

RIDGWAY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Ridgway Municipal Building
108 Main Street, Ridgway, PA 15853
June 15, 2026

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

PRESENT: Steve Caggese, Abbi Peters, Brent Kemmer, Steve Lawrie, Lauren Stark, Chris Matheson

ABSENT: Zack Pontious

Also in attendance were Borough Manager Mike Handley, Mayor Ray Imhof, Police Chief Ken Hinton, Fire Chief Jeff Yeager, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Mason Stark, and Recording Secretary Cari Amacher.

Councilman Kemmer made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes as scheduled on May 18, 2026. Councilwoman Stark seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Public Comment

None

2026 Chemical Bids Awards (Water and Wastewater)

The chemical bids for water and wastewater were read. The lowest responsible bid for each chemical will be reviewed prior to award.

-Soda Ash from Sal Chemical at \$0.39/lb

-Chlorine from Univar at \$1.942/lb

-S. Fluorosilicate from Univar at \$1.65/lb

-Caustic 25% from Sal Chemical at \$0.19/lb

-DelPAC 2020 from CHEMSTREAM at \$0.37/lb

-MnO₄ 20% from Sal Chemical at \$1.70/lb

-Chlorine, 2000 from Univar for \$1.455/lb

-Chlorine, 150 from Univar for \$1.942/lb

-Lime Slurry 30% from W.K. Merriman at \$0.11/lb

Councilwoman Peters made a motion to accept the lowest responsible bids. Councilman Matheson seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Finance Department

Councilman Matheson made a motion to pay the bills. Councilman Lawrie seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Mayor

Mayor Imhof provides a brief report on recent activities, including a fun day at the elementary school and a Flag Across America ceremony. He also mentions “Coffee with the Mayor” on Saturday, the 20th, from 9 to 11 AM at the Creative Cup.

Police Department

Chief Hinton discusses the Rainbow Gathering, which is likely to stay in Warren County. He also reported on the positive feedback received on a speed sign that was taken down, and speed enforcement will be implemented. The March for Jesus parade was canceled due to weather, but the Flag Across America ceremony was well-attended. Chief Hinton mentions the graduation ceremony for Erica Swanson, who will take her test on June 18.

Chief Hinton reports that officers have begun stopping people riding e-bikes downtown, with special attention to riders who appear under 16 years old. The enforcement is based on age and location restrictions for e-bike use. The response has been largely positive.

Fire Department

Report is in the packet. Chief Yeager also reports 4 or 5 more calls to the Dickinson apartments.

Environmental Manager

Mason Stark reported that both plants are running at 100% and the cross-training is going very well.

Correspondence/Petitions

Handley reports on correspondence, including an invitation to the next McWaPEC meeting, a request from the school district for a homecoming parade permit, and a request to address data center zoning applications.

Handley discusses the need for an ordinance to regulate data centers, mentioning ongoing efforts with the solicitor and other municipalities.

Borough Manager

Handley focuses on data center concerns and the need for an ordinance. He reports the township is preparing an ordinance, but a ban is not legally possible at this time. Handley discusses the impact of data centers on water pressure and the need for proper regulations. He mentions the upcoming Fireman's carnival at the beginning of August and the parade on August 8th.

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

Councilman Matheson made a motion to advertise the Ordinance Amendment (Nuisances-Accidental Fire Alarms). Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Matheson made a motion to advertise the Ordinance Amendment (Parks and Recreation – Bikes, E-Bikes, etc.) Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Councilman Matheson made a motion to approve the project and advertise for bids for the Ridgway Riverfront Development (Boat Launch Project). Councilwoman Peters seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

Handley reports on the Rotary lot project, including a request for the borough to contribute \$8,499 for sidewalk and curb installation. He spoke about the Rotary improving the borough lot and adding movable mural panels; the contractor and Rotary asked if the borough would put funds towards a new curb and sidewalk on the property while the contractor is already mobilized, with the contractor discounting \$1,000 from the original quote.

Councilman Lawrie made a motion to approve the \$8,499 for the curb and sidewalk project from the Auxiliary Fund for the borough lot. Councilman Matheson seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Councilman Caggese: Aye

Councilman Lawrie: Aye

Councilman Kemmer: Aye

Councilman Matheson: Aye

Councilwoman Peters: Aye

Councilwoman Stark: Aye

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

After no further discussion, President Steve Caggese adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m. before going into executive session.