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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

A Message From Lauree Pless, Town Supervisor

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. As the weather continues to get more beautiful, just a reminder to make sure you watch out for children playing outside and on their bicycles, as well as individuals riding motorcycles.

Route 5 Water and Sewer

At the board meeting in May, the board accepted a motion for the Town to begin looking at the expansion of water and sewer lines on Route 5 from Shortman Road to Route 76. We are only at the beginning phases of this potential project but definitely feel it is worth investigating as we plan for future projects in Ripley

Volunteers Needed

The town is looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals as well as the beautification committee. If you are interested, please give Town Hall a call to express interest. 716-736-6881

Paving of Roads

A huge thank you to the Highway Department, Water Department and Parks Department for their collaborative work paving Wiley Road, Klondike Road and Noble Road. A special thank you to other municipality workers throughout Chautauqua County for assisting us! The roads look fantastic!

Summer Recreation Program

Applications for the summer recreation program are due on June 7 at 4:00PM. Applications may be picked up at Town Hall. Interviews will take place on June 10th.

Our next board meeting will be held on June 13 at 6:30PM

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June 2024

Ripley, New York

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Husted
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:
2nd 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

June in the Town Clerk's Office

*June Dog License Renewals will be out in the mail by June 1st.

Announcements:

*The Town Offices will be undergoing some **tech upgrades** in the coming months. If you can not get a hold of us via email or phone, it may be because our phone/internet lines are temporarily down to complete the upgrades. **We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and will get back to you as soon as we can.**

Notes from The Clerk:

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

*In recent weeks, some residents have inquired about regulations regarding **barking/nuisance dogs**. According to **Local Law #1-1983**, **"It shall be unlawful for any owner or person...to permit or allow such a dog to... engage in prolonged or persistent barking or howling for a period of one or more consecutive hours."** (Section IV.B)

*If you need to contact the Dog Catcher, please call Gloria McCormick at 716-269-9882.

*If you would like to read Local Law #1-1983 in its entirety, please visit the Town of Ripley website and go to the Dog Control page. The link is titled, "Leash Law."

* 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 myself or my Deputy directly.

We are here to help!

Thank you,
Ryleigh Enterline
Town Clerk

Phone: 716-736-6881

Email: ripleytownclerk@outlook.com

Fax: 716-736-2202

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

Once upon a time in the little town of Ripley, New York, there was a movie theater called the Johnsonian Theatre. This little theater, in this little town, showed silent films. Those were the days where live musicians played the background to these films, indicating to the audience whether something sinister was about to happen, or perhaps a romantic scene was about to appear. We can only imagine how many of the townsfolk attended these silent films; hopefully they were popular with the citizens of Ripley.

Among the plethora of items saved by town resident, David Hawker, is a play bill from the Johnsonian, circa 1925, for two films, “Hogan’s Alley” and “Rin Tin Tin in Below the Line.” There is no further connection between the films and Ripley, but the storyline of the film, “Hogan’s Alley” is pretty interesting.


From Wikipedia: “Hogan's Alley is a 1925 American silent comedy film produced and distributed by Warner Bros. It was an early directing assignment for Roy Del Ruth and starred Monte Blue, Patsy Ruth Miller, and Ben Turpin.

As described in a review in a film magazine, Patsy (Miller) is the scrappy little daughter of an ignorant lazy Irishman (Louis) who lives in Hogan's Alley. Her sweetheart, Lefty O'Brien is a prize-fighter, but this does not suit her father who wants her to marry a rich man. Lefty is arrested when his opponent in the fight fails to regain consciousness. Patsy is hurt and Lefty calls Dr. Franklin, a swell doctor who takes a shine to Patsy and invites her and her father to his lodge. He proves to be a villain who attempts to sweep her off her feet. Lefty follows their train but his car is wrecked by the locomotive. With Patsy now on a runaway train, Lefty hires an airplane and transfers from it to the train, knocks out the villain, and stops the engine just before it runs into a landslide.

Although he wins the championship by a knockout, prizefighter Lefty O'Brien is not a happy man because he broke his left hand on the jaw of his opponent, who ended up seriously hurt.

Hogan's Alley was part of the ethnically diverse East End, centred between Prior and Union and Main and Jackson, Vancouver. It was home to much of Vancouver's Black community and included businesses such as Vie's Chicken and Steak House on Union and the Pullman Porters' Club on Main. “

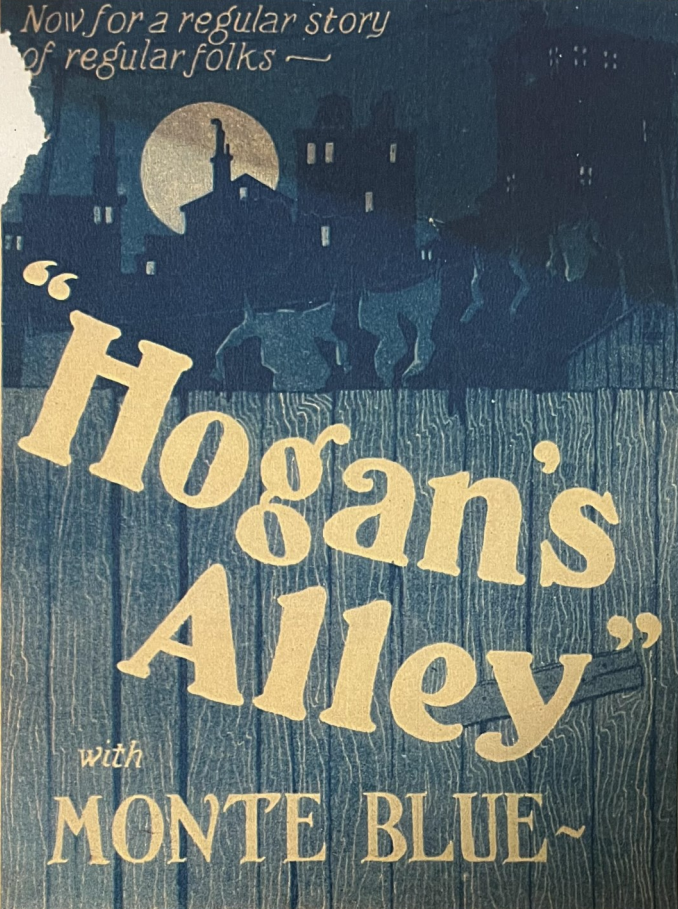
If you're intrigued, search for Hogan's Alley and Vie's Chicken and Steak House on the Internet.



**Johnsonian
Theatre**
Wednesday, October 6
7:30 and 9:00 10c and 25c

Saturday, October 9
RIN-TIN-TIN, (THE WONDER DOG) IN
**Below the
Line**

Now for a regular story
of regular folks —



**“Hogan’s
Alley”**
with
MONTE BLUE



WARNER BROS
Classics of the Screen

*The Liveliest, Fastest
COMEDY MELODRAMA
Ever Filmed*

The heartbeat of genuine “regular folks” sounds through the story of “Hogan’s Alley.” It’s the love story of “Lefty” O’Brien, pride of the fight fans, and Patsy Ryan, pride of the Alley. And it’s a thrill picture as well as a heart picture. You will see—the great ALLEY FIGHT; the PRIZE FIGHT; the POLICE RAID; Jim Jeffries, Ad Wolgast and other world’s champions at the ringside; the AER-OPLANE chase; the FIGHT ON THE TRAIN; the great TRAIN WRECK; BEN TURPIN, as the photographer; and fifty other great features.

THE CAST

Monte Blue	Patsy Ruth Miller
Louise Fazenda	Ben Turpin
Charles Comkin	Max Davidson
Willard Louis	

Directed by ROY del RUTH

WARNER BROS
Classics of the Screen

MADE IN U.S.A.

Ripley Hose Company No. 1

15 South State Street
Po. O. Box 342
Ripley, NY 14775

Month: May 2024

Total calls answered:

23 calls from April 25, 2024 – May 24, 2024. (3 of the 23 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 21

Fires: 2

Total calls to date for 2024 – 132

Training completed by our members:



On May 1, 2024, several departments attended a presentation from AHN team members on Managing PTSD symptoms for first responders. Thank you for bringing awareness to a very sensitive and important topic. 1 in 3 first responders will develop PTSD from a traumatic incident they encounter.

On May 7, 2024, 1st Assistant Chief Jason Fisher, 2nd Assistant Chief Lisa Babcock, and Firefighter Chris Rotunda attended a training with several other Chautauqua County volunteers. This training, held in Gerry, NY, was Strategy

& Tactics for House Fires .

On May 22, 2024, our members were joined by the Ripley Water Department for fire hydrant training. Thank you, Andrew Strine for training with us. Members also did a brief refresher on ladder use.



MINUTES OF THE RIPLEY TOWN BOARD MEETING

MAY 09, 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, Kris (Harriet) Thompson, Janet Skinner, Gary Skinner, Pat Brown, Tom Brown, Linda Carris, Michael Dee & Mary Dee (CAWTILE Reps.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting dated April 11th, 2024 were approved. Councilman Swoap moved and Councilman Janes seconded. This was carried unanimously.

The minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting dated April 24th, 2024 were approved. Supervisor Pless moved and Councilman Swoap seconded. This was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Warrant No. 5 in the amount of \$24,109.01 drawn on the General Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 5 in the amount of \$6,043.65 drawn on the Highway Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No.5 in the amount of \$1,194.97 drawn on the St. Light Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 5 in the amount of \$36,792.79 drawn on the Sewer Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 5 in the amount of \$33,377.95 drawn on the Water Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 5 in the amount of \$8,060.23 drawn on the Capital Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

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Councilman Lyon made the following motion: that the Supervisor be directed to draw the checks to cover the warrant as allowed for vouchers numbered 357 through 437 This was seconded by Councilman Swoap and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDANCE

*Email from CAWTILE (Citizens Against Wind Turbines in Lake Erie) Representatives

SUMMER RECREATION DATES

Councilman Janes made the motion to approve the Summer Recreation Program to run from July 8th through August 16th. Seconded by Councilman Lyon. Carried unanimously.

SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTOR

Supervisor Pless made the motion to approve Trent Johnston's return as the Summer Recreation Program Director. Seconded by Councilman Swoap. Carried unanimously.

SUMMER RECREATION ASSISTANT

Councilman Janes made the motion to approve Emma Lindsey to return as Summer Recreation Program Assistant. Seconded by Councilman Swoap. Carried unanimously.

SUMMER RECREATION JOB POSTING

Councilman Lyon made the motion to approve advertising for one vacant Summer Recreation Assistant position. Seconded by Councilman Janes. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Water/Sewer REPORT: Presented by Councilman Swoap

*Supervisor Pless took a moment to remind guests to complete the mail-in "Water Line Survey" sent by the Water/Sewer Dept. This is a State required survey.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Presented by Councilman Lyon

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: No meeting was held in April due to not having a quorum.

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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ROUTE 5 WATER/SEWER PROJECT DISCUSSION

After being approached by some residents, Supervisor Pless introduced a discussion to the board regarding the section of town between Shortman Road and Route 76 that has not received water or sewer. Water/Sewer Supt. Andrew Strine stated that there are several benefits to completing a “loop” in the line.

MOTION TO BEGIN WATER/SEWER EXPLORATION ON ROUTE 5

Supervisor Pless introduced a motion to begin the process of investigating the feasibility of Water and Sewer upgrades on the portion of Route 5 in between Shortman Road and route 76. Seconded by Councilman Lyon. Carried unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The following spoke during privilege of the floor:

Mike Dee (CAWTILE)

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Swoap made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:55 PM to discuss legal matters. Seconded by Councilman Lyon.

Councilman Swoap made the motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilman Lyon. 7:07 PM

Councilman Lyon made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Swoap. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Ryleigh Enterline

Town Clerk

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

Jun 26
Jul 24
Aug 28

Sep 25
Oct 30
Nov 27
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

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

TOWN OF RIPLEY

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Monthly Town Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd 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

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

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

JUNE 4th BATTLE OF MIDWAY BEGINS (1942)

JUNE 6th D-DAY (1944) THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF NORMANDY LANDINGS.

JUNE 14th FLAG DAY- IF YOU HAVE A WORN AND UNSERVICABLE FLAG BRING DOWN TO PARK AVE WHERE WE WILL HAVE OUR FLAG RETIREMENT CEROMONY AT 7:00PM OR DROP IT OFF AT THE TOWN BUILDING AT THE DROP OFF BOX. U.S ARMY BIRTHDAY



JUNE 16th FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 19th JUNETEENTH

JUNE 20th FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

JUNE 22nd GI BILLSIGNED (1944)

JUNE 25th START OF KOREAN WAR (1950)

JUNE 27th POST MEETING AT 10:30am AT TOWN HALL.

ALL THE HOME TOWN HERO BANNERS ARE UP AND HOPE EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THEM. WE WILL DO A SECOND ROUND FOR NEXT YEAR. THE COST AS OF RIGHT NOW IS \$165.00 THIS COULD CHANGE BUT HOPE NOT. WE WILL NEED A 8X10 PHOTO(COPY). APPLICATIONS ARE AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE OR SEE ME FOR ONE.

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.