

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

December 04, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2026 Budget Public Hearing and meeting called to order by President Butler at 6:30 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, Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent, Michael Gorham-Marshal and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this hearing and meeting agenda was properly posted on December 2, 2025 at the Ridgeway Community Center and on the Village website with notices being sent via text and email.

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.*

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes to be Adopted:
 - November 11, 2025 Board of Trustees
 - November 24, 2025 Special Board of Trustees
2. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements

Pooled Checking Account Disbursements totaling \$101,683.58
November Chase Credit Card Purchases \$906.55
November Citibank Costco Credit Card Purchases \$400.52
ACH Payment totaling \$44,502.95
Payroll \$16,604.76

3. Adoption of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. President Messages

No messages at this time.

5. Clerk/Treasurer Report

November and December financials will be provided at the January meeting.

Information has been sent to the county treasurer for tax bills and the Village Treasurer insert is ready.

First round of income surveys have been calculated. Door to door recommended for the next step.

6. Public Works, Streets and Parks Report

Kirby Street sidewalk-north side

Rule install new valve at Well and East Well Street December 10th. Phelan and Riniker to call affected residents in advance.

7. Marshal Report

Received and filed.

8. Correspondence

Faherty has been sold to Republic Services, effective January 10, 2026.

Letter from Town of Ridgeway for 2026 costs to maintain the cul-de-sac on Town Hall road that lies in village limits.

2026 BUDGET HEARING

9. 2026 Budget

Motion by **Niehaus**, seconded by **Vosberg** to open the public hearing for the 2026 budget at 6:54 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by **Venden**, seconded by **Nevins** to close the public hearing for the 2026 budget at 7:07 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by **Vosberg** to adopt the 2026 Budgets as presented seconded by **Goebel**. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

10. Sleep and Heavenly Peace Project

Room will be cleaned out 12/31/2025.

11. DRAFT Iowa County Sheriff Department Contract

Motion by **Vosberg**, to approve the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the Iowa County Sheriff's Department, seconded by **Goebel**. Motion carried.

12. Amendment - Resolution 2025-05 Direct Charge Fire Protection

Motion by **Niehaus** to approve Amended Resolution 2025-06 with the remaining current balance to correctly state \$45,998, seconded by **Venden**. Phelan will submit the amended resolution to the PSC. Motion carried.

13. Public Works, Safety & Health Committee Meeting Date

Meeting set for January 6, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

14. Resident Working Group Nominations

Goebel nominated Garrett Rose, Butler nominated Phil Ward & Justin Davis, Venden nominated Clay Mortenson.

Motion by Niehaus to accept the nominations and reach out to see if they accept, seconded by Nevins. Motion carried.

Phelan to contact nominated individuals for confirmation of acceptance. Invite to join the Public Works, Safety and Health Committee meeting on January 6, 2026.

15. Resolution 2025-06 Authorizing Farmer's Savings Bank Annual Street Loan

Motion by **Nevins** to adopt resolution 2025-06 authorizing the annual loan with Farmer's Savings Bank in the amount of \$29,656 as approved in prior board meeting. Motion seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

16. City of Dodgeville Park & Recreation-Financial Assistance Program

Discussion regarding the Financial Assistance Program ensued. Possibly provided this through the Village in which the scholarship could be offered to students participating in Barneveld and/or Dodgeville Recreation programs beginning in 2027.

Vosberg motioned to refer this to the Park & Recreation Commission for further discussion, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.

17. Quote - Triple J Services

Motion by **Niehaus** to accept the estimate for \$3,282.00 from Triple J Services for the well house located on Lorraine Court for the roof to be repaired in the spring 2026, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

18. Foo Foo Dolls Contract - June 27, 2026

Motion by **Niehaus** to approve the contract with Foo Foo Dolls for \$3,500.00 for the Independence Day Celebration on June 27, 2026, seconded by **Nevins**. Motion carried.

19. Resolution 2025-07 Appointing Election Inspectors

Motion by **Vosberg** to adopt resolution 2025-07 for Ridgeway Election inspectors for the next two year cycle, seconded by **Niehaus**. Motion carried.

20. Authorization for payment of November invoices

Motion by **Nevins** to authorize payment of November invoices by the Village Treasurer received by December 9, 2025. Motion seconded by **Niehaus**. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Venden** seconded by **Garner** to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Motion carried.

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