

**Town of Ridgeway
Town Board Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2023
410 West Avenue, Medina**

Officers Present:	Brian Napoli	Supervisor
	Jeffrey Toussaint	Councilman
	Duane Payne	Councilman
	Mary Woodruff	Councilwoman
	Cliff Barber	Councilman
	Hannah Hill	Town Clerk
	Jason Raduns	Code Enforcement Officer
	Kathy Bogan	Town Attorney
	Trisha Laszewski	Assessor
 Others Present:	Jess Marciano	
	Diana Baker	
	Bill Stear	
	Jason Wagner	

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Napoli at 7:00 PM with the reciting of the pledge of allegiance.

RESOLUTION NO. 54– 6/19/2023 RESOLUTION: ACCEPT THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 19, 2023 MEETING

Offered by Councilwoman Woodruff who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Barber.

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to accept the agenda for the June 19, 2023 Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 55– 6/19/2023 RESOLUTION: ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2023 MEETING AS PRESENTED

Offered by Councilman Barber who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to accept the minutes for the May 15, 2023 Board Meeting as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Hannah Hill: elected District Director, New York State Town Clerks Association, representing 6 counties. The Board congratulated Town Clerk Hill on her appointment.

- B. Mortgage Tax received: \$21,783.43
- C. NYMIR letter: Master disconnect switches required. Supervisor Napoli explained that the Highway Department already uses these.
- D. Town of Huntington resolution regarding voter rolls. Attorney Bogan explained that our County Board of Election already does this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Workshop: July 11, 2023, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall
 Town Board Meeting: July 17, 2023, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall

OLD BUSINESS:

Water District #15: Congresswoman Tenney's office awarded other towns, but not Ridgeway.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 56- 6/19/2023

RESOLUTION: APPROVE BRUSH, GRASS, AND WEEDS FEE; DESIGNATION OF LOCAL COMPANIES TO PERFORM WORK WITH TOWN LISTED ON COMPANY INSURANCE.

The Board and CEO Raduns discussed this fee, which will be implemented when grass is over ten inches high and sufficient notice has been given. The Board came to the decision to charge \$100 per hour, subject to review. The Town will find out what other municipalities charge for this. The fee in its entirety will go to the contractor mowing.

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to charge a \$100 per hour brush, grass, and weeds fee.

RESOLUTION NO. 57- 6/19/2023

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Board of Assessment Review members have worked over and above their regularly contracted one day per year for grievances as a result of the Town reassessment, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Assessment Review members will receive \$175 for the first day of grievances and then \$20 per hour for each additional hour worked after the first day, paid as a 2023 stipend.

Supervisor Napoli commented that this money is well earned and that the Board of Assessment Review did excellent work. He also mentioned the long hours that Assessor Laszewski and Assessor Assistant Cecchini put in for the reassessment and grievance days.

Offered by Councilman Toussaint who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Payne.

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved that the BAR members will receive \$175 for the first day of grievances and then \$20 per hour for each additional hour worked after the first day, paid as a 2023 stipend.

RESOLUTION NO. 58- 6/19/2023

RESOLUTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023 FOR JULY 17TH AT 7PM.

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023 FOR THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY: A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE NYS UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND BUILDING CODE AND THE STATE ENERGY CODE AND ESTABLISHING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY

Offered by Councilwoman Woodruff who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Barber.

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to set public hearing for Local Law #1 of 2023, for July 17th at 7pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Fire Company Report, none received this month.
- B. Department and County Legislator Reports:

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Hill said the OCR (Office of Community Renewal) audit for the CDBG grant went very well. Her office has been issuing many fishing licenses and dog licenses.

Code Enforcement Officer: CEO Raduns said he issued six building permits in May, closed out one, issued four violation letters and had two court appearances.

Assessor: Assessor Laszewski thanked the Board for passing the resolution to increase the pay for the Board of Assessment Review, stating that they worked very hard for eight days including five days of hearing grievances and forty hours total. She explained that for Ridgeway, there was a total of 227 grieved assessments which is 7.15% of total parcels. She said that she worked an additional 144.75 hours above her regular work weeks for grievances, and Julie worked an extra 94 hours total.

Town Attorney: Attorney Bogan said that she has been working with Jason on the local law and that we will need to do a public hearing at the next meeting.

- C. Councilman Reports:

Councilman Payne: nothing to report

Councilwoman Woodruff: Councilwoman Woodruff said that she and Councilman Barber are working on a date with Peter from Hodgson Russ to update the work rules.

Councilman Barber: nothing to report

Councilman Toussaint: nothing to report

D. Pay Bills:

Supervisor asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented:

A- General Townwide	\$23,161.36
B- General Outside Village	\$20,271.41
DA- Highway Townwide	\$28,001.62
DB- Highway Outside Village	\$ 54,031.35
SL- Knowlesville Light District	\$ 256.69
SS- Knowlesville Sewer	\$10,586.08
SW- Water Improvement Areas	<u>\$ 8,294.96</u>

Total Abstract: \$144,852.78

Offered by Councilman Toussaint who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Payne.

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Supervisor Napoli opened up the floor for any questions or comments.

Bill Stear spoke about a violation letter he received regarding his trailer on Culvert Road. He uses the mobile home for storage and it is not connected to power or water. He explained that although he knows about the zoning ordinance, he does not understand why he cannot use his trailer for storage. Mr. Stear said that he does not want to go through the process of a use variance through the zoning board if it will only be denied. Supervisor Napoli explained that use variances are generally difficult to be granted and suggested he show CEO Raduns and the Zoning board his plans to be compliant. CEO Raduns said the property has not been maintained and that the Zoning board will have to ultimately decide, but he will help him with the application.

Jason Wagner also spoke about a violation letter he received regarding his trailer on Portage Road. He explained that he purchased the trailer to prevent anyone else from living there. He plans to eventually take it down, but cannot commit to getting it taken down this year due to cost. He does not feel as it is a hazard because it is a solid structure and well maintained. CEO Raduns explained that it looked open to the elements from the road and satellite views. Attorney Bogan and the Board suggested he let CEO Raduns inspect it closer to determine if it needs to be taken down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

As there were no other questions or comments heard, Supervisor Napoli asked for a motion to enter executive session.

The motion was offered by Councilman Toussaint and seconded by Councilwoman Woodruff.

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Executive session began at 7:48pm.

Supervisor Napoli asked for a motion to end executive session.

The motion was offered by Councilman Barber and seconded by Councilman Payne.

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Executive session ended at 8:40pm.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Napoli asked for a motion to adjourn.

The motion was offered by Councilman Toussaint and seconded by Councilman Barber.

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Hill
Ridgeway Town Clerk