

**Town of Ridgeway
Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 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
	Julie Cecchini	Assessor
	Jason Raduns	Code Enforcement Officer

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 February 20, 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 January 16, 2024 Board Meeting as presented. The motion was offered by Councilwoman Woodruff, seconded by Councilman Payne.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Request from State Court System for annual audit
- B. New York Coalition Survey: email about allowing public comment at meetings
- C. NYS DOT: Response to request for changes on Ridge Road (Route 104)
- D. Orleans County Treasurer: \$4,596.00 for Traffic Diversion Program proceeds

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Work Session: March 12, 2024, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall

Town Board Meeting: March 18, 2024, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. NYS DOT: Discussion concerning Ridge Road signs. The State informed Supervisor Napoli that they will send out a local engineer to look at Route 104 between Marshall Road and the Hamlet of Jeddo. Supervisor Napoli said he will keep the Board informed on anything he hears back from the State.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - 02/20/2024

**RESOLUTION: CERTIFY COURT AUDIT FOR 2023.
SEND TO STATE COURT SYSTEM**

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to certify the 2023 court audit and send to State Court System.

RESOLUTION NO. 22 - 02/20/2024

**RESOLUTION: APPOINT JOHN KAGE TO PART-TIME
MEO (MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR)**

Supervisor Napoli explained that Mr. Kage has been with the Town of Ridgeway for many years and already does the work of an MEO.

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to appoint John Kage to Part-Time MEO.

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 02/20/2024

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE SHARED SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF CARLTON FOR
SHARED USE OF TRAILER. AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR
TO SIGN.**

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to approve shared service agreement with the Town of Carlton for shared use of trailer and authorize Supervisor to sign.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Fire Company Report for January:



MONTH OF JANUARY 2024
FIRE COMPANY REPORT

EMS - 14
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS - 12 ***
MUTUAL AID - 4
AUTOMATIC ALARM - 1
FALSE ALARM - 1
MVA - 1
STRUCTURE FIRE - 1

TOTAL - 34

TOTAL FIREFIGHTER HOURS - 209.93

AVERAGE FIREFIGHTERS PER CALL - 9.0

*** MOST OF THE FIREFIGHTER HOURS WERE FROM TREES, LIMBS, AND WIRES DOWN DURING THE 13TH WIND STORM, AND FROM PUMPING DETAILS ON THE 26TH AFTER A HEAVY ALL NIGHT RAIN.

B. Department and County Legislator Reports:

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Hill said that she has collected about \$4.2 million in taxes, with many issues this year: bounced checks, wrong amounts on checks, mail issues, etc. She also updated the Board on the online bill pay for water bills, saying that a lot of residents are taking advantage of that option.

Assessor: Assessor Cecchini said that she has people bringing in exemptions and renewals before the March 1st due date. She also went out and looked at building permits and has them up to date.

Code Enforcement Officer: CEO Raduns said he has issued six new building permits, closed out three, issued one extension, one temporary C of O, had one fire call, and one court appearance. He also took his civil service exam.

Highway Superintendent: Superintendent Olinger said that in between snow, his department has been cutting trees, getting equipment ready for spring, ditching, flushing water, and taking quarterly samples.

Village of Medina: Trustee Marciano said the Village appointed two new police officers at their meeting earlier that day. She told the Board about the upcoming Village election and those running. Trustee Baker thanked Deputy Town Clerk Laurie Kilburn for getting some information she asked for to her quickly.

Councilwoman Woodruff asked Trustee Marciano about her plans to keep pushing for more share of the County sales tax. After some discussion, Trustee Marciano said that she believes that the County Legislators will make the right decision when they are able to look into this more.

C. Councilman Reports:

Councilman Payne: nothing to report

Councilman Toussaint: Councilman Toussaint explained that new challenges have come up with the summer recreation program, as Medina School may shut down their pool for the next two summers. He said that close to 300 kids were in the swim program last year and that it runs for six weeks normally. Extensive repairs need to be done to the pool.

Councilwoman Woodruff: Councilwoman Woodruff said that the 2021 Hometown Heroes banners will be distributed this week, and that everyone’s attitudes towards the program have been great. The Medina Hometown Hero Banners will begin to be displayed within the village in May 2024 beginning with banners 2022 and 2023. The featuring of the new 2024 Hometown Hero Banners will be displayed following the previous years' banners. She also updated the Board on the employee handbook, stating that the Peter Godfrey and his team are finalizing changes.

Councilman Barber: Councilman Barber commented that Councilwoman Woodruff does a great job with the Hometown Heroes banners, and that people really love the program.

D. Pay Bills:

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

A- General Townwide	\$ 38,507.11
B- General Outside Village	\$ 4,447.76
DA- Highway Townwide	\$ 69,279.69
DB- Highway Outside Village	\$ 6,258.96
SS- Knowlesville Sewer	\$ 222.65
SL- Knowlesville Light District	\$ 375.88
SF- Fire Protection District	\$ 206,717.00
SW- Water Improvement Areas	\$ 14,695.91
Total Abstract:	\$ 340,504.96

Offered by Councilman Toussaint, seconded by Councilman Payne.

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

OPEN SESSION: QUESTIONS, PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Napoli asked for any questions or comments.

Councilman Barber asked about the shared services meeting with the County coming up. Supervisor Napoli said that the topic of the last meeting in January centered around joint fire districts. Mr. Marchner explained that Ridgeway does not have any interest in that, since they already have mutual agreements with Lyndonville, Shelby, and Medina.

Councilwoman Woodruff said that she and Councilman Barber would be attending the ambulance meeting on March 20th.

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

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

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Hill
Ridgeway Town Clerk