

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
WORKSHOP

President Sears opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Attendees: President Brad Sears, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Chad Leister, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Nancy Sears.

Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss updates and revisions to the fiscal year agreement for law enforcement services, review the identity theft protection program, and address updates to the town code chapters related to vehicles and parking.

1. Meeting Overview

The meeting covered key agenda items including the fiscal year 2027 agreement for law enforcement services, identity theft protection program updates, and town code updates regarding vehicles and parking.

2. Key Discussion Points

- Fiscal Year 2027 Agreement for Law Enforcement Services:
 - Concerns about weapon maintenance costs were clarified to include ammunition and taser testing.
- Identity Theft Protection Program:
 - Current practices by staff already cover most requirements, but formal documentation is necessary to mitigate risks.
- Town Code Updates (Chapters 173-178 - Vehicles and Parking):
 - Discussion on handling trailers and untagged vehicles, with suggestions to consult with law enforcement for clarity.

3. Decisions Made

- Agreement to update the identity theft protection program to include current practices and formalize documentation.
- Consensus on the need to define "no overnight parking" and parking orientation rules on Central Avenue.

4. Action Items

- Law Enforcement Agreement:
 - Action: Await final budget figures from Sheriff Baker and finalize the agreement.
- Identity Theft Protection Program:
 - Action: Finalize updates to the program and ensure documentation is in place.
- Town Code Updates:
 - Action: Consult with Sheriff Baker or relevant law enforcement on parking enforcement and vehicle regulations.

5. Next Steps

- Begin budget preparations for the upcoming fiscal year at the next meeting.
- Revisit town code updates with feedback from law enforcement and incorporate necessary changes.
- Continue monitoring and updating the identity theft protection program as required.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM following a motion to adjourn, seconded and approved by all attendees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie L. Berkey, CMC Clerk-Treasurer