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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

September 08, 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 p.m.
PRESENT: President Bradley Butler, Trustee Andrew Cusimano, Trustee Julene Garner, Trustee Kayla Goebel, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Lamont Larkins-Director of Public Works, Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent, and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer. Absent: Trustee John Harpold, Trustee Ruth Nevins, Deputy Faull.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting being posted on September 4, 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

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by **Garner** to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **Butler**. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted:
   Board of Trustees August 5, 2026
   Finance Committee August 13, 2026
2. Pooled Checking Account Disbursements totaling $130,751.76
   Chase Credit Card Purchases $632.06
   Citibank Costco Credit Card Purchases $0.00
   ACH Payment totaling $26,743.78
   Payroll $13,095.55
3. Adoption of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. President Messages

   President Butler directly addressed Resolution 2026-14 and the concerns raised by our community regarding potential data center and battery energy storage system

developments. The community spoke and we responded with a draft Resolution.

He also expressed his sincere appreciation for the work being done across the Public Works and Administrative departments and commended them for their dedication.

Thank you to everyone for your continued vigilance and engagement in making Ridgeway a strong, transparent community.

5. Clerk/Treasurer Report:
   Phelan and Riniker met with Civic Plus regarding the migration to the new platform coming in 2027 to meet DOJ requirements.
   Several apparent robot submissions came in to the Hey311 portal of many of the municipalities. Hey311 has added a captcha to the system and the submissions have pretty much stopped.
   Delta 3 is working on the documents for the CDBG Grant. Phelan is providing documents as needed.
   Phelan and Butler will be attending the mandatory CDBG training at Delta 3 in Platteville on September 24th.
   August election had 161 voters for a turnout of 37.3%.
   Phelan met with Kim and Cheyenne regarding the Farmer's Savings Bank/Bank CMG acquisition. More discussion later in the meeting.
   August Treasurer Reports were provided.

6. Public Works, Streets and Parks Report:
   Kirby Street pre-construction meeting is Friday. Planning to start the following Monday, September 14th.
   Delta 3 was at the treatment plant for the evaluation last week.
   Waiting on quotes for the sewer main inspection, cleaning and CCTV.
   Getting ready for winter. New tires were put on the Peterbilt last week. Salt has been ordered. New blades for the Peterbilt and the wing.
   Larkins attended the outdoor expo and got a lot of great connections.

7. Sheriff Deputy Report:
   July and August patrol logs
   Received and filed.

8. Phelan shared the notice of the Community Development Block Grant award to the Village of Ridgeway.

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9. Phelan provided a follow-up from the previous meeting regarding TID#1. The TID is unable to close early enough to incorporate the Main Street project into a new TID.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

10. Motion by **Niehaus** to refer the Data Center and Battery energy Storage System Development Moratorium to the Plan Commission, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

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11. Wisconsin Employee Trust Funds Supplemental Insurance is an additional benefit available to qualified employees. There is no cost to the Village. Employees that enroll will pay through payroll deductions.

    Motion to approve joining the ETF Supplemental Insurance Option by **Niehaus**, seconded by **Cusimano**. Motion carried.

12. Discussion regarding the Brush and Compost Drop-off site. Per the DNR Transportation Permit the ONLY vehicle permitted to haul materials into the site is the Village Streets Truck. In order to be compliant no other vehicles can access the site. Regular pick-up is the first Monday of the month. Residents can utilize the Hey311 system to request pick-up at other times. Brush will be picked up by the Village dependent on the wet or muddy conditions of the site and when weather permits.

13. Phelan is waiting for the contract to arrive from Civic Plus for the upcoming migration. Motion by **Niehaus** to table until next meeting, seconded by **Butler**. Motion carried.

14. Discussion regarding moving bank accounts from Farmers Savings to Bank CMG ahead of the May 2027 switch. As shared earlier in the Clerk/Treasurer report Phelan met with Kim and Cheyenne to discuss how the switch would take place, benefits of doing so now and learning about the additional services offered by Bank CMG.

    Motion for Phelan to begin the process of opening new accounts at Bank CMG by **Niehaus**, seconded by **Cusimano**. Motion carried.

15. Richard Strutt was present to discuss the parcel off of Grove Street, ID 177-0163 and the GAP. After brief discussion a motion to refer to the Plan Commission was made by **Niehaus**, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

16. Motion to accept the outside employment documents provided by Meckley and Phelan by **Niehaus**, seconded by **Goebel**. Motion carried.

17. Motion to convene in closed session pursuant to State Statute Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations by **Niehaus**, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by **Niehaus**, seconded by **Goebel**. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 13, 2026 REGULAR SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

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