

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
JANUARY 25, 2017  
WORKSHOP

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 10:00 am in the Town Hall for a workshop meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Chief of Police Gary Manos, John Frank Jones, III, and Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton.

President Hurley opened the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey swore in John Frank Jones, III as a police officer for the Commissioners of Ridgely.

#### MARYLAND AVENUE PROPERTY

We have received an offer on the Maryland Avenue properties for \$60,000 for all 3 lots. A discussion followed. Commissioner Casey made a motion to accept the offer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, all in favor. Approved. There was a discussion to make an offer on the Weese Property for \$40,000 and use the property as parking at Martin Sutton Park. Commissioner Casey made a motion to put the offer on the property, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

There was a discussion on who will take over the planning of Martin Sutton Park, whether it is in house or if we would contract the work out to help find the grants and funding.

The master plan is going to be discussed at this evening's parks and rec board meeting. It includes lighting, parking, bathrooms. Gerald Sutton discussed with the Commissioners that there is a plan to add onto the Cowbarn Park with Caroline North Little League. The Commissioners agreed that Martin Sutton Park is the priority at this time for upgrades. There is more of a safety issue at Martin Sutton Park with parking and lighting.

#### FY18 BUDGET REVISION

The proposed changes to the FY18 Budget were discussed. Highlights include adjustments to account for the exterior renovations at the town hall and the train station, tree removal and replanting and debt payments and related expenses for the heating system upgrade at the town hall. Revenue adjustments will be made to reflect actual revenue earned on revenue items that were previously budgeted 0, as they are not guaranteed revenue items. There was discussion regarding the upcoming fiscal year and budgeting for items to include mosquito control equipment, so that the town could offer that service and not rely on the county.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

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

