

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
OCTOBER 1, 2018
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at the Town Hall for the October 2018 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works, Chief Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, MDIA Inspector Hal Davis, Debbie Bowden, Cathy & Rick Schwab, Linda Jones, Deborah Minnich, Joe Anderson, Lucille Ball, Norma Pinkney, Mary Clark, Michael Snow, Shanta Phillips and Brandon Cummings.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Buckle opened the Public Hearing on the application to be submitted to the State of Maryland for the creation of a State Enterprise Zone in the North County Region. Debbie Bowden presented the map for the full enterprise zone to be reviewed by the Commission and the members of the audience. Members of the audience were allowed to ask questions.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 Town Meeting and Closed Session and the September 17, 2018 Closed Session, 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 \$259,304.91

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$313,720.66

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$176,095.04

Debbie Bowden from Caroline County Economic Development had made a request of the Commissioners to send a letter of interest to USDA regarding the potential headquarters site for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Economic Research Service at the Tech Park. Commissioner Casey made a motion to sign the letter, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. The new toddler swing is installed at the park. It needed to be replaced because a 9 year old boy tried to use the previous swing. He needed to be cut out of the swing by the fire department and the swing was ruined. The bid for the repairs at North Park Avenue was presented to the Commissioners. It will cost \$43,500 from Bramble. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the bid and to get a loan to pay for the cost, 2nd Commissioner Casey, all in favor, approved. The proposal from Bridgemaxx to put internet access on the water tower was presented to the Commissioners. A discussion followed. The Commissioners decided against the proposal. State Highway will redo the intersection at MD480 and 312 in mid-October. The street sweeper will be here in the first part of November. Hanover Foods lawyer has reached out to us again. We have contacted our attorney and will let them hash out the situation with the water billing. Commissioner Casey pointed out that they have still not come to a meeting to request anything from the Commissioners.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners (attached). There was an incident on Oakview Court last week, where the Baltimore County Task Force did an early morning raid. The suspect was taken without any problems. He presented information for purchasing body cameras for the police department for \$18,000 and the LGIT grant information to help with some of the cost. A discussion followed. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the purchase of the body cameras, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton informed the Commissioners that the audit went well. The final report should be completed this month. It was another good year with a positive fund balance increase. With the 2 monumental projects of the train station and the town hall renovations, we still came through in a positive manner.

RVFD

Not present.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab said that the Easton Antique Car Club came to tour the train station last month and they gave a donation to the Historical Society. She thanked David and his public works crew for cleaning out the caboose. She is hoping to find funding to get the inside of the caboose renovated. She asked David about a termite program for the train station and the telephone exchange. He will get quotes.

OLD BUSINESS

Hal Davis of Middle Department Inspection Agency was present to answer questions from the residents that had received letters for property maintenance. Commissioner Casey asked if any residents called after the September meeting. He responded that nobody has other than the gentleman at 203 Sunset and 409 Central. A discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

President Buckle introduced Resolution No. 2018-02 North County Enterprise Zone Designation. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-02, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, all in favor, approved.

We received requests by mail for donations for Wreaths Across America and Food For Learning. Commissioner Casey made a motion to make the small business contribution level to Wreaths Across America and to sponsor 10 students for the food for learning, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Anderson with the Ridgely Car Show said that everything is on track for the event. He thanked the police and public works for their help.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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