

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

PLAN COMMISSION & DOWNTOWN BUSINESS STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

September 07, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Casper at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michele Casper, Rick Short, Gus Bellenger, Kevin Zeier, Michael Larson, Hailey Roessler-Clerk/Treasurer, Maggie Johnson - Deputy Clerk, Errin Welty-Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Downtown Development Program Director

ABSENT (excused): Director of Public Works Jeff Brindley, Kari Phelan

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Roessler indicated this was a properly noticed meeting posted on September 2, 2022, at the Ridgeway Community Center, the Village website and Facebook page with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS STAKEHOLDER MEETING

1. Introduction to Connect Communities Program from Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation by Errin Welty, CEcD, EDFP

Discussion, Q& A

The Village applied for and was accepted to Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's Connect Communities program in 2022 to provide guidance in growth, development, and downtown revitalization of the Main Street area. Casper, Johnson, and Roessler attended a roundtable event in Mount Horeb earlier this year and will continue to participate in communications, trainings, and workshops hosted by the program.

Errin Welty the Downtown Development Program Director for WEDC manages the Main Street and Connect Communities Programs and was present to discuss the opportunities the program offers to participating communities and their businesses. She introduced the program to commissioners. Local business owners Andy and Melinda Phelan talked about their ideas for 705 Main Street, which is currently listed for sale. Further discussion about opportunities and the results of the spring downtown tour were had amongst those present.

At 7:50 pm John Forbes and Jason Gordon, 720 Main Street, were present to address commissioners regarding their concerns and requested the depot parking signs be removed as it exacerbated weekend traffic's insistence that they could park on their private property. Forbes requested the signs be taken down. Casper requested that the Ridgeway Public Works department remove them. Gordon and Forbes are open to discussing options for the parking concerns and removal of their potential liability when the public uses their private property with such frequency. Roessler indicated that the availability of the parking lot area at the park on public property needs to be promoted more to direct traffic there.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

2. 104 E Wells Street Certified Survey Map and Easement Request Update as Request to Purchase 3 Acres from Behind the Village Park

Commissioners reviewed the CSM for 104 E Wells Street.

Roessler recommended an address of 56 Stonier Lane for the new parcel. Building permit indicates municipal water and sewer. Commissioners discussed the possibility of the split, the easement versus sale of 3 acres, and water and sewer service in the area of the CSM. Short indicated it made sense to provide water from Hughitt and sewer service from Well Street in lieu of sewer service down Hughitt Street. Questions were raised by commissioners if water and sewer is required to be provided by the village. Roessler will research and clarify.

Motion by Bellenger, Seconded by Zeier, to recommend approval of the proposed certified survey map of parcel 177-0184.A with an address recommendation of 56 Stonier Lane. Motion carried.

Motion by Short, Seconded by Bellenger, to recommend to the board that water is run from Hughitt Street down to the ROW for the split parcel and a sewer lateral from Well Street with denial of purchase of the three acres. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Short, Seconded by Zeier, to adjourn at 8:42 pm.