

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

The regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Napoli at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Medina, NY.

Those Officers Present:	Brian Napoli	Supervisor
	Jeffrey Toussaint	Councilman
	Paul Blajszczak	Councilman
	David Stalker	Councilman
	Mary Woodruff	Councilwoman
Others:	Mark Goheen	Hwy Superintendent
	Daniel Wolfe	Code Enf. Officer
	Katherine Bogan	Attorney
	Patricia Laszewski	Assessor(Absent Exc.)
	Barbara J. Klatt	Town Clerk
	Lynne Johnson	O.C. Legislator
	E. John DeFilippis	O.C. Legislator
	Owen Toale	
	Karen Kaiser	
	Tim Elliott	
	Mike Hinkley	
	Dave Hill	
	Patrick Walsh	

Public Hearing moved to end of the Town Board Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 127 – 12/16/14 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

Offered by Councilman Stalker, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Resolved to accept agenda with additon to New Business, Item G. and move Item B. of New Business after Public Hearing.

Adopted: 5 ayes 0 nays

RESOLUTION NO. 128 – 12/15/14 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MINUTES
FROM NOV.12. 2014 PUBLIC HEARING,
NOVEMBER 17, 2014 TOWN BOARD
MEETING, DECEMBER 2, 2014 SPECIAL

MTG., DECEMBER 4, 2014 SPECIAL
MEETING

Offered by Councilwoman Woodruff, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Blajszczak.

Resolved to approve minutes from Nov.12, Nov. 17, Dec. 2, Dec. 4, 2014 Board
meetings as presented.

Adopted: 5 ayes 0 nays

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Broadband - RFP's responses due by December 19, 2014. County Legislator, Lynne Johnson is hopeful.
- B. Town Attorney - paperwork completed for NYS to certify as independent contractor.
- C. Orleans County asking for support on Resolution No. 372-1114, passed by the Legislature, urging Gov. Cuomo and State Legislature to amend State insurance law to allow shared municipal health insurance consortiums
- D. Windmill information meeting was held in the Town of Yates. Councilman Blajszczak commented that the windmills look good and benefit towns with cut in taxes.
Notice received from NYSDOT concerning closure of bridge till next Spring on Allen Bridge Rd.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- A. End of Year Meeting – December 30, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M. Ridgeway Town Hall
- B. Organizational Meeting – January 6, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M. Ridgeway Town Hall

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Water District #12 – Still one signed easement missing
Water District #13 – Need easements from engineer to obtain signatures.

Knowlesville ditch project should be completed in approximately a week per Highway Superintendent, Mark Goheen. Restoration (seeding) to be done in Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 129 – 12/15/14

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC
HEARING ON ZONING LAW FOR
LED LIGHTS

Offered by Councilman Blajszczak, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilwoman Woodruff.

Resolved to set public hearing for zoning law on LED lights on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at Ridgeway Town Hall.

Adopted: 5 ayes 0 nays

RESOLUTION NO. 130 - 12/15/14	RESOLUTION TO JOIN SHARED SERVICE REPORT OF ORLEANS COUNTY
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Offered by Councilman Blajszczak, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Stalker.

Resolved to join shared service report of Orleans County.

Adopted: 5 ayes 0 nays

RESOLUTION NO. 131 – 12/15/14	RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HWY. SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE NEW LOADER
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Offered by Councilman Toussaint, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Stalker.

Resolved to authorize Highway Superintendent to purchase a new loader at a cost of \$127,834.18

Adopted: 5 ayes 0 nays

RESOLUTION NO. 132 – 12/15/14	RESOLUTION TO RENEW WATER DISTRICT#7 BAN (\$107,000)AT 1.85% PAYABLE 1/2/15 TO 6/17/15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2000 PRINCIPAL, \$2010.90 INTEREST
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Offered by Councilwoman Woodruff, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Stalker.

Resolved to renew WD#7 BAN payable 1/2/15 to 6/17/15 in the amount of \$2000 Principal, \$2010.90 interest.

Adopted: 5 ayes 0 nays

RESOLUTION NO. 133 – 12/15/14

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BIDDING
FOR WD#12, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
BY ALL AGENCIES

Offered by Councilman Blajszczak, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Stalker.

Resolved to approve bidding for WD#12, subject to approval by all agencies.

Adopted:

5 ayes

0 nays

RESOLUTION NO. 134 – 12/15/14

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT URGING
GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE STATE
LEGISLATURE TO AMEND STATE
INSURANCE LAW TO ALLOW SHARED
MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE
CONSORTIUMS

Offered by Councilwoman Woodruff, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Stalker.

WHEREAS, health insurance costs are among the fastest growing costs for local governments across the state; and

WHEREAS, to address this challenge, counties would like the option to create municipal health insurance consortiums to jointly self-fund their health plans at a significantly lower cost for taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, these plans would reduce costs and increase flexibility while ensuring quality coverage for counties, municipalities, and local government employees; and

WHEREAS, many towns would like to become part of a county's self-insured plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to lower health insurance costs for the property taxpayers, these consortiums need to be allowed to purchase stop-loss insurance to cover the most serious and costly injuries and sicknesses; and

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo is strongly encouraging local governments to pool resources, share services and consolidate operations to improve efficiency and reduce costs to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, whenever two or more local governments want to join forces to provide employee health insurance, Article 47 of the Insurance Law is triggered requiring difficult reserves to be established; and

WHEREAS, the onerous regulations of Article 47 have allowed only one consortium to form since 1991; and

WHEREAS, current State Insurance Law §§ 4237-a and 3231 prohibits local government with fewer than 50 employees (and 100 employees beginning in 2015) from purchasing stop-loss insurance policies; and

WHEREAS, the State laws represent significant barriers to local government efficiency shared services and cost savings for property taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ridgeway does hereby urge Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to amend State Insurance Law to allow municipalities to join county self-insured programs with adequate and appropriate actuarial safeguards, without triggering Article 47, and also allow county self-insured plans to buy stop-loss coverage for all municipalities within their plan, even those under 50 employees (rising to 100 employees in 2016); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Town Board shall forward copies of this resolution to the Orleans County Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Upon being put to a vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted; as follows:

Supervisor Brian Napoli	Aye
Councilman Jeffrey Toussaint	Aye
Councilman Paul Blajszczak	Aye
Councilman David stalker	Aye
Councilwoman Mary Woodruff	Aye

OTHER BUSINESS:

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Received and reported by Councilman Stalker.

DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Attorney, Kathy Bogan, again asked Supervisor Napoli to obtain WD#13 easements from Chatfield Engineers so she can proceed with mailings. Only one easement for WD#13 has been signed and returned.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Goheen, reported that his highway crew is getting ready for winter weather. He also stated that the new loader was to replace a twelve year old loader.

County Legislator, Lynne Johnson, spoke about the broadband update and how the County is waiting for RFP's responses. The cutoff is December 19, 2014 and she is

hopeful for favorable responses.

Legislator Johnson also expressed the need to change State insurance laws and unite together for less cost to everyone. She also wished everyone Happy Holidays.

COUNCILMAN REPORT

Councilwoman Woodruff also expressed Happy Holiday wishes to everyone.

BOARD REPORTS: PLANNING, ZONING - NONE

RESIDENTS/OTHER CONCERNS

RESOLUTION NO. 135 – 12/15/14

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Offered by Councilman Blajszczak, who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Stalker.

Resolved to pay bills as presented:

PREPAID ABSTRACT	\$ 83154.50
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ABSTRACT	\$ 46590.14
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TOTAL ABSTRACT	\$129744.64
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Adopted:	5 ayes	0 nays
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ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss in the regular Town Board meeting, a motion was made to adjourn at 7:39 P.M. by Councilman Stalker and seconded by Councilwoman Woodruff and reopen a hearing of an unsafe building at 7:40 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 136 – 12/15/14

RESOLUTION TO DEMOLISH AND
REMOVE ALL DEBRIS OF PROPERTY
OWNED BY JAMES A. GROVES, 3652
KNOWLESVILLE RD., MEDINA, NY
14103-TAX ID# 70.2-3-35

Offered by Councilman Stalker, who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Resolved to proceed with demolition and removal of all debris of property owned by James A. Groves, 3652 Knowlesville Rd., Medina, NY 14103, Tax ID# 70.2-3-35.

In the event of owners neglect or refusal to comply with the Order of this Board to remove debris and the buildings, the Town Board is authorized to provide for its demolition and removal and to access all expenses thereof against the land on which it is located and to recover the costs of demolition including legal expenses.

Adopted:

5 ayes

0 nays

As there was no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the hearing at 7:50 PM by Councilman Stalker and seconded by Councilwoman Woodruff.

Town of Ridgeway,

Barbara J. Klatt
Town Clerk