Community Center.

Marshal commented on the portable building safety and lights being left on upstairs at night.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Niehaus, seconded by Venden to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted:
Board of Trustees March 11, 2025
2. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements
3. Adoption of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. Announcements

Congratulations to Marshal for receiving a scholarship for registration, travel and meals from the Wisconsin Department of Justice to attend a conference later in April.

Congratulations to the re-elected trustees Julene Garner, Ruth Nevins and Cindy Niehaus. Also congratulations to Bradley Butler, the newly elected Village President.

Michele shared that B.A.R.S. will have no changes in their budget for next year.

The Park & Rec Committee-Easter egg hunt on April 18 at the Community Center @5:30pm.

First outdoor Farmer's Market on Mother's Day.
Legion will do their ceremony on Memorial Day at 11:00am.

5. Department Reports

Phelan shared election results: 287 voters, 10 election day registrations, 61.09% turnout. HeyGov utility usage was up 24% from the previous month. We have issued a total of 90 dog licenses. Of that, 18 applications have been sent and paid for utilizing HeyGov.

Received and filed the Marshal's office monthly report.

6. Correspondence

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

7. Community needs project - update from Kari Phelan and Anne Connor.

K Phelan addressed the board sharing plans. Motion by Butler, seconded by Niehaus to provide complimentary use of Room 204 for collection and organization of donations. Motion carried.

Motion by Niehaus, seconded by Butler to provide property at the Community Center for a community garden approximately 12' x 30'. Motion carried.

8. Main Street HHH Project Update and Committee

Received an update from Iowa County Highway Commissioner, Craig Hardy regarding the Main Street/HHH rebuild. The village needs to create a community business area development group (approx. 5 people) comprised of downtown business owners, residents and board member(s). No motion needed.

9. Broom for street sweeper

Motion by Butler, seconded by Niehaus to approve spending up to \$1000 for the purchase of a new broom for the street sweeper. Motion carried.

10. Quote- repair salt apron

Tabled until next meeting and quotes are received.

11. Park & Rec Commission recommendation-broken playground equipment

Motion by Butler, seconded by Venden to approve the recommendation by the Park and Rec Commission to purchase the Ball & Glove Sit-in Spring Riders with concession stand funds from Fund 150-Public Property and Events for \$5895, with additional costs for installation up to \$600. Motion carried.

12. Principal Life Insurance

Motion by Niehaus, seconded by Vosberg to approve the proposal from Principal Life Insurance to add the option of supplemental employee paid additional optional life insurance. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Venden seconded by Garner to adjourn at 8:34pm. Motion carried.