

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JULY 10, 2017
TOWN MEETING

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm at the town hall for the July 2017 town meeting. 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, Yolanda Mayers, Cathy and Rick Schwab, Brenda Walls, Patrice Flamer, Carol Balderson, Mary Sutton, Dale Mumford, Betty Jean Mumford, Joe Anderson, David Bailey, Sr., Tonya Wilson, Joe Parlanti, Amya McGee, Norma Pinkney, Eric Kellner and Guy Murphy.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 Town Meeting, June 8, 2017 Special Meeting and the June 12, 2017 Workshop, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

STAFF REPORTS
CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

Total General Funds Reconciled \$337,421.97

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$417,982.28

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$217,110.44

The North Carolina Cheerleaders requested the Commissioners to purchase a sponsorship ad. Commissioner Casey made a motion to purchase a 1/8 page ad for both football and basketball season programs, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. There was a discussion about 106 Maryland Avenue and the growth that is returning. Public Works will spray the property. Letters were sent to the residents of Lister Estates regarding the trees in the right of way. A form was given to them that gave the homeowner the choice of whether or not to have the tree/s removed. There was a discussion regarding what to do if a homeowner did not want the tree removed. We will confer with the attorney regarding how best to proceed so that the homeowner will accept responsibility for the tree and sidewalk and any damages that are caused by the tree in the future.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. Chief Manos asked the Commissioner to consider making a change to the employee handbook that would give employees that work on one of the 12 observed holidays double time pay instead of a

"Kelly day." It is difficult to schedule the Kelly days. The commissioners agreed to proceed with the changes to the policy.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton gave his report to the Commissioners. The preliminary audit went well. The expenditures and revenues look good and we are anticipating a good audit in September.

RVFD

Chief Eric Kellner presented his report to the Commissioners. He discussed the new Fire Police that have been sworn in and available to use. Comptroller Franchot is coming to tour the new fire house next Tuesday. Firetrucks will now be going on overdose calls. Community outreach has been great this year. Chief Kellner thanked the Commissioners for their donation to the fire company.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab addressed the Commissioners. We are in the final stages of planning for the 150th celebration on September 23rd. Volunteers are still needed. The train station renovations are continuing. The new windows are now installed. The town clock is not working properly. It is in the process of being fixed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hurley introduced Resolution No. 2017-03 "Surplus Property" regarding 106 Maryland Avenue Sale. Commissioner Casey made a motion to pass, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

President Hurley introduced Resolution No. 2017-04 "Bulk Trash" increasing the bulk trash fee from \$4.00 and item to \$6.00 an item. The dump has increased their fees to us. This will help cover the increase. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

President Hurley introduced Ordinance No. 2017-378 "Water Meter Fees" establishing a fee to be paid when a customer requests to have their water meter sent out and tested.

There was a discussion regarding making the new town flag available for purchase for the cost of the flag to the town. The Commissioners agreed to allow people to purchase the flag.

Joe Anderson, Brenda Walls and Joe Parlanti discussed the upcoming plans for the Ridgely Car Show. Tom Wopat from the Dukes of Hazzard, Richard Petty and Linda Vaughn will all be in attendance. 151 cars have preregistered so far. The new fire police are going to help with traffic for the day. Brenda asked the Commissioners to name the

alley behind the pharmacy "Petty North" in honor of Richard Petty's 80th birthday. Commissioner Casey made a motion to name the alley, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Mumford expressed his concern with the new location of the fire alarm in town. President Hurley indicated that that would be something that would need to be discussed with the fire company.

Guy Murphy 421 Bell Street asked the Commissioners to consider installing street lights at his location. A discussion followed. The town will look into the possibility.

David Crist thanked the Commissioners for the challenge coin that they had presented to him earlier that evening.

Daphnie Croon asked about where to send the letters of support for a traffic light at MD 480 and Central Avenue. Letters can be dropped off at the town hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie L. Berkey, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer