

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
OCTOBER 7, 2019  
TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall for the October 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, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Bill Zaruba, Joe Anderson, Lucille Ball, Sandra Pitts and Pastor Lydia Godje.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019 Town Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

#### STAFF REPORTS

##### CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

Total General Funds Reconciled \$306,353.23

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$165,319.03

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$68,452.73

##### DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners (attached). There was a discussion regarding the grinder pumps at Lister Estates and in Ridgeway Estates. Currently there are 41 homes within Lister Estates that are on the maintenance renewal with the town. Per Ordinance No. 2012-352, when a property transfers, the new owner is supposed to take ownership of the grinder pump and maintain the pump. None of these properties have an agreement with Freemire for their pumps and many of these homeowners are not maintaining or fixing their pumps. This results in the neighbor with whom they share a pit, undertaking the cost of electric and abnormal wear and tear to their own pump due to the overuse. It is time to renew the service agreement. It was discussed that the town needs to be able to fix the pumps that are not included on the service agreement and have the charges go as a lien on the property. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to put all of the Lister homes back on the service contract for the next year. Homes that transfer during the upcoming year will not be renewed with the following year service contract. The town will start working on the necessary legislation to have the charges for grinder pump repairs to be a lien on the property. Commissioner Buckle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and President Casey approved.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. The new police vehicle should be arriving before the end of the year.

#### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Melissa Leonard was not present, but a copy of her report with an update on court cases was submitted to the Commissioners.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry Sutton said that we are awaiting the final audit report for FY19.

#### STATE'S ATTORNEY

State's Attorney Joseph Riley was not present.

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rick and Cathy Schwab were not present.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

President Casey made a motion to donate to the Food for Learning Program, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

President Casey made a motion to donate to Wreaths Across America, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Lydia Godje from the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church talked about their community outreach day that they recently held. It was a very successful day. She thanked Chief Manos and Officer Jeff Eckrich for attending the event.

Joe Anderson discussed the Ridgely Car Show and thanked the Commissioners and the Police for their help with the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Berkey, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer