

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

The November Commissioners meeting was held on the above date in the Ridgely House. The following were in attendance: President Dale Mumford, Commissioner Linda Epperly-Glover, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Town Administrator Diane Wojcik, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Asst. Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Rick & Cathy Schwab, Mike Redgraves, Lisa Takala, Blake Sutherland and Chris Knauss.

President Mumford opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of Veteran's Day.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Casey 2nd, approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER: Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Commissioner Casey, approved. Stephanie reported that once all the invoices have been submitted for the outfitting of the new police vehicles, we will transfer that amount from the Queenstown Bank into the general fund checking account. The Commissioners agreed.

POLICE: Asst. Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard submitted Chief Foster's report for review. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to accept Chief Foster's report, Commissioner Casey 2nd, approved.

President Mumford stated that budget revisions for FY12 will be discussed at the next meeting.

DPW/WW The report was reviewed. Rick Schwab asked if Bramble was going to clean up the edge of the paving on Bell Street. Commissioner Casey said that if Bramble did not, the Town will.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Diane Wojcik reported that she met with Sue Simmons about our Parks and future goals. The Town will be getting a student volunteer from the Benedictine School for light office work. Our insurance claim for storm damage was denied, but Diane plans to try to submit the claim to FEMA. Diane discussed how the Kenyon Power/Photovoltaic Construction will work. The town pays Kenyon for all the energy on a kilowatt basis that the system produces. The price is fixed for the term of the agreement of 15 to 20 years. There are no other costs and Kenyon maintains the field and equipment. It is removed at the end or we can buy it at fair market value. The town currently has a partial exemption from Subtitle SB 315 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law. Diane has requested that we become fully exempted. Diane has met with Provident State Bank to discuss refinancing our State Retirement loan.

HVAC Systems: We received 6 bids for the units which were reviewed by Cary Malkus and David Crist. They would like to recommend Conner, Inc. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to accept the bid from Connor, Inc. 2nd by Commissioner Casey, unanimous approval.

The holiday schedule for the Town was discussed. The employee handbook gives Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Day as a holiday. These all fall on a weekend this year. A motion to follow the State's plan regarding the holidays falling on weekends by Commissioner Epperly-Glover, 2nd by Commissioner Casey, approved. The town offices will be closed on December 23rd and December 26th for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and January 2nd 2012 for New Year's Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Takala discussed the need for speed cameras on Central Avenue. The trucks go too fast and are causing damage to the historic homes on this street. After a discussion the Commissioners said that they will check with Chief Foster to see if it would be within our jurisdiction to install the cameras.

Mr. Rampmeyer has finished his next Ridgely History Book. The Commissioners agreed to order 275 books.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Blake Sutherland presented Executive Order Number 24 from Anne Arundel County that requires vendors to comply with applicable law relating to the employment of illegal aliens. He would like to see the Town adopt the same policy. President Mumford said that he is not sure of what is required by the town. We will be meeting with The Association of Municipalities mid-November and will check with the other towns as to what their policies are.

Cathy Schwab reported that the Fall Festival was a great success. She gave a big thank you to Public Works and the Police Department for all of their hard work. There were 100 cars in the show, 12 food vendors and 21 crafters. She also reported that the historical society has added new photos to the website including the wedding pictures that were taken at the caboose. One side of the caboose has been sandblasted and has been painted red. They are looking into shrink wrapping the caboose or using tarps with bungee cords. MES has donated a dumpster and paint tarps and brushes.

The Ridgely Christmas Parade will be on December 3rd. Santa will be on the Ridgely House porch again this year. The Historical Society has Christmas ornaments for sale. This year's ornament has the Town Clock.

Mike Redgraves thanked the Commissioners for their donation of \$1250 for the Christmas Lights.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Commissioner Casey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer