

**Commissioners of Ridgely
Town Meeting
April 5, 2010**

The Town Meeting was held in the Ridgely House on the above date at 7:00 pm. Linda Jo Epperly-Glover, President; Dale Mumford, Commissioner; Lou Hayes, Commissioner; Diane Wojcik, Town Administrator; and Carol Balderson, Town Clerk; were present.

The following residents were also present: Leo Stepp, Joanne Stepp, Deborah Minnich, Mary Ann Clark, Martin Sokolich, Gayle Scherer, and Mike Redgraves.

Opening – President Epperly-Glover opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our military men and women.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer reported a general fund balance of \$151,208.04, Sewer Fund – \$16,942.26, and Water Fund - \$1,595.58. Bills were presented for payment. Water and sewer money (11% increase) needs to be moved when it is decided where it will go. Commissioner Mumford said he heard the state was going to hold on to the income tax money as long as they could.

Town Administrator's Report – **Business Licenses** - Diane handed out copies of the definition of a business, sample letter, application, and list of town businesses.

Diane reported the town received an energy grant for \$9,000. She is getting estimates for repairs to the furnaces and the doors.

Diane also reported that there is an amendment to the MOU between the Town of Ridgely and the SHA for the Rails to Trails project. This will enable us to be able to use the rest of the \$30,000 that was originally awarded. We will be allowed to get this money up front. Need Commissioners to sign tonight.

Diane reported a letter was received from Caroline County regarding collection of taxes. The Town needs to adopt the same rate for fees as the county. They will need our tax rates for personal property and real property by May 24. Discuss at Work Shop.

Diane said she sent a letter to Terry Wright of SHA and asked if they would be interested in buying any of the 16 acre parcel behind the cemetery owned by the Town for a mitigation area. Diane reported a letter was received from Chicken Bridge PDA allowing the Town to defer the FY 2010 contribution to July, 2010.

Diane reported that we have implemented the Paychex program for payroll, working okay so far. Diane said she has a copy of the resolution for last year regarding the user fees for water and sewer and it's broken down for usage. There is also a report for other towns that charge fees for vacant houses. (Work Shop)

Diane said there was a meeting in Denton this morning with Harry Cole and Ernie Crowfoot. The county has a quitclaim deed that they would like the town to sign regarding the roads brought into town with the annexation. It has been reviewed by Jack Hall. She said she has a list of things Robin wanted done and needs to check with him.

Old Business - Commissioner Mumford said we need to address the proposed fees for bulk pickup, and the discontinuance of water/wastewater fees for the 2011 budget.

Commissioner Mumford said SHA has said they will not plow snow on Central Ave. where the islands are (Third St. to Railroad).

Land fill committee to revisit issues and enforcement – Commissioner Mumford said Mike Redgraves had agreed to head that committee.

Mr. Redgraves is trying to get a meeting together.

Diane said the charter is still on the list.

President Epperly-Glover will try to get some dates and times for review.

New Business – Commissioner Mumford reported that Wilson Manship and Missy Vanskiver have left us. A full time person for public works has been chosen. A part time person has also been chosen to help with grass, etc. Also working on getting Missy's position filled.

Commissioner Mumford said they need to sign off on severance pay for both of those folks.

Clerk presented Lions Club application for a beer license for the Strawberry Festival to be signed by the President.

Some town vehicles will be on display for sale on that day.

Approximately \$600 was spent for signs for the Rails to Trails. Commissioners approved payment by grant.

Public Comments – Leo said he received a couple of calls from Lister Estates residents regarding children riding bikes to school – Chief said no bikes allowed on sidewalks, must ride in street. A car was parked across the sidewalk. They don't want the children riding on the street to school. Commissioners will talk to Chief.

An Oakview Ct. resident complained about the ditch behind Medifast overflowing.

Mrs. Scherer said the Tree Committee will plant one tree in front of the old post office to commemorate Arbor Day since the grant funds have not come through yet. They will plant more trees in the fall.

Town election will be held April 26.

Commissioner Mumford said he spoke with Allied Waste. The first year of the contract is almost up. He talked to them about recycling in town since there will be contract changes anyway due to the new landfill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Balderson, Clerk