

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

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 Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Kayla Goebel, Trustee Julene Garner, Trustee Ruth Nevins, Trustee Steve Vosberg, Lamont Larkins-Director of Public Works and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer. Arrived late: Michael Gorham-Marshall.

ABSENT: Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting being posted on January 9, 2026 at the Ridgeway Community Center and on the Village website with notifications being sent to subscribers via email and/or text. An amended agenda was posted and noticed on January 12, 2026.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Niehaus shared that the Iowa County Board passed a recent resolution regarding Hwy 18-151. She feels the Village should do the same. Sent it to Phelan for discussion at the February Board Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes to be Adopted:
 - 12.04.2025 Board of Trustees Meeting
 - 01.07.2026 Public Works, Safety and Health Committee Meeting
2. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements
 - Pooled Checking Account Disbursements totaling \$118,584.06
 - Chase Credit Card Purchases \$1,444.55
 - Citibank Costco Credit Card Purchases \$5,193.91
 - ACH Payment totaling \$38,983.96
 - Payroll \$35,389.52
3. Adoption of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. President Messages

President Butler shared concerns with the aging water system and we may see more repairs. Recent issues at Badger Market with no water pressure. The owner did put in a new service line and it did not improve. Further discussion will occur later in the meeting. Delta 3 has plans completed for the Kirby Street reconstruction. They have also been in town doing work for the village part of the HHH/Main Street project.

5. Clerk/Treasurer Report

December settlement checks have been delivered to the taxing jurisdictions. *In order to meet the statutory deadline, they "DO NOT" need pre-approval from per Chap. 74.23(2) and Chap. 74.25(2).*

Iowa County-\$101,430.23

Dodgeville School District-\$124,218.23

Southwest Technical College-\$17,423.95

Year end balances of all bank accounts were provided by Phelan.

All accounts-\$2,152,805.06

GF Pooled Checking-\$1,009,217.25

GF Money Market-\$847,077.79

Sewer DNR Replacement-\$95,332.13

Water Money Market-\$88,922.19

CDBG Accounts-0

RD Sewer Replacement-\$45,349.18

Holiday Helper-\$32,708.88

SDWL Debt Service-\$39,293.31

New additions to HeyGov: Online donations & payment for rent.

Stafford Rosenbaum 2026 rates increase \$5-10 per hour for services.

Intent to Surrender letter received for Brewskee's.

The Farmer's Savings Bank building has been sold to Pete Trainor. Intentions are to put a laundromat in with a couple dog wash stations.

6. Public Works, Streets and Parks Report

Christmas lights on street light poles have been taken down. Valves on Well Street have been installed.

7. Marshal Report

Received December report including activity over the past several years. The squad is in need of a bearing so it will be going to Randy's for the work.

8. Correspondence

None

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9. Mark Doyle from Delta 3 went over the plans for Kirby Street.

Discussions regarding which side the sidewalk will be put on, use of a bank of mailboxes during project work, special assessments, when to be put out bids and substantial

completion date. Mark will contact the post office to find out if they have a preference on the mailbox location. Lori and Mark will work together on the special assessments. The village office will send out a mailing to the residents informing them of the project and timelines.

Motion by **Nevins** to approve the plans, specs and estimates with confirmation from the post office for location of the mailboxes, seconded by **Niehaus**. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

10. Motion by **Garner** to approve the recommendation to amend Ordinance 5.03 Sidewalk Construction and Repair, seconded by **Vosberg**. Motion carried.

Motion by **Goebel** to approve the recommendation for OMNIGO to archive the Marshal office records at a cost of \$600.00, seconded by **Vosberg**. Motion carried.

Motion by **Nevins** to approve moving the handicapped parking stall as recommended, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.

11. Motion by **Niehaus**, seconded by **Venden** for the sale of the rifle and transfer through Top Pack Defense to Neillsville for \$1050.00. Motion carried.
12. Butler and Larkins provide background information on the matter. No action required.
13. Motion by **Niehaus** to accept the proposal for time and materials up to \$5,000.00 from Rule Construction for the water line repairs needed between Rockcrete and Badger Market, seconded by **Garner**. Nevins abstained. Motion carried.
14. Phelan shared with the board to hold a workshop that came from the recent meeting with residents and the PWS&H Committee. The purpose is to assist residents with signing up for website notifications. Also provide information about HeyGov for utilities, reporting issues and all other things available there. Lori will hold it during the Winter Farmer's Market on Saturday March 7th in the board room.
15. Motion by **Niehaus** to approve the updated Deferred Payment Agreement with a change in the dates in which agreements will not be entered into, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.
16. Motion by **Niehaus** to approve the updated E-bill Enrollment Form with changes presented by Phelan, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.
17. Motion by **Niehaus** to approve the updated Direct Pay Enrollment form with changes presented by Phelan, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.
18. Motion by **Nevins** to approve Riniker to attend the Clerk's Institute the week of July 13, 2026. Also approve Phelan to attend the Treasurer's Institute the same week and close the office for the week. Motion was seconded by **Vosberg**. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Venden** to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.