

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Ridgely House for the September 2015 meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Officer Gordon Geesey, Lauren Good AECOM, Joe Anderson, Terry Hinch, Rick and Cathy Schwab, Lou Hayes, Bryan Ebling, M. Maloney, Shirley Ringgold and Joseph Graham.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Buckle opened the Public Hearing for the Maryland Community Development Block Grant. Lauren Good with AECOM led the public hearing. The town is applying for grant funding for a sanitary sewer infill and infiltration study. This will allow for CCTV viewing of the town sewer system. \$49,950 is being requested for the grant and there are no matching funds. Most of the sewer system is tile pipes over 90 years old. Commissioner Casey made a motion to proceed with the grant application, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

President Buckle closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 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 - \$245,183.83

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$290,468.00

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$89,609.29

Ann Jacobs from the Chamber of Commerce has requested that Ridgely purchase a sponsorship. The Commissioners will discuss when more information is provided.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. There was a discussion regarding the color selection and wording of the new paint job on the water tower. President Buckle suggested tan with maroon lettering. The public gave suggestions. The Commissioners agreed it will be painted tan with maroon letters in the seal of Ridgely font. It will say "Ridgely" on both sides. There was a discussion regarding Archie Carroll's letter to the Commissioners requesting reimbursement for a mowing bill. The Commissioners denied the request.

There was a discussion regarding fire hydrant flushing.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Not present.

RVFD

Lou Hayes addressed the Commissioners. Calls are up. They have a group of students that are training for EMTs. DEA did training for the fire department for safety going into a meth house. Last year 6 meth labs were found in Caroline County and 3 were found this year. The fire company received brand new breathing apparatus for the cost of \$110,000. Several members of the company are injured and having medical issues. Bryan Ebling discussed the plans for the new firehouse building. They have signed a contract with ground-breaking expected in the spring. It will cost in the neighborhood of 2.2 million dollars. They are looking into selling engraved bricks as a fundraiser. They are looking for new recruits. Membership is low and they need volunteers. The minimum age is 16 years.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There was another successful Ridgely Chat Session. There was a discussion regarding the new Ridgely Christmas ornament. Cathy and Rick Schwab discussed the plans for the train station renovation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Buckle introduced Resolution No. 2015-04 Application for CDBG Funds. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

There was a discussion regarding the email received from Betty Jean and Dale Mumford re: Ordinance No. 325B and the letter they received from the town regarding the maintenance code violation. They have requested assistance from the town. The Commissioners denied the request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Anderson gave an update for the car show on October 3rd.

Joseph Graham discussed the police vehicles and possibly having them marked.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer