

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
MAY 5, 2014
TOWN MEETING

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date for the monthly town meeting in the Ridgely House. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Rick and Cathy Schwab, Dustin Holt, Mark Kottwitz and Tom Walsh.

Outgoing President Anthony Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to appoint Stephanie Berkey to the position of Clerk-Treasurer for another year, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey swore in outgoing President Anthony Casey to serve his third consecutive term as a Commissioner of Ridgely.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 budget workshop, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

STAFF REPORTS
CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

Total reconciled General Funds \$573,304.02
Total reconciled Sewer Funds \$174,401.99
Total reconciled Water Funds \$66,859.13

The engagement letter from TGM Group, LLC was presented to the Commissioners for signing.

3 items were proposed to be written off for FY14: First, LLC Personal Property Taxes for 2011/2012 \$3,379.52 (company no longer exists), Edward Hopkins fees for tax sale advertisements \$172.00 (these fees are not allowed to be put on future tax sales) and Bay Broadband cell tower lease \$4,000 (contract has been broken and service disconnected.) Commissioner Buckle made a motion to write off these invoices, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist was not present for the meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. Homeland security funds were used to purchase a new laptop. More funding will become available June 1st and it is our intentions to purchase another laptop. Chief Manos had to leave for a police call.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry thanked the staff and Commissioners for the work putting together the budget for FY15. He presented a debt schedule to the Commissioners and wants to look into refinancing some of the debt.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab said that Ole Time Ridgely days made a little over \$800 at the event. It was a good day. She thanked the staff for the cakes, the police department and public works for making the park look so nice, the residents and the Historical Society.

Ridgely Elementary is coming on May 8, 2014 at 10:00am to plant the tree in the Railroad Park. They met with the architect for the train station. He made a model of the station with a removable roof. They would like to set up a meeting about the train station in June or July with the architect and the Commissioners.

State Highway will be putting signs on 404, but we need to update the webpage to reflect the hours before they will approve the signs.

A wedding party used the railroad park for a photo shoot over the weekend.

Discovery Days at Linchester Mill in Preston will be 5/6/14 for Caroline County third grade students.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hurley introduced Ordinance No. 2014-364 to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the budget adopted for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Walsh spoke to the Commissioners regarding his candidacy for Caroline County Sheriff.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.