

**RIDGWAY BOROUGH MEETING**  
**Ridgway Municipal Building**  
**108 Main St, Ridgway, PA 15853**  
**July 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Frank Quattrone at 6:00 p.m. on Monday July 17, 2023 at the Ridgway Municipal Building.

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

**ABSENT:** Solicitor David Pontzer

Councilman Burkett made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes as submitted held on June 19, 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
Councilman Lawrie	Aye
Councilman Dussia	Aye

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were no visitors at the meeting.

**Bid Awards**

Handley reported they planned to open bids for the O.B. Grant Park project at this meeting but this will be postponed until next month's meeting in August.

**Correspondence**

**Local Food Service Request (Mobile Food Facilities Ordinance)**

Handley reported there were some anonymous requests for the borough to change the ordinance for food trucks to be allowed in the borough. He said they were requesting to limit the days the food trucks are allowed to be in town because they feel the food trucks are taking away business from local food establishments within the borough. Council discussed this matter and it was referred to the Planning, Grants and Recreation Committee for further discussion.

**RIDC-Ridgway Industrial Development Corporation**

Michelle Bogacki attended the meeting to discuss the parcel on Tanner Street which was formally MPP. She explained there are five lots with all utilities there and they would like to split these parcels up. This topic was referred to the Planning, Grants and Recreation Committee but

there was a motion in place pending the meeting.

Councilman Dussia made a motion to approve the subdivision as long as the planning commission approves. Councilman Caggeso seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

### **Finance Department**

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

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

### **Mayor**

Mayor Imhof thanked the fire department for a job well done with the carnival in June. Imhof reported the old Pennsy Bridge dedication will be held on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in The Moose parking lot. He invited everyone to attend the dedication ceremony. Imhof congratulated the Ridgway Borough for earning recognition as a 2022 Tree City USA. He stated the borough residents should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

### **Police Department**

Police Chief Shawn Geci stated the police department is taking part in the PennDot Aggressive Drivers Campaign. Geci reported they will be conducting another civil service exam very soon. Geci also stated the new hire is currently in the Police Academy and will graduate in December.

### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Scott Pontious reported the fire department has been partaking in many trainings.

### **Environmental Manager**

Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone reported the clarifier is still hanging on and working for the time being.

**Borough Manager**

Handley reported the Riverfest will be held on July 21 & 22. He stated Tim McClain has been promoting The Mills Campground for people to stay at during this event.

Handley reported ECCOTA's Farmer Market is being held on Tuesday's 3:30pm-6:30pm at the Ridgway Mills Campground and is doing very well so far. He reported there will be a special event on August 8 in the Courtyard.

Handley reported the Recycling Center has been moved to the Compost Area and is doing well down there so far.

Handley reported the Liquid Fuels Audit took place and the records were examined. He stated it was a very successful audit and there were no findings.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance**

**Wastewater Plant - #2 Secondary Clarifier**

Councilwoman Peters read the minutes to the finance committee meeting. She stated Quattrone discussed with council members that the secondary clarifier needs to be replaced with the first clarifier. He stated there is a discount if they order both clarifiers at the same time and this unbudgeted expense would come out of the sewer capital replacement fund. Quattrone stated the original cost was \$205,000.00 but Quattrone was able to get a discount of \$15,000.00 off. Quattrone reported the total cost would be \$190,000.00 for both clarifiers, not including installation.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the order being placed for both clarifiers.

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

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

**Ridgway Mills Campground (Social Media/Promotion)**

Councilwoman Peters reported the committee discussed the Ridgway Mills Campground and the use for the Mountain Fest. Council discussed the various things that need done to the building at the campground such as a new roof, electrical work and new doors. Council discussed the various things that need done would estimate around \$500,000.00 for cost. The committee did state they will be applying for a grant for a master site in the near future to possibly help with the costs of these items. After much discussion some of the council members stated the new roof should be top priority and done as soon as possible to save the building as many other council members did not approve of that and stated they should wait for more funds to be available.

Councilman Burkett made a motion to put a new roof on the Ridgway Mills Campground building. Councilman Dussia seconded the motion and the vote was not approved by the following vote:

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

Councilman Dussia stated he received a complaint about someone washing a car at the Mill site and asked Handley to look into putting a lock on the yard hydrant.

### **Old Business**

#### **Resolution 4-2023 (DCED Grant-Implementation Phase II) Intergovernmental**

Handley reported the grant writing position fair-share can be split between all funds for Resolution 4-2023. He stated the council needs to vote in order to go on with Phase II with the borough intergovernmental cooperative agreement.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the Resolution 4-2023 forming a partnership between boroughs. Councilman Lawrie seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

#### **Army Corp of Engineers Letter of Intent**

Handley reported the Army Corp of Engineers sent a letter of intent to the borough wanting to send a community planner to Ridgway on July 27 to do a site evaluation. Council discussed they have the funds to give for flood mitigation and it is a good idea to send them here for assistance.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to approve the Army Corp of Engineers to conduct a site evaluation. Councilman Caggese seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

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

Councilman Kemmer        Aye  
Councilman Quattrone      Aye

**Ridgway Mills Campground (Social Media/Promotion)**

Quattrone reported Tim McClain is doing a great job promoting the Ridgway Mills Campground and has increased the number of reservations so far this summer.

**New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

**Council Discussion**

After no further discussion, Council adjourned the meeting into executive session for personnel and legal matters at 7:02 p.m. They will not be coming back.