

THE BOROUGH OF RIDGWAY BUDGET MEETING #3
Ridgway Municipal Building
108 Main Street, Ridgway, PA 15853
November 5, 2025 at 4:30pm

The budget development meeting of the Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Steve Caggese at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at the Ridgway Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Council members – Steve Caggese, Zack Pontious, Abbi Peters, Brent Kemmer, Steve Lawrie

Also in attendance were Borough Manager Mike Handley, Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone, Mayor Ray Imhof, Chief Ken Hinton, and Recording Secretary Cari Amacher.

ABSENT: Council members – Chris Matheson, Ron Burkett

Water Funds Budget

Handley explained the water usage has decreased due to efficiency appliances and increased plant operations costs, but the budget is balanced. Handley said the budget is balanced with the actual income this year instead of subsidizing funds. He emphasized that this is good.

Handley discussed the capital water fund, mentioning essential items and municipal building improvements. Handley said there is an issue with the water line at the bottom of Montmorenci by the railroad tracks that will need to be addressed in the spring. He said this project will need to be hired out as the line goes under the railroad tracks and we need the correct equipment to fix the line. The cost for this project is unknown.

Sewer Funds Budget

Handley explained the separation of sewer proprietary income from sewer rents found within the budget.

Environmental Manager Josh Quattrone spoke about the negative impact of subsidizing operating costs with trucked waste income. It was noted that it should come from appropriate sewage rates.

Quattrone discussed the impact of flow rates on the sewer treatment costs and the need for accurate data. Council had a lengthy discussion about SCR fees, Inflow & Infiltration (I & I) issues, and sewer usage for the borough and township. It was reported that the Borough still has not received flow rates as promised but are expecting them by next week.

Handley explained the auxiliary fund is used to subsidize multiple funds to balance the budget. Handley highlighted the importance of accurate water and sewer rates and capping the use of the auxiliary fund to prevent over-subsidization. Council discusses the importance of setting up good fiscal practices to prevent future financial issues.

The budget development meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.