

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JANUARY 3, 2022
TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 9:00 am, via a zoom meeting due to inclement weather, for the January 2022 Town Meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Chief of Police Jeff Eckrich, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Officer Lilian Lone, Steve, Nicholas and Matthew Lone, Cathy and Rick Schwab.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved. Total general funds reconciled \$273,691.67, total sewer funds reconciled \$42,411.09, total water funds reconciled \$70,617.17, total ARPA funds reconciled \$704,702.29.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist was not able to attend the meeting as he was busy plowing snow in town.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Eckrich welcomed Lilian Lone to the Ridgely Police and Stephanie Berkey swore her in as a new officer.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Melissa Leonard reported that there is a possibility of a subdivision going in at 303 W Bell Street. It is still in the preliminary stages.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton said that the FY21 audit was complete and that it went well.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab thanked everyone for the Christmas display and said that the Ridgely Christmas ornaments had sold out this year.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Katy Barron submitted a request to the Commissioners to have cross walks, speed bumps and signs for Seward Road and Ridgeway Drive to address the traffic and speeding problems at the elementary school during drop off and pick up. The Commissioners discussed the problem and asked Chief Eckrich to look into a solution for the problem and to hopefully have something in the Spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Whitby submitted a request to the Commissioners to have a UPS or FEDEX dropoff box somewhere in town. The Commissioners discussed possible locations as near the old post office or by the pawn shop at corner of 480 and Central. This is something that would need the property owner's approval.

Cathy Schwab said that there were 15 winners in the Christmas decorating contest. There was an article about the contest in the December 29, 2021 Star Democrat.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am.

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