

RIDGWAY BOROUGH MEETING
Second Ward Firehall
321 W Main St, Ridgway, PA 15853
June 20, 2022

The regular meeting of Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Frank Quattrone at 6:00 p.m. on Monday June 20, 2022 at the Second Ward Firehall.

PRESENT: Council members Frank Quattrone, Abbi Peters, Steve Lawrie, Ralph Dussia, Steve Caggese, Brent Kemmer and Ron Burkett. Also, in attendance were Borough Manager Michael Handley, Police Chief Shawn Geci, Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone, Solicitor David Pontzer, One Member of the Press and Recording Secretary Diana Newell.

ABSENT: Mayor Ray Imhof

Councilman Caggese made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes held on May 16, 2022. Councilman Burkett seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Bid Awards

Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone reported the bids for the water and wastewater came back and weren't any better than the first set of bids that were received. Quattrone recommended council to award the bid to the lowest bidder for chlorine which is Univar: 1 ton cylinder for \$1.60 lb. for the waste water plant.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to award the chlorine 1 ton cylinder bid to Univar.

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

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

Quattrone then recommended council to award the bid to Barber for \$2.32 lb. for the locked in price for 90 days.

Councilman Dussia made a motion to award the bid to Barber for \$2.32 lb. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors.

Correspondence

Handley reported Mayor Imhof has received the plaque for officially becoming Arbor Day members as well as a flag that will be on display.

Handley stated the Ridgway High School has requested to close off Main Street for a short time in October for the Homecoming parade.

Councilman Dussia made a motion to approve the closure of Main Street for the homecoming parade in October for a short time. 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 Kemmer	Aye
Councilman Quattrone	Aye
Councilman Lawrie	Aye

Mayor

Mayor Imhof was absent for the meeting due to the carnival being in town. He wrote a statement to be read during the meeting on his behalf. He commended the borough crews as well as the police and fire department on a job well done during the major storm that we had the previous week.

Police Department

Police Chief Shawn Geci provided council with his report if anyone has any questions.

Fire Department

There was nothing to report.

Environmental Manager

Quattrone reported there were a lot of trees that fell down at the different plants during the storm.

Borough Manager

Handley reported there are now 20 sites available at the Ridgway Mills Campground. He explained he tried to get a quote for water and sewer hookups at the sites but was unable to get one due to the lack of campground layout and planning. It is believed that it would cost more than \$21,000, therefore requiring advertising and sealed bids. He stated the Borough Engineer explained the layout needs to be permanent at the campground before any lines are ran so, he is unable to provide an accurate quote at this time. Councilwoman Peters stated the flood mitigation needs to be worked through first before anything permanent happens at the campground.

Handley explained the DCED flood mitigation program grant has recently been submitted and he expects to hear back in about 6 months or so. He questioned council which way he should direct the grant writer in at this time. Council discussed the grant writer should be working towards recreation and parks grants as well as sidewalks within downtown.

Handley stated the parks program is in full swing and there have been over 100 kids attending some days. He explained the restrooms are now fully working at the Olson Park and there's a handwashing station at the O.B. Grant Park.

Handley explained the YMCA is doing a great job with running the community pool. He stated they have requested some help with purchasing some new lawn chairs. He explained some of the lawn chairs are cracked and they need about 6-10 new ones which have estimated a cost of \$200 each. Council agreed they will look into some help with purchasing these for the pool. Councilman Dussia stated the grant writer should look into writing a grant for pool equipment. Handley reported the borough will be receiving the ARPA funds in July for \$196,000 and maybe can be looked at once these funds are received.

Committee Reports

- a. Streetlights, Parking and Traffic Committee
 - i. Green Light-Go Project Grant

Handley reported the committee recommends that the borough continue with the funding opportunity from the Green-Light-Go Grant that requires a 20% municipal match. He stated if the funding is awarded through the grant, the match would be \$8,000.00. The funding will be used to add a non-intrusive vehicle detection system and a protected/permissive eastbound left turn signal from Main Street to North Broad Street.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the funding match. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Caggese	Aye
Councilman Dussia	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye

Councilman Kemmer	Aye
Councilman Quattrone	Aye
Councilman Lawrie	Aye

Old Business

Handley expressed his support for the borough of Ridgway for the efforts of the Elk County Commissioners by requesting that the PennDOT bridge crossing Elk Creek on North Broad Street be dedicated to the fallen Elk County Vietnam Veterans. He stated a plaque would also be attached to the bridge in their honor.

Councilman Dussia made a motion to approve the memorial to the fallen Elk County Vietnam Veterans. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Handley reported the borough has received two project bids for professional consulting work performed involving the Clarion-Little Toby Trail extension feasibility study. He explained the recommendation from the steering committee is to enter in to contract for professional services with Mackin Engineers and Consultants for a total amount no to exceed \$42,000.00. He stated this was their lowest bid and their proposal is exceptional.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the project bids. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Handley reported for the Section 902 DEP grant, they just received the official confirmation that the borough was awarded \$212,025.00 towards the purchase of a dedicated leaf collection machine. He stated the machine is now estimated to be \$250,000.00 which is about a \$15,000.00 increase in price since writing the grant. If the borough accepts the award, they are required to purchase the machine detailed in the grant application. If the borough chooses not to buy the leaf collector machine, then DEP needs to be notified as soon as possible.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to approve the purchase of the new leaf collection machine. Councilman Dussia seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

New Business

a. The Approval of Appointments to Boards and Commissions

i. Ridgway Public Library Board

Handley reported there has been a library board member who has been unable to finish out the term. The library board has made the recommendation to appoint Jessica Pontious, who is a borough resident, to finish the remainder of the term until March of 2023.

Councilman Dussia made a motion to appoint Jessica Pontious to the Library Board. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

b. Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant

Police Chief Shawn Geci gave an explanation on body-worn cameras and the many positive reasons they could help the police department. Geci reported that he submitted a grant for the Ridgway Borough Police Department to get the cameras and start using them. He requested council to approve the match \$1 for \$1 if the grant is approved. He stated the total amount will be \$4,200.00 so the borough would be responsible for half of that which would be \$2,100.00.

Councilman Dussia made a motion to approve the purchase of body-worn cameras for the police department if Geci receives the grant. Councilman Burkett seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Council Discussion

There was no council discussion.

After no further discussion, council adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m. with no executive session.