

Ridgway Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2021



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Town Manager Preston Neill called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m. and Youth Advisory members present were Cooper Ahern, Anna Bartschi, Kayla Bolane, Maizy Gordon, Gillian Jordan, Indigo Krois, River Randolph, Eleni Wallin, and Kaitlyn Wikelmann. Also present was Mayor John Clark.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Preston and John welcomed and congratulated the new members of the Ridgway Youth Advisory Council. Each member took a few minutes to introduce herself/himself, including their grade level, extracurricular activities, and career aspirations.

3. Ice Breaker Activity

The group participated in an ice breaker activity called *Two Truths and a Lie*. Each member took a few minutes to think of and write down three statements about themselves, two of them being true and one of them being false. Each member took a turn sharing their three statements to the group and the group voted on which statement they felt was a lie. At the end of each turn, the member revealed which statement was a lie.

4. Review of Authority and Procedures

Preston reviewed all sections of the *Town of Ridgway Youth Advisory Council Authority and Procedures*. The sections include: Establishment and Goals, Roles and Responsibilities, Membership and Term, Quorum, Removal from Office, Officers, Staff, Meetings, Appropriation Authority, and Council Amendments.

5. Ideas and Expectations

Members were asked to identify some topics of interest that they may want to focus on or learn more about at future meetings. Some of the topics that were mentioned included:

- Mental health awareness
- Social media awareness
- Creating an alternative forum/safe space for youth that is youth organized and managed
- Youth Field Day
- Enhancing education and communication on certain environmental issues
- Community service projects
- Increasing education on harmful products or products that are difficult to recycle
- Hosting a food drive
- Learning more about affordable housing challenges and efforts to address the issue
- Community suggestion box

6. Next Meeting Date and Time

After a brief discussion, the group agreed to a recurring meeting date of the second Monday of each month at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on December 13th.

7. Future Agenda Items

Preston briefly reviewed items expected to be on future meeting agendas. The items include:

- Local Government 101 Tutorial
- Selection of Officers
- Discussion regarding future activities and community service projects
- West Slope Youth Voice Presentation

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Youth Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 4:46 p.m.