

TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2023

Board Members in attendance: Chairman, Keith Giraud; 1st Supervisor, Greg Larson; 2nd Supervisor, Jerry Haney; also in attendance was Clerk, Rita Williams and Treasurer, Kathy Cale.

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Keith Giraud.

1. Pledge to the American Flag

The Pledge to the flag was recited.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting on January 9, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting on January 9, 2023 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Greg Larson. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Caucus Meeting

The minutes of the Caucus Meeting held on January 9, 2023 were reviewed and approve with a motion from Keith Giraud and seconded by Jerry Haney. Motion Carried.

It was noted that the agenda noted the wrong year date for approval. Clerk will correct that.

4. Speaker – Mike Hanson, Superintendent, Tomah Area Schools-Topic: Information on operational referendum resolution on 4/4/23 election ballot.

Mr. Hanson did not show up for the evening. Not sure what happened.

Since Mr. Hanson was not in attendance, Joey Esterline, County Supervisor for Ridgeville was attending and gave the board information on what is going on with Broadband in the area. She noted that we might be able to do our own mapping in the area. Vernon County is helping out in some areas. She will keep us updated.

5. Continued Discussion on Sanding Driveways at Large Dairies and Businesses in Emergency Situations

After more discussion on the matter, it was decided that we would go ahead and get together some verbiage on how this would be handled. We would possibly be looking at a waiver to be signed with a public notice posted when decisions have been made. It was discussed that this would be in only extreme emergencies. The Board is welcoming any input from residents.

6. Update on Fire Department

Chairman Giraud gave us an update on the new proposed fire department building. We are looking at a cost of about \$900,000.00 overall. They are hoping to get some grants that would bring the cost down to about at least 1/3 of the above cost. At those figures it looks like the Town of Ridgeville would be paying \$25,000.00 per year on top of the budget figure that we already pay of \$38,901.00 per year, totaling estimated \$63,901.00 per year in fire protection.

7. Discussion on Possible Expenditure for ARPA

There was some discussion on what we will use the \$53,500.00 that we received from the American Rescue Plan Act. We need to make some decisions soon as we have to get the requests in and start getting the projects done.

8. Road Maintenance Patrolman Report

Mr. Martin noted that the loader is back in operation. We haven't gotten the bill yet so don't know for sure what the final cost will be. It was also noted that we will have to start looking at doing culvert repairs and possibly do some road repairs that are in need of this badly. Possibly Keats and Incline, we will see if we can get any LRIP monies to help out.

9. Treasurer's Report for January 2023

Treasurer Kathy Cale gave her report for January 2023. She reported \$143,975.04 in the General Fund in Madison. Here at the Norwalk Bank is \$39,515.65 in the Checking Account, \$466,584.59 in the Regular Savings Account (of which \$194,806.54 is from Tax Collections for 2022 Tax Roll), \$20,213.90 in the Lignite Savings Account, \$53,529.69 in the ARPA Savings Account, \$21,341.32 in the Equipment Account and \$145.20 in 1st Community Credit Union-Sparta for a grand total of \$745,305.39 in current Operating Funds. The report stood approved as read.

10. Approval of Bills Paid/To Be Paid

There was a motion from Keith Giraud and seconded by Jerry Haney to approve the payment of the bills for the month. Motion Carried. This includes Check # 14833 dated 1/11/23 through Check # 14870 dated 2/13/23 for a grand total of 343,328.36, which includes \$311,349.21 in Tax Settlement Collections paid to school districts.

11. Set Up Date for the Next Regular Monthly Board Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 13th, 2023 starting at 7:00 PM.

12. Adjourn Meeting

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM with a motion from Keith Giraud and seconded by Greg Larson. Motion Carried.

Rita Williams
Clerk