

**Town of Ridgeway
Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
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
	Julie Cecchini	Assessor
	Kathy Bogan	Town Attorney
Others Present:	Jess Marciano	Village 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 21, 2025 meeting with one change, the approval of minutes for Organization meeting instead of December meetings. The motion was offered by Councilman Barber and seconded by Councilwoman Woodruff.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Napoli asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2025 Organization Meeting as presented. The motion was offered by Councilman Toussaint and seconded by Councilman Payne.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Request for SAM registration; Supervisor Napoli is working on renewal
- B. Annual Court audit
- C. Fire Company Banquet held on January 18, 2025; Supervisor Napoli and Councilman Payne attended
- D. NYSDEC: Notice of cleanup of former Bernzomatic facility
- E. Annual Code Enforcement report filed by Code Enforcement Officer
- F. Association of Municipalities meeting: January 28
- G. Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon: January 31

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Work Session: February 11, 2025, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall
Town Board Meeting: February 18, 2025, 7PM, Ridgeway Town Hall

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Comptroller audit continues. Meeting to discuss Comptroller findings is scheduled for January 23.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Fire Company Report for 2024:



FIRE REPORT - 2024

EMS - 216
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS - 50
MVA'S - 18
MUTUAL AID - 13
AUTOMATIC ALARMS - 13
GRASS/BRUSH FIRES - 7
STRUCTURE FIRES - 4
VEHICLE FIRES - 2
FALSE ALARM- 1
SMOKE IN AREA - 1
ANIMAL RESCUE - 1

TOTAL CALLS - 326

2,239.36 HOURS ON CALLS

7.2 FIREFIGHTERS AVERAGE PER CALL

- B. Department and County Legislator Reports:

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Hill said that tax season is off to a good start, with over a million collected so far. Security cameras at the Highway Garage and Town Hall are all up and running, and the automatic doors for the Town Hall will be started this week. She talked to the Board about cyber security insurance and fraud prevention service that the bank suggested. Attorney Bogan recommended we look into both. Town Clerk Hill also said she will have the annual summary of work-related injuries posted by February 1 to be in compliance with the Labor Department requirements.

Assessor: Assessor Cecchini said three new houses in Ridgeway went on the market last month, all above assessed value. Her office has been busy with phone calls and walk ins regarding exemption renewals.

Attorney: nothing to report

Village: Village Trustee Marciano said that Village election is coming up and some petitions have been picked up for the two open trustee positions.

C. Councilman Reports:

Councilman Payne: Councilman Payne asked Village Trustee Marciano about the Canal Basin updates and charging stations, specifically if the police department will do any extra monitoring in that area to keep it secure. Trustee Marciano said it was a valid concern that she would take back to the Village and Attorney Bogan added that security cameras have been needed in the basin and on Main Street for many years.

Councilwoman Woodruff: Councilwoman Woodruff asked Village Trustee Marciano if there is representation at Legislature meetings to push for more sales tax going to the Towns and Villages. Trustee Marciano said she attends those meetings and advocates often for more share of the sales tax. Councilwoman Woodruff suggested bringing Village business owners to those meetings as well. Also, she spoke with Darlene Hartway about the Legislative Luncheon next week and told the Board about the leaders that will be in attendance and opportunities to ask them questions.

Councilman Toussaint: nothing to report

Councilman Barber: Councilman Barber asked Attorney Bogan about the GO Arts project at the Orleans County Fairgrounds. He expressed his opinion that the project did not fit at the fairgrounds but Attorney Bogan said that the County does not need to approve the project as Cornell Cooperative Extension is a separate entity.

D. Pay Bills:

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

A- General Townwide	\$ 62,673.47
B- General Outside Village	\$ 44,030.23
DA- Highway Townwide	\$ 48,505.66
DB- Highway Outside Village	\$ 14,976.32
SF- Fire Protection District	\$ 10,861.00
SL- Knowlesville Light District	\$ 408.06
SS- Knowlesville Sewer	\$ 202.79
SW- Water Improvement Areas	\$ 142,222.98
Total Abstract:	\$ 323,880.51

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. None were heard.

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 Barber.

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Hill
Ridgeway Town Clerk