

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2011

The Council convened for a workshop meeting at 5:35 p.m. in the meeting room at Ridgway Town Hall, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Members in attendance were Councillors Durnan, Hunter, Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits. Councillors Patterson and Weaver were absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop Meeting dated 1-13-11.

1. Presentation of 2010 accomplishments and 2011 objectives

Town Manager Coates presented a PowerPoint presentation of 2010 accomplishments and 2011 objectives. She noted with a limited amount of Town revenues, and large amounts of grant funding, the Town has leveraged monies to perform a number of capital projects in both budget years.

In 2010 the Town received \$679,802 in grant funds with a cash match of \$127,765 and \$62,950 for in-kind services to fund four capital projects. These include installation of a wastewater lift station at the fairgrounds, construction of a recreation gazebo in the Athletic Park, construction of sidewalk and crosswalk at the east end of Highway 62, and a water feasibility study of Lake Otonawanda. Projects slated for 2011 include \$412,222 in grant funds, \$27,250 cash match and \$74,780 of in-kind services. The projects to be performed include a water pump station and transmission line to Vista Terrace Subdivision, upgrades to the skate park facility, crosswalk at Highway 550 and sidewalk along Palomino Trail, and water and wastewater utility energy audits.

Manager Coates presented a list of accomplishments for 2010 and objectives for 2011. Some of the major accomplishments in 2010 included replacement of water line mains throughout Town, construction of the gazebo, sewer lift station at the Athletic Park, installation of a force main and sewer lift station at the fairgrounds, crosswalk across Highway 62 and sidewalk installation to the fairgrounds, feasibility study and monitoring of Lake Otonawanda, adoption of energy and green building codes, energy and fuel audit and action plans, landscaping at S. Lena and Cora Streets and drinking fountains installed in the Regional and Hartwell Parks. 2011 objectives include, but are not limited to, landscaping and irrigation at the north end of the Athletic Park and upgrades to the skate park, renovations of the backwash pond at the water treatment plant, water pump station and transmission line to Vista Terrace Subdivision, crosswalk across Highway 550 and sidewalk along Palomino Trail, development of an Integrative Weed Management Plan and also a Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan, Traffic Flow Management Plan and updates to the Comprehensive Development Plan.

The Council and staff discussed proposed projects for the upcoming year.

The Mayor asked the Council to set a workshop in February to prepare the annual performance evaluation for the Town Manager. The Council agreed to hold a workshop meeting and enter into closed session on February 21st at 5:30 p.m.

2. Energy Action Plan

The Town Manager presented the Towns Energy Plan which is comprised of community engagement (policy, research and education), overall energy consumption, renewable energy, transportation, water, landfill (waste reduction and recycling) and agriculture and forests. She noted that efficiencies have been realized over the past few years through projects to seal and repair air leaks in the water treatment facility, converting the public works facility from propane to natural gas, installing a new regulator at the restroom in the Athletic Park, using non-potable irrigation water in the parks, converting to the use of low wattage high power sodium street lights. Manager Coates explained the Town has received grant funds to hire a consulting firm to prepare energy audits for the water and waste water facilities.

The Town's Energy Action Coordinator, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Behan presented graphs depicting Town energy use from 2005 to 2010. These included the water and wastewater treatment facilities, Town Hall and Community Center, and the Regional Athletic Park.

Manager Coates summarized the action plan which includes educating Town staff and receiving input, public presentation, identifying the Energy Action Coordinator, benchmarking local government use data, performing energy audits on the utility facilities, participating in a greenhouse gas assessment and participating in an energy efficiency grant for lighting and heating retrofits for local businesses.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk