

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023 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 Chair Casper at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: President Michele Casper, Trustee Cindy Niehaus, Trustee Kellee Venden, Trustee Ruth Nevins, Trustee Rick Short, Trustee Julene Garner, Trustee Steve Vosberg, Dale Peterson-Director of Public Works, Braden Losby -Streets and Parks Superintendent, Marshal Michael Gorham, Hailey Roessler-Clerk/Treasurer

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Roessler indicated this was a properly noticed meeting posted on October 9, 2023, 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

There was no one wishing to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vosberg, Seconded by Venden, to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted: Regular Board Meeting 09/12/2023; Finance Committee Meeting 09/15/2023
2. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements
3. Adoption of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. Announcements

Vosberg announced that the Ridgeway Fire Department Pancake breakfast is this Sunday, October 15. Casper announced that it was the last farm market of the season and the vendors would be handing out candy to the kids that day as well so everyone could make a great day of it.

Casper announced that the Utility Clerk/Deputy Clerk was reposted today and the job remains open as the last selected candidate did not accept the position.

Park and Recreation Commission will be decorating Friday, October 27 at 5pm. The Boo Bash event will be Sunday, October 29.

5. Department Reports

Received and filed.

6. Correspondence

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

7. Liquor License Application - 623 Main Street

Sara Brewer was present to discuss her business plans for Brewskees on the Ridge. She is in the process of getting everything together for a soft opening on November 4 and a real estate closing date of October 17.

Motion by Short, Seconded by Niehaus, to approve the liquor and beer license for Sara Brewer to be issued upon proof of control of the property at 623 Main Street. Motion carried.

8. 2023-2024 Park Improvements - DNR LWCF and Vibrant Spaces Grants

Trustees discussed the contract and bid parameters for the bid set.

Motion by Nevins, Seconded by Venden, to accept the contract with DNR LWCF for Grant #55-01946 in the amount of \$177,300. Motion carried.

Motion by Niehaus, Seconded by Short, to authorize Parkitecture to distribute the bid plans and specifications for return by December 1st, 2023 and a substantial completion date of June 1, 2024. Motion carried.

9. Village Green/Veterans Memorial/Vibrant Spaces Grant

Garner presented selected plants and bricks for the veteran memorial space on the village green. Options were discussed amongst trustees.

Motion by Venden, Seconded by Niehaus, to accept the plan provided by the Bruce Company. Motion carried.

10. Sludge Hauling to Fennimore and Recovery of Costs from Monticello
Peterson presented options for sludge removal and cost recovery from Monticello.
Motion by Vosberg, Seconded by Venden, to invoice Monticello for \$13,726.70 and haul sludge via CK Septic to Fennimore for \$0.19/gallon/\$10,970. Motion carried.
11. Parking at the Community Center
Public Works will measure out the possibility for angled parking in front of the Ridgeway Community Center.
12. Portable - 208 Jarvis Street
Motion by Garner, Seconded by Nevins, to issue a waiver of the contract with Nathan Mattison due to failure to remove in 60 days, failure to obtain necessary permits for removal, and issue a refund of the \$100 paid. Motion carried.
Motion by Nevins, Seconded by Garner, for Public Works to get quotes to demolish and remove the portable as soon as possible. Motion carried.
13. 2024 Iowa County Humane Society Contract
Motion by Venden, Seconded by Short, to approve the 2024 contract with the Iowa County Humane Society and pay the upfront cost of \$500 in January 2024. Motion carried.
14. 2024 Skid Steer Lease
Motion by Vosberg, Seconded by Garner, to authorize up to \$5,100 for 2024 skid steer lease with Kalscheur Implement. Motion carried.
15. ACH Authorization for EIF/DOA Loan Payments
Motion by Niehaus, Seconded by Venden, to authorize the EIF and DOA loan payments to be processed via ACH. Motion carried.
16. December Board Meeting Date
Motion by Short, Seconded by Garner, to move the December Board Meeting to Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.
17. Wisconsin Retirement System(WRS)
Motion by Niehaus, Seconded by Vosberg, to adopt Resolution of Inclusion Under the Wisconsin Retirement System. Motion carried.
Motion by Niehaus, Seconded by Vosberg, all current and future eligible employees will participate effective January 1, 2023 and will not be offering retroactive contributions. Motion carried.
18. Health Insurance Renewal
Motion by Vosberg, Seconded by Nevins, to stay with the current Dean Insurance Health Plan for December 2023-November 2024. Motion carried.
19. 2023-10 General Fund Budget Amendment

Motion by Short, Seconded by Vosberg, to adopt Resolution 2023-10 General Fund Budget Amendment. Motion carried.

20. 620 Main Street Variance

Trustees discussed possible variances at 620 Main Street. Casper will work with owners and Jewell to survey and bring the certified survey map and potential variances to the plan commission.

21. Convene in closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion by Venden, Seconded by Garner, to convene in closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Venden, Seconded by Niehaus, to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.