



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023 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 Chair Casper at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: President Michele Casper, Trustee Cindy Niehaus, Trustee Kellee Venden, Trustee Ruth Nevins, Trustee Rick Short, Trustee Julene Garner, Trustee Steve Vosberg, Dale Peterson-Director of Public Works, Braden Losby -Streets and Parks Superintendent, Marshal Michael Gorham, Hailey Roessler-Clerk/Treasurer

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Roessler indicated this was a properly noticed meeting posted on September 11, 2023, at the Ridgeway Community Center, and the Village website with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Bowman-Akins was present to ask the board to revoke the license issued to Dee Hunter per advise she received from from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Alcohol Licensing Agent Zach Dolan. Hollie Rickey questioned why it was issued without documentation of premises and is trying to bring the license back into the village so her and her sister can open the business. President Casper indicated they were in receipt of their correspondence and are working on a solution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Announcements

Roessler indicated the CDBG Income Survey will need a second round of mailing to get enough responses. Nathan Matthison would like an additional 30 days to get the portable building removed or dismantled. He is off the first couple weeks of October and can address it then, his arranged transport backed out. Work on Heather Yager/102 Jarvis Street entry that was damaged during the alleyway construction will take place in October. The portion of the alley near her basement entry will need to be closed to traffic for a couple of weeks. Contractors will pull permits and Mark Doyle was contacted by the excavator to discuss the road integrity. Further discussion about a possible listing for the Strutt property behind Hwy

H/Grove Street was requested. A levy limit training workshop by Ehler's was emailed to trustees.

Ridgeway versus Dodgeville Home Talent Alumni game will be held on Saturday, September 16 starting at 3:00 pm with 50/50 raffle, seventh inning stretch, Big Sky Band performing classic rock from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm followed by a small fireworks display by John Greene/Adam Halverson at dusk.

2. Department Reports

Received and filed.

3. Correspondence

WisDOT plans to do resurfacing on troublesome corners and has provided information with opportunity for public input. Westwood Services provided LRIP information. The Urban Forestry Grant is available with an October 2 deadline. Malcolm Stack Foundation donated \$2,000 to the Ridgeway Nature and Garden Club for their ongoing efforts of prairie restoration at the Cardinal Way Pond and gardens throughout the village.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Short, Seconded by Garner, to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4. Minutes to be Adopted: Regular Board of Trustees Meeting 08/08/2023; Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 08/04/2023 and 08/11/2023
5. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements
6. Adoption of Agenda

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

7. 705 Main Street - Phelan Properties - CDI Grant Application

Incentives and Available Funding (FY23) \$8,250,000 CDI Grant - \$7,500,000 The maximum award generally does not exceed \$250,000 unless the request for funds is for a project that, due to the size and scope of the investment, clearly justifies an award beyond normal parameters. No more than one grant per fiscal year shall be located within the boundary of a municipality.

Motion by Venden, Seconded by Vosberg, to adopt Resolution 2023-08 Authorizing Submission of a Community Development Investment Grant Application on behalf of Phelan Properties in the amount of \$231,460. Motion carried.

8. 2023 Village Park Improvements

Roessler indicated there was no contract available from the DNR yet but the village would need to determine timelines for construction when available. If anyone had any comments or questions she asked trustees to discuss them with her.

9. Village Green Improvements - Julene Garner

Trustee Garner indicated she would have plans/updates next month and was continuing to work on a plan. Charlie Aschilman will start work on excavating and laying wash stone around the water tower in the next week.

10. Bike Rack - Ridgeway Farmer's Market Iowa County Tourism Grant

Motion by Niehaus, Seconded by Vosberg, to authorize \$650 of Ridgeway Farm Market Grant Proceeds to be spent on a bike rack. Motion carried.

11. Faherty, INC Contract Renewal

Taken second at 7:35 pm.

Ed Faherty was present to discuss his contract proposal for term 2024-2028.

Recyclables can be placed with a few feet between the garbage and recyclables for pickup. Recyclables could also be placed in a clear plastic bags if quantities exceeded the container capacity.

Motion by Short, Seconded by Niehaus, to accept contract from Faherty, Inc. for 2024-2028 Recycling and Solid Waste Collection. Motion carried.

12. Resolution in Support of Iowa County Application for Grant Funds for County Hwy HHH

Motion by Nevins, Seconded by Short, to adopt Resolution 2023-09 Authorizing and Supporting an Application for Roadway Improvements of County Hwy HHH between Level Street and USH 18/151 Intersections. Motion carried.

13. Sludge Transport and Interfacility Cooperation

Casper wants to discuss the hauling of sludge with Bart Nies.

14. Stihl Chainsaw Purchase for \$639.99

Motion by Garner, Seconded by Niehaus, to authorize \$639.99 for purchase of a new Stihl chainsaw. Motion carried.

Vosberg asked Public works if they had the safety gear. Public Works indicated they did not.

Garner amended her motion to include the purchase of necessary safety equipment. Niehaus seconded the amendment. Amendment carried to include additional monies for the necessary safety gear to operate a chainsaw.

15. Impact Wrench and Grease Gun Kit - Public Works

Motion by Niehaus, Seconded by Garner, to authorize up to \$720 for purchase of a Milwaukee Impact Wrench and Grease Gun Kit. Motion carried.

16. Shop Parking Lot Repair

Motion by Vosberg, Seconded by Niehaus, to authorize a \$2,500 reallocation from Sidewalk Maintenance to Garage Maintenance and take the remaining \$1,550 from cash to accept the estimate from Renu Sealcoating. Motion carried.

17. Wastewater Training - Braden Losby

Motion by Venden, Seconded by Niehaus, to authorize \$370 from cash for Braden Losby to attend General Wastewater training October 16-20. Motion carried.

18. Inflow and Infiltration Update and Study Quote from Delta3

Trustees advised placing the Inflow and Infiltration study on the CIP.

19. Utility Clerk/Deputy Clerk

President Casper announced that trustees should convene in closed session to discuss to the possible employment of a Utility Clerk/Deputy Clerk.

Motion by Venden, Seconded by Garner, to convene in closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consider the employment, compensation, or performance evaluation data over which the government body has jurisdiction.

Voting Yea: President Casper, Trustee Niehaus, Trustee Venden, Trustee Nevins, Trustee Short, Trustee Garner, Trustee Vosberg. Voting Nay: none.

Motion by Niehaus, Seconded by Short, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

20. WEDC Connect Communities Membership

Motion by Nevins, Seconded by Vosberg, to continue as members of WEDC Connect Communities in 2024 for \$200. Motion carried.

21. Ehler's Financial Consulting Hourly Rates and Agreements

Motion by Venden, Seconded by Niehaus, to accept Ehler's contracts for 2024 Budget Assistance as needed and 2024 Financial Management Plan updates. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Garner, Seconded by Venden, to adjourn at 9:07 pm. Motion carried.