

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

DECEMBER 1, 2025

TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm in the town hall for the December 2025 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Clarence Sears, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Chad Leister, Director of Operations David Crist, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Asst Clerk-Treasurer/Zoning Admin Melissa Leonard, Corporal Tracey Ferguson CCSO, Mason Sparks, Sherri Sparks, Henry Sparks, Logan Boswell, Christine Boswell, Jay Boswell, Pastor Terrence Nichols, Anthony Zaza, Christine Eckrich, Kennedy Thomason, Norma Pinkney, Lyle Davis.

The invocation was led by Reverend Terry Nichols from Denton Church of the Free Seventh Day Adventists. President Sears opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the opening he commended and thanked public works for the holiday light display.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025, town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Leister, all in favor, approved.

Clerk/Treasurer

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

Report on reconciled funds:

- General Funds: \$70,452.10
- Sewer Funds: \$8,0033
- Water Funds: \$18,930.20
- ARPA Funds: \$30,0024.65

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was passed.

Director of Operations

- All holiday lights are up. Removal will begin after the first of the year.
- The preliminary engineering screening checklist for the sewer line replacement grant has been completed and submitted along with the I & I study completed by URS in 2006. We are still waiting for the grant agreement.
- Leaf pickup will continue, weather permitting.
- Public works are planning for a snowy winter and getting all snow equipment ready for the season.

Zoning Administrator

- Letters have been sent to several owners of campers in town to make sure they are not being used for residential purposes.

- Thanks to the generosity of Ginger Lockhart & family, Hiran Patel from Foster's, Jerry Sutton & Ridgely United Methodist Church, we were able to give 8 families all the fixings for their Thanksgiving dinner.
- Discussion regarding purchase considerations of an unbuildable lot at 6th Central Avenue. Proposal to offer \$20,000 was tabled in favor of seeking recommendations from the Economic Development Commission.

Caroline County Sheriff's Office

Corporal Ferguson presented the attached report to the Commissioners.

Financial Assistant – not present.

Historical Society – not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing for Charter Amendment 2025-01 amending the charter to provide that the Clerk-Treasurer shall not be subject to appointment on an annual basis, and Ordinance No. 2025-399 Pertaining to Ridgely Economic Development Commission Establishment, was opened at 6:21 pm. President Sears read the legal documents and called for any comments from the public. There were none. The public hearing was closed at 6:27 pm to go back into the regular open session meeting.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve Charter Amendment 2025-01 and Ordinance No. 2025-399, 2nd Commissioner Leister, all in favor. The legislation was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding purchasing new chairs for the meeting room. Commissioner Hurley asked to table the decision until we see how many people are utilizing the new town hall live stream viewing system. In the meantime, David Crist will get prices on chairs.

The town hall will be collecting coats for a coat drive to help and will try to partner with Ridgely Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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

Ridgely

November ACTIVITY REPORT 11/01/2025 TO 11/30/2025

Call For Service Type	Reports	CFS Count
Animal Control		54
Alarm		5
Assault	1	1
Assist Other Agency Non PD		2
Attempt to Locate		2
Civil Process Attempt/Served		7
Disturbance		1
Harrassment		1
MDOP	1	1
Miscellaneous		4
Noise Complaint		2
Property Check		139
Radar Assignment		12
Special Assignment		2
Suspicious Person		2
Traffic Accident - 89, PI, or PD	1	3
Traffic MA Violation		1
Trespassing		1
Traffic Stops	Captured	Below
Total	3	240

Calls For Service Activity Breakdown

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QUICK FACTS

	TOTAL
Total Hours Worked:	480
Number of TOTAL CFS:	240
Number of Reports Taken:	3
Total Traffic Stops:	38
Total Traffic Violations:	55
Total Arrests:	0

Traffic Enforcement Breakdown

Enforcement Type	TOTAL
Citations	15
Warnings	40
SEROS	0
Must Appear Cases	1
Total Traffic Enforcement	55

Calls For Service REPORTS percentage breakdown



