

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
TOWN MEETING
APRIL 2, 2012**

The April 2012 meeting of the Commissioners of Ridgely 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, Chief of Police Gary Foster, Director of Public Works David Crist, Asst. Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Betty Jean Mumford, Joanne Shipley, John Hurley, Martin Sokolich, Rick and Cathy Schwab, Jerry Sutton and Mike Redgraves. Preceding the meeting was a small reception in honor of President Mumford, who will be retiring as Commissioner after a decade of service.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, passed.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made motion to approve payment of the bills, 2nd Commissioner Casey, passed.

President Mumford thanked everyone for the reception and gave a brief speech.

PUBLIC WORKS

DPW David Crist has a meeting scheduled with Freemire and Associates to discuss how much it would cost to replace the Vortex pumps in Lister Estates. The new pumps would come with a 2 year warranty. 209 Caroline Avenue had a plumbing issue and had contacted a plumber. Part of the problem was on our end of the sewer line. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to pay 75% of the bill for the homeowner, 2nd Commissioner Casey all in favor.

Sewer and water allocation reservation fees were discussed. Many are being held and there is quite a bit of money owed to the town. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to bill all the current allocation holders for the fees that are due to the town. 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

President Mumford presented a trophy to Rick & Cathy Schwab from the Commissioners in honor of their being selected as Caroline County's Most Beautiful Person.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover gave a presentation thanking President Mumford for his years of service to the town. President Mumford gave a small speech thanking everyone.

POLICE

Currently only the two new Ford Escapes do not have cages. The rear cages have been purchased and installed. The front cage section requires considerable modification to be fitted for the Ford Escape. To be addressed as time permits.

CJIS log-ons have been obtained and personnel are waiting for scheduling.

We have received the award letter from DES in the amount \$7,754.68 for the computers.

AED grant was received in the form of a reduced purchase price for certain models of AED we are still researching compatibility with other units in use by DES and law enforcement.

A quote for the cameras from ADT for \$2514.00 was presented. The next Homeland Grant is supposed to be available sometime in May 2012. At that time Chief will identify if the cost of camera installation would be covered. The other option is to pay from existing funds for this installation and increase camera or other tools when the new-year grant funds become available.

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After discussion with other municipal departments it appears the time and cost associated with approval of manuals could be extreme. We have discussed addressing this at the Chief's Conference April 17-20, 2012 in hopes of creating a base manual system that is approved and amended to local jurisdictions needs.

Next status update for Sgt. Berry will be April 24, 2012.

Little League Parade is 4/14/12 in Ridgely. This will be coordinated with Greensboro PD.

All personnel have completed the CAPWIN training.

Permits have been obtained for Old Time Days and the Little League Parade. The Strawberry Festival Parade permit and the 5K run permit are being processed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

PPA agreement with VW Energy, LLC, Jack Hall has reviewed the agreement. Once he returns the final draft we can sign.

Diane discussed the Plan Maryland meeting and plans to categorize future growth. Our 2009 Comprehensive Plan has already addressed this and will need to be updated again in 3 years.

Diane attended the Community Block Grant training session, with intentions to write grants to rehab Maryland Avenue and drainage issues. She will be setting up a meeting with URS to get the background engineering information.

The generator grant application to MEMA for the waste water treatment plant has passed eligibility reviews and is being submitted.

Diane gave an update on the Jenkins trial.

There was a discussion regarding the Milestone Marketing agreement. Diane has given it to Jack for review.

URS has provided comments about the Weese plans and we are considering adopting a Public Works agreement that Jack Hall is providing.

David has talked to other manufacturers about replacements for Vortex pumps in Lister Estates. Jack Hall is researching the potential for a special taxation district for the pumps. This will be discussed at the workshop on April 16th.

Ridgely has been granted a full exemption from the requirements of Subtitle 8 of the Public Ethics Law. We have received bids for the painting and brick work for the railroad station. The results from the lead paint inspection were not good. There is also a leak in the roof and the possibility of a metal roof was discussed.

There is a grant opening for a bikeways program to maximize bicycle access. There was a discussion about obtaining the funding to extend the bike trail to Eveland Road.

The new Little League contract should be available this week.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve getting more work done on the caboose with the \$6,000 left in the Rails to Trails. 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a county wide tornado exercise on April 26, 2012. Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties are also participating.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Hurley discussed some new housing grants that are becoming available.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Commissioner Casey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. There will be a Commissioners Workshop on April 16, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie L. Berkey, Clerk-Treasurer