

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
WORKSHOP  
APRIL 16, 2012**

The April Workshop Session of the Commissioners of Ridgely was held in the Ridgely House on the above date. The following were in attendance: President Dale Mumford, Commissioner Linda Epperly-Glover, Town Administrator Diane Wojcik, Chief of Police Gary Foster, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Jerry Sutton, attorney Jack Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2012.

Jack Hall led a discussion about the Weese property – a 3 lot subdivision. There was concern that the water main pipe is going to be going through a town right-of-way. The town is not going to accept responsibility for the sewer laterals leading to these 3 houses. There will be a declaration on the land records to this effect so that the homeowners will know that the town is not responsible. Jack has reviewed the public works agreement and Director of Public Works David Crist has approved all of the documents. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve the Public Works Agreement for the Weese Property, 2<sup>nd</sup> President Mumford. President Mumford signed the agreement.

There was a discussion regarding the solar power agreement. Jack Hall has received several technical suggestion made by another lawyer with expertise in this field and suggested he help us with the agreement as there are a number of points to be made and several omissions to the agreement. Pros and cons of the agreement were discussed. The Commissioners agreed to Jack's suggestion of getting a second opinion and to put back in the omitted items from the contract.

Jack Hall has researched the possibility of imposing a special taxing district for the vortex pumps, and it is a viable option. A discussion followed about replacing the Vortex pumps with E1 pumps. Nothing was decided. The town also discussed working with Jack to create legislation to handle the misuse of the system that would include fines.

Jerry Sutton discussed the budget. We did a good job estimating the current budget. We will try to have a draft budget for the May 7, 2012 meeting.

Chief Foster discussed the need for a temporary supervisory position in Sgt. Berry's absence. The Commissioners discussed the position and approved. Interviews will commence immediately.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

See attached report. The Commissioners discussed and agreed to draw a letter up for Archie Carroll in regards to his water and sewer allocations and have Jack review it, that he will need to pay for the allocations he has held in reserve or will lose them.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2012-02 authorizing the Town of Ridgely for the submittal of an application for Community Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$450,000 for the Maryland Avenue work and stormwater management. 2<sup>nd</sup> President Mumford. The resolution was passed.

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The town has been working on disposing of old documents and the volume is quite large. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to approve having the old documents shredded by an outside company. 2<sup>nd</sup> President Mumford, approved.

Tax Rates were discussed for FY13. Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to keep the current rates (PUT/PPT 1.275 per \$100 of value and tax rate .481) the same. 2<sup>nd</sup> President Mumford, approved.

Diane has been working on a new contract for Bay Broadband. Their current contract is up and the monthly rate is going to be raised to \$1,000/month.

Commissioner Epperly-Glover made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> President Mumford. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Berkey, Clerk-Treasurer