



Ridge Civic



Caring Citizens in a Quiet Country Community

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General Membership Meeting

May 15, 2024, 7:30 pm

Ridge Firehouse

Call to Order and Pledge

- Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by **President Scott Wood**

Reading of the Minutes

- Minutes are accessible on our website: ridgecivic.org.

Guest Speaker

Longwood School District Superintendent Lance Lohman

- Presentation regarding annual budget is on district website, with audio. Highlights include Beacon program (take college classes at SCCC for \$153/class) and emphasis on Career & Tech Education programming to complement BOCES
- Two bond propositions are on the ballot to cover the six individual schools with 12 total buildings: one is for infrastructure improvements including parking, roofing, cafeteria and restroom renovations and second one is for A/C retrofitted onto buildings

Financial Report

- **Treasurer John Capurso** reports the amounts in the Ridge Civic accounts—general checking, community park, schoolhouse, scholarship, beautification, and savings.

Correspondence

- None at this time

Unfinished Business

- Hosted 2nd annual Earth Day Celebration on April 20. Highlights included:

- Free recycling bins & materials from Town of Brookhaven, thanks to the office of Councilman Michael A. Loguercio)
- Free seed packets from Ridge Civic Association
- Free flowers from Hidden Ridge Plants
- Free pastries and treats from two of our latest business members: Harvest Moon Deli and Mexican Pan Pan Bakery in Panamoka.
- Awards of gift certificates to two cleanup crews: Steve Kern and Glenn Paganetti

We are grateful to our high school volunteers this year: Ashlyanna Berge, Nancy Diep, Rishi Gatta, Salma Saber, Micah Tvelia, and Kai Tvelia

- We currently have one application for our Phil Reany Jr. Memorial Scholarship, so please help us spread the word; applications are due on May 15.
- Please note that the Ridge Fire Department's annual Memorial Day Parade will be held this Saturday, May 18, and Ridge Civic will participate. Lineup will take place at 10 am at the corner of Middle Country and Smith Roads. Join us!
- Longwood Day is also scheduled for all day this Saturday, May 18. Please go to the high school after the parade to support Longwood.

New Business

- Just a reminder that we have no meetings in July and August, but we will continue to have events, so watch our social media ([Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)) for information.
- Our summer 2024 concert will be on Saturday, July 27, 6 to 8 pm, with Sunday, July 28 as the rain date. The band will be Abby Normal. We are still working on the family fun and film night, but that will likely be on a Friday night in mid-August.
- Our annual Ridge Civic election will be on June 19; this includes all four officer positions plus four directors and one trustee position. You have to be a member for at least three months to be considered for all positions, and for president you have to be a member for at least one year.

Member Concerns

- Question is raised about the status of the Ridge Rest Home? That facility is closed and the building has been condemned. They can either fix it or remove it, but there is no project at this time.
- [Neighbors Being Human](#) representatives note that need continues to be great in our area, so pantry and toiletry donations are appreciated. Member Barbara Royce volunteers there and speaks highly of their work; Scott extends a thank you to Barbara for being here as a representative of Blessings in a Backpack as well.

Motion to donate \$100 to Neighbors Being Human to assist with their purchase of toiletries for those in need made by Ninette Kayton, seconded by Holly Wood; all in favor, no abstentions, motion is unanimously approved. Scott thanks them for their good work in our community.

Committee Reports

- Community Park — There have been reports of extensive chalk graffiti at park that needs to be cleaned up

- Membership — No report at this time
- Downtown Beautification — Planters are filled with flowers to look nice for the parade on Saturday
- School House — No report at this time
- Clean Up — Downtown area being prepared, grass cut, etc., for parade
- Scholarship Committee — Applications are due May 15, flyer is on our website, form is now online to make it easier for students to apply
- Events – As mentioned, our next event is the Memorial Day Parade
- Brookhaven National Lab – No report at this time

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.