

**TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 13, 2014**

Board Members in attendance: Chairman, Mike Luethe; 1st Supervisor, Jerry Haney; 2nd Supervisor, Carrol Wallerman; also in attendance was Clerk, Rita Williams and Treasurer, Mary Fries.

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Luethe at 7:30 P.M.

1. Pledge to the American Flag

The pledge to the American Flag was recited.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments on agenda items.

3. Approval of Minutes for the September 8, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting

The minutes from September 8, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

4. Speaker-Jim Stoikes (Norwalk Fire District)

Jim Stoikes was not in attendance so Chairman Luethe gave some information in reference to the Norwalk Fire District looking at buying a newer pumper. The present pumper is 28 years old and there is a ruling that after 25 year they should not be on the road. This is just in the planning stages but the Town of Ridgeville will have the biggest expense with the newer truck when purchased. We will probably be looking at a cost of \$150,000.00 for a newer truck and of that the Town of Ridgeville pays 53%. The fire department and district will probably put in some money and they may be able to get money from the USDA, so at this point we cannot be sure what our expense will be.

5. Tri-Creek-Mark Roberts Property

Ron Luethe attended a Land Conservation meeting in reference to the Mark Roberts Property that is for sale. He noted that there are 80 acres west of the dam that Land Conservation Committee is interested in buying. It would affect the taxation for Ridgeville. The county is concerned about the access to the property. They are looking at funding sources and they wanted to let the Town of Ridgeville know what is going on. They will also be looking at Federal and State funding. It is all in the pulmonary stages and there is a lot to look at. Mr. Luethe will be attending a meeting next week and will bring us more information. Mike Wiedl was in attendance and noted that they are looking at it because of the amount of phosphorous level and noted that the dam holds back a lot of that phosphorous that could be dumped into the creek and create problems.

6. Opening Bids for Sand Hauling

The bids submitted for the sand hauling from Sparta to the Town of Ridgeville for the 2014-2015 winter season were opened.

The bids were as follows:

Gerke Excavating \$4.09/ton
Kendall Trucking \$4.00/ton
D&D Trucking \$3.89/ton

There was a motion from Mike Luethe and seconded by Carrol Wallerman to accept the lower bid of D & D Trucking for \$3.89/ton. Motion Carried.

7. Discussion from Planning Commission on request for ordinance on ATV Routes

Inese Strazdins Epstein noted that she contacted the towns association and the attorney sent her a copy of an ATV Ordinance that is more formal and contains all the things that they need to contain. The attorney also noted that if you have ATV Routes you must have an ordinance. It was noted that a copy of that ordinance must be sent to the DOT and Law Enforcement.

It was also noted that the two sample ordinances that were sent to us by the ATV Clubs from the Town of Lincoln and Town of LaGrange would allow for all roads in the Town of Ridgeville to be ATV Routes. A lot of the roads in Ridgeville are steep and winding and with all the farm equipment that travels on those roads, it would not be a good idea to allow all roads to be open to ATV routes for safety and liability issues.

She presented a proposed ordinance from the towns association that does include the roads that are now open as ATV routes and also noted that they should be noted whether each road is a ATV route in "its entirety" or if only partial, would need to state "beginning at ___ and end at ___". The issue will be put on the agenda for next month and the roads already set up need to be looked at and decide if they are through roads or only partial.

We will also need to look at whether the roads are properly signed.

8. Discussion on Understanding Implements of Husbandry Law and Permitting Requirements

Kaleb Bach gave us some information on the Implements of Husbandry Law and what he learned at the meeting he attended. This could get extremely confusing for the farmers and the town and looks like we have some timelines to consider. After much information it was decided that it would be given to the Planning Commission to investigate so we can be sure of what we need to know and bring back to the board at the next meeting what they have found out.

9. Early Discussion on Budget

There was some discussion on the budget coming up and it was noted that anyone is invited to attend the budget workshops.

10. Road Maintenance Report

Kaleb gave his report and noted the following:

He has been working on getting the mowing tractor ready to mow.
He worked on getting the wall ready for the construction.
Worked at Fall Clean Up for 3 days and finished up on Monday.
Did general maintenance work.

It was also noted that the clerk and treasurer need to look for a new computer and printer so Kaleb can have the one from the office.

11. Treasurer's Report for September 2014

The treasurer's report for September 2014 was reviewed and presented by the treasurer, Mary Fries. She reported current operating funds of \$93,224.85.

12. Approval of Bills Paid/To Be Paid

The bills paid and to be paid were reviewed. Payment of these bills were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried. This includes Check # 11589, dated 9/15/2014 thru Check # 11621, dated 10/13/2014. Total bills approved for the month was \$31,643.90.

13. Set Budget Workshop and Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Date

After some discussion he was decided that we will have budget workshop on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. and then again on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. with the full town board.

The next regular meeting has been set for Monday, November 17, 2014 following the Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors scheduled for 7:30 P.M.

14. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

Rita Williams
Clerk