Town of Ridgeway

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes – July 6th, 2023

Attendance: Joe Thomas/Chair, Ed Bures/Supervisor, Rick Carlson/Supervisor, Melody Scheckel/Treasurer, Nicole Wieczorek/Clerk

Others: Bruce Paull, Barb Barzen, Tim Lease, Betty Hughes, Ryan Matteson

Meeting called to order @ 7:04 PM by Chair Thomas. Clerk confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting.

**Approval of June 2nd, 2023, and Driveway Review minutes on June 6, 2023:**

Carlson made a motion to approve the June Monthly Board Minute and Driveway Review Minutes for June 6, 2023 as presented. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Driftless Area Land Conservancy’s Driftless Trail Project:** Barb Barzen presented the Knobs Road Trail. Stated that they are hoping to open the Knobs Road Trail in August. Came to the board to present off road parking for the Knobs Road trail head.

They will need to contact Donny, the Townships patrolman, to have him take a look at the two proposed parking areas. They will also need to make sure the signs are placed in the proper places. When the cars are parked, they need to be completely off the pavement.

**Water Heater:** Tim Lease mention that there is a $500 rebate for the propane. $1500 savings over 20 years to switch to a propane water heater.

**Hi Point Road Damage:** Got a bid from Scott’s to replace/repair hi point road. Clerk sent photos of the damages along with the bid from Scott’s to Jon Calloway with ATC.

**Weight Limits for Knobs Road and Brotherhood Road:** It is proposed to have a 10-ton weight limit in August due to the construction on Hwy H.

**Ryan Matteson:** Presented to the town board how they would like to divide their land. He came to the board to get their thoughts and recommendations. He will need to do to the land use committee.

**Propane Contract:** Tim Lease presented Premier Co-op propane contract. The new contract price is $1.609 per gallon.

Carlson made a motion to contract 4000 gallons of propane with Premier Co-op. Bures seconded. Motion carried.

**Township Land Encroachment:** Carlson made a motion to postpone this agenda item to the August Town Board Meeting. Bures seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Operator License:** Bures made a motion to approve operator license for; Heather Yager, Jessica Perrin

Denise Jacobson, Hugh Hogan, Joseph Jensen, Cassandra Neis, Paula Reeson, and Amanda Ross. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Damon Laru and James Buol’s operators license was denied.

**Right of Way Ordinance:** Scheckel presented the changes that the towns patrolman, Donny, suggested. Scheckel to update with suggested changes.

Bures made a motion to approve the right of way ordinance application. Carlson seconded. Motioned caried.

**Brotherhood Road:** Waiting for lien wavers to come back.

**Old Business:**

**Fiscal Recovery Grant Usage**: Tabled. Clerk still waiting to get purchase information for a second voting machine.

**Board Concerns:** Bures informed the board that Brigham EMS interviewed a service director. Bures is the Townships representative on the Rescue Board Trustees.

**Monthly Financial Statement:**

**Bills Presented for Payment:**

Approval of check number 17154 through 17173 from June 7th, 2023, through July 6th, 2023.

Total $22,223.02

Carlson made a motion to approve the checks from June 7th, 2023 through July 6th, 2023 for a total of $22,223.02. Bures seconded. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 @ 7 PM.

**Adjournment:** Bures made a motion at 8:46PM to adjourn. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted – Nicole Wieczorek/Clerk