

**RIDGWAY BOROUGH MEETING**  
**Ridgway Municipal Building**  
**108 Main St, Ridgway, PA 15853**  
**June 19, 2023**

The regular meeting of Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Frank Quattrone at 6:00 p.m. on Monday June 19, 2023 at the Ridgway Municipal Building.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Ray Imhof, Council Members Ralph Dussia and Steve Lawrie

Councilman Burkett made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes as submitted held on May 15, 2023. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

**Recognition of Visitors**

Liz Boni attended the meeting to thank the borough for letting the Chainsaw Rendezvous use the Ridgway Mills Campground for their event again this year. Boni explained how the event was a big success despite the bad weather days and hopes they can hold it again their next year.

**Bid Awards**

Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone opened the chemical bids that were submitted at an advertised public meeting. Quattrone went through each bid and explained the lowest bid typically gets awarded with each chemical.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve Soda Ash, Dense to Sal Chemical with the lowest bid of \$0.38/lb. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve Chlorine, 150 to Univar with the lowest bid of \$2.233/lb. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilman Caggese made a motion to approve S. Fluorosilicate to Univar with the lowest bid of \$1.75/lb. Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve Caustic 25% to Sal Chemical with the lowest bid of \$0.21/lb. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilman Caggese made a motion to approve DelPAC 2020 to Univar with the lowest bid of \$0.374/lb. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve MnaO4 20% to Sal Chemical with the lowest bid of \$1.68/lb. Councilman Burkett seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilman Caggeso made a motion to approve Chlorine, 2000 to Univar with the lowest bid of \$1.6550/lb. Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggeso	Aye
Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye
Councilman Quattrone	Aye

Councilman Caggeso made a motion to approve Chlorine, 150 to Univar with the lowest bid of \$2.233/lb. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggeso	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye
Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Quattrone	Aye

Councilman Caggeso made a motion to approve Lime Slurry 30% to W.K. Merriman with the lowest bid of \$0.090/lb. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggeso	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye
Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Quattrone	Aye

### **Correspondence**

#### **Finance Department**

Councilman Caggeso 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 Caggeso	Aye
Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Quattrone	Aye

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Imhof was absent during the meeting.

#### **Police Department**

Police Chief Shawn Geci reported with the new cadet heading to the police academy in three weeks, they have discovered the same company won't pay for his tuition. Geci stated the tuition

for the academy is \$8,000. Geci has found another grant that will help pay 75% which is \$6,000 of his tuition for the academy and the cadet will pay the rest of the \$2,000 to cover the whole cost. Geci explained this will cost nothing from the borough but he wanted to ask for council's approval for the change in the situation.

Councilman Caggeso made a motion to approve the new plan for the cadet to attend the police academy. Councilman Burkett seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggeso	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye
Councilman Quattrone	Aye

### **Environmental Manager**

Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone reported there has been a failure in one of the clarifiers at the sewage treatment plant. He explained what the clarifiers do at the plant and how important they are. He stated it needs to be replaced with an estimated unbudgeted expense of \$247,895.00. He explained it will take about 4-5 months to come in and an estimate of 1-2 weeks to install. Quattrone explained the unbudgeted expense will come from the sewer capital replacement fund. He stated the expenses will be discussed further at the finance committee meeting.

### **Borough Manager**

Handley reported that DCED completed the training with the finance director. He explained the training was very beneficial and they recommended a new software program. He stated they are looking into funding to help with the cost of the new software program.

Handley reported the largest number of kids have been attending the summer parks program this year. He stated there have been around 150 kids attending the program. Handley reported he received a quote for the trees that need to be cut down at the O.B. Grant Park. Handley stated the borough has budgeted \$5,000 for this but the quote is \$8,000 to cut the trees down. The Parks Revitalization Program offered to give \$2,500 towards the job and Handley is requesting council to approve the use of \$1,000 from the timber fund to cover the total cost of the tree removal.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the use of \$1,000 from the timber fund towards the tree removal at O.B. Grant Park. Councilman Burkett seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilwoman Peters	Aye
Councilman Burkett	Aye
Councilman Kemmer	Aye
Councilman Caggeso	Aye
Councilman Quattrone	Aye

Handley reported the community pool is off to a great start with an exception of a few rain days. He made a special thank you to Mary Lynn Bellotti and the YMCA staff. Handley stated all information for the pool can be found on the Lyle G. Hall Community Pool Facebook page.

Handley gave a website update by explaining all of the various things that can be found on the website. He stated historic millage rates, current millage rates comparisons, annual budgets, and council meeting minutes can all be found on the website.

Handley reported Tim McClain at the Lazy River Canoe Rental has been doing a great job promoting the Ridgway Mills Campground. He stated there is a revenue of \$1,100.00 after fees since June 1<sup>st</sup> and has been using his Lazy River Canoe Rental Facebook page for advertising.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Planning, Grants and Recreation**

Councilwoman Peters read the minutes to the planning, grants and recreation meeting. She stated they recommended voting for the Farmer's Market to be held at the Ridgway Mills Campground starting in July through October on Tuesdays.

Councilman Caggese made a motion to approve the location of the Ridgway Mills Campground for the Farmer's Market held July through October. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

#### **Streetlights, Parking and Traffic**

Councilman Caggese read the minutes to the meeting that was held for the streetlights, parking and traffic committee. The committee recommended to vote in favor of CAPSEA taking over Elm Alley for their new demolition project. He explained they will need to advertise for the ordinance before it is done.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to advertise for the ordinance to vacate Elm Alley for CAPSEA. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilman Caggese also explained at the meeting they are recommending to vote in favor of the new street light LED conversion. He explained this conversion will save the borough roughly \$32,000.

Councilman Burkett made a motion to approve the streetlight LED conversion. Councilman

Kemmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

### **Old Business**

#### **Ridgway Mills Campground Facebook Page**

Many council members questioned why the Ridgway Mills Campground Facebook Page has Councilman Dussia's River Valley Surplus email address linked to it. After much discussion from council members, they feel it would be beneficial if the page was turned over to the Borough for Lazy River to manage. They will continue to work on this matter.

#### **Ridgway Mills Campground**

Councilman Caggese explained that things need to be underway soon on fixing up the old building at the campground in order to accommodate the Mountain Fest as well as other events. He explained the importance of keeping these events in town and not letting them go to different towns. He requested that the borough works with the Mountain Fest to determine what needs to be done and to figure out a way to get it all done in time for Mountain Fest to take place there. Handley stated there will be a finance committee meeting in July and this will be discussed in further detail.

### **New Business**

Handley reported there is a request for subdivision on Alvin Street for one parcel. He explained there are no utilities there.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the subdivision for one parcel on Alvin Street.

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

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

After no further discussion, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with no executive session.