

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**

The September 2012 meeting of the Commissioners of Ridgely was held on the above date in Ridgely House. The following were in attendance: President Linda Epperly-Glover, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Jerry Sutton, Tree Commission Joanne Shipley, Historical Society Rick & Cathy Schwab, Melvin Faulkner, Bruce Wilson and Albert Wilson.

President Epperly-Glover opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2012 meeting, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Casey made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

Total General Funds (Reconciled) \$265,554.60

Total Sewer Funds (Reconciled) \$234,486.23

Total Water Funds (Reconciled) \$141,874.62

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works, David Crist submitted his report to the Commissioners for review. There were no questions or concerns. The E/One Pump Upgrade at Lister Estates is nearing completion. There are 10 pumps left to install out of the 63. These remaining pumps have bad cables. David will be meeting with Freemire & Associates to discuss the final pumps and we will need to get a company in here to do the trenching.

The solar panel project at the waste water treatment plant is proceeding and we are getting close on obtaining a permit. We will need to schedule a ground-breaking event.

There was a discussion regarding the sinkhole on Sunset Blvd and getting reimbursement from Delmarva Power, which David will continue to work on.

Cathy Schwab asked who sprays for mosquitos in town. David said that county is responsible for the spraying. Cathy also thanked public works for their help with getting the Railroad Park ready for the Historical Society's fall event.

The landscaping at the Town Hall is overgrown and public works is going to try and re-do some of the landscaping to make it more maintenance free.

FINANCIAL

Jerry Sutton reported that he spoke with Mike Redgraves of the Ridgely Lions regarding banners. They would like to request a \$700 donation for pole mounts and holiday banners for the town. They are also hoping on adding 2-3 more strands of lights to the Christmas lights on

Central Avenue. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to donate \$700 to the Ridgely Lions Club, 2nd Commissioner Casey, unanimous approval. Jerry reported that audit is scheduled to begin on September 24th and that we should have the audit results and the first quarter numbers in around the same time in mid-October.

TREE COMMISSION

Joanne Shipley reported that several trees limbs around town were trimmed. Mr. Butler at 203 Maryland Avenue has tree branches on his roof from a town tree. The Commissioners agreed to have them cut. The commission received a small grant to plant about 7 trees, which they will plant on November 3rd. Joanne presented an invoice from Tree Keepers to be paid.

POLICE

Chief Manos was out on a call, so Commissioner Hurley read the Police report (attached).

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab reported that the wagon at the train station has been repainted by her niece and nephew. The autumn event went well and Cathy thanked the town and public works for their help and support. She also thanked the Ridgely Police for giving the Historical Society space in the old police department. The next big event in Ridgely will be the car show on October 21st and the historical society will be a vendor at this event.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a vote on Ordinance No. 2012-353 correcting out of sequence ordinance numbers. Commissioner Casey made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2012-353, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, unanimous approval.

There was a discussion about the growing bamboo at 106 Maryland Avenue. The commissioners unanimously agreed to have the bamboo cut again.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2012-354 eliminating the position of Town Manager was introduced.

Ordinance No. 2012-355 imposing a fee for marking and re-marking of the location of the town's underground utility lines was introduced.

The Commissioners gave approval to provide candy bags for the Ridgely Elementary School parade.

Trick or treat in Ridgely will be on October 31st 2012 from 6:00-8:00pm.

The Commissioners received a written request from Ronald & Sandra Hockersmith in regards to their property at 305 ½ Maple Avenue. They requested that their water bill be waived until 8/20/2013. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to decline the request as the vacant property fee is already being assessed to this property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Wilson spoke about the conditions of the basketball courts at Martin Sutton Park. DPW David Crist spoke about the recent grant that was applied for, if granted would give \$18,500 to get them fixed. We are hoping to hear back from DNR regarding this grant in November. For now, David will kill the grass and put millings around the court.

Cathy Schwab gave an update on the train station roof.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be October 1, 2012 at the Ridgely House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer

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September 17, 2012 Commission Meeting

SEWER

- 156 days holding capacity
- All reports have been completed and submitted to MDE
- Main pump station has been cleaned
- Broken sewer gravity line on Sunset Boulevard. Delmarva power line going through the middle of our main. I have been in contact with Delmarva Power claims department to get reimbursed for the repair costs
- Monitoring wells have been sampled and tested for this quarter
- All but 10 Vortex pumps have been changed out. Meeting set for Thursday morning with Freemire to discuss the remaining 10 pumps
- Waiting on Solar panel permit at the wwtp so they can get started

WATER

- All monthly reports have been completed and submitted to MDE
- Water meters are being read this week
- All 10 lead and copper samples have been collected and sent to the lab

PUBLIC WORKS

- All grass has been mowed
- 3 loads of rubble
- 2 loads of brush
- 1 load of bags
- Trimmed limbs away from stop signs around town
- Got RR park ready for fall fest
- 14 locates
- Wired up one police vehicle

OTHER

- Working on plans for the Dollar General
- Working with Roger Weese on his sub division
- Passed my state Pesticide tests
- Still waiting on DNR grant review to see if we got it
- We did not get any grants from CDBG, Chesapeake bay trust, or MEMA

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POLICE REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 2012

68 Calls for police service.

33 Calls required some form of investigation where a report was taken.

7 Arrests were made by the Ridgely Police Department for the month of August.

7 Calls to assist another police agency were made to the Ridgely Police Department.

Corporal Stewart Ewing, of the Ridgely Police Department, applied for two grants on behalf of the police department. The grants are dedicated funds to assist with funding equipment and program needs. The Department received \$6,750 from the State of Maryland and \$500 from Choptank Electric.

The larger amount will go towards the E-tix program that all police agencies in the State of Maryland are required to participate. The court ordered information collected is for race based traffic stops. The information has been sent by letter in the past. Starting January 1, 2013, the information must be electronically forwarded by the E-tix equipment. The information is captured by a computer program that is used in the patrol vehicles and sent to the Maryland State Police.

The other money will be used to purchase equipment. The equipment to be purchased is needed to replace old, worn and out dated and broken duty gear and vehicle equipment.

The Police Department is attempting to locate grant funding to assist with the replacement of older out dated police equipment. Using the money from grants help with the budget constraints that we all are facing. Corporal Ewing from our Police Department has taken the lead on locating additional grants, and in doing so has developed several contacts that have offered their assistance.

Sergeant Creason has been working on the Homeland Security Grant. This grant will provide additional funding for much needed equipment to increase officer survivability during future emergency responses to crisis within our community.

The Ridgely Police Department has researched and found it to be beneficial to join CrimeReports.com. The program will allow the citizens of Ridgely to track crime in and around the Town from any computer. The funds used to participate in the CrimeReports.com program are anticipated to be refundable through a grant from the State of Maryland. More information will be forthcoming.

The Police Department has received numerous applications for the advertised current Police Officer opening. We have narrowed our selection and hope to have made a final selection in the very near future.

The Police Department have moved to the second floor of the Ridgely Town Hall. This move makes use of office space that wasn't in current use and provides for a much more efficient police department. The phone number is the same and it is requested that if the assistance of a police officer is needed to please call 410 479-2515. Remember 911 is still used for emergencies.

The Police Department has received two new patrol vehicles that are replacing the two inefficient Ford Escapes. The new vehicles are the Ford Police Interceptor Utilities. They have much more room in the vehicle for the police officer his gear and prisoner. The Escapes were small and did not meet the fuel saving requirements as expected. The fuel efficiency of the Escapes were roughly 9 mpg's, the same as the Crown Victorias.

The Police Department was able to receive a trade in value worth more than what was owed on the vehicle. This was due to the low mileage and excellent interior and exterior shape. The Police Department spent over nine thousand dollars during last years budget to maintain it's aging fleet. It is expected that the money saved on those repairs can be put towards purchasing the new vehicles. The new vehicles also come with a 5 year, 100,000 mile warranty.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M. Manos
Chief of Police