



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: October 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Ridgeway Community Center
Room 101/102
208 Jarvis Street
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Members Present: M Casper, MK Baum, R Nevins, J Garner, S Vosberg, R Short
Members Absent: K Venden
Staff Present: J Brindley, T Cullen, M Gorham, H Roessler

1. Meeting Opening

1.a Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by President Casper at 7:00 pm. Roll call is listed above.

1.b Confirmation of Open Meeting Law Compliance

Roessler confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on **October 8**, at the Ridgeway Community Center, the Village website and Facebook page and notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

1.c Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited.

1.d Adoption of Agenda

Motion by MK Baum, Seconded by J Garner, to adopt of this meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1.e Department Reports

Received and filed.

1.f Correspondence Received and Announcements

Information and announcements regarding Halloween events and the CORP Survey were shared by Roessler.

1.g Public Comment

Charlie Aschliman reported that people are parking on both sides of Grove Street, a violation of the ordinance. He asked for curb paint and no parking signs on the portion where you can't park because there isn't room to get through with a truck/trailer. T Cullen indicated he would order more signs to get them installed along the east side.

Ruth Nevins reported that the trailer on Main Street is a safety hazard and has had numerous complaints. J Brindley reported that staff is looking into it and working on a solution.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion by S Vosberg, Seconded by R Nevins, to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

2.a Minutes to be Adopted

2.b General Fund Disbursements and ACH Payments

3. County Hwy HHH - Craig Hardy, Iowa County Highway Commissioner

The board will reschedule with Craig Hardy.

4. 2021 Infrastructure Improvements

Infrastructure improvements were discussed after Owen's invoice was authorized.

Bart Neiss updated the board regarding the project status. Binder course only will be completed on Hughitt until JI Construction is complete with the rest of the project next year and surface course will be added to Hughitt Street at that time. Keane Street excavation and gravel will happen next week and pavement is expected the last week of October.

4.a Pay Application #4 - JI Construction, LLC

Motion by MK Baum, Seconded by R Short, to approve pay application number four in the amount of \$138,014. Motion carried.

4.b Change Order #1- JI Construction

Motion by R Nevins, Seconded by MK Baum, to approve change order number one for JI Construction, to modify the substantial completion to July 1, 2022 for the 2021 improvements for all but Keane and Hughitt Street which is expected to be completed October 29, 2021. Motion carried.

4.c Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Funding with the DNR

Bart updated the board regarding the \$800,000 of Street Improvements submitted to the DNR for grant money consideration, like they did in 2018. The village was not awarded any additional grant monies, but was approved for a low interest loan by the DNR.

The village will also receive \$20,000 in support from LRIP/Iowa County.

The village would be looking for a \$780,000 loan through the Safe Drinking Water Program. Bart indicated that the village could indicate that they would accept the funds then the DNR would return instructions to the village with how to secure the loan and the village would close on the loan between now and June 25th. The loans are typically closed about 12 weeks after you submit the paperwork. DNR closes on its loans the second or fourth Wednesday of the month.

Motion by MK Baum, Seconded by R Short, to accept the DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan. Motion carried.

4.d Engineering and Professional Services - Delta3 Inv.

Motion by R Short, Seconded by J Garner, to pay Delta3 Invoices 17862 and 17861 in the amount of \$15,962.50 from CDBG Matching Funds Checking. Motion carried.

5. Owen's Excavating Gate Valve Replacement Invoice 4620

Taken immediately after the consent agenda, Bart Neiss of Delta3 Engineering indicated that work was complete and contractor could be paid.

MK Baum asked if the tower was rusty. Brindley indicated it was residue and is not rust. MK Baum asked for it to be cleaned off.

Motion by S Vosberg, Seconded by J Garner, to authorize payment of Invoice 4620 to Owen's Excavating in the amount of \$\$10,520.60 from Water Money Market Funds. Motion carried.

6. Fire Station Plowing

J Brindley and T Cullen confirmed that the village would continue to plow around the fire station as a service to the fire department.

7. Veterans Committee Request for Location of Memorial

tabled until the Marshal was able to be present.

Resumed after the easement discussion when the marshal was present. He is looking for different land parcel recommendations for his committee.

8. Redistricting 2021

Motion by MK Baum, Seconded by S Vosberg, to adopt Resolution 2021-12 creating one ward in the village. Motion carried.

9. PSC Conventional Rate Case Preparation

Last full rate case went into effect in 1998. The Ridgeway Water Utility started filing Simplified Rate Cases annually in 2015 and was informed of the need to do a conventional rate case in 2017. The 3% annual increase is not keeping up with costs and we can't put off the conventional rate case any longer. Ridgeway Utility bills are the third lowest in Iowa County, while the Village of Arena, currently lower, is in the process of completing their own Full Rate Case.

Motion by R Nevins, Seconded by MK Baum, to proceed with Johnson & Block for the PSC Conventional Rate Case application for expenses up to \$7,500. Motion carried.

10. Resolution in Support of Connect Communities Application (Amended Added 10.09.2021)

Motion by MK Baum, Seconded by R Short, to adopt Resolution 2021-13 in support of the Connect Communities program application. Motion carried.

11. Easement Request Review - Old Adams Road Parcel

M Casper explained the background discussion regarding ATC's letter and easement request for the Old Adams Road parcel.

Charlie Aschliman, indicated there was an attorney's number he could provide to the village to discuss opportunities for negotiations.

Roessler will follow-up with the area attorney and village attorney regarding ATC's proposal.

12. Adjournment

Motion by R Nevins, Seconded by R Short, to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Motion carried.