The Town of Ripley

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Town Board Meeting
October 8, 2026
6:30PM

Lauree Pless, Supervisor
Lee Swoap, Deputy Supervisor
Cal Janes, Councilman
Jeff Lyon, Councilman
Phil Chimera, Councilman
Ryleigh Enterline, Town Clerk

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes Approval
    a. Regular Meeting- September 10, 2026
    b. Special Meeting- October 1, 2026
5. Abstracts Approval- General, Highway, Water, Sewer, Street Lighting, Capital
6. Correspondence
7. Resolutions
8. Motions
9. Approve Financial Statement
10. Water/Sewer report
11. Highway report
12. Planning Board Report
13. Assessors report
14. Code Officers report
15. Parks and Recreation Report
16. Town Clerks report
17. Privilege of the Floor
18. Adjourn

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Simplified Notes for September 2026 Meeting

- Quarter 3 Billing will be mailed out at the latest 10/9/2026
    - Quarter 3 will not receive penalties but all unpaid amounts after the due date will be relieved onto the property
    - No payments will be accepted after the Due date
- Andrew is working with NYAWWA to locate a Lab class
- We have received quotes regarding replacing the heating system for the Control Building located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- We have performed weekly maintenance at the Sewer and Water plants.
- We have performed all daily necessary State Samplings for the Sewer and Water Plant
- We have fulfilled our State Required Monthly Samplings for the Sewer Plant
- We have fulfilled our State Required Monthly Samplings for the Water Plant
- Flows sent from the Water Treatment Plant were within our State Permit Levels
- Flows received from our Wastewater Treatment Plant were within our State Permit levels

October 2026 Meeting: Reporting in October 2026 /September 2026

NOTES:

- Quarter 3 Billings will be sent out at the latest on October 9th
  - With Quarter 3 billing:
    - After the due date there will not be any late penalty on Quarter 3 billing
    - All past due amounts will be Relevied against the property
- Continuing Education and Licensing
  - **Andrew**: Woking with AWWA to locate a Lab class to finish all requirements for Water license credits before renewals in February
- We are secured Quoted for a new heating system for the Control Building of the Ripley Wastewater Treatment Plant

EQUIPMENT

- **Truck Milage**
  - 2022 Ford F-550 Odometer Reading: 17,336; Ran a total 119 miles for the month of September, averaging 10.2 MPG.
  - 2024 Chevy 3500 Odometer Reading: 15,285; Ran a total of 600 miles for the month of September, averaging 10.2 MPG.

WATER AND SEWER

- weekly maintenance performed on schedule.
  - pulling solids
  - running hydro-gritter to reduce incoming grit
  - decant the digester
  - waste to the digester
  - greasing
    - bearings at aeration basin
    - bearings at grit tank
    - bearings in Comminutor
    - bearings in hydro-gritter
    - bearings in automatic bar screen
    - bearings in high-capacity compressors
    - bearings for both clarifiers
    - bearings in high flow plunger pump
    - bearings in non-potable pumps
  - adjustments

        - Return flow from clarifiers to aeration basin
        - clarifier production
    - Manually removing solids throughout the day
    - clean and inspect clarifiers
    - clean and inspect contact tanks
    - clean and inspect grit tank
    - clean and maintain buildings
- performed daily tests, inspections, and paperwork
- Performed monthly tests for both plants
- We have been rewarded with a grant for rebuilding the water plant.
    - This grant will also replace some of the water lines and perform a reservoir evaluation
        - First item: DBP removal system
        - Second item: New Water Filters and Building
        - Third item: Re-line transmission line/tunnel from Belson Creek to Alfred Reservoir
        - Fourth Item: Water main replacements
            - Ross St
            - Burton Ave
            - Additional based on Funds
        - Fifth Item: Replace all transmission lines from Alfred reservoir to the Water Plant
    - Reservoir evaluation and inspection are required by the DEC, EPA and DOH
        - This inspection was due in 2014 and was never performed
        - Some of the requirements per Government Organizations
            - Stamped and certified Engineers reports
                - Dimensions, Volume and operation of the Reservoir
                - Erosion within the Reservoir and the Property
                - Leak Testing
                - Repair Report with Quotes
- The clarifiers have been reapplied for grants to perform complete rebuilds
- Possible ice damage to the east clarifier, we will be performing a full inspection when temperatures are higher and flows reduce
    - We are currently dropping this clarifier to perform repairs
- Due to the lack of operational maintenance through the years for the water plant, we are seeing a decline in production each year
    - The plant is designed for a maximum production of 350,000 gallons per day
    - We are currently only able to produce a maximum of 160,000 gallons per day
    - This is a 54% loss of production from the water plant
        - Resulting in the plant currently operating at the available maximum production for a prolonged time as we are attempting to keep up with the mass amounts being used by farmers right now

THIS MONTHS REQUIRED TESTING

- **Water plant**
  - 2 Total Coliform
  - POC
- **, Sewer Plant**
  - 1 Coliform
  - 2 BOD
  - 2 TSS

Water Plant production

- **Average Gallons Per Day (GPD) [Lower than September]**
  - Influent: 142,430 (.142 MGD)
  - Effluent: 115,921 GPD (.116 MGD)
- **Total Gallons Per Month (GPM) [Lower than September]**
  - Influent: 4,272,898 GPM (4.27 MGM)
  - Effluent: 3,477,617 GPM (3.48 MGM)

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows

- **Average Flow in Million Gallons per Day (MGD)**
  - 0.2665 MGD [Higher than September]
- **Total Flow in Million Gallon per Month (MGM)**
  - 7.9935 MGM [Higher than September]

Note about Productions

- All our master meters are calibrated Annually from the same company, which makes me believe that they are accurate.
- When comparing the numbers that the Water plant produces versus the numbers that the Sewer plant receives it indicates a possible mass infiltration issue.
    - **Total Flow received at the Sewer Plant:** **8.0 million Gallons**
    - **Total Flow sent from the Water Plant:** **3.5 million Gallons**
        - **Total Difference:** **4.5 million Gallons**

- The new sewer line that utilizes the large pump station located on Shortman Road processed 617,221 Gallons last month which is More than the previous month.
    - **Difference Flow received at the Sewer Plant:** **4.5 million Gallons**
    - **Total processed sewage at Pump Station:** **0.6 million Gallons**
    - **Total Difference left in S1 and Part of S2:** **3.9 million Gallons**
- This means we took on more than 3.9 million gallons (MG) of what I will assume is I/I Water at the Sewer plant. (This is more than last month)
    - I am assuming more than 3.9 MG because we service more customers with water than customers that have access to Sewer.
- We are just below our DEC required average flow for this month
    - Our Required flow rate set by DEC is an average of 0.400 MGD
        - For us to meet this requirement in August we could not exceed a total of 12.0 MG for the month.

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RIPLEY - GATEWAY TO NEW YORK STATE

TO: Ripley Town Board

FROM: Jason K. Jones

DATE: October 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Highway Report for September 2026

Total amount for repairs: September's amount was minimal; however, October will have a repair for truck #10 for the approximate amount of $14,000 due to injectors being replaced AND an amount to be determined for the Loader as I do not have the estimate at the time of this report

Total amount for patching black top: $3800

Total amount for shop expenses: $1100

Total Gasoline used 53.49 gallons Total Diesel used 1275.34 gallons

Total overtime: 0

Total for upcoming winter prep: salt $26,709.99 sand $7700.91

Respectfully submitted,

Jason K. Jones
Superintendent of Highways
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RIPLEY - GATEWAY TO NEW YORK STATE

TO: Ripley Town Board

FROM: Nicole Gollhardt

DATE: October 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Report from the Assessor's office

Property transfers from August 2026 are as follows: 10 total transfers of which only 4 can be used for valuation. Sales = $114,500 on property assessed for $81,800 That is an increase of $32,700 or 28% above market value.

Disabled, Aged and AG renews have been sent out this month. They must be returned to the assessor's office, no later than March 1st.

The Town will be updating the Real Property System. The assessor's office will be going throughout the town to take photos and check the current inventory for inaccuracies.
Photos will be taken from the roadside whenever possible. However, in the event it is not possible, we will send out a letter to inform the property owners that we will have to enter the property.

If you have any questions, please contact the assessor's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Gollhardt
Town Assessor
716-413-8010 option #9

Town of Ripley September 2026 Code Report

Code Enforcement Office

Building Permits Issued – 2

Demo Permits Issued –2

Total Permits Issued –4

STOP Work Orders – 0

Violations Issued – 1

Violations Resolved - 0

Temp. CO Issued: - 0

CO Issued: - 1

Certificate of Completions Issued: - 1

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Shearer

Code Enforcement Officer

Code Log September 2026

Return phone calls and emails

Perform onsite inspections

Issue permits and perform inspections

In office and onsite visits for Violations

On site visits for building planning

Attend Code Enforcement meeting

Attend Code Enforcement training

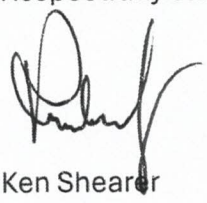
Attend 3 day in person Code Enforcement School

Attend Town Board meeting

Attend Planning Board meeting

Issue tentative budget

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Shearer

Code Enforcement Officer