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# About Town in Ripley

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## Fire Department Emergency Call 911

Ripley Hose Company #1  
P.O. Box 342  
12 South State Street  
Ripley, NY 14775  
716-736-2001  
Mark Smith, Fire Chief  
716-736-2490  
Ripley Hose Company #2  
South Ripley Fire Hall  
10268 NE-Sherman Road  
Ripley, NY 14775  
James Spacht, Deputy Fire Chief  
716-269-4754

## Police Department Actual Emergency Call 911

Chautauqua County Sheriff's Dept.  
Mayville, NY 14757  
716-753-4231

## RIPLEY TOWN HALL

14 North State Street  
P.O. Box 352, Ripley, NY 14775  
Ripley, NY 14775

**Town Supervisor: Lauree Pless**  
ripleyts@fairpoint.net  
Office: 716-736-2201

## RIPLEY TOWN CLERK OFFICE

Ryleigh Enterline, Town Clerk  
716-736-6881  
ripleytownclerk@outlook.com  
P.O. Box 2, Ripley, NY 14775  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:30 a.m. – Noon 1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday Mornings 9 a.m. – Noon  
Closed Wednesdays  
The Town Clerk's Office is also closed  
during various Holidays

## TOWN ASSESSOR

Jason Jones  
Ripley, NY 14775  
716-736-4050  
ripleyta@fairpoint.net  
Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

# RIPLEY CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN!

Saturday, July 27th  
3 - 8 pm

## VISIT THESE MAIN ST BUSINESSES:

COFFEE ON MAIN

COONEY'S ISLAND ICE  
CREAM

FRANKLIN'S CARAMEL CORN

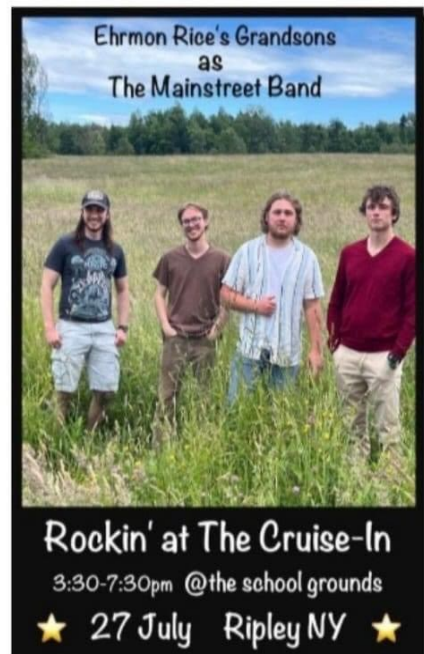
MAIN STREET PIZZA

MEEDERS

RIPLEY HOSE #1 - Popcorn

RIPLEY HOSE #1 AUXILIARY  
Hot dogs, chips, freezer pops

RIPLEY LIBRARY - Walking  
tacos, fresh fruit, bake sale



**BRING A COMFY  
LAWNCHAIR!**

**50/50 Drawing to benefit  
LOVE BEAR PROJECT!**



**SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM**

**JULY 8 – AUGUST 16, 2024**

**Monday – Friday 9a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Free Lunch Program served at Noon**

**“THE HUT”**

TOWN OF RIPLEY

Located:

ONE PARK AVE.

RIPLEY, NY

Dear Parents and Youth of Ripley:

On Monday, July 8, 2024, The Summer Recreation Program, “The Hut,” will open its door again. We are looking forward to a **FUN** filled **SUMMER** of daily events ranging anywhere from indoor table tournaments to home run derby, fun with water games, lots of arts & crafts, and annual field trips.

Attached please find our rules of conduct, emergency information form, and attendance permission slip.

Please consider our program for a summer filled with positive activities and fellowship with friends. Your child is welcome to attend anytime between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and/or all days of the week.

You may contact the Town Building with any questions at 736-6881. After July 8, 2024 you may contact “The Hut” director at 716 490-4132.

Respectively Your Summer Recreation Director:

Trent Johnston

Forms on pgs 18, 19, 20

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

Justice Vera L. Hustead  
P. O. Box 573  
Ripley, NY 14775  
Office: 716-736-7575  
Clerk: 716-736-7575  
courtclerk@ripley-ny.com  
Monday Evenings 4-6pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 9a-3pm  
Traffic Court held Monday 6:00pm  
Calendar Call held:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 2pm

**BUILDING/ZONING CODE**

**OFFICER** –Melanie Eddy  
P.O. Box 2, Ripley, NY 14775  
716-736-3737  
rosco3737@gmail.com  
Tues & Thurs 9:00 am-3:00 pm

**RIPLEY TOWN BOARD** Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Town Building located in the Ripley Central School 14 North State Street.

**RIPLEY PLANNING BOARD** Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Town Offices located in the Ripley Central School on N State St  
The Public is welcome to attend these meetings.

**WATER/SEWER DEPT**

**Andrew Strine**  
10168 W. Lake Road, Ripley NY  
ripleywater@outlook.com  
Office: 716-736-6000  
Cell: 716-223-0740

**HIGHWAY DEPT**

Jason Jones, Highway Supt.  
50 Ross Street  
P.O. Box 506  
Ripley, NY 14775  
ripleyhs@fairpoint.net  
Office: 716-736-3424  
Cell: 716-223-0130

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Gloria McCormick  
716-269-9882

**TOWN HISTORIAN**

John "Doc" Hamels  
C. 716-223-0112

# Annual Dog-Gone Good Yard Sale

Always the last weekend in  
July! Friday, Saturday, &  
Sunday 9am – 4pm daily

Stop by for great bargains, a  
chance to win themed raffle  
baskets, and most of all to help  
support our dogs!



7540 N. Gale St., Westfield

Donations will be accepted for the Yard Sale between July 7th and July 21st, from 1-3pm daily. We are unable to accept books, clothes, shoes, electronics (computers, TVs, printers, etc.), mattresses, or broken items.



**DOG FUNDRAISING EVENT!**

**GREAT BARGAINS!**



**Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue**  
716-326-PAWS | caninerescue.org

# **FREE Hands-Only CPR Training**

**in partnership with Ripley Public Library.**

**Provided by:**

**American Heart Association Instructor and Ripley Hose 2nd Assistant Chief, Lisa Babcock. Town of Ripley Supervisor, Dr. Lauree Pless**

**Ripley Central School's Nurse, Jaimee Knight.**

We're pleased to support the American Heart Association and its important mission to increase survival from cardiac arrest. We're asking all members within our community to please take one minute of your day to learn the lifesaving skills of Hands-Only CPR.

## **Please Join Us For:**

# **Hands Only CPR Training**

at the Ripley Public Library.

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Please contact Lisa Babcock at [babcocklisa61@gmail.com](mailto:babcocklisa61@gmail.com) or call/text 716-753-0901 with event questions.

**We'll see you there!**

**SAVE THE DATE! CPR/AED Full Certification classes at the library!  
August 6, 2024, from 6PM-8PM and August 24, 2024, from 10AM-12PM.**



Cornell Cooperative Extension | Chautauque County



Free to all community members!

# Grow Chautauque Market

DISTRIBUTION OF **FREE** LOCALLY GROWN, RAISED AND PRODUCED FOOD

## Distribution Site Location

**RIPLEY LIBRARY**

64 WEST MAIN STREET  
RIPLEY, NY

Weekly  
June 15 to  
October 26

Local produce, meats, cheeses and more!

**SATURDAYS 11 AM TO 2 PM  
(OR UNTIL DISTRIBUTED)**

### HOW IT WORKS:

- INDIVIDUALS CAN VISIT ANY OF THE GROW CHAUTAUQUE DISTRIBUTION SITES **(1 PER WEEK)** AND RECEIVE A BOX OF LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCTS AT NO COST
- ID, PROOF OF INCOME OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION NOT REQUIRED
- **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.** \*SOME SITES DO HAVE PRE-REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS. FOOD BOXES NOT GUARANTEED\*

**Your Grow Chautauque box includes produce and other items from NY farms and producers:**

- Ellicottville Greens (Olean, NY)
- Brigiotta's Farmstead Produce (Jamestown, NY)
- Stand Fast Farm (Dunkirk, NY)
- Eden Valley Creamery (South Dayton)
- Lizzie Byler (Frewsburg, NY)
- Roo Haven Farm (Forestville)
- JM Joy Farms (Fredonia)
- Roberto Fred Farms (Dunkirk)
- Yerico Farms (Dunkirk)
- Clymer Produce Auction



CHAUTAUQUE GROWN



Visit Chautauque Grown for more information on local products:  
<https://chautauque.ces.cornell.edu/chautauque-grown>

Linnea Haskin, Community Food System Educator

lmc373@cornell.edu  
716-664-6327 ext 210



## FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

An historical tale

Some time ago I received an email from a gentleman from another state who reported that he used to clean out garages, attics, houses and basements as a business. Many years ago he had come across a cache of letters, paperwork, ads and other sorts of papers that belonged to a family in that state who was related to a family he thought perhaps here in Ripley. He held this collection of odds and ends for some 30 years in his basement, then in a storage unit and finally in his breezeway. He admitted that he was mostly interested in the old stamps that many of the envelopes still had on them. As he grew older, he realized that he had a family's history in his possession and would try to get them home.

In his email, he wondered if I would be interested in these documents. Of course I did and agreed to meet him at a mutually acceptable location. I met him over lunch and then later he proceeded to open the back of his pickup truck and my eyes opened wide when I saw what would be 3 very large bags of "stuff". When I got things home I was pretty excited to look through them. Well, the first thing I noted was the odor. Mildew!!! Then I observed spiders, ants, silver fish other crawling things had taken up residence in these piles. This was going to be a bigger job than I had anticipated.

Slowly I have been drying out portions of this huge collection. In most cases there are cards for birthdays, the holidays and get wells. But then, I have found items from early as 1862! Ads for old stoves, clothing, cars and medicines. Paperwork that shows mercantilism that was prosperous here in Ripley in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Sadly, I found records and correspondences of a soldier who went off serve in WWI from Ripley who never returned.

Some of the items are in pretty good condition, once they dried out. Others were way beyond saving. The message I have here is that please consider protecting any documents, letters, favorite cards, etc. that you may have in your possession. These all tell the story of your family as well as your hometown. Keep them dry and away from any critters that like to chew on paper. I'm 2/3 of the way done conserving this collection. My estimate when I'm through is there will be around 3000 pieces. Multiple generations of artifacts telling their day to day stories to each other and now for the local Ripley family to read once I'm done.

[Please note: The family and I have been in contact once I determined the connection to the collection and we are in agreement as to how I am handling things. A small fraction of the items will be kept on loan in the historian's office area for display and the rest will go to the family to enjoy.]

## A Message from your Town Supervisor, Lauree Pless

Welcome to summer! As you enjoy the many different activities that summer brings please remember to look out for children playing and motorcycles on the roadways!

### Summer Youth Recreation Program

The Town will again be offering a summer youth recreation program from July 8-August 16. Please contact the Town Clerk's office if you need additional information or a permission slip. Youth who wish to participate in the program must have a permission slip and an emergency contact information form signed in order to attend the program. We look forward to another fun year of activities this summer

### Community Cruise In

We hope everyone will join together for the annual community cruise-in which will take place on July 7 beginning at 4:00pm. We look forward to a fun-filled afternoon/evening with various organizations represented from our community.

### Credit Card and Debit Card usage

A reminder that community members may now use credit and debit cards to pay the various bills collected by the Town Clerk. If needed, individuals may also call the Clerk's office to pay these bills when using a debit or credit card.

### Upcoming projects/grants

The Town has been working extremely hard to submit applications for a couple of different grants. If received, one of the grants will result in much needed sewer upgrades to our systems. The second submission is a collaborative effort between several Chautauqua County Municipalities along the Lake Erie waterfront. The intent of this project is to work together to find ways to enhance and improve opportunities along Lake Erie and the surrounding neighborhoods. With the expansion of anticipated projects on Shortman Road, the timing could not be better. We are all very excited to see what the future holds for our town.

### Highway Department

As most of you have probably noticed, both Klondike Road and Wiley Road were paved in early June. Kudos to several of our town employees from the water/sewer department and Parks and Recreation Department for their collaborative efforts in getting this much needed work done. In addition, a special thank you goes out to several other neighboring municipalities for their assistance with these two projects. What a great example of how well things can work when we all work together!

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## A Message from your Town Supervisor, Lauree Pless,

### Justice Department

Judge Husted wants to remind residents of the following court information:

- Court is held the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:00am and the third Monday of each month at 6:00pm.
- Court office hours are Monday and Thursday 9:00-am to 3:30pm. Tuesday 9:00am-noon.
- Criminal Court is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 9:00am.
- Court is closed on all legal holidays
- Court is closed from noon-1:15pm for lunch, banking and post office business

### Ripley Food Pantry

Just another reminder that the food pantry is located next to the Town Hall offices and is open on Tuesdays from 2-4pm and on Saturdays from 10am-12pm. If you need assistance, do not hesitate to stop by and see if you meet the guidelines. In addition, if you would like to donate canned, boxed or frozen items or make a monetary donation, that would be greatly appreciated. Paper products and toiletries are always in short supply and needed as well.

### Town Board Meetings

Town Board Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30pm.

Enjoy your 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!



## July in the Town Clerk's Office

\*July Dog License Renewals will be out in the mail by July 1<sup>st</sup>

### Announcements:

\*The Water/Sewer Department is conducting a "Customer Service Line Inspection" that is required by the EPA & NYS. You may see the Water/Sewer crew going door to door to complete this survey. Please contact Water/Sewer Supt. Andrew Strine with any questions at 716-736-6000.

\*The Town Offices are undergoing some [phone upgrades on July 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>](#). If you cannot get ahold of us via email or phone, it is because we are completing these. [We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and will get back to you as soon as we can.](#)

### July Closures:

\* Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> (Have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend!)

### Notes from The Clerk:

**\*The Clerk's Office can now take Debit/Credit Card Payments!**

\*Board Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM.

\* If you have questions or concerns with any business regarding the Town Clerk's Office, the best way to resolve them is to speak with me or my Deputy directly.

**We are here to help!**

Thank you,  
Ryleigh Enterline  
Town Clerk

Phone: 716-736-6881

Email: [ripleytownclerk@outlook.com](mailto:ripleytownclerk@outlook.com)

Fax: 716-736-2202

Address: 14 N. State St. Ripley, NY 14775

# **Ripley Hose Company No. 1**

15 South State Street

Po. O. Box 342

Ripley, NY 14775

Month: June 2024

## **Total calls answered:**

35 calls from May 25, 2024 – June 24, 2024. (3 of the 35 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 28

Fires: 5

Motor Vehicle Accident: 1

Service Call: 1

**Total calls to date for 2024 – 167**

## **Training completed by our members:**

On June 6, 2024, members attended "Gas Detection 101 for First Responders" training held at the Chautauqua County Emergency Operations Center. The two-hour training provided a refresher in detecting dangerous levels of gases and safety training for first responders at scenes where hazmat issues such as chemicals and gases may be present, especially in confined spaces. A big thank you to Dival for providing this important training.

## **Community Outreach:**

On Memorial Day, May 26, 2024, Members assisted the Ripley Hose Auxiliary in serving lunch to the Veterans and their families for Memorial Day. Members then participated in the Memorial Day parade and attended the Memorial service at Quincy Cemetery where member Lauree Pless was the guest speaker.

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## Ripley Hose Company No. 1

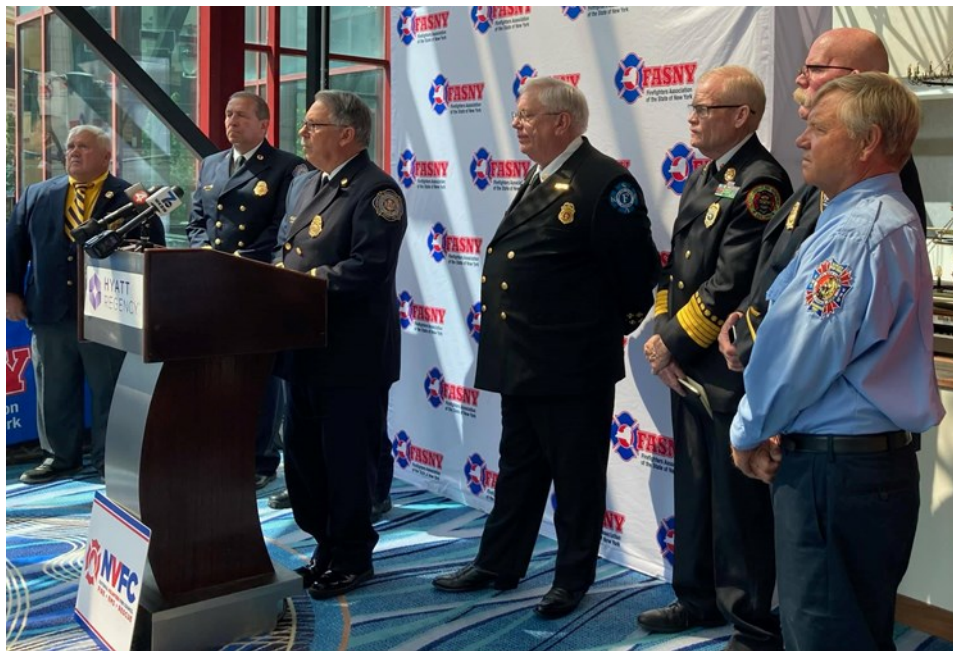
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On June 9, 2024, Ripley Hose hosted the Chautauqua County Battalion 2 breakfast meeting. Thank you to all who assisted, and attended, this event.

On June 21, 2024, Ripley Hose volunteer member, Rob Galbraith, traveled to Buffalo today to attend a FASNY press conference. Thank you, firefighter Rob, for representing us!

Today in Buffalo, NY, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) held a press conference regarding the impact OSHA's proposed standard would have on volunteer fire departments if adopted as-is. Speakers included FASNY President Ed Tase, 2nd VP of AFDSNY Dave Denniston, and NVFC Chair Steve Hirsch.

Learn more about the proposed standard and how to take action at <http://www.nvfc.org/osha-standard>.  
<https://www.nvfc.org/oshas-proposed-emergency-response.../>



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## Ripley Hose Company No. 1

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On Saturday June 22, 2024, it was our honor to assist with traffic control for the Owen Miller scholarship buddy walk/run. It was a hot day, and all participants did great!



Congratulations to Firefighters Gavin Segovia and Austin Henry! Tonight, they graduated from SCBA/INTERIOR FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS-FF1 and are now certified Internal Firefighters!

This course prepared graduates as Interior Structural firefighters. Students participate in learning events covering firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus donning, doffing and use, SCBA air management and SCBA emergencies, basic firefighter survival techniques, modern fire control methods, building fire search and victim removal techniques, firefighter survival skills, tactical ventilation techniques and basic power saw operation, forcible entry techniques, hose line advancement, vehicle and wildland firefighting theory, vehicle firefighting techniques, coordinated structure fire interior attack and transitional fire attack, and coordinated initial company operations. This certification is 50 hours of training in addition to the 79 hours they completed this spring!



**Ripley United Methodist Church has a Prayer Box** set up in front of the church at 84 W. Main Street, Ripley, NY. Inside there are slips to fill out with your prayer request. We will bring up all your requests in deep prayer. There is a place to mark if you want to hear from a Pastor.

1pm Thursday  
beginning May 30  
And every Thursday  
@ Ripley United  
Methodist Church



## Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals Openings Available

The town is in need of volunteers to sit on the planning board and volunteers for the zoning board of appeals. Anyone interested can contact the town clerk's office for more information if interested. 716-736-6881

Thank you!

## Food prices are high!

Are you taking advantage of the FREE food you can get from the Chautauqua County Mobile Food Pantry and the NYS Office of Food Distribution? The Mobile Pantry has no income qualifications, and the NYS Food Distribution allows income up to \$32,805 for a single person, and \$44,370 for a family of 2! More income guidelines are on the next page. The more we participate, the more we get!

## Business Cards

Please consider placing your business card or a personal message in The Bookworm. It's a economical way to show your support for the Ripley Public Library! Businesses or individual supporters of the Ripley Library who donate \$5 per month will receive business card space in The Bookworm.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, contact the following numbers:

**Chautauqua County Crisis Helpline**

1-800-724-0461 (24-hours)

**Victims of Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Hotline**

1-800-252-748 (24-hours)

**Mobile Crisis Team** (supports & services) 716-363-3684

**Ripley Mobile Food Pantry  
Coordinator, Debbie Dean**

Call (814)440-8490 or text  
Debbie Dean to pre-register each month.

You must pre-register EVERY month, so that we know how many boxes of food to prepare. Food available from the Mobile Food Pantry varies from month to month.

Pre-register by texting Debbie Dean @ 814-440-8490 or if necessary by phone. Also check Ripley Community Mobile Food Pantry on Facebook for information.

**2024 Dates**

**July 24**

**Oct 30**

**Aug 28**

**Nov 27**

**Sept 25**

**Dec to be decided**



**Notary Services**

Ryleigh Enterline is now a Notary Public and is available during Town Clerk hours to notarize documents, free of charge.

**Food Assistance Program**

Open Tuesdays from 2 until 4p.m., and Saturdays, 10 until noon.

The Food Pantry is available if a person verbally attests that they fall into one of the following guidelines: Income falls within the guidelines and/or someone in the household participates in: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI, or Free/Reduced lunch program. Contact Phil Chimera via email at shaver58@roadrunner.com for more information.

**information.**

*Please be advised there are two different programs. Mobile Food Pantry (at the fire hall) has no income requirement. Feed More WNY (in the school building) income guidelines are listed above.*

**The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)  
Attestation of Eligibility**

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$32,805	\$44,370	\$55,935	\$67,500	\$79,065	\$90,630	\$102,195	\$113,760

For each additional family member add \$11,565.

**Local Worship**

- ◆ **First Baptist Church**  
716-736-3800
- ◆ **First Presbyterian Church**  
716-736-3042
- ◆ **St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church**  
716-326-2816
- ◆ **Stateline United Methodist Church**  
No information
- ◆ **Still Waters Mennonite Church**  
716-252-6515
- ◆ **United Methodist Church**  
716-736-3090
- ◆ **Victory Family Church**  
716-338-3199

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

**TOWN OF RIPLEY**  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Monthly Town Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

The Town Board meetings are also held through a Zoom link.

Zoom link can be found on the Town of Ripley Website

[ripleyny.org](http://ripleyny.org)

**CODE OFFICER**

716-736-3737

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

**ASSESSOR**

716-736-4050

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.—3 P.M.

**COURT CLERK**

716-736-7575

MONDAY 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

TUESDAY 9 A.M.-NOON

THURSDAY 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

**NOAH'S ARK**  
**Clothing Store**



**Open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10 am to Noon**

**CLOTHING FOR INFANTS TO ADULTS!**  
**(most items are just 25 cents)**

First Presbyterian Church  
20 West Main Street  
Ripley, NY 14775

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**Bottle and Can Collection**

The Library has a collection bin in the lobby for returnable cans and bottles. Don't throw out those water bottles and pop cans! Donate them to the library.

Please be sure all bottles and cans are empty before you place them in the bin.



**Resources for Ripley News**

Please check these Facebook/Websites for up-to-date information concerning Ripley and its residents:

**Ripley Hose Company—[www.ripleyfire.org](http://www.ripleyfire.org)**

**Ripley NY-Alive and Well-Administrator Ruth Blackman**

**Ripley Central Alumni (Ripley NY)-Administrators Mark Dickey & Connie Wright Middleton**

**It's Ripley's (Believe it or not) Community Page-Administrator Cindy Eddy**

**You may be from Ripley, NY if...no administrator listed**

**Ripley Community Mobile Food Pantry-Administrator Debbie Dean**

**Ripley NY Perennial Exchange-Administrator Ruth Blackman**

**Ripley NY Buds- Administrators Coralee Shearer and Stephanie Eimers**

**The Bookworm/About Time- <https://ripleylibrary.org/>**

**From Desk of Post Command 2769**

JULY 4th INDEPENDENCE DAY LET'S NOT FORGET HOW WE GOT OUR INDEPENDENCE!  
THANK OUR VETERANS.

JULY 25th POST MEETING @ 10:30 @ TOWN HALL

JULY 26th AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WAS SIGNED (1990)

JULY 27th END OF KOREAN WAR (1953)

WE ARE STARTING TO TAKE APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL HOME TOWN HERO BANNERS. THE COST AS OF RIGHT NOW IS \$165.00. DEAD LINE FEB. 2nd 2025. LET'S HAVE A GOOD TURN OUT LIKE WE DID FOR THE FIRST ROUND. WILL NEED A 8 X 10 COPY OF A PHOTO OF THE SERVICE MEMBER.

AS ALWAYS WE NEED NEW MEMBERS TO MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR. REMEMBER OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE STILL SERVING TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM.

**Ripley Trash & Recycle Days**

Located near the Highway Barn on Ross Street, open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8a.m. until noon. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street and Park Avenue. Ripley bags may be purchased at the Town Building and at Coffee on Main.

**\*\*\*SUMMER HUT RECREATION\*\*\*  
TOWN OF RIPLEY  
ATTENDANCE PERMISSION SLIP**

My child and I have read and reviewed the rules and regulations of the Ripley Hut Program.

As by his (her) signature below, my child agrees that he (she) understands these rules and is willing to follow them as written and instructed by the Hut.

I also agree to encourage my child to follow the rules and to be courteous and respectful to the Hut Staff. By my signature below, I am giving my child permission to attend the Hut program and will expect him (her) to follow the Hut Rules that are established.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Child)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form MUST be completed and returned on FIRST day of Hut participation.

***TOWN OF RIPLEY  
SUMMER HUT RECREATION PROGRAM  
EMERGENCY INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

IF MY CHILD NEEDS TO GO HOME BECAUSE OF MINOR ILLNESS and I AM NOT ABLE TO BE REACHED, PLEASE CALL: (MUST List at least three names)

Relative's Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Other's Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Hospital & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Address \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY ALLERGIES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS & ALL CURRENT MEDICATIONS

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**RIPLEY SUMMER RECREATION RULES OF CONDUCT**

**“THE HUT”**

1. Respect the Recreation Staff and Others at ALL times.
2. All children must have a signed permission slip with insurance waiver and contract before he/she may participate.
3. All children must have at least completed a year of Kindergarten, must have been enrolled in school for this past academic year but must be younger than a graduating Senior.
4. “THE HUT” HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM-NOON AND 1:00-4:00 PM Chautauqua County may offer a free lunch program at the noon hour.  
“THE HUT” IS CLOSED DURING FIELD TRIPS.
5. Each child is asked to sign in and out every morning and afternoon. This is for safety purposes and will be enforced daily.
6. “The HUT” is not responsible when a child leaves the ground.
7. Wear sneakers at all times. Please, no sandals or flip flops.
8. NO THROWING ROCKS!
9. NO FIGHTING!
10. NO SWEARING!
11. NO GLASS BOTTLES!
12. NO MOTOR BIKES!
13. Must sign up for the use of indoor games.

If you do not follow the above rules, the following will be the consequences:

1. 1st offense: Warning
2. 2nd offense: Choice: a physical chore, example sweeping, pulling weeds, etc. or a Time Out in a specific area
3. 3rd offense: Sent home for the day, a call home to parent/guardian.
4. 4th offense: Sent home until a meeting with parent/guardian and recreation staff.

\*Discipline problems will be recorded on the back of your registration form.

**A LIST OF EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS WILL BE SEND HOME WITH YOUR CHILD WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OR AT YOUR REQUEST THEREAFTER.**



## MINUTES OF THE RIPLEY TOWN BOARD MEETING JUNE 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Ripley was called to order by Supervisor Pless at 6:30 p.m., in the Ripley Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Supervisor: Laura Pless  
Council: Lee Swoap  
Jeffry Lyon  
Calvin Janes  
Town Clerk: Ryleigh Enterline

Dept. Heads: Andrew Strine (Water/Sewer Supt.), Jason Jones (Highway Supt./Assessor)

Guests: Lou Ann Lyon, Diane Jones, Janet Skinner, Gary Skinner, Phil Chimera, Gary Irvin, Diane Jones, Richard Vaughn, Patti Meckes (CAWTILE) and David Prenatt (Reporter)

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting dated May 9th, 2024 were approved. Councilman Swoap moved and Councilman Janes seconded. This was carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Warrant No. 6 in the amount of \$33,995.08 drawn on the General Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 6 in the amount of \$341,287.01 drawn on the Highway Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No.6 in the amount of \$1,297.43 drawn on the St. Light Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 6 in the amount of \$5,099.62 drawn on the Sewer Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

[Warrant No. 6 in the amount of \\$3,236.60 drawn on the Water Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.](#)

Warrant No. 6 in the amount of \$261.75 drawn on the Capital Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Councilman Janes made the following motion: that the Supervisor be directed to draw the checks to cover the warrant as allowed for vouchers numbered 339 through 435. This was seconded by Councilman Swoap and carried unanimously.

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## CORRESPONDANCE

\*Youth Golf: Request for Contribution for Youth Golf

\*Perpetual Care in the East Ripley Cemetery

## MOTION TO RAISE YOUTH GOLF CONTRIBUTION

Any open discussion took place regarding the correspondence received from Lakeside Golf Course requesting additional financial contribution if available. Councilman Janes suggested to increase the \$300.00 contribution made last year to \$500.00.

Supervisor Pless made the motion to increase funding to \$500.00 for the 2024 Summer Golf Program. This was seconded by Councilman Lyon. Carried unanimously.

## PERPETUAL CARE IN EAST RIPLEY CEMETERY

An open discussion took place between the board and town clerk. It was decided that more data is needed before continuing the discussion regarding Perpetual Care/costs in the East Ripley Cemetery.

## OPPOSITION TO THE LAKE ERIE WIND TURBINES

### TOWN OF RIPLEY

### OPPOSING LAKE ERIE WIND TURBINES

#### #68-2024

WHEREAS, the Town is aware of efforts to place wind energy turbines in Lake Erie in the vicinity of the Town of Ripley, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ripley, in Chautauqua County, shares the Lake Erie coast line with other towns and cities in Western New York, and

WHEREAS, the push for such wind turbines is originating down state, and not from the local communities; this despite two New York State studies that did not recommend wind turbines in Lake Erie, and

WHEREAS, Lake Erie is a vital part of the way of life for the shoreline communities; Lake Erie contributes to the economy of the area through tourism; residents and visitors enjoy fishing, boating, wind surfing, and jet skiing in Lake Erie, and

WHEREAS, Lake Erie is the source of drinking water for many communities along the Lake Shore, and

WHEREAS, wind energy development in Lake Erie will adversely affect all of the uses mentioned above, and fish, birds, and wildlife, dependent on Lake Erie for habitat

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ripley, in Chautauqua County, joins with other Western New York communities in expressing its firm opposition to the placement of wind energy turbines in Lake Erie, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, Assembly, and Senate of the State of New York, and distributed to other shoreline communities in Western New York .

Motion Introduced by: Councilman Swoap ;Motion Seconded by: Councilman Lyon

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilman Janes **YES**, Councilman Lyon **YES**, Councilman Swoap **YES**, Supervisor Pless **YES**. Carried.

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STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING

TOWN OF RIPLEY

#69-2024

APPROVE STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER  
**NYSLRS**  
 New York State and Local Retirement System  
 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001  
 Please type or print clearly  
 in blue or black ink

Received Date

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

Employer Location Code: **30321** SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE **RS 2417-A** (Rev. 11/19)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ripley / 30321 herby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
<b>Elected Officials:</b>									
Ryleigh Enterline	6589	13024054	Town Clerk	1/1/24-12/31/28	8	17.75	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason Jones	5527		Highway Superintendent	1/1/24-12/31/28	8	20.75	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appointed Officials:</b>									
Douglas Bowen	6627	60077294	Deputy Town Supervisor	1/29/24-12/31/24	6	12.45	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annually	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melanie Eddy	4497	41043183	Code enforcement officer	1/1/24-12/31/24	6	10.42	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>

I, Ryleigh Enterline, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Ripley of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Ripley on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

*Ryleigh Enterline*  
 (Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, Ryleigh Enterline being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on 6/14/24 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

Employer's website at: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Official sign board at: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: 14 North State Street Ripley, NY

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ripley, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body.

Motion Introduced by: Councilman Janes  
Motioned Seconded by: Councilman Swoap

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Janes YES, Councilman Lyon YES, Councilman Swoap YES, Supervisor Pless YES. Carried.

## APPROVAL OF LOAN RESOLUTION FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS

### TOWN OF RIPLEY

#70-2024

## LOAN RESOLUTION FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS

OMB NO. 0572-0121

### LOAN RESOLUTION (Public Bodies)

A RESOLUTION OF THE Town Board

OF THE Town of Ripley

AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS

drinking water

FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town of Ripley

(Public Body)

(herein after called Association) to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bonds in the principal amount of

Fifty-Eight Thousand & 00 100

pursuant to the provisions of NYS Local Finance Law; and

WHEREAS, the Association intends to obtain assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture, (herein called the Government) acting under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) in the planning, financing, and supervision of such undertaking and the purchasing of bonds lawfully issued, in the event that no other acceptable purchaser for such bonds is found by the Association:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises the Association hereby resolves:

1. To have prepared on its behalf and to adopt an ordinance or resolution for the issuance of its bonds containing such items and in such forms as are required by State statutes and as are agreeable and acceptable to the Government.
2. To refinance the unpaid balance, in whole or in part, of its bonds upon the request of the Government if at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Association is able to refinance its bonds by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time as required by section 333(c) of said Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1983(c)).
3. To provide for, execute, and comply with Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement," and Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement," including an "Equal Opportunity Clause," which clause is to be incorporated in, or attached as a rider to, each construction contract and subcontract involving in excess of \$10,000.
4. To indemnify the Government for any payments made or losses suffered by the Government on behalf of the Association. Such indemnification shall be payable from the same source of funds pledged to pay the bonds or any other legal ly permissible source.
5. That upon default in the payments of any principal and accrued interest on the bonds or in the performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein or in the instruments incident to making or insuring the loan, the Government at its option may (a) declare the entire principal amount then outstanding and accrued interest immediately due and payable, (b) for the account of the Association (payable from the source of funds pledged to pay the bonds or any other legally permissible source), incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair, maintenance, and operation of the facility and such other reasonable expenses as may be necessary to cure the cause of default, and/or (c) take possession of the facility, repair, maintain, and operate or rent it. Default under the provisions of this resolution or any instrument incident to the making or insuring of the loan may be construed by the Government to constitute default under any other instrument held by the Government and executed or assumed by the Association, and default under any such instrument may be construed by the Government to constitute default hereunder.
6. Not to sell, transfer, lease, or otherwise encumber the facility or any portion thereof, or interest therein, or permit others to do so, without the prior written consent of the Government.
7. Not to defease the bonds, or to borrow money, enter into any contractor agreement, or otherwise incur any liabilities for any purpose in connection with the facility (exclusive of normal maintenance) without the prior written consent of the Government if such undertaking would involve the source of funds pledged to pay the bonds.
8. To place the proceeds of the bonds on deposit in an account and in a manner approved by the Government. Funds may be deposited in institutions insured by the State or Federal Government or invested in readily marketable securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Any income from these accounts will be considered as revenues of the system.
9. To comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations and to continually operate and maintain the facility in good condition.
10. To provide for the receipt of adequate revenues to meet the requirements of debt service, operation and maintenance, and the establishment of adequate reserves. Revenue accumulated over and above that needed to pay operating and maintenance, debt service and reserves may only be retained or used to make prepayments on the loan. Revenue cannot be used to pay any expenses which are not directly incurred for the facility financed by USDA. No free service or use of the facility will be permitted.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0121. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

- 11. To acquire and maintain such insurance and fidelity bond coverage as may be required by the Government.
- 12. To establish and maintain such books and records relating to the operation of the facility and its financial affairs and to provide for required audit thereof as required by the Government, to provide the Government a copy of each such audit without its request, and to forward to the Government such additional information and reports as it may from time to time require.
- 13. To provide the Government at all reasonable times access to all books and records relating to the facility and access to the property of the system so that the Government may ascertain that the Association is complying with the provisions hereof and of the instruments incident to the making or insuring of the loan.
- 14. That if the Government requires that a reserve account be established, disbursements from that account(s) may be used when necessary for payments due on the bond if sufficient funds are not otherwise available and prior approval of the Government is obtained. Also, with the prior written approval of the Government, funds may be withdrawn and used for such things as emergency maintenance, extensions to facilities and replacement of short lived assets.
- 15. To provide adequate service to all persons within the service area who can feasibly and legally be served and to obtain USDA's concurrence prior to refusing new or adequate services to such persons. Upon failure to provide services which are feasible and legal, such person shall have a direct right of action against the Association or public body.
- 16. To comply with the measures identified in the Government's environmental impact analysis for this facility for the purpose of avoiding or reducing the adverse environmental impacts of the facility's construction or operation.
- 17. To accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$ NA

under the terms offered by the Government; that the Supervisor

and Clerk of the Association are hereby authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate in the execution of all written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such grant; and to operate the facility under the terms offered in said grant agreement(s).

The provisions hereof and the provisions of all instruments incident to the making or the insuring of the loan, unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of such instrument, shall be binding upon the Association as long as the bonds are held or insured by the Government or assignee. The provisions of sections 6 through 17 hereof may be provided for in more specific detail in the bond resolution or ordinance; to the extent that the provisions contained in such bond resolution or ordinance should be found to be inconsistent with the provisions hereof, these provisions shall be construed as controlling between the Association and the Government or assignee.

The vote was:                      Yeas 4                      Nays \_\_\_\_\_                      Absent \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town Board of the

Town of Ripley has duly adopted this resolution and caused it

to be executed by the officers below in duplicate on this June, 13 day of 2024

(SEAL)

Attest:

Ryleigh Entelvio

Ryleigh Entelvio

Title Clerk

By Laura Pless

Laura Pless

Title Supervisor

Motion Introduced by: Supervisor Pless

Motion Seconded by: Councilman Swoap

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilman Janes YES, Councilman Lyon YES, Councilman Swoap YES, Supervisor Pless YES. Carried.



## BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

### General Fund

1. Increase revenue line A4089 (ARPA) by \$71,976 and increase expenditure line A9901.9 (transfer to other funds) by \$71,986
2. Increase revenue line A3996 (State ICAP grant ) by \$10,070 and increase expenditure line A1110.2 Justices Equipment Grant by \$10,070

### Sewer District #1 Fund

1. Increase revenue line SS5031 (Interfund transfer) by \$42,146 and increase expenditure line SS8120.2 (Sewer Collection Equipment) by \$29,830 and expenditure line SS8130.2 (Sewage treatment and disposal repairs by \$12,316

### Water District #1 Fund

1. Increase revenue line SW5031 (Interfund Transfer) by \$29,830 and increase expenditure line SW8340.2 (Transmission and Distribution Equipment) by \$29,830.

Councilman Swoap made the motion to approve the General Fund, Sewer District #1 and Water District #1 budget modifications. Seconded by Councilman Janes. Carried unanimously.

## SUMMER RECREATION ASSISTANT

Councilman Janes made the motion to approve Peyton D'Anthony as the Summer Recreation Assistant and Substitute Summer Director with Director salary during time serving as Substitute Director. Seconded by Councilman Lyon. Carried unanimously.

## SUMMER RECREATION ASSISTANT SUBSTITUTE

Councilman Swoap made the motion to approve Anyah Carson as the Summer Recreation Assistant Substitute. Seconded by Councilman Janes. Carried unanimously.

## PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADES

Supervisor Pless made the motion to accept the upcoming phone system upgrades through ESI/ETG Communications. Seconded by Councilman Swoap. Carried unanimously.

## CREDIT CARD FOR TOWN CLERK

Councilman Swoap made the motion to approve the Town Clerk to obtain a credit card through Community Bank, N.A in order to complete various purchases as they relate to Town of Ripley business. Seconded by Supervisor Pless. Carried unanimously.

## 2A LICENSE WAGE INCREASE FOR JOSHUA SMITH

Councilman Janes made the motion to increase Joshua Smith's wages from \$21.21/hr to \$22.50/hr as he has received his 2A Grade Water License effective June 3, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Lyon. Carried unanimously.

## MOTION TO APPROVE LAWNMOWER RECOMMENDATION

Due to the Cub Cadet being stolen from the East Ripley Cemetery shed, the Parks and Recreation department collected quotes from 3 different companies in order to replace the lawnmower with necessary attachments.

1. Landpro: John Deer Z320R ZTrak ( \$3,795.51)
2. Westfield Ag & Turf: Hustler FasTrak 48" (\$6,999.00)
3. Larry Romance and Son:
  - a. Hustler Dash 42" (\$3,879.00)
  - b. Hustler Raptor X 42" (\$4,347.00)
  - Hustler Raptor XL 42" (\$4747.00)

Department Head, Ricky Eddy has recommended Landpro's John Deer Z320R ZTrak mower for \$3,795.51.

Councilman Swoap made the motion to accept Mr. Eddy's recommendation and to move forward with the purchase. Seconded by Councilman Lyon. Carried unanimously.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**W/S REPORT:** Presented by Councilman Swoap

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Presented by Councilman Lyon

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT:** Planning Board member, Phil Chimera stated that the Planning Board is hoping to continue looking at the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board meetings have been changed the first Monday of each month at 7:15 PM.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Presented by Councilman Lyon

**CODE OFFICER REPORT:** Presented by Councilman Swoap

**PARKS REPORT:** Presented by Councilman Janes

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:** Presented by Town Clerk, Ryleigh Enterline.

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**The following residents spoke during privilege of the floor:**

Gary Irvin

Richard Vaugh

Patti Meckis

Respectively submitted,

Ryleigh Enterline

Town Clerk

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday July 27, 2024! 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM!**

**Classic Car Cruise In!**

Join us downtown Ripley for our annual Classic Cruise In! Join Ripley Hose Company and our local businesses in celebrating our Ripley Community! Come listen to live music provided by the Mainstreet Band from 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM at the Ripley Town Hall, enjoy food special from our local businesses, and check out the classic cars!