

**Town of Ridgeway
Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
410 West Avenue, Medina**

Officers Present:	Brian Napoli	Supervisor
	Jeffrey Toussaint	Councilman
	Duane Payne	Councilman
	Cliff Barber	Councilman
	Mary Woodruff	Councilwoman
	Hannah Hill	Town Clerk
	John Olinger	Highway Superintendent
	Kathy Bogan	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Don Marchner	Ridgeway Fire Co.
	Diana Baker	Village of Medina Trustee
	Jess Marciano	Village of Medina Trustee

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

ACCEPT AGENDA:

Supervisor Napoli asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the January 16, 2024 meeting. The motion was offered by Councilman Toussaint, seconded by Councilman Barber.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Napoli asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Board Meeting, the December 28, 2023 End of Year Meeting, and January 2, 2024 Organization Meeting as presented.

Town Clerk Hill noted two corrections to the Organization minutes from January 2, 2024:

- Budget Officer salary: \$2575
- Code Enforcement Officer salary: \$56,650

The motion to accept the minutes with the above changes was offered by Councilwoman Woodruff. Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. NYSDOT Ridge Road Discussion
- B. Allied Financial: request for information to file Annual Financial Report

- C. Claudia Tenney's office: WD#15; Supervisor Napoli filled out a request for funding from her website. Also, the State announced additional funding available for water projects.
- D. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance: Certified Julie Cecchini as Town Assessor
- E. Accessory structure ordinance will be sent to County Planning Board to be discussed at January 25th meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Work Session: February 13, 2024, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall
Town Board Meeting: February 20, 2024, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. PILOT payment received from Next Era Energy for 2800 Swett Road solar farm: \$7,140.00

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 01/16/2024

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE TRAILER JOINTLY WITH TOWN OF CARLTON IN CONSIDERATION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BEING EXECUTED BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY AND THE TOWN OF CARLTON

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to authorize Highway Superintendent to purchase trailer jointly with the Town of Carlton.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 - 01/16/2024

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT AND AUTHORIZE USE.

CEO Raduns explained that this is a unified permit the State put out for residential solar panel use.

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to authorize use of the New York State unified solar permit.

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 01/16/2024

RESOLUTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024: ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ORDINANCE, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT 7PM

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to set public hearing for Local Law #1 of 2024 for February 20, 2024 at 7PM.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Fire Company Report for December:



FIRE REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

EMS - 13
MVA - 4
HAZ. CONDITION - 2
MUTUAL AID - 1
STRUCTURE FIRE 1

TOTAL FOR MONTH - 21

TOTAL FOR 2023 - 294

164.9 HOURS ON CALLS

1620.79 HOURS FOR 2023

8.4 FIREFIGHTERS PER CALL

6.6 AVERAGE PER CALL

B. Department and County Legislator Reports:

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Hill said that tax season is in full swing and has collected just over 1 million dollars so far.

Highway Superintendent: Superintendent Olinger said the highway department has been working on ditching on Oregon road and will be working on Portage road next, and they have been plowing snow.

Assessor: Supervisor Napoli reported for Assessor Cecchini that she has had many people calling and coming in regarding assessments, and that her new clerk is doing well.

Village of Medina: Trustee Marciano said the Christmas decorations are being taken down and tree trimming has begun. Winter parking is still in effect in the Village. The Village election is coming up; petitions for candidates have not been turned in yet so they are unsure of who will be running.

Ridgeway Fire Company: Don Marchner told the Board that the Fire Co. had elections last month resulting in a change in administration:

President- Marissa Gilbert
Vice President- Madison Austin-Gilbert

Secretary- Morgan Austin-Gilbert
Treasurer- Jenn Thom
Chief- Tyler Luckman
Deputy Chief- Kristin McAdoo
1st Asst Chief: Don Marchner
2nd Asst Chief: Jerry Lewis

C. Councilman Reports:

Councilman Payne: nothing to report

Councilwoman Woodruff: Councilwoman Woodruff updated the Board on the employee handbook, stating that it was close to being done.

Councilman Toussaint: nothing to report

Councilman Barber: Councilman Barber asked Councilman Toussaint about the agricultural advisory committee that he brought up at the organization meeting. Councilman Toussaint reiterated his position that the committee would be useful as a sounding board and resource for agriculture issues in the Town. Councilman Barber said they had thought of Charlie Pettit and Brian Dunham to potentially serve on the committee. Attorney Bogan said we would need two Board members on the committee to serve as liaisons. Supervisor Napoli said they could reach out to Mr. Pettit and Mr. Dunham to see if they would be interested.

D. Pay Bills:

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

A- General Townwide	\$ 49,454.21
B- General Outside Village	\$ 24,157.80
DA- Highway Townwide	\$ 15,115.05
DB- Highway Outside Village	\$ 10,829.48
SL- Knowlesville Light District	\$ 342.74
SS- Knowlesville Sewer	\$ 176.84
SL- Fire Protection District	\$ 10,535.00
SW- Water Improvement Areas	\$ 121,936.06

Total Abstract: \$ 232,547.18

Offered by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Supervisor Napoli asked for any questions or comments.

Village Trustee Marciano asked Mr. Marchner about the upswing in volunteers for the fire department. Mr. Marchner said that many of the members have solicited friends and family and that the department grew about 12 members in 2023, most by word of mouth. She also asked the Board which attorney the Town uses for labor matters.

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

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

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Hill
Ridgeway Town Clerk