

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014

The regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Napoli at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Medina, NY.

Those Officers Present:	Brian Napoli	Supervisor
	Jeffrey Toussaint	Councilman
	Paul Blajszczak	Councilman(Abs.Exc.)
	David Stalker	Councilman
	Mary Woodruff	Councilwoman(Abs.Exc.)
Others:	Mark Goheen	Hwy Superintendent
	Daniel Wolfe	Code Enf.Officer
	Katherine Bogan	Attorney
	Patricia Laszewski	Assessor(Abs.Exc.)
	Barbara J. Klatt	Town Clerk
	Karen Kaiser	Deputy Town Clerk
	Hannah Hill	
	Howard Balaban	The Journal Register
	Jim Krencik	Batavia Daily News
	Francis Woodward	Ridgeway Vol.Fire Chief
	Kathy Blackburn	
	E. John DeFilipps	O.C. Legislature
	John A. Gebera	

Business owner, Kathy Blackburn, spoke to the board prior to the board meeting and explained the importance of being included in the prospective Main Street Program. This program, which would be run by the Orleans Renaissance Group, is a non-profit organization. Ms. Blackburn stated that businesses in Medina will be able to find and apply for grants not otherwise available. A request of \$5000 will be considered by the Town Board to help get the program started.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 54 – 4/21/14

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

Offered by Councilman Stalker, who moved its adoption.  
Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Resolved to accept agenda with additions to New Business – (Resolution #60 - #61).  
Resol.#60 -This is a resolution to authorize Supervisor to sign terms of “Undertaking” for the benefit of the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with work affecting state highways.



NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 56 – 4/21/14

RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGEWAY  
TOWN BOARD CALLING ON NEW  
YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO  
REJECT GOVERNOR’S PLAN TO  
REWARD PRISON INMATES WITH  
COLLEGE EDUCATIONS AT  
TAXPAYERS’ EXPENSE

Offered by Councilman Stalker, who moved its adoption.  
Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

WHEREAS, the purpose of prison is to punish those who have engaged in behavior that is morally and legally wrong, dangerous, threatening or severely antisocial, including murder, rape, theft and distribution of narcotics, among other serious crimes; and;

WHEREAS, incarcerated individuals represent a continued threat to society and are not deserving of rewards, but rather punishment for their actions; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo proposed providing this segment of society with taxpayer-funded college tuition at a cost of \$5000 per inmate, a benefit unavailable to the children of the productive, law-abiding taxpayers who will be forced to finance Mr. Cuomo’s scheme; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo expressed no concern for the educational opportunities lost by many of the victims of the hardened criminals he wishes to treat as valued members of society, most notably those who were murdered by such criminals; and

WHEREAS, any education funds for the Governor’s proposal should be allocated to local school districts in order to provide our young people with the tools and skills they need to be productive members of our society so that they cannot be left behind; and

WHEREAS, an investment in our youth will have a greater positive impact on the lives of our next generation of citizens and therefore will over the long term be far more effective as a crime deterrent than the current proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ridgeway endorses the notion that prison is punishment and convicted inmates are un-deserving of rewards;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ridgeway considers Governor Cuomo’s proposal an outrageous insult to the law-abiding taxpayers of this state, county and town; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ridgeway does hereby call upon its representatives and the leadership of the New York Senate and Assembly to reject this radical proposal and similar liberal meddling with the institution of justice; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ridgeway calls upon the Governor to withdraw this proposal and provide those funds to local school districts or financial aid to students who want to attend college who cannot afford it on their own; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Town of Ridgeway shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Cuomo, Senator George D. Maziarz, Member of the Assembly Stephen Hawley and Orleans County Legislature.

Resolved to reject Governor’s plan to reward prison inmates with college educations at taxpayers expense.

Adopted:	3 ayes	0 nays
	Supervisor Brian Napoli	Aye
	Councilman David Stalker	Aye
	Councilman Jeffrey Toussaint	Aye
	Councilman Paul Blajszczak	Absent
	Councilwoman Mary Woodruff	Absent

RESOLUTION NO. 57 – 4/21/14

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT HANNAH HILL AS SECOND DEPUTY CLERK

Offered by Councilman Toussaint, who moved its adoption.  
Seconded by Councilman Stalker.

Resolved to appoint Hannah Hill as second deputy to the Town Clerk effective April 21, 2014.

Adopted:	3 ayes	0 nays
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RESOLUTION NO. 58 – 4/21/14

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR WD#12 WITH TOWN OF HARTLAND



Seconded by Councilman Stalker.

Resolved to authorize publication and set public hearing for Zoning violation fee schedule.

Adopted: 3 ayes 0 nays

## OTHER BUSINESS

### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

### DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

County Legislator, E. John DeFilipps, stated that Wednesday, April 23, 2014 is the Supervisor/Legislature meeting at the Village Inn. Mr. DeFilipps also said that there is more information to come about the "Stamp Project".

Town Clerk, Barb Klatt, informed coworkers that mail slots are available in the Water Department so that material they request to be put on the Town website can be placed there for review.

Attorney, Kathy Bogan, stated she will be working on easements for Water Dist.#12 and also corrections on the water agreement with Town of Hartland.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Goheen, stated that the plows are off for the spring/summer. The highway workers are repairing lawns that were tore up by the plows this winter. He also explained to the board that the water tank needs to be inspected every 5 years. He is asking for a sub camera (approx..\$1750) to perform this inspection. Also, a flyover of water district #12 and #13 has been completed. Chatfield Engineers will present an area map within the next couple of weeks.

Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Wolfe, said he issued two area variances, one conditional. He also has been busy with site plan reviews.

### COUNCILMAN REPORT

Councilman, Jeffrey Toussaint indicated that he will be attending a meeting at the Village Hall to discuss the Youth Commissions' plans. He will be glad to bring the new information to the Ridgeway Board.

### BOARD REPORTS: PLANNING, ZONING

RESOLUTION NO. 62 – 4/21/14

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Offered by Councilman Stalker, who moved its adoption.  
Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Resolved to pay bills as presented:

PREPAID ABSTRACT	\$ 11816.51
ABSTRACT	\$ 118725.22
TOTAL ABSTRACT	\$ 130541.73

Adopted: 3 ayes 0 nays

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. by Councilman Stalker and seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Town of Ridgeway,

Barbara J. Klatt  
Town Clerk

