

**TOWN OF RIDGEWAY  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

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

<b>Those Officers Present:</b>	Brian Napoli	Supervisor
	Jeffrey Toussaint	Councilman
	David Stalker	Councilman
	Mary Woodruff	Councilwoman
	Sarah Fisher	Councilwoman
<b>Others:</b>	John Olinger	Interim Highway Superintendent
	Karen Kaiser	Town Clerk
	Laurie Kilburn	Deputy Town Clerk
	Patricia Laszewski	Assessor
	Dan Wolfe	Code Enforcement Officer
	Kathy Bogan	Town Attorney
	Undersheriff Christopher Bourke	
	Officer Ambrose Officer	
	Tom Rivers	Orleans HUB Reporter
	Lynn Johnson	County Legislator (Absent)
	Bonnie Gill	Resident of Knowlesville
	Dan Gill	Resident of Knowlesville
	Effie McAdoo	Resident of Knowlesville
	Justin McAdoo	Resident of Knowlesville
	Tammatha Bambenek	Resident of Knowlesville
	Laura Olinger	
	Duane Payne	
	Kim Heschke	Resident of Knowlesville
	David Heschke	Resident of Knowlesville
	Christina Parsell	Resident of Knowlesville
David Parsell Jr.	Resident of Knowlesville	
Bethany Clark	Resident of Knowlesville	
Christopher Clark	Resident of Knowlesville	
Jason Anderson	Resident of Knowlesville	
Kristen McAdoo	Resident of Knowlesville	
Lynn Southcott	Resident of Knowlesville	
Chris McCauly	Resident of Knowlesville	

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 121-12/16/2019**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

Offered by Councilwoman Woodruff, who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilwoman Fisher

Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

Adopted:                    5 Ayes                    0 nays

**RESOLUTION NO.122-12/16/2019**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MINUTES  
OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019 AS  
PRESENTED**

Offered by Councilman Stalker who moved its adoption,

Seconded by Councilman Toussaint

Resolved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 minutes as presented.

Adopted:                    5 ayes                    0 nays

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. S&P Rating updated Affirmed at A-Thank You everyone.
- B. Traffic Diversion Proceeds: \$3,733.33.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- A. End of the Year Meeting, December 30,2019 2P.M. Town Hall
- B. Organizational Meeting, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 2P.M. , Town Hall
- C. Workshop, January 14, 2020,7P.M, Town Hall
- D. Board Meeting , Tuesday January 21,2020, 7P.M.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. WD#14 Construction started, Sergi broke ground today and laid 500ft of pipe.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Route 104 bridge open house with the DOT went well; the project will take about 4 months.

RESOLUTION NO. 123-12/16/2019

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC  
HEARING FOR RIDGEWAY LOCAL  
LAW #1 FOR 2020 FOR ENERGY  
STORAGE SYSTEM.

Offered by Councilwoman Woodruff who moved its adoption,  
Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Adopted:                    5 ayes                    0 nays

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Fire Company Report-** (Read by Councilwoman Fisher)

17-EMS  
2-MVA  
1-auto alarm  
3-Mutual Aide  
8- Hazardous  
1-Lift Assist

**Town Clerks Office-** Town Clerk Kaiser stated that the 2020 taxes had arrived, and we are working to get them turned around and mailed out on time. Deputy Brown has worked 1 year on taxes and Deputy Kilburn is in her first year, and now understands "wait until you see tax season"

**Town Attorney-**Nothing to add at this time

**Assessor-** Julie completed her class in Batavia and passed her test. This bring her 1 class closer to her Certification, her next class is two parts and the first part will most likely be this summer at Cornell.

**Highway Department-** Plowing and salting, reading water meters. The new valve for North Gravel road is finally in and installed. The final drafts re in for approval for the Town to start purchasing water from Albion. Sergi started today laying 500 ft. of pipe.

**Code enforcement-** Said he will reserve comments until the audience from the Town of Knowlesville Had their chance to speak and would do his best to answer their questions and address their concerns.

**COUNCILMAN REPORTS**

**Councilwoman Fisher-** The MAAC toy drive was December 14<sup>th</sup> at the old Applegrove. The Fire Department is getting audit quotes as they are 8to 10 years behind. The fire department will be

purchasing a new LG T.V for their Lounge. The installation Banquet is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
The election of the 2020 officers is as follows:

Chief – Pat Kelly  
Deputy Chief -Jason Bessel  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief- tied Postponed until January  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief- Matt Natale  
Fire Police Captain- Mike Kelly  
President- Don Marchner  
Vice President- April Fearby  
Treasurer- Sam Raduns  
Secretary- Chantelle Blackburn  
Sargent at Arms-Zach Blackburn  
3 year director- Paul Wengrzycki

**Councilman Toussaint-** Nothing to add at this time

**Councilwoman Woodruff-** Nothing to add at this time except Merry Christmas and wanting to hear the  
Attending citizens' concerns,

**Councilman Stalker-** Asked if the Town Trucks had been placarded yet. Supervisor Napoli stated that the  
Town name was on the license plate. Councilman Stalker then stated that he read in the paper that one  
of the Town's had taken the Town truck away from the Highway Superintendent, and it was available to  
him only while at work, for misuse of the Town truck. Supervisor Napoli said John does not misuse the  
truck to which Councilman Stalker stated that the taxpayers paid for the truck and it should have a  
placard.

The Supervisor asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilman Toussaint made the motion.  
Councilman Stalker seconded and the motion to pay the bills was carried.

**ABSTRACT TOTAL: \$ 757, 0829.00**

At this time the Supervisor asked if there were any questions or concerns stating that he realized that  
the majority of the audience was from the Town of Knowlesville.  
Bethany Clark a resident of the Town of Knowlesville asked the question "If the House is placarded why  
are the people still there?"

at which time Dan Wolfe the Code enforcement Officer for the Town of Ridgeway stated he does not  
have the authority to remove the people if the landlord has given them permission to live there.  
The site at 3634 Knowlesville Rd. was the scene of a standoff that started at 4:46 p.m. on  
Dec. 3 and continued until about 3 a.m. Dec. 4.  
Residents say the site is a concern in the neighborhood, due to many people coming and  
going, people fighting at the house, shooting air rifles and alleged criminal activity.

Dan Wolfe, the town code enforcement officer, said the 2,211-square-foot house is zoned for single family, but has been used as boarding house with multiple tenants. That is against the town code for that zoning.

"I'm citing him for operating a boarding house," Wolfe told town residents "We'll do whatever we can to hold his feet to the fire."

Undersheriff Chris Bourke says the Sheriff's office will track down the owner of the property and serve him as the papers from the town. Registered mail to the owner has been returned to Ridgeway Town Hall unopened,

Undersheriff Chris Bourke said the Sheriff's Office can locate Rodgers and serve him with a letter from the town. Town Attorney Kathy Bogan told the residents she is also working with the District Attorney's office about addressing concerns from the residents.

"We have to go through the court process," she said. "We don't have a choice." Bogan said she will work to get the court process started, seeking relief for residents in the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Woodruff asked "How will we keep the residents informed of our progress?" Attorney Bogan stated that she will give the Board progress reports. The residents then presented the board with a petition with about 85 signatures from Knowlesville residents on a petition turned into the Town Board, asking for the boarding house to be shut down. Then as there were no further questions the supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stalker made the motion. Seconded by Councilman Toussaint and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen L. Kaiser

Ridgeway Town Clerk, RMC

