



# Ridge Civic



*Caring Citizens in a Quiet Country Community*

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## General Membership Meeting March 20, 2024, 7:30 pm Ridge Firehouse

### Call to Order and Pledge

- Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm by **President Scott Wood**

### Reading of the Minutes

- Minutes are accessible on our website: [ridgecivic.org](http://ridgecivic.org).

### Guest Speaker

#### BNL Manager of Community Engagement Amy Engel

- Review of recent projects at Brookhaven National Laboratory
- Summer Sundays are now [Explore Brookhaven Lab](#): June 30 is popular family fun day at Science Learning Center, July 21 Dazzling Discoveries, August 4 Innovation and the Environment, and September 15 Fascinating Physics
- Also offer smaller local events called [PubSci](#) (science café chat with scientists on a specific topic) and Science on Screen (watching films with scientist; [June 12 is Ant Man at Huntington Cinema](#))
- [Employment positions](#) in a range of areas, about 200 at the moment

#### Brookhaven Town Councilman Mike Loguercio, Jr.

- Town is making repairs to Ridge Community Park
- Hearing concerns about Route 25/Middle Country Road from Ridge Road to Coram; state says they are “doing what they can to make it drivable”
- Heard concerns and put in a request to town superintendent of highways regarding milling and repaving several roads in Ridge, including Medford Road, Ruth Lane, Sally Lane, and Marc Drive. Not a lot of money available but will request
- Saturday, April 6, will participate in Take Back 25 event, litter cleanup in the community all along Route 25 from Ridge to Coram. Please join us!

## 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

- **President Scott Wood** thanks Trisha Ewald for coming with coffee to support Blessings in a Backpack; coffee is a special blend from Tend Coffee.
- Watching weather for this Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt. If inclement will move indoors because no rain date.
- Continuing to plan this year's Earth Day Celebration. The official international theme is "Planet vs. Plastics."

## New Business

- Suffolk County omnibus grant for our summer 2024 entertainment plans needs a vote of acceptance. Ridge Civic lays out the funding first, and then we are reimbursed by the county and in the past they have been quite fast about the reimbursement. Planning two events: a summer concert as in the past as well as a family film night.

**Motion to approve funding for the Suffolk County omnibus grant funded summer 2024 entertainment opportunity made by Kip Behrens, seconded by Holly Wood. Motion passes unanimously.**

- Proposal expand eligibility for our annual two \$500 scholarships for graduating Ridge seniors:
  1. Rather than limit them to one student at a public school and one at a private school, propose to give two \$500 scholarships to students graduating from any public, private, or homeschooling situation. This would enable, for example, two students graduating from Longwood to be eligible.
  2. Rather than limit them to only students going on to college, propose to expand it so students planning to go on to either college or a trade school are eligible. There are many smart students heading off to trade schools to pursue a profession in a skilled trade, and we would like to support them too.

**Motion to expand eligibility for scholarship recipients to include any high school graduating seniors who reside in Ridge who plan to attend either college or trade school made by Ed Sperry, seconded by John Capurso. Motion passes unanimously.**

## Member Concerns

- None at this time

## Committee Reports

- Community Park — Scott Wood reports that the town is doing repairs and recently cleaned up some graffiti
- Membership — Holly Wood reports that a couple more people have signed up
- Downtown Beautification — Still waiting for better weather for planters
- School House — No report at this time
- Clean Up — Residents continue to clean up litter around their homes
- Scholarship Committee — Will be due on May 15 and will have 2024 flyer prepared and posted before next meeting
- Events – Ninette Kayton reports that our next annual events will be in Easter Bunny this Saturday and Earth Day next month
- Brookhaven National Lab – Scott Wood thanks Amy Engel for her very informative presentation

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.