

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

August 05, 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 Andrew Cusimano, Trustee Julene Garner, Trustee Kayla Goebel, Trustee John Harpold, Trustee Ruth Nevins, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Lamont Larkins-Director of Public Works, Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent, and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer. Absent: Deputy Sheriff Faull

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting being posted on August 4, 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 August 5, 2026.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes to be Adopted:
Board of Trustees-July 14, 2026
2. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements
Pooled Checking Account Disbursements totaling \$9,075.76
Chase Credit Card July Purchases \$808.89
Citibank Costco Credit Card July Purchases \$43.10
July ACH Payment totaling \$30,630.03
July Payroll \$19,794.45
3. Adoption of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. President Messages

TID information, needs to move forward. Village leadership should meet with team from Ehler's, Delta 3 and legal counsel to work together to build a new TID plan.
P&R recommendation later in the meeting.

5. Clerk/Treasurer Report

Timesheets and Worklogs received and filed.

Monthly bank reconciliation not completed due to the early monthly meeting.

Public Test of the DS200 and Express Vote to be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 3:30pm.

Early electronics collections are going really well for the event tomorrow. Items are being stored in the former Marshal's office.

Election is this coming Tuesday. Additional information is being provided to voters regarding how to vote in a partisan primary.

6. Public Works, Streets and Parks Report:

Chip sealing to begin the week of August 10th on Cretney Street

Scott's will begin chip sealing the week of August 10th on Cretney Street. Informed contractor NOT to work on Jarvis until after the 11th due to traffic for the election.

7. Sheriff Deputy Report

Received and filed.

8. Correspondence

None

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9. Gym floor installation quotes

Motion by **Nevins** to accept the quote from Hull Hardwood Flooring as presented, seconded by **Niehaus**. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

10. Park & Recreation Commission Recommendation for the Board look into the utilization of the restricted funds for park improvements, downtown redevelopment, TID replacement, brownfields clean up, and historical preservation.

Motion by **Garner** to accept the Park & Recreation Commission recommendation for the Board look into the utilization of the restricted funds for park improvements, downtown redevelopment, TID replacement, brownfields clean up, and historical preservation.
Seconded by **Butler**. Motion carried.

Niehaus moved to authorize Village leadership to assemble our team—Ehlers, Delta 3 Engineering, and Legal Counsel—to work with staff to structure our process, evaluate TID closeout and creation options, and report back to the Board with a preliminary framework. Seconded by **Cusimano**. Motion carried.

11. 2026-2027 Insurance Renewal

Motion by **Butler** to accept the Village insurance renewal as presented by Baer Insurance including the increase to the liability coverage, seconded by **Harpold**. Motion carried.

12. Spectrum Internet - WWTP

Motion by **Niehaus** to proceed with Spectrum at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on a month-to-month trial for three months, while still working to see if MHTC can provide service to the facility, seconded by **Garner**. If MHTC is unable to provide service and no issues with Spectrum then move to the longer-term agreement with the reduced cost. Motion carried.

13. Approval to pay bills

Motion by **Butler** to authorize Phelan to issue payments for invoices that arrive by August 11th with Butler to approve, seconded by **Harpold**. Motion carried.

14. 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.

Motion by **Goebel** 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. Seconded by **Nevins**. Motion carried.

Phelan exited the meeting. Further minutes to be taken by President Butler.

15. Reconvene in open session to act on closed session discussion

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Goebel** to adjourn, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried and adjourned at 8:35 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 REGULAR SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.