

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
410 West Ave
Medina, NY 14103
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
December 7, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Fenton (Chairman)
Thomas Kline
Tim Elliott (Vice Chairman)
Richard Fisher
Kathy Blackburn

Others Present

Jason Raduns- Code Enforcement
Jared Lusk-Nixon Peabody
Jeff Szkolnik-Verizon
Katie Jueckel-Verizon
David Berry
Jeff Cotter
Patty Blackburn
Gary Blackburn
Kevin Fader

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Fenton opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Fenton called for a motion to approve the December 7, 2022 Agenda. Motion was made by Kathy Blackburn to accept the meeting agenda; second by Richard Fisher. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairman Fenton called for the approval of minutes for the November 2, 2022. Motion was made by Richard Fisher to accept the minutes as written; second by Tom Kline. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Reminder of fall training opportunities. Dept of State trainings for December 2022 and January 2023
Flyer

NEW BUSINESS:

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:02pm for a SUP/site plan review application for Verizon wireless "Orleansky" Site--Nixon Peabody- construction and operation of a 180' wireless telecommunications facility at 3433 Marshall Rd tax map 68.-1-44. Jared Lusk, Nixon-Peabody Esq. presented the board as well as the public a presentation on the proposed Orleansky telecommunications project. He went through the project and explained thoroughly how the area was picked as well as the exact site. The

board accepted questions from the local residents. The public hearing was closed at 7:52pm with a motion made by Kathy Blackburn and a second by Tim Elliott. All were in favor with 4 yays and 0 nays with one abstention-Richard Fisher.

After the public hearing was closed, further discussion determined it was unclear as to whether the application needed to go to the county planning board.. Jared Lusk indicated that it needed to due to it being in an agricultural residential district. The Ridgeway Planning board decided it would be in all parties' best interest, to refer to the County Planning Board for their recommendations and approval, as not to miss any key elements needed for the project. Chairman Fenton asked for a resolution calling for a referral to the County Planning Board.

RESOLUTION 9: 12-7-2022

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERRAL TO THE ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION FOR A 180' VERIZON TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 3433 MARSHALL ROAD, MEDINA.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is considering an application submitted by Nixon Peabody- Verizon Wireless, for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review for a 180 foot Verizon Cell Tower communication facility on a parcel with the address of 3433 Marshall Road, Medina in the Town of Ridgeway; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Board wishes to refer the project and receive input from the Orleans County Planning Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. A project application shall be referred to the Orleans County Planning Board.
2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Board of the Town of Ridgeway on the 7th of December, 2022.

Offered by Tim Elliott who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Kathy Blackburn.

Adopted: 4 Ayes (Chairman Fenton, Kathy Blackburn, Tom Kline, Tim Elliott)

0 Nays

1 abstention (Richard Fisher)

OLD BUSINESS:

Ridge Road Solar Project. They have begun clearing land and putting in the driveway. There will be a minor change to the driveway as it has to do with debt for nature approval and the location of one of the driveways moving it approx. 60 feet and adding a culvert over the creek.

Borrego Solar- 2668 Swett Road, Medina, NY. Extension has been granted until 5/3/2023. If it's not ready, the Planning Board will require another approval.

Chairman Fenton thanked the board for their hard work and dedication to the planning board and wished everyone a happy holiday season. He then asked if there were any other concerns, Tim Elliott stated he would not be at the next meeting in January. Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Elliott made the motion and was seconded by Kathy Blackburn. All were in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joelle Brown
Planning Board Clerk