



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2026 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 Butler at 7:01 pm.

PRESENT: President Bradley Butler, Trustee Andrew Cusimano, Trustee Julene Garner, Trustee John Harpold, Trustee Ruth Nevins, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Lamont Larkins-Director of Public Works, Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent, and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer.

Absent: Trustee Kayla Goebel

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting being posted on July 10, 2026 at the Ridgeway Community Center and on the Village website with notifications being sent to subscribers via email and/or text.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes to be Adopted:
Board of Trustees-June 9, 2026
Public Works, Safety & Health Committee-July 8, 2026
2. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements
Pooled Checking Account Disbursements totaling \$59,091.50
Chase Credit Card June Purchases \$456.97
Citibank Costco Credit Card June Purchases \$1,158.67
June ACH Payment totaling \$86,165.12
June Payroll \$18,596.81
3. Adoption of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. President Messages:

Park & Rec Commission discussions coming to the board next month-Clean-up Day, TID Initiatives

Park & Rec is going to start investigating use of the restricted funds.

Garner is the new Chair of the Park & Rec Commission appointed by Butler at their meeting.

5. Clerk/Treasurer Report:

June Account Balances

Independence Day Celebration

Phelan shared June 2026 month end balances of all bank accounts.

All accounts-\$1,637,893.22

GF Pooled Checking-\$466,790.80

GF Money Market-\$862,656.22

Sewer DNR Replacement-\$97,784.99

Water Money Market-\$89,581.24

CDBG Accounts-0

RD Sewer Replacement-\$59,961.65

Holiday Helper-\$27,684.19

SDWL Debt Service-\$40,071.28

The setup and use of cards was very successful. After adapting to the new ability to take cards, using the iPad/phones for chicken tickets, beer tickets and in the concession stand was very smooth.

Card sales totaled \$1,893.58 after processing fees were deducted.

The reports from Square provided information on how much was sold which will be good for future reference.

6. Public Works, Streets and Parks Report:

Well #1 status/update-new well planning

INI Quotes-Meudt Ct., Tallman Ct. to Grove St.

Kirby Street projected start date

Lots of testing was done on Well #1. Larkins suggests starting the process to build a new well. First step would be identifying sites.

Larkins has reached out for the INI and only one has given him rates, but nothing in writing yet. Will follow up to have written quotes for next month.

Kirby Street anticipated to start August 3rd due to rain causing delays at other jobs.

Met with MHTC at the water tower to inquire about putting fiber into their server. Will also look into fiber to the Treatment Plant. Frontier is discontinuing service in September.

7. Sheriff Deputy Report:

Deputy Sheriff Faull provided the monthly reports for June.

Lots of traffic stops, mostly speeding on Main Street.

8. Correspondence
Phelan shared the announcement that the Village of Ridgeway has been awarded an Innovation Grant by partnering with Iowa County Sheriff Department for services.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9. Motion by **Nevins** to contract with Delta 3 Engineering to conduct an evaluation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, seconded by **Niehaus**. Motion carried.
10. Motion by **Cusimano** to approve the Operator License application, seconded by **Harpold**. Motion carried.
11. Motion by **Butler** to adopt Ordinance 2026-04, seconded by **Niehaus**. Motion carried.
Motion by **Butler** to adopt Resolution 2026-14 Fee Schedule, seconded by **Cusimano**. Motion carried.
Motion by **Butler** to turn over the less lethal to the Iowa County Sheriff Department for destruction, seconded by **Harpold**. Motion carried.
12. Motion by **Butler** to authorize up to \$10,000 for expenditures for repairs and preventative measures to the gym floor using funds from the Innovation Grant, seconded by **Harpold**. Motion carried.
13. Motion by **Butler** to sell the shotgun to Michael Gorham for \$250.00+transfer fees, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.
14. Motion by **Niehaus** to have Village Public Works staff take care of transporting and selling the aluminum cans, seconded by **Butler**. Motion carried.
15. Budget workshops:
Water/Sewer-August 13, 2026 @ 3:00pm
General-to be scheduled
Combined-to be scheduled
Employee Reviews: to be scheduled
16. Motion by **Niehaus** to approve the street use application as submitted, seconded by **Cusimano**. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

17. Insurance Claim - Playground Equipment Replacement
Insurance claim didn't go through. No action, no motions.
18. Motion by **Niehaus** to approve the month-to-month lease from Kalscheur Implement, without the extended warranty, seconded by **Cusimano**. Motion carried.

19. Motion by **Niehaus** to donate the squad to the Ridgeway Fire Department to use in training, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by **Garner**, seconded by **Niehaus**. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:55pm.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 5, 2026 REGULAR SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.