

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 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, Kevin Meckley-Streets and Parks Superintendent, Michael Gorham-Marshal and Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Phelan confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting being posted on March 6, 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 on March 9, 2026 with notifications to subscribers.

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.*

Rock Reason for Youth Baseball. This is an item during the discussion and action sections of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Minutes to be Adopted:
February 10, 2026 Board of Trustees
March 4, 2026 Public Works, Safety and Health Committee
March 5, 2026 Finance Committee
3. ACH Payments and General Fund Disbursements

Pooled Checking Account Disbursements totaling \$48,095.01
Chase Credit Card Purchases \$1,450.76
Citibank Costco Credit Card Purchases \$0
ACH Payment totaling \$62,986.48
Payroll \$16,223.82

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. President Messages

A Local Officials Meeting was held for the Main Street/HHH Project. Engineering firm Jewell has requested the Park & Recreation Commission form a committee to include any Village Forestry and Gardening concerns for considerations along the project path. I have made that request of the commission.

Public Works continues to assess and tune systems in preparation for necessary capacity limit calculations. Due to unforeseen conditions, I was unable to meet with Bart at Delta 3 to further this effort and am rescheduling.

5. Clerk/Treasurer Report

Phelan shared February 2026 month end balances of all bank accounts.

All accounts-\$2,010.704.43
GF Pooled Checking-\$850,159.03
GF Money Market-\$852,225.11
Sewer DNR Replacement-\$95,911.43
Water Money Market-\$89,132.85
CDBG Accounts-0
RD Sewer Replacement-59,810.34
Holiday Helper-\$27,614.33
SDWL Debt Service-\$39,386.40

Lori held a workshop and was in the office Saturday for one-on-one help for residents to subscribe and see the options available online through HeyGov. One person stopped in.

6. Public Works, Streets and Parks Report

Roof inspection to occur soon, prior to fixing the gym floor.

Tree trimming, patching and preparing for spring. Scott Construction will be marking things shortly for the chip sealing.

7. Marshal Report

February report received and filed.

8. Correspondence

None

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9. Parker Ihm regarding renting the 5 tillable acres at the end of Cardinal Way

Parker Ihm addressed the board regarding cropping the +/-5 tillable acres at the end of Cardinal Way. Need some trees cut down and he will do that. Discussion regarding the crops to be planted, length and terms of rental agreement.

Referred to staff to determine lease options and find out when TID will close. Continue discussion with Parker and bring a draft rental agreement to the next meeting.

10. Liquor License Application - Kub's Den Bar & Grill, LLC/Tara Meckley

Item moved from #13 up to #10.

Motion by **Niehaus** to approve the liquor license application as presented for 621 & 623 Main St., contingent upon a successful closing with documentation provided to the Village Clerk, seconded by **Goebel**. Motion carried.

11. Finance Committee - Ridgeway Advancement Funds

Item moved from #16 up to #11.

Motion by **Niehaus** to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to move the \$23,360.37 received in November 2021 from the Ridgeway Advancement from the Pooled General Fund to the Pooled Capital Fund-Public Property and Events. Motion seconded by **Garner**. Phelan reached out to the auditor and two new accounts will be created for tracking these funds. One will be a revenue account and the other an expense account. Motion carried.

12. Badger Market Repair Reimbursement

Requestor not present for discussion,.

Motion by **Niehaus**, 2nd by **Vosberg** to reject the request for reimbursement. Nevins abstained. Motion carried.

13. Plunkett's Pest Control Proposal

Lamont received a quote/proposal from Plunkett's. Motion by **Nevins** to review proposals in August when the budget process begins, 2nd by **Niehaus**. Carried.

14. Iowa County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Phelan to indicate no change in from 2025 and return.

Motion by **Nevins** to refer to Public Works, Safety & Health Committee to review for 2027 submission, motion seconded by **Goebel**. Motion carried.

15. DRAFT Ridgeway Farmer's Market-Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by **Garner** to approve the Ridgeway Farmer's Market Memorandum Of Understanding removing the Insurance paragraph relating to volunteers, seconded by **Niehaus**. Motion carried.

Phelan to draft MOU for The Bona Dea Project to present at the next regular session board meeting.

16. Upland Hills Occupational Therapy Agreement

Item tabled pending review by Insurance Company.

17. Finance Committee - Fee Schedule Resolution 2026-01

Motion by **Vosberg** to adopt Resolution 2026-01 Fee Schedule with the changes recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

18. Finance Committee - Condemned property at 215 Main Street

Motion by **Niehaus** for the attorney to move forward with the title search for 215 Main Street with the costs being charged as a special charge on the property tax, seconded by **Nevins**. Vosberg abstained. Motion carried.

19. DRAFT Resolution 2026-02 Regarding US Hwy 18-151

Motion by **Nevins** to adopt Resolution 2026-02 Regarding US Hwy 18-151, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried.

20. Sleep In Heavenly Peace Project

No response yet from Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project regarding their review. Item tabled.

21. Rule Construction Proposal - Community Center

Motion by **Venden** to accept the proposal from Rule Construction for the repair behind the Community Center in the amount of \$7,600.00 plus up to an additional \$900.00 for a total up to \$8,500.00. The first \$5,000.00 from the Public Property and Events Fund Budget, the remaining to be paid using funds from the General Fund Fund Balance. Motion seconded by **Garner**. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, Dennis McKernan of Union Technology addressed the board. Union Tech will no longer provide tech support services to the Village as of April 1, 2026. President Butler requested that all necessary information be provided to the clerk prior to then. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn by **Garner**, seconded by **Venden**. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.