



Ridge Civic



Caring Citizens in a Quiet Country Community

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General Membership Meeting October 16, 2022, 7:30 pm Ridge Fire House

Call to Order and Pledge

- Meeting called to order at 7:29 pm by Scott Wood

Reading of the Minutes

- Motion to waive reading minutes and to access them online at ridgescivic.org made by Debbie Bedell, seconded by Ken Casanova.

Financial Report

- Treasurer Ken Casanova reports the following current balances:
 - \$17,160.87 — Total in all accounts
 - \$5,960.49 — General checking
 - \$3,518.63 — Community park fund
 - \$854.89 — Schoolhouse fund
 - \$2,620.32 — Scholarship fund
 - \$533.75 — Beautification fund
 - \$3,672.79 — Savings

Correspondence

- None at this time

Unfinished Business

- Santa Comes to Longwood: Brookhaven Town event is scheduled for December 3, 11 am to 2 pm (flier available). Photo opportunity for families. Ridge School House will be open due to 150th anniversary. Girl Scouts will have hot cocoa, Ridge Civic is giving reindeer food, house will be open for Santa pictures. There will be roasted chestnuts and caroling.

- Santa Comes to Ridge Community Park: Tree lighting happens at 4:30 pm. Santa will come on the fire truck as usual, and we'll hand out candy canes and be available for photos
- Drifters' flag is a bit ragged, and they are working on that. Will work with VFW to do proper lowering of the old and raising of the new, appropriate disposal of old.
- Dave Hellberg of Lake Panamoka. Fire House ask for your support, running again on 12/13 elections, commissioner for last ten years here. Running unopposed but still asking for support. Mike L: Dave was instrumental in getting this building built and is always around and helping out.

Guest Speaker: Melanie Cardone-Leathers, Longwood Public Library historian

- Melanie is local history librarian and archivist at LPL, catalogue and preserve history of longwood community, yearbooks, postcards from Camp Upton, etc. Talk with people about their memories because those are Longwood history
- Biggest unveiling over the summer was our Maker Lab. New room with sewing machines, embroiderer, Cricut, 3D printer. Offering a class on Friday on how to preserve family history, family recipes, along with a binder in which to save those family recipes.
- Winter reading club is coming up. Baskets to be raffled off, you earn tickets by reading each book.
- Equipment and gadgets includes ukuleles, Sega Genesis games, left-right-center large game, VHS to DVD converter, giant checkers and chess, giant Jenga, etc. These are very popular so book them ahead of time.
- AARP defensive driving, food pantries, mobile clinics are coming up
- Will be starting up NYC train trip tickets again, on sale, Sat 12/10, one train into city, then you get a ticket to come home at any time before midnight
- Annual winter concert is the Vendettas, a very cool group, free and open to public with library card on Sunday 12/11
- New for grades 4-12 NYS has an archives competition, write a paper or create a website or display, etc., create a roadside marker, if you use LPL collection can win an award and perhaps a scholarship Student Research Awards.
- Questions?
- Will antique dealer Mr. Costello come back? Yes, we try to book him as often as we can. He's very popular. He appraises items, then they come to me to learn how to preserve them.
- Please come by and visit, bring kids, people of all ages welcome. Also follow us on social media

Congratulations to Victoria Molloy, Town of Brookhaven Council District #4's chief of staff. Victoria is one of six women honored with a NYS Women of Distinction award.

No mtg in December

Jan meeting will be Supervisor Romaine so submit questions to Scott ahead of time

Member Concerns

- Sun, 11/27 set to do tree decorating for the Ridge Park lights
- True lighting at 12/4 4:30

- Santa ride will be split up between Fri and Sat night, 12/16 and 12/17, will be posted on FB

Town Councilman Mike Loguercio

- This mornig had 2 stop signs installed, one Ridge, one Middle Island. One at Cullen and one at Nyland
- Questions?
- Scott notes handouts about paving and newsletter from Loguercio

Committees

- A. Community Park (Chris Sosik/John Gulino): Chris not here tonight
- B. Membership (Holly Wood) — Holly reports getting new members, form at hardware store, signing people up
- C. Downtown Beautification (Debbie Bedell) — Debbie had decortions placed in pots for Halloween, will put some new ones from Christmas. 5 lights are not on, need to be fixed so on at night. Did not get the downtown revitalization grant from the county but I did get a new application so we can try again to get Vet Memorial renovated. Waiting to hear about grant from Zeldin's office. Might see me going through the town and picking up the trash and will be out on 25 making sure it's clean. Everyone please help.
- D. School House (Chris Sosik) — Chris not here tonight
- E. Clean Up (Rich Paduspska) — When through Ridge Road and things are relatively clean
- F. Scholarship Committee (*vacant*) — Forms will be up on our website soon, not due until May 15
- G. Events (Ninette Kayton) – Ninette reports will be looking for volutneers if anyone wants to come to help out
- H. Brookhaven National Lab (Ken Casanova) – Ken reports BNL is testing the water to track the PFAST plumes. Trying to get water tested at Leisure Village because use well water to water grass and it goes directly into aquifer and it is not tested. Not getting any support from Leisure Village. It's not a matter of cost, it's only \$10-15 to test the water.

State Farm is collecting for Toys for Tots. Nov 1 to Dec 15 but only brand new unopened toys, no food, and will go to the Marine Corps. Sue K also has a box for toys at Kaufolds Sheds too.

Blessings in a Backpack trying to get pop top Hormel chili to offer once a month if they can get more doantions of that. Drop off at hardware store and we'll deliver

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn Sue Kaufold, seconded by Holly Wood. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.