

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JULY 6, 2015
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Ridgely House for the July meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, 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, Dustin Holt, Linda Jones, Archie Carroll, Loraine Stoutsenberger, Officer Gordon Geesey, Cpl Stewart Ewing, Joe Anderson, Martha Benes, Stewart Powers, and Robert Kratz.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS
CLERK-TREASURER**

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

Total General Funds Reconciled - \$598,601.91

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$241,221.53

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$87,199.32

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners.

There was a discussion about the status of the School Street Pump Station and the pending repairs which should be completed in the next 2 weeks. The annual maintenance invoice from Utility Service Co., Inc. has been received. They have not responded to our letter requesting an early release from the contract. The commissioners do not want to pay the invoice. The Commissioners advised the Clerk-Treasurer to withhold the payment of the invoice until we have heard from Utility Service Co. There was a discussion about the service contract proposals from Southern Corrosion that were presented at the June 2015 meeting. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve signing the contract with Southern Corrosion, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, all in favor.

The bids for the parking lot in front of All About Hair were discussed as was the bid for repairing the sunken curb by the firehouse. Commissioner Casey made a motion to accept both bids, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, all in favor. 202 Park Avenue was discussed. Public Works needs to be granted access to the barn. Mrs. Stoutsenberger granted permission for the town to have

estimates completed. In light of these events, President Buckle wants something in black and white with the established procedures that clarifies the resident's responsibilities. Any kind of drains of this type are to be abandoned.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. He requested approval of the Commissioners to purchase a used golf cart at approximately \$5,999. \$3,000 would be funded through the Homeland Security Grant. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the purchase of the golf cart, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, all in favor.

Commissioner Hurley said that the Town Administrator from Centreville thanked our police for helping out at the school for recent drug searches.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton addressed the Commissioners. The preliminary audit went well. The auditors will return in September.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab said that the horse troph is complete and the paint is the original cover. The brick walkway is complete and the bridge is open to walk from the rails to trails to the bricks.

Cathy would like to have monthly meetings for the train station renovation prior to the planning commission meeting to review the permits and plans. We need a date to dedicate the brick walkway. The Commissioners will let her know some possible dates. There will be a bench and an interpretive sign that will go by the clock.

The timeline for the train station was discussed. Ed Bombaro, architect submitted an invoice for services. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve paying the architect, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Casey made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2015-367, an Ordinance concerning Chapter 105 (Impact Fees) and 185 (Water and Sewer Rates and Charges) of the Code of the Town of Ridgely, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS

The September meeting is scheduled to fall on the Labor Day holiday. The Commissioners agreed to change the date of the monthly town meeting to September 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Cary Malkus has resigned from the town as our zoning and code enforcement official.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Archie Carroll spoke to the Commissioners and commended the Schwabs on the work that they do for the town.

Cathy Schwab asked if anything was decided about the outside of the town hall. We are still waiting on the funding for the foam insulation. The Schwab's had someone look at the town hall to put a membrane on the porch. A discussion followed.

Linda Jones of 4 Eighth Street discussed her dispute with her neighbor. The town has been advised by Cary Malkus that it is a civil matter to be addressed in court. A discussion followed.

Cathy Schwab thanked David for checking on the tree removal at their house.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer