

**RIDGWAY BOROUGH SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Second Ward Firehall, 321 W Main St., Ridgway, PA 15853**  
**March 10, 2022**

The special meeting of Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Frank Quattrone at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the Second Ward Firehall.

PRESENT: Council Members Frank Quattrone, Steve Caggese, Abbi Peters, Ron Burkett, Ralph Dussia, Steve Lawrie and Brent Kemmer. Also in attendance were Borough Manager Michael Handley, Mayor Ray Imhof, Solicitor David Pontzer and Acting Recording Secretary, Jennifer Spong.

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were no visitors.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**Executive Session**

Executive Session was held from 5:10 pm until 5:35 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**Old Business**

Councilman Quattrone requested a response to the Ridgway Township Municipal Authority proposal.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to accept the RTMA proposal. Councilman Lawrie seconded the motion. It was approved with the following vote:

Councilman Quattrone	Aye
Councilwoman Caggese	Aye
Councilman Peters	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Dussia	Aye
Councilman Lawrie	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye

Borough Manager Mike Handley stated that there was a request to amend the bargaining agreement for a new employee's starting rate of pay. Councilman Kemmer questioned who would review the starting rate. Handley stated the proposed amendment would permit the Borough Manager to start a highly qualified employee at a higher percentage of the Class B wage. Handley said the Borough Manager can present this to the Personnel Committee first for advisement and even to Council if Council so chooses. Solicitor Pontzer explained that if Council chooses to take part in the decision, a vote at a public meeting would be required.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to have the agreement amended to go through the Personnel Committee for advisement before the Borough Manager proceeds. Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion. It was approved with the following vote:

Councilman Quattrone	Aye
Councilman Caggese	Aye
Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Dussia	Nay
Councilman Lawrie	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye

Borough Manager Handley stated the second tranche of American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$196,000 should be received in July. Handley reminded Council of the YMCA request for the Borough to aid in adding a splash pad at the Community Pool. The request states that the Y Board would pay \$7,500 toward Phase One of the engineering and the Borough pay for preliminary work to move forward to acquire grant or foundation funds. The completed project amount targeted at \$100,000. Handley informed Council that they will need to decide to commit to move forward with the engineering design if desired.

Council referred this request to the Planning, Grants, and Recreation Committee.

Borough Manager Handley stated that the funding for the continued Ridgway Mills development was not included in the 2022 budget. Handley said the account balance is currently \$681.32. He stated the liability insurance and porta-potty rentals will need paid soon. Continuing with the labor portion for ground maintenance also need addressed.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to transfer funds in the amount of \$10,000 from trucked waste to the Ridgway Mills fund. Councilman Burkett seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilwoman Quattrone	Aye
Councilman Caggese	Aye
Councilman Peters	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Dussia	Aye
Councilman Lawrie	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye

Borough Manager Handley turned Council's attention to the Council Chamber Remodel. Handley stated the need for a larger meeting room as well as an entrance way/waiting room for privacy and separation purposes. He explained the project will include removing the current wash bay and replacing doors would be the beginning phase of the project. He also said that this addition also provides ADA accessibility for the community. A quote of \$15,600 was

obtained, but it does not include electrical, drop ceiling or floor. It was suggested that this could be completed later. Councilman Dussia inquired about County Act 13 funds. Handley reported that the Borough applied for funding to replace police uniforms and change the badge. Continuing with the Chamber project, Councilman Quattrone stated that this is a much needed and long overdue improvement.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the project move forward with a cap of \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caggese, and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Quattrone	Aye
Councilman Caggese	Aye
Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Dussia	Aye
Councilman Lawrie	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye

**New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

**Council Discussion**

No Council Discussion

**Executive Session**

There was no further Executive Session needed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Caggese and seconded by Councilman Quattrone, followed by unanimous approval at 6:15pm.