

**RIDGWAY BOROUGH MEETING**  
**Second Ward Firehall, 321 W Main St, Ridgway, PA 15853**  
**February 21, 2022**

The regular meeting of Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Frank Quattrone at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022 at the Second Ward Firehall.

PRESENT: Council members Abbi Peters, Steve Lawrie, Frank Quattrone, Steve Caggese, Brent Kemmer, Ralph Dussia and Ron Burkett. Also, in attendance were Borough Manager Michael Handley, Mayor Ray Imhof, Financial Manager Mary Lynn Feidler, Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone, Recording Secretary Diana Newell and Two Members of the Press.

ABSENT: Police Chief Ralph Tettis & Solicitor David Pontzer

Councilman Dussia made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes held on January 17, 2022. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

**Opening of Sealed Bids (Sewer Line Replacement)**

Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone opened the sealed bids for the sewer line replacement. The first bid was from Bison Construction in Fairmont City, PA with the bid of \$252,535.00. The second bid was from Konzal Construction in Erie, PA with the bid of \$357,800.00. The third bid was from Continental Construction in Ridgway, PA with the bid of \$287,298.00.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder which was Bison Construction contingent upon the engineer review. Councilwoman seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

**MunicipiBid Vehicle Bid Approval**

Borough Manager Mike Handley stated there were some high bids made on the two sanitation trucks from municibid. He stated the highest bid for the first sanitation truck was \$59,200.00.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to award the highest bidder the sanitation truck as long as they follow the bid guidelines. Councilman Lawrie seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Handley stated the highest bid for the second sanitation truck was \$40,000.00.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to award the highest bidder the sanitation truck as long as they follow the bid guidelines. Councilman Lawrie seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Handley stated with the amount of money in bids they received for the two sanitation trucks, the borough could possibly use the money for the new leaf collector that they showed interest in purchasing.

### **Recognition of Visitors**

There were no visitors.

### **Correspondence**

Handley stated the Northern Tier Community Action Corporation requested some signage for traffic near their Head Start on Center St due to lack of awareness of ATA pick ups and drop offs. They expressed their concern for the safety of their children and parents as well as the ATA bus. After much discussion, council members decided to have Handley follow up with Northern Tier about their issue and to make them aware there are other ways to ensure safety of their students, parents and ATA bus instead of extra signage to be added.

Handley reported Youngs Family Billiards has requested his pool tables to be exonerated from the license for machines operated for profit in the borough of Ridgway. Handley stated Stanley Young sent a letter explaining that his business has taken a bit hit with covid and having to pay these fees as he does not bring in a large profit from his business to begin with. Council members

discussed this topic, Council members Ralph Dussia and Ron Burkett made a statement that Young knew these fees coming into to the business and if the borough were to exonerate his tables, then other businesses would want their tables exonerated as well. Young requested the exoneration for 8 of his pool tables as well as a refund of \$288.

Councilman Lawrie made a motion to exonerate the 8 pool tables for Young Family Billiards and to refund them the \$288. Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and it wasn't approved with the following votes:

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

Handley reported with the Mountain Fest coming up on March 4-6, they have requested the cost to be waived of dumpsters and the dumps from the borough. After much discussion, Councilman Caggese suggested giving them two free dumps on each dumpster and charged for any additional dumps after the two.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to give the Mountain Fest two free dumps on each dumpster and charged for any additional dumps after two. Councilman Lawrie seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilman Dussia made a motion to approve the funds A-E and pay the bills. Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

**Mayor**

Mayor Imhof thanked Chief Tettis for the many years of service as this was his last council meeting before retirement. Even though Tettis wasn't present at the meeting, Imhof commended Chief for all he has done for many years.

Mayor Imhof commented on the high-water levels recently and gave a quick run down of the process that happens when the water rises in the borough.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Ralph Tettis was not present at the meeting.

**Fire Department**

Mayor Imhof provided council with his report.

**Environmental Manager**

Quattrone reported there was a motor that burnt up at the waste water plant. He assured council they are taking the necessary steps to what should happen next with fixing or replacing it.

**Borough Manager**

**Personnel Update**

Colton Sweden was hired full time for police on February 14, 2022.

**Code Enforcement Office Update**

- i. Handley gave a department review for the code office and stated he is in the process of interviewing for the part time position. He stated that he plans to have someone hired by March.
- ii. Handley reported he is requesting the elimination of roof permits and fees within the borough. After much discussion, the council members agreed that this is not needed and should be dropped.

Councilman Lawrie made a motion to approved the elimination of residential roof permits and fees. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Handley requested an approval of putting the approved council meeting minutes on the borough website for the public to view if they wish.

Councilman Lawrie made a motion to approve putting the approved council meeting minutes on the borough website. Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Handley reported they will start receiving bids for the CDBG curb cut ramps for the borough of Ridgway up by the high school.

Handley reported the DCED flood mitigation program grant update is due in May. They will be applying for this grant for an engineer study.

### **Old Business**

Handley reported the DCNR C2P2 grant resolution (Clarion-Little Toby Trail Extension) will need a change in the resolution. Handley stated since they were awarded the grant, they need an updated amended resolution since the change in borough managers so that he can continue with the administrative part of the grant.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the DCNR C2P2 grant resolution. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

### **New Business**

Handley reported that it is time to renew the natural gas supplier. He stated the Direct Energy has supplied a few different options for pricing. He explained the best option would be direct energy for natural gas for a 60-month term for \$3.76.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve Direct Energy for a 60- month term for \$3.76. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Handley requested the approval of appointments to boards and commissions. He stated for the municipal authority, Bill Orzechowski will be changed to David Giovanini with the expiration of March 2027.

Councilman Dussia made a motion to approve the change from Orzechowski to Giovanini.

Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Handley has requested the approval of appointment to the Ridgway Municipal Authority. He stated Karen Lundin will be taking Jim Martin's spot with an expiration of January 2025.

Councilman Dussia made a motion to approve the appointment of Karen Lundin. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

**Council Discussion**

There was no council discussion.

After no further discussion, Councilman Dussia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. into executive session for personnel and legal matters. They will not return.