

**Town of Ridgeway
Town Board Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2024
410 West Avenue, Medina**

Officers Present:	Brian Napoli	Supervisor
	Jeffrey Toussaint	Councilman
	Cliff Barber	Councilman
	Mary Woodruff	Councilwoman
	Duane Payne	Councilman
	Hannah Hill	Town Clerk
	John Olinger	Highway Superintendent
	Jason Raduns	Code Enforcement Officer
	Julie Cecchini	Assessor
	Kathy Bogan	Town Attorney

Others Present: Patricia Wilkinson
William Wilkinson
Katlyn Koch
Karissa Rowling
Whitney Clute-Gilbreath

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Napoli at 7:15PM with the reciting of the pledge of allegiance.

ACCEPT AGENDA:

Attorney Bogan clarified the wording for the first resolution and added a resolution to the agenda. Supervisor Napoli asked for a motion to accept the agenda with changes for the October 21, 2024 meeting. The motion was offered by Councilwoman Woodruff and 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 September 16, 2024 Board Meeting and the October 3, 2024 budget workshop as presented. The motion was offered by Councilman Toussaint and seconded by Councilman Payne.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Environmental Facilities Corp, community assistance. Legislator Johnson sent information to Supervisor Napoli about this possible Water District 15 funding.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Work Session: November 12, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall
Town Board Meeting: November 18, 2024, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 61- 10/21/2024

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SEND REFERRAL FOR LOCAL LAW #2 TO COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to authorize Supervisor to send referral for Local Law #2 to County Planning Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 62- 10/21/2024

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT BID FOR FURNACE REPLACEMENT FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING FROM K&L HEATING FOR \$7,408 USING ARPA FUNDS

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to accept bid for furnace replacement for historical society building from K&L Heating for \$7,408 using ARPA funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 63- 10/21/2024

RESOLUTION: APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE FOR RENTAL OF SALT BARN.

Superintendent Olinger explained that this is a ten-year contract to allow the State to rent one bay of the salt shed and that we can change or cancel the agreement at any time with proper notice.

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to approve the agreement with New York State for rental of salt barn.

RESOLUTION NO. 64- 10/21/2024

RESOLUTION: APPROVE BID/ORDER FOR NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK FOR \$313,239.

Superintendent Olinger explained that this is to order a new 10-wheeler plow truck that will probably take over a year to receive. The Town has been saving money in reserves for this purchase.

Offered by Councilman Toussaint who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Barber.

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to approve bid and order new highway truck for \$313,239.

RESOLUTION NO. 65- 10/21/2024

RESOLUTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #3 ENTITLED “UNSAFE BUILDINGS/STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT AND CONDITIONS LAW”

Councilwoman Woodruff moved to set the public hearing for November 18, 2024 at 7pm.
Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to set public hearing for Local Law #3 for November 18, 2024 at 7pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Fire Company Report for September:



MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

- EMS - 31
- MVA - 1
- AUTOMATIC ALARM - 4
- STRUCTURE FIRE - 1
- HAZARDOUS CONDITION - 3
- MUTUAL AID - 1

- FIREFIGHTER HOURS ON CALLS - 156.2

- YEAR TO DATE - 1830.68

- AVERAGE FIREFIGHTER PER CALL - 5.5

B. Department and County Legislator Reports:

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Hill said that the office has been busy with water bills, dogs, hunting licenses, etc. as well as being available to answer questions and find documents for the auditors.

Attorney: Attorney Bogan presented an easement for 211 Pearl Street whose building is three inches over the property line onto town property. The property is being sold and the easement allows this property to stay three inches over, and will cease if the purpose of the easement is no longer applicable. She saw no problem with the agreement and recommended signing it. Assessor Cecchini also added that there is an agreement in the sale contract that the new

owners will not be using the driveway on the property that connects to the Town Hall parking lot.

RESOLUTION NO. 66- 10/21/2024

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN EASEMENT FOR 211 PEARL STREET, MEDINA.

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

Adopted: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolved to authorize Supervisor to sign easement for 211 Pearl Street, Medina.

Assessor: Assessor Cecchini said her office has been quiet but she is still getting many inquiries about exemptions. She said that four houses sold in Ridgeway in September and all of them were over assessed value. Four new houses entered the market in that month and three commercial properties were listed and/or sold as well.

Code Enforcement Officer: CEO Raduns said he has issued seven building permits for September bringing the year-to-date total to forty-nine. He said two of those building permits are for new houses. He closed out three permits, had one court appearance with the District Attorney representing the town, had two dispatch calls, and one zoning meeting with four variances on the agenda. He met this month with Adult Protective Services about an issue with someone living on a property and also met with Susan Howard to introduce himself. He discovered a project being done without a permit but was able to work with them to get a permit and become compliant. He will be doing fire safety inspections next week.

Highway Superintendent: Superintendent Olinger said his department was just about finished with fall roadside mowing, has been getting plow equipment ready for the winter and flushing dead ends. They will be patching Marshall Road this week and hopefully striping the parking lot soon. He has been in contact with NYSEG about moving forward with the gas line for the furnace. Supervisor Napoli passed along compliments he has received about the Highway Department's mowing work on the roadsides.

C. Councilman Reports:

Councilman Payne: nothing to report

Councilman Toussaint: nothing to report

Councilwoman Woodruff: Councilwoman Woodruff has been working with Councilman Barber on the Town's evaluation process and will be meeting with department heads to get that procedure finalized, hopefully by the end of the year.

Councilman Barber: Councilman Barber thanked the students in attendance for coming and said he was glad to see them at our meeting.

D. Pay Bills:

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

A- General Townwide	\$ 44,265.95
B- General Outside Village	\$ 2,870.53
DA- Highway Townwide	\$ 41,702.91
DB- Highway Outside Village	\$ 7,067.57
SL- Knowlesville Light District	\$ 316.26
SS- Knowlesville Sewer	\$ 275.00
SW- Water Improvement Areas	\$ 75,329.14

Total Abstract: \$ 171,827.36

Offered by Councilman Toussaint, seconded by Councilman Barber.

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

OPEN SESSION: QUESTIONS, PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Napoli asked for any questions or comments.

William Wilkinson thanked the Board for their open communication and for what they do as a Town Board. He said it was clear that all Board members brought their own knowledge into each discussion and said the meeting was very educational.

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 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Hill
Ridgeway Town Clerk