

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
NOVEMBER 3, 2014  
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date for the November town meeting at 7:00 pm. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial-Assistant Gerald Sutton, Cathy and Rick Schwab, Brenda Walls, Joe Anderson, Mark Kottwitz, Tulicia Henry, James Lively and Cornel Henry.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting with TGM Group, LLC and the October 6, 2014 Town Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Casey, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS  
CLERK-TREASURER**

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

Total General Funds Reconciled - \$367,395.11

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$235,779.29

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$108,730.64

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. We are still waiting for the permit for the water tank. After getting more information on the PNC loan for Maryland Avenue, we discovered that we will have to spend money on bond council to readjust the loan. We are going to send the excess Highway User Revenue to our LGIP Savings Account to use at a later date.

The quotes for the repairing the dip in Park Avenue were presented to the Commissioners. David recommended option 2 of the Bramble quote. Commissioner Casey made a motion to accept the quote, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

David is still awaiting 2 quotes for the dump trailer.

Central Avenue extended and the pot-holes were discussed. State Highway has said that we cannot put 2 lanes at that intersection as there is not enough room per their guidelines.

Cathy Schwab asked about tree removal.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners.

There were no issues with the car show. The K-9 training is going well and Chief Manos thanked all of the businesses and individuals that have made donations to the K-9 fund. There were 8 arrests this month.

### **ASSISTANT CLERK-TREASURER**

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard submitted a request from Mark Kottwitz for an abatement on sewer charges because of a leak in their swimming pool. The amount of the abatement would be \$65.92. Commissioner Casey made a motion to abate \$65.92, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

A request was submitted on behalf of Gary Voght for an abatement of late charges. A discussion followed, they feel that if you do it for one you have to do it for all, the request was unanimously denied. A letter will be sent.

The week of Christmas the office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Commissioners discussed closing the office on that Friday December 26, 2014. The Commissioners agreed that if the staff used their own time, the office could be closed.

### **RVFD**

Not present

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANT**

Gerald Sutton discussed that PNC is a federal bank and does require bank council. State banks are more flexible. We are planning on doing a mid-year budget revision and will be looking into that in the next month. We are going to need to look forward with funding rehabilitation of the Ridgely House and paying back water and sewer.

There was a discussion about the general fund and enterprise fund and how loans affect them.

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Cathy Schwab let us know that Madge Thomas turned 105 recently. She asked for us to put up a sign at the ends of town. The second Ridgely chat was this past Saturday. She thanked Jerry Sutton for his help. They are going to put some of the stories into the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration book. She thanked the town for use of the Town Hall. The next one will be in February. Rick is still working on getting the permits and MOU from the State for the Railroad Station. There was a discussion about the signs that are going to be installed on 480 for the Railroad Park.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marta Casanova of 6 N Maple spoke to the Commissioners requesting an abatement of the late charges. The Commissioners denied the request. She also complained about the drains that are near her house that they need to be cleaned. She has had flooding in her yard. The Commissioners will ask Public Works to check it more often.

Representatives from the Vera Henry property came to request an abatement of water and sewer charges. There is a lien on the property that they are inheriting. A discussion followed. They will bring more information to see if we can abate it back to a vacant house fee for the years in questions.

Brenda Walls thanked everyone for their help with the car show. They raised \$37,043 for the Petty Foundation. It was a big success.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.