

**Commissioners of Ridgely  
Minutes  
October 4, 2010**

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

The following folks were also present: Dan Divilio-Times Record, Joanne Stepp, Leo Stepp, Archie Carroll, Kathy Smith, Jerry Sutton, and Nancy Gearhart.

**Opening** – President Mumford opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those serving our country.

**Minutes** – 9/13/10 – Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, seconded by Commissioner Casey. Passed

**Treasurer's Report** – The Clerk reported a General Fund balance of \$40,769.43, Sewer Fund - \$25,302.48, and Water Fund - \$7,618.65. Bills presented for payment approval. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Casey. Passed.

Commissioner Mumford said the MD&A (Management's Discussion and Analysis) is part of the annual audit report. Staff is working on that now.

**Police Report** – Chief Foster said the signs for the parks are in process.

The confirmation on the new hire (part time) was received today.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to accept Gary Manos as our new part time officer, seconded by Commissioner Casey. Passed

The Chief reported that one of the spare vehicles has been placed back on the insurance and tags obtained. Researching options for new vehicle.

**Public Works** – President Mumford said we are to get \$6,000 for Highway User Revenue this year.

Kathy Smith said she called and spoke with Robin about sewer odor in her house since the rain. He said everything was okay, but the public works report indicates work on pumps.

Commissioner Casey will check on the pumps tomorrow.

**Municipal Administrator** – Diane reported she is applying for a grant for signs, mulch, etc. at the park.

**Carriage House** – Diane reported that she has a letter ready for Mrs. Dorr. The Schwabs requested that the Town not do anything until they return on the 11<sup>th</sup>. JOK and the County Attorney met to come up with a means so that the County could permit the building to stay there longer. The County has extended permitting until April 4.

Kathy Smith argued that the Town does own the Carriage House, not the Historical Society.

End of discussion until JOK comes to report at the next meeting.

Diane reported that she checked references on the painters (Ridgely House); both had good recommendations. The bid for Accuwash was \$4,450. They took measurements, etc. The bid for Gallagher was \$4,354. Commissioners need to choose.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve Accuwash's bid, seconded by Commissioner Casey. Passed

Diane reported that Joanne Shipley said that she would be glad to remain on the Tree Committee. She has not heard back from Rev. Cheek regarding Ethics Board.

Jerry Sutton said a letter should be sent to the Ruthsburg Boy Scouts regarding their participation in planting trees.

Diane reported that Ed Hopkins has requested a new trial on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We should suspend any award for the work until that is settled. He says he did not receive notice of the trial.

The lowest bid for bamboo removal was Danny Hutchison. She asked if he could be considered approved since he is already a recognized business used by the Town for yard work.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve Danny Hutchison, seconded by Commissioner Casey. Passed

Diane asked the Commissioners to support the Christmas Around Caroline Flyer – cost \$100.

Discussion on Christmas lights in the trees on Central Ave. Kathy Smith said folks were really upset they didn't go up last year.

Letters need to be delivered to residents on Central Ave. to see if they are interested in participating in the program. Kathy will work with it.

Diane will contact Russ Griffith regarding hanging of the colored lights.

Diane reported that she and David are composing a report to Virginia Kearney in response to the letter she sent.

A good bit of information was received from MML, Greensboro, Federalsburg, and Denton on water and sewer hook up fees and impact fees.

Stephanie is preparing an application for the pool fill up allowance.

Diane asked the Commissioners to consider offering 16 acres of the land behind the cemetery for sale.

Planning and Zoning said permits should be obtained for PODS so we know when they got them. Any structure should meet setbacks, cannot be in public right of way.

The next meeting of the Assoc. of Municipalities will be November 17 at the old Choptank Electric building.

Jerry asked how many Christmas balls are needed here.

Diane said we should have enough to give to those who serve the Town.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to participate in the Christmas Around Caroline flyer, seconded by Commissioner Casey. Passed

Leaves – After some discussion it was agreed that Diane would ask Danny for some suggestions.

Archie Carroll asked that the Commissioners pursue the overlay ordinance for the Cow Barn from Jack Hall.

Impact fees – Archie Carroll asked again that the Commissioners consider a reduction in these fees.

President Mumford said there is not a lot of allocation left for new development and a new water tower should be paid for by development, not existing residents. He said there

was a report done by the University of Md. on those original impact fees and Diane is trying to locate it.

Kathy Smith agreed that development should pay.

Joanne Stepp said property owners in new developments pay a lot of taxes. They start out with new sidewalks, streets, etc. How long before they need repair and upgrade?

Nancy said the Live Nativity will be December 11 at 7:30 pm.

President Mumford made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to sign off on a contract for a part-time police officer at 8:35 pm, seconded by Commissioner Epperly-Glover.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Balderson  
Clerk