

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

VIRTUAL SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

March 03, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85096136257> OR by Phone 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
- [2.](#) Minutes to be Adopted: Board of Trustees February 11, 2025

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- [3.](#) Resolution 2025-01

ADJOURNMENT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 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 Julene Garner, Trustee Ruth Nevins, Trustee Brad Butler, Trustee Steve Vosberg, Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent, Marshal Gorham, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services Specialist and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer. Absent: Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Kellee Venden.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on February 7, 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

Ryan Bohnsack Dodgeville School District Administrator thanked the Park and Rec Commission for the passion they have for the community. Shared information for the upcoming referendum. Listening session on Thursday for those with questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Garner, seconded by Butler to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted:
Board of Trustees January 8, 2025
Finance Committee January 20, 2025
Finance Committee January 31, 2025
2. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements
3. Adoption of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. Announcements:
 County Road HHH/Main Street project
 Welcome Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent
- The board welcomed Kevin Meckley to the team as the new Streets and Parks Superintendent.
- Michele shared that the Girls on the Run and Bruce Paull have worked with the Park and Rec Commission. They will be using the Military ridge Trail with the Community Center as the home base.
- Iowa County Highway Department has indicated that the Main Street/Cty HHH project will begin in the summer of 2028.
- Community Movie Night Friday, February 28th at the Community Center.
5. Department Reports
 Received and filed.
6. Correspondence:
 Hwy HHH project update
 Hwy HHH project update shared in the Announcements.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

7. Utility Disconnections
- Phelan proposed a change in handling of delinquent utility accounts and disconnections. The proposed change is to mail quarterly letters/notices to delinquent accounts, as well as landlords with tenants that are delinquent. Discussion took place regarding the letter/notice to be sent, sewer late fees and impact of revenue on the utilities.
- Motion by Butler, seconded by Garner to table Phelan's proposed change until the March meeting. Motion carried.
- Phelan to provide information at the March meeting.
8. Jordan Fure, Delta 3 Engineering-Potential Water Quality Trading Projects
- Jordan Fure of Delta 3 Engineering addressed the Board regarding Water Quality Trading Projects. Options and his recommendations were shared:
1. Groundwater discharge-quarterly and use lagoon to hold (best long term)
 2. Stream bank stabilization (most feasible)
 3. Facility upgrade (most costly)
 4. Re-apply for the Multi-use discharge (funds don't go to our county)
9. Doors Estimates-Tallman Ct Shed
- Motion by Garner, seconded by Vosberg to approve the quote from Kevin's Overhead Door for repair of the overhead door at the green shed on Tallman Court. Motion carried.
10. 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: Land rent

Motion by Butler, 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: Land rent. Motion carried.

11. Convene in closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction: Director of Public Works position.

Motion by Butler, seconded by Garner to convene in closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction: Director of Public Works position. Motion carried.

Phelan exited the meeting. Minutes taken by Casper.

12. Reconvene in open session to possibly act on closed session discussions.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Butler to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Vosberg, seconded by Nevins to offer the Director of Public Works position as discussed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Garner, seconded by Butler to adjourn at 8:30pm. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECT CHARGE OF PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

WHEREAS, The Village of Ridgeway, Iowa County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality") owns and operates the Water Utility (the "utility") as a public utility; and

WHEREAS, the municipality provides public fire protection for the benefit of the public health, safety, and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Utility is authorized by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to recover the cost of providing and maintaining fire hydrants use for public fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has determined it is in the public interest to change the manner in which public fire protection charges are paid for combination of the municipal charge (via tax roll) basis and direct charge on water bills, based on equivalent meter size basis, thus, allowing for the collection of public fire protection charges from property owners not presently subject to property taxes; and

WHEREAS, \$25,000 of Public Fire Protection Charges shall be a direct charge on water utility bills and the remaining balance of Public Fire Protection Charges shall remain on the tax roll. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission cost of service study results tentatively indicate a total public fire protection charge of \$108,493 for 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wis. Stat. Sec. 196.03(3)(b), the Municipality has chosen to have the Utility bill a specific dollar amount for public fire protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the new basis for public fire protection shall be \$108,493, which includes \$25,000 which will be collected through direct charge on monthly utility bills for public fire protection based on equivalent meter basis and the remaining current balance of \$83,493 to continue being placed on the tax roll; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this charge shall be effective the latter of April 1, 2025 or upon review and approval by the Public Service Commission of the State of Wisconsin.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2025



By: _____
Michele B. Casper, President

By: _____
Lori Phelan, Clerk/Treasurer