

THE VILLAGE OF



# RIDGEWAY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 101/102 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by President Butler at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: President Bradley Butler, Trustee Kellee Venden, Trustee Kayla Goebel, Trustee Julene Garner, Trustee Ruth Nevins, Trustee Steve Vosberg, Lamont Larkins-Director of Public Works, Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent, Michael Gorham-Marshal and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer. Absent: Trustee Cynthia Niehaus.

### CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting being posted on February 6, 2026 at the Ridgeway Community Center and on the Village website with notifications being sent to subscribers via email and/or text.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Members of the public may address the Village Board during this time. Comments are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker. The Village Board will **not engage in discussion or take action** on items presented during public comment. However, issues raised may be referred to Village staff or scheduled for discussion at a future meeting.*

Bruce Paull representing Friends of Military Ridge Trail-renovating the caboose and repairs to the depot.

Gurjit Multani from Badger Market addressed the board requesting reimbursement for some repairs regarding his water lateral and a valve. He was told to send information to Clerk Phelan for next month's meeting agenda. The board cannot act on this during public comment.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by **Garner**, seconded by **Venden** to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted:  
January 13, 2026 Board of Trustees
2. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements

Pooled Checking Account Disbursements totaling \$66,770.96  
Chase Credit Card Purchases \$635.53  
Citibank Costco Credit Card Purchases \$679.98  
ACH Payment totaling \$40,753.67  
Payroll \$16,192.06

3. Adoption of Agenda

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**

4. President Messages

Kirby Street project is progressing with Delta 3 and mailbox locations are being determined with the USPS.

Rule Construction has completed the authorized emergency line repairs.

The Clerk's office is making progress on updating utility billing and payment forms through HeyGov.

A Local Official's Meeting is being scheduled for the Main Street/HHH Project.

Clerk/Treasure will be hosting a HeyGov and notification workshop during the winter Farmer's Market on March 7th.

Park and Recreation is scheduling seasonal events, with full schedule expected by the next meeting.

Had a successful weekend of the first Winter Market, Library readings, a Luncheon and and Election Launch. Marketing and usage of the Center are being expanded.

Public Works continues to assess and tune systems in preparation for necessary capacity limit calculations.

5. Clerk/Treasurer Report

January balances of all bank accounts were provided by Phelan.

All accounts-\$2,330,373.68

GF Pooled Checking-\$1,183,565.87

GF Money Market-\$849,813.97

Sewer DNR Replacement-\$95,640.07

Water Money Market-\$89,031.09

CDBG Accounts-0

RD Sewer Replacement-\$45,377.13

Holiday Helper-\$27,604.12

SDWL Debt Service-\$39,341.43

Holiday Helper account has been changed to now be interest bearing.

Utility payments can now be paid using ACH.

Farmers Savings Bank, as many have heard, is in the process of being bought out. No communication from the bank President yet.

The former bank building has officially been sold. The buyer will be putting in a laundromat and dog wash/dry stations. Building permit has been approved. Anticipates a few months for renovations.

Request for rezoning at 6868 Rock Road has been removed.

Clerk's office shared Volunteer Library numbers comparing 2024 and 2025.

6. Public Works, Streets and Parks Report

Lead Service Line Inventory for the DNR is continuing.

New meters are being installed and cross-connection checks are being done simultaneously.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant froze with the extended severe cold weather.

The fire hydrant at Richards and Farwell is out of service. Parts are being ordered.

7. Marshal Report

Received.

Addressed a complaint included in the Correspondence section. Is contacting owners and working on this.

8. Correspondence

Phelan shared a notice received from Upland Winds LLC and a complaint left in the drop box.

### NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9. Sleep In Heavenly Peace Project

This item was moved up to from OLD Business #18 to NEW Business so the members from group didn't have to wait.

Concerns regarding asbestos in the tiles and adhesive were discussed. They have someone who will put in carpet squares (that he feels he can get donated) as to not disturb them.

The board has previously discussed the use of the space for storage and waiving the fee, which will be stated in the lease agreement. A lease agreement had been shared with them for their review. They will return with edits and it will be reviewed by the board at the next meeting.

10. Gym Floor

This item was moved up from #11.

Michael Larson shared with the board that he will donate and mill the lumber to replace the rotted ones.

Also have individuals who stated they would install the boards.

Larkins/Meckley will call for an inspection by the company that did the new roof to ensure there are no leaks.

11. B & M Quote

Motion by **Nevins** to approve the B & M Quote in the amount of \$3,200.00 as presented.

Discussion determined this to be maintenance. Motion seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

12. Quote-Fire & Safety

Motion by **Vosberg** to approve the Fire & Safety Quote in the amount of \$341.00 as presented, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.

13. Chlorine Pocket Colorimeter

Motion by **Nevins** to approve the purchase of the Chlorine Pocket Colorimeter for \$711.00, seconded by **Goebel**. Motion carried.

14. Heaters for Community Center Basement

Motion by **Venden** to approve the purchase of heaters for the basements at the Ridgeway Community Center at a cost of \$600.00, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

15. Expense reimbursement - Process thru payroll

Tabled for next month. Phelan will update and provide a draft of the Employee Handbook.

16. DRAFT Resolution 2026-01 2026 Fee Schedule

Referred to the Finance Committee for discussion and review. Meeting scheduled for March 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

17. DRAFT Resolution 2026-02 Regarding US Hwy 18-151

Tabled till next meeting. Phelan will share the draft via Google Drive to allow board members to make their suggested edits. Will review and discuss next meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

18. Driveway 104 E Well Street

The Village is unable to vacate street as it would landlock properties.

Recommendation by the Plan Commission is for the Village to maintain gravel annually from the entrance of 104 E. Well Street to the driveway to the right, approximately 193 feet. Property owner has agreed to mow and plow this.

Motion by **Nevins** to accept the proposal from the Plan Commission, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.

19. Crest Precast Quote-WWTP

Motion by **Vosberg** to accept the corrected quote from Crest Precast for \$4,140.00, seconded by **Goebel**. Motion carried.

20. Park & Rec Commission Recommendation-City of Dodgeville Park & Recreation Financial Assistance Program

Motion by **Vosberg** to approve \$1,000.00 for Ridgeway families for the Dodgeville Park & Recreation Financial Assistance program to be provided by the Holiday Helpers fund pending further details. Motion was seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.

21. Plan Commission-Driveway 104 E Well Street

Duplicated agenda item-discussed above.

22. Public Works, Safety & Health Committee-Next meeting date

Next meeting to be held on March 4, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Garner** to adjourn at 9:22 p.m., seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.

*DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.*