

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

The December Commissioners meeting was held on the above date in the Ridgely House at 7:00pm. The following were in attendance: Dale Mumford – President, Linda Epperly-Glover – Commissioner, Anthony Casey – Commissioner, Diane Wojcik – Town Administrator, Stephanie Berkey – Clerk-Treasurer, Melissa Leonard – Asst. Clerk-Treasurer, Gary Foster – Chief of Police, David Crist – Director of Public Works, Mike Redgraves, Jerry Sutton, Joanne Shipley, Rick & Cathy Schwab, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Faulkner, Chris Knauss.

President Mumford opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of those serving their country.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2011 meeting, 2nd by Commissioner Casey, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS
CLERK TREASURER**

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd Commissioner Casey, passed. There will be a loan payment coming out of the PSB Sewer Fund account for \$18,000 on December 8th.

POLICE

Chief will be meeting with Chief Cox on Wednesday to get information regarding speed cameras for Central Avenue. Chief is in the process of doing a radar study for Central Avenue. Most people are not exceeding the limit by 12mph. Ridgely is on the list to get a sign indicating the driver's speed from State Highway. We will get one as soon as one becomes available. There was a discussion about the old police vehicles not in use. Shultz & Son will give approximately \$250 for each vehicle. Chief will also get quotes from Eagle Salvage. There was a discussion about the conditions of the shooting range out at Public Works. They are maintaining it as best they can, but Chief will go out and have a look and see what needs to be done. He will also see what other items are down at Public Works that can be disposed of. The police department computer upgrade was discussed and the estimate presented for review. There were several questions as to the best way to proceed. After a discussion, Commissioner Casey made a motion to upgrade the server and backup system, scanner & printer, but to have a walk-through with the 3 Commissioners, Chief Foster and Bill Kline from Computers of Easton to discuss the other options. 2nd by Commissioner Casey, all in favor. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to proceed with the disposal of the old police vehicles, but after further discussion the Commissioners deferred this decision until the January meeting so that Chief could get more salvage information.

DPW/W/WW

There was a discussion regarding the road in front of the Veterinary Clinic and the adjacent island. The island is in poor condition because of people parking on the grass. Several options were discussed and it was decided that railroad ties would be placed there until the Spring, when conditions would be better for other improvements. We are still waiting to receive the new snow plow. David is still looking into the purchase of a leaf vacuum, but this will probably be a purchase for the next fiscal year. President Mumford asked if it would be possible to put an American flag with a light to illuminate it at night on top of the new utility pole that is only being used for Christmas lights. David will look into this. There was a discussion about the new fence/loading dock at Medifast. If they expand the loading dock parking area to the specs they have submitted it will put our water main under their pavement and inside of the fence that is to be installed. The Commissioners agreed that David should put his concerns in writing to give to Medifast.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Diane met with FEMA. To qualify for reimbursement, the damage to the Police Department must be invoiced by December 15, 2011. Diane presented the 3 bids for work on the FEMA project as well as separate bids for other work that was not a result of Hurricane Irene. Commissioner Casey made a motion to accept the bid of T+C Contractors, Commissioner Epperly-Glover 2nd, passed. Kenyon Power/Photovoltaic Construction – they are currently shopping around for a good price. The County is now looking into solar power, therefore it should not be a problem with getting approval for ours. Diane spoke with Rick Harris of Provident State Bank in regards to refinancing our State Retirement loan. This will be reviewed in an Executive Session later this evening.

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The new HVAC systems are being installed tomorrow.

Jenkins Vs. Town of Ridgely: there will be a settlement conference on May 24, 2012 in Denton. If the case is not settled a trial date will be assigned.

We have mailed invitations to a holiday reception to our volunteers and have received several responses for the December 13th reception. We appreciate all of our citizens and especially want to recognize those who have served the Town.

There is a local company who wants to rent space on our water tower. After a discussion the Commissioners agreed that they want to have more information and to have them attend the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 349 Revised (please note there is no Ordinance No. 349) An ordinance to reappropriate funds and adjust revenue estimates in accordance with events that necessitate changes in the budget adopted for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. Commissioner Casey 2nd, unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mumford will be attending the County EDC meetings in place of Nancy Gearhart.

The Ridgely Lions Club wants to work with the Tree Commission to plant trees. They have organized a committee and would like to meet with the commission to discuss how many, what type, where and when this can happen.

The Christmas Parade was a success and the lights looked great.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Schwab said that the new Ridgely Ornament is available for purchase for \$4.00, it is purple with a picture of the new Town Clock.

Rick Schwab announced that the Historical Society and the Lions Club will tour the town and judge the Christmas decorations. Prizes will be awarded and the winners announced December 21st.

The meeting was adjourned for an Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Berkey, Clerk Treasurer