

Saddle Ridge Association, Ltd Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Hwy 33, Portage, WI 53901

Minutes

- Call Meeting to Order 6:00 p.m. Cliff Blum
- Board Members present: Cliff Blum, President; Dale DeLude, Vice President; Sue Hepp, Treasurer; Shelley Drescher, Secretary; Dennis Allen, Member-at-Large
- Members present: Janet Blum-U891, Nancy & Gordon Miller-U832, Mary De Wolf-U947, Trudy Burkert-U839, Jim Kuhl-U893, Fritz Meierdirk-U1118, Jo Dodd-U793, Joy Smith-U1156, Maureen Springer-U780, Jon Vehring-U1138, Melva Quirk-U943, Marsha Pulver-U949, Ed & Jodi Steele-U946, Ruth Larson-U1055, Henry Schroeder-U1056, Tom Benson-U907, Tom & Vicki Tessman-U1061, Wendy & Larry Schlosser-U821, Bab Tezlaff-U1140, Jeanne Harper-U903, Greg Shortreed & Anne Martin-U1064
- Guest Speakers:
 - Jim Miller – State Farm Insurance
Jim provided information in regards to the association's master policy which has a \$20,000 base deductible per building and a 2% deductible per building wind/hail. He also provided information regarding the unit owner's policies and what he recommends for your unit's coverage.
Attached is a handout from Jim outlining the information he shared. Feel free to contact him directly if you have questions on either the association's master policy or your individual unit owner policy.
 - Tom Joswiak – SREA Treasurer - Sewer and Water bill
Tom provided information on the upcoming increases for water and sewer. Water costs increase every year by 2 ½% for inflation. Sewer costs have two different rates: usage rate and a flat rate.
Portage began planning to build a new water treatment plant in 2024/2025. That year there was a 25% increase. This year, 2025/2026 the increase went to 40% and will increase 30% each year for the next two

years. These rate increases affect all homes and businesses in Portage and surrounding areas who utilize Portage's water and sewer system including the Saddle Ridge Community. The costs to the Saddle Ridge Community is divided equally by the units.

- Reports

- Secretary's Report - Minutes July 20, 2026. One of the member's unit numbers was incorrect. A few of the members did not receive or could not open the attachments to the minutes. Other members were able to open the attachments. Shelley will correct the incorrect unit number and when the July minutes are posted on the SRA website she will make sure there are links to the attachments within the minutes. Motion to approve: First motion to approve-Cliff Blum; Second motion to approve-Sue Hepp. Call for vote: In favor 5 opposed 0. The motion carries.

- Treasurer's Report - A member asked a question on "cost of goods sold" name stating they felt it was inaccurate language in the budget. Sue will look into it. Members had questions on account 4900 and what that included. Late fees go into that account and Sue will look into it further. Motion to approve: First motion to approve-Dennis Allen; Second motion to approve-Cliff Blum. Call for vote: In favor 5 opposed 0. The motion carries.
Discussion on the proposed FY27 Budget-A member had a question on the carried over increase. This has since been corrected. Also discussion on reserve contributions requirement of 50%

- VP's Report

Work Orders: 123 total; 110 have been completed and 6 new since Friday.

- Old Business

- At this time Cliff stood and read a speech he prepared. He shared some background on when he attended his first SRA board meeting, why he decided to join the board as well as some of his accomplishments, challenges and conflicts during his time on the board. Cliff continued with his responses to the July letters from Fritz Meierdirk. Cliff informed the members that Barb was voted in by the previous board in May of 2025. Per the bylaws, 3.4, she was to be elected at the next annual meeting and this did not occur. The previous board did not follow this bylaw. Cliff recommended that the answers Fritz is looking for would be best

answered by previous board members and stated he would not be answering any of his other questions. Cliff then announced his resignation from the SRA Board, effective immediately.

- Once Cliff resigned a board member stood and verbally confronted Cliff regarding allegations made in his speech. Words were exchanged between both parties.
- Dale DeLude took over the meeting and read a short speech and at the end resigned from the SRA Board effective immediately.
- There were several comments from the members in attendance in response to the resignations.
- Shelley asked the two board members who resigned for their resignations in writing. She also asked members if there were any volunteers to fill the 2 vacant seats on the SRA Board. She asked anyone interested to please contact the board.
- The questions in Fritz's 8 letters will be added to a future regular board meeting.

Reminder- Next meeting will be the annual meeting to approve the FY27 Budget and to vote on the Saddle Ridge Association, Ltd Board Members open positions.

Meeting Adjourned 7:46

Next meeting will be SRA annual September 28, 2026
6:00 p.m.

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