

THE BOROUGH OF RIDGWAY
Special Meeting of Borough Council
May 1, 2024 (5:00pm)
Ridgway Municipal Building (108 Main Street)

The special meeting of Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Council President Steve Caggese at 5:00 p.m. at the Ridgway Municipal Building.

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

ABSENT: Solicitor David Pontzer.

Councilman Caggese announced that an executive session to discuss a personnel matter was held prior to this meeting with all council members.

Public Comment

Councilman Caggese reviewed the visitor sign-in sheet and stated that no one signed up for public comment. No public comment was made.

Executive Session

Councilman Caggese called an executive session at 5:02 p.m. for a personnel matter. He requested everyone to leave except Chief of Police Shawn Geci and stated that we will be returning. The executive session concluded at 5:08 p.m. and the public was invited back into the meeting.

Business

After council members came back from executive session Councilman Caggese stated that no action will be taken tonight.

Adjourn

Councilman Burkett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Matheson seconded the motion.

A few visitors in attendance disputed that they were not given the chance to comment on this personnel matter. Councilman Caggese responded that the public comment portion was held at the beginning of the meeting, and no one signed up to speak.

Councilman Caggese stated once again that he announced several times that there was a sign-in sheet in the front of the room. An on-duty state police officer emphasized that it was announced to the public to sign in if anyone wishes to speak and that the people that were here on time were given that opportunity to sign up and speak during the public comment portion. He stated that many visitors were late to the meeting and did not arrive on time to speak.

Councilman Caggese said we have a first and a second to adjourn the meeting and called for a vote. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Burkett: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

The council adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.