

**THE BOROUGH OF RIDGWAY**  
**Special Meeting of Borough Council**  
**May 23, 2024 (6:00pm)**  
**Ridgway Municipal Building (108 Main Street)**

The special meeting of Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Council President Steve Caggese at 6:00 p.m. at the Ridgway Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Council members Steve Caggese, Abbi Peters, Ron Burkett, Zack Pontious, Chris Matheson, Steve Lawrie, and Brent Kemmer. Also in attendance were Borough Manager Mike Handley, Mayor Ray Imhof.

**Public Comment**

Councilman Caggese reviewed the visitor sign-in sheet and allowed each signer to speak for their dedicated amount of time.

One visitor stated that the Council has a difficult task to take care of and trusts that credible facts will be used. Another visitor seconded the prior public comment.

One more visitor said that he thought more public discussion about the matter on the agenda would take place but understood that it is a personnel matter.

Another visitor stated that she has been attending meetings regularly over the last six months or so and noted that the council must follow certain protocol. She assured the public visitors that signing up to speak during public comment has been the practice of the Council at all the prior meetings and if you are late for the meeting, you may miss the opportunity to speak.

Councilman Caggese stated that it was the end of public comment as Council went through everybody on the sign-in sheet.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Caggese called an executive session (personnel/legal) at 6:06 p.m. He requested everyone to leave stating that we will be returning. The executive session concluded at 6:40 p.m. and the public was invited back into the meeting.

**Business**

After council members and public came back from the executive session Councilman Caggese recalled the meeting to order.

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to terminate the employment of Chief of Police Shawn Geci effective immediately. Councilman Pontious seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Burkett: Aye

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

**Adjourn**

Councilman Caggese stated that Council will be going into an executive session (personnel/legal) and will not be returning. He called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Lawrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Burkett seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Burkett: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

The council adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.