

**RIDGWAY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
Ridgway Municipal Building
108 Main Street, Ridgway, PA 15853
January 5, 2026**

The Ridgway Borough Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Ray Imhof at 6:00 p.m. at the Ridgway Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Council members - Steve Caggese, Zack Pontious, Lauren Stark, Brent Kemmer, Abbi Peters, Steve Lawrie

CALL-IN: Council member - Chris Matheson

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

The mayor began the meeting by requesting a nomination for Council President. Councilwoman Peters nominated Councilman Caggese. There were no additional nominations for Council President.

The vote for Councilman Caggese went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

The meeting was then turned over to President Steve Caggese.

Councilman Caggese requested a nomination for Council Vice President. Councilman Lawrie nominated Councilwoman Peters. There were no additional nominations for Council Vice President. The vote for Councilwoman Peters went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Caggese requested a nomination for Council President Pro-Tem. Councilman Kemmer nominated Councilman Lawrie. There were no additional nominations for Council President Pro-Tem. The vote for Councilwoman Lawrie went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Caggese requested a nomination for Vacancy Board Chair. Councilman Lawrie made a motion to nominate Kevin Anstrom for the vacancy board chair for a 2-year term extension which will expire in January 2028. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Caggese requested an appointment for Solicitor. Councilwoman Peters made a motion to appoint David Pontzer for a 2-year extension which will expire in January 2028. Councilman Pontious seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Caggese requested a nomination for Borough Engineers. Councilwoman Peters made a motion to nominate Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. and E & M Engineers & Surveyors for a 2-year terms which will expire in January 2028. Councilwoman Stark seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Caggese requested a nomination for Borough Treasurer. Councilman Lawrie made a motion to nominate John Paul McDonald for a 2-year extension which will expire in January 2028. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Caggese requested a nomination for Borough Auditor. Councilwoman Peters made a motion to nominate Sharkey, Piccirillo & Keen, LLP. for a 2-year extension which will expire in January 2028.

Councilman Lawrie seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Caggese requested a nomination for Borough Depositories. Councilwoman Stark made a motion to nominate Farmers National Bank, CNB Bank, PNC Bank, Northwest Bank and PLGIT Bank.

Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Caggese requested a nomination for PSAB Delegate. Councilman Lawrie made a motion to nominate Ray Imhof for a 2-year term which will expire in January 2028. Councilman Kemmer seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

New Business

Councilman Caggese requested a motion to approve the monthly council meeting dates for 2026, which are the third Monday of every month at 6:00pm in the council room at 108 Main Street. Councilman Lawrie made a motion to approve the council meeting dates. Councilwoman Stark seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Pontious: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Handley discusses the reorganization of existing committees and the appointment of chairs. He mentioned combining inactive committees like cable TV and property maintenance. Handley explains the new committee structure and the role of appointed officers, in which each chair officer will share two committees. He also emphasized the importance of utilizing committees effectively.

Handley and Council reviewed the existing guidelines for public comment during council meetings. The guidelines state that only borough taxpayers and residents can speak during public comment. It also mentions the time limit of three minutes per speaker. Handley recommended the council read a public comment statement at the beginning of the public comment session to clarify the guidelines.

Councilman Lawrie asked for clarification on who qualifies as a taxpayer for public comment. Handley confirmed the guidelines that only Borough property owners and Borough residents can speak during public comment.

Councilman Lawrie suggested non-residents to write correspondence.

After no further discussion, the council adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.