



Town of Ridgefield
BOF Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
DRAFT Final

I. Call to order

Mike Rettger called the BOF meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 in the Town Hall Large Conference Room. Members Mike Rettger, Dave Ulmer, Greg Kabasakalian, Andrew Okrongly, Joe Shapiro present.

Others Present: Rudy Marconi, First Selectperson; BOS members Sean Connelly, Maureen Kozlar, Barbara Manners, Geoffrey Morris; Jake Muller, Director of Public Works; Kevin Redmond, Controller.

II. Budget Deliberations - Town Operating and Capital Budgets

Mr. Marconi reviewed the proposed FY 2026-2027 Operating and Capital budgets for the Town. The roads operating budget was also discussed. The operating budget, which represents a 2.96% increase, includes a \$90,000 placeholder for a potential town administrator position under discussion, which consists of half a year of employment at an annual salary of \$180,000.

Other areas of discussion included health insurance, IT, ambulance calls, snow removal, salt for roads, personnel services, golf, Parks & Rec, civilian dispatch, social outside services, liability insurance, legal, payroll processing and electricity/solar panels.

Mr. Marconi and Mr. Muller discussed the capital budget projects with BOF members. Areas of discussion regarding the capital budget included tree committee, fountain repairs, landscaping, walkways, new tee boxes and other capital at the golf course, Barlow pool renovations, pickleball and a traffic study related to Parks & Rec, Tiger Hollow II, public safety equipment, public works, paving, town engineering, critical police/FD infrastructure, library and LED upgrades at the high school. Mr. Marconi also addressed work on school auditoriums, athletic fields and facilities.

III. General Budget Discussion

Following the presentations, BOF members had a general discussion with Mr. Marconi and the other BOS members about various elements of the proposed budgets.

IV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. by Mr. Okrongly seconded by Mr. Ulmer. All in favor.

Next meeting March 25, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by
Mia Belanger