

**TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 13, 2016**

Board Members in attendance: Chairman, Mike Luethe; 1st Supervisor, Ron Luethe; 2nd Supervisor, Keith Giraud; also in attendance was Clerk, Rita Williams. Treasurer Kathy Cale was ill and could not attend.

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike 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 for the evening.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the November 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

The minutes of the November 15, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Keith Giraud and seconded by Ron Luethe. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Minutes for the November 15, 2016 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors=2017 Budget Meeting

The minutes of the November 15, 2016 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors=2017 Budget were reviewed and approved with a motion from Keith Giraud and seconded Ron Luethe. Motion Carried.

4. Speaker- Cindy Zahrte-District Administrator (Tomah Schools) Yearly Update on Referendum and Finances

District Administrator Cindy Zahrte from the Tomah School was in attendance and gave an update on the current finances and how the district is doing after the referendum this last March. She reported that because of increased aid the tax levy is less but the property value is up. Some of the things noted were as follows:

Kids in 1st thru the 5th grades at Tomah are reciting the Pledge to the Flag on WKBT TV Station each morning during the week. Lemonweir School will be doing a 45-15 School calendar and will become a school of choice for those who want to attend during the school year and will have a 6 week break in the summer.

The High School has a few new programs:

They will be starting an Information Technology Academy where classes will be taught by WTC teachers and credits will go toward courses at WTC.

One will be a Building Trades Program. The City of Tomah has purchased property where the Bldg Trade Class can build a house. This will probably a two year program.

In 1967 there was an Open House for the new Tomah High School. They are planning another Open House this coming year on that date and implement a Distinguished Alumni plan.

5. Speaker-Frank Best – Town Insurance Renewal

Frank Best and Derek Burnstad from the Tricor Insurance company was in attendance and gave an over view of the insurance for the coming year. He noted that the insurance is up just a little because of a couple of claims this past year. The premium for 2017 will be \$11,983.

6. Approval of the 2017 Budget by Town Board

There was a motion from Ron Luethe to approve the 2017 Budget presented at the Budget Hearing at the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried.

7. Update on Monroe County WTA Meeting in November – Ron Luethe

Supervisor Luethe gave an update on the WTA Meeting that he attended on November 17. He noted that Randy Williams from the 911 Program noted that they have updated the Emergency System. They now have 98% coverage. It was also noted the Jail will be starting Phase #2. It was noted that Nerison & VanderMeer were there and noted that they are still trying to work on getting more road aid.

8. Update on Library Donation Issue-Ron Luethe

Supervisor Luethe also gave a update on the Library issue and giving a donation to the library. We received an e-mail that noted that the Norwalk Library has a budget of 26.7k and they have 32k for its new addition. It was noted that when Ridgeville donates the \$500 we can specify that the money goes into the Library Fund for the building and there should be no problems and the Library would receive the money. Chairman Luethe noted that we could have the inter-government agreement ready for the Annual Meeting so everyone will know what is going on.

9. Further Discussion on Agreement between Gerke and Ridgeville on Lignite Road

There was some additional talk on a proposed agreement between Gerke's and Ridgeville on the Lignite Road. It was noted again that we need to find an unbiased person to look at the road. We will put the matter on the agenda for next month for further discussion on an agreement.

10. Road Patrolman Report

Patrolman Bach noted that he has been putting up the road markers. Part-time Patrolman Stoikes helped put up these markers. They also finished setting up the last plow truck for snow.

On Tuesday, the 13th there was a lot of drifting so he needed to go out and touch up the roads. He noted that he needs to put the blade on grader.

11. Treasurer's Report for November 2016

Treasurer's Kathy Cale was absent so Clerk Rita Williams read the report for November 2016 noting \$126,354.30 of current operating funds. She noted we had \$12,084.51 in Checking and \$26,992.66 in Savings and \$76,465.40 in LGIP General Fund and \$10,811.73 in LGIP Equipment Fund at the end of November 2016.

12. Approval of Bills Paid/To Be Paid

The bills paid/to be paid were reviewed and approved with a motion from Mike Luethe and seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried. This includes bills from Check # 12417 dated 11/21/16 thru Check # 12448 dated 12/13/16 totaling \$14,480.54. There was one correction noted on the description for Ck# 12436. It should have read for Lantern Road and not Lansing Road.

13. Set Date for Caucus and the Next Monthly Meeting

The date for the Caucus and the next regular monthly meeting has been set for Monday, January 16, 2016 with the Caucus starting at 7:30 P.M and the next regular monthly meeting starting shortly after the caucus. There will be a short break between the two meetings.

14. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Ron Luethe and seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried.