

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
OCTOBER 7, 2022
TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioner of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm in the town hall for the October 2022 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Leonard John Buckle, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Gerald Sutton, Cathy & Rick Schwab, Linda Walls and Bobby Walls.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total general funds reconciled \$250,291.24, total sewer funds reconciled \$9,298.47, total water funds reconciled \$8,584.60, total ARPA funds reconciled \$1,319,294.42.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist said that the Public Works has been busy getting ready for the Christmas display and have built several new features. The trash cans and benches are finally in for Martin Sutton Park. The lines have been painted at the parking lots. The benches need to be assembled and the backfilling for the tennis courts will begin in the winter.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Not present.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Not present.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton said that the FY22 field work for the audit has been completed. Preliminary figures look like it will be a good audit. He has been working on a historical chart of water and sewer finances to look to the future of where we will need to have rates.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab thanked David for the lights at the train station and for the bump outs that were recently weeded. There is a shutter on the telephone exchange that needed repair and painting. Squirrels have damaged the ceiling inside the building, and they are trying to get a contractor to repair. Stephanie Berkey said that the roofing grant for the town hall and telephone exchange is at the board of public works awaiting approval. The next historical society meeting will be Thursday in the train station at 6:30 after the RVFD spaghetti dinner.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a donation request from the Delaware Ducks youth hockey team. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to make the donation, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Walls does not like the new system for the town hall front door. It was explained that because of the police department being housed within the town hall, there have been several occurrences of fights in the lobby, threats to the police department and other instances where the safety of the town hall staff has been an issue. Most of the time the officer on duty is not in the building. People coming for the police department now use the call button outside so the call is documented, and they can wait for the officer on duty to arrive outside. She was also concerned about the maintenance of the bump outs on Central Avenue.

President Casey discussed wanting to bring new businesses into town to help revitalize the downtown area.

Cathy Schwab asked if there was something in the town code that would address things growing up on a house. President Casey said that it would be a similar situation to the bamboo issue and would have to be declared an invasive species.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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