

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
OCTOBER 7, 2024
TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm for the October town meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Buckle, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Brad Sears, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Operations David Crist, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Sgt. Keith Collison, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Kelly Buckle, Thomas Himmelman, Alicia Moxley, Heather Amador, Jenifer Nesselroad, Gary Nesselroad, Greg Nesselroad, Rick & Cathy Schwab, Christine Eckrich, Brenda Walls, Holly Justice, Barbie Utz, Stephanie L. Larimore, Jennifer Van Lou, Robert Van Lou, Robin Martin, Lokia Peirce, Clinton Gill, Annie Rossi-Gill, Chad, Norma Pinkney, Melvin Pinkney, Leroy Harris, Sandra Pitts, Daphine Croom, Chesta Brown Jr., VIA ZOOM Heidi Olson King, Nancy Sears, Error 404, Scott Barron, Brandon Samuel, Frankowski, Matthew Malinowski, Megan Clarke, JS, Jamie Romph.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Sears discussed the new setup for the meeting room to make the room more like the county meeting room.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the 9/13/24 Special Meeting RE: Martin Sutton Park Grant and the 9/9/24 town meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sears, all in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve payment of the bills, second Commissioner Sears, all in favor approved. Total general funds reconciled \$117,337.88, total sewer funds reconciled \$48,651.42, total water funds reconciled \$42,115.51, total ARPA funds reconciled \$30,152.86. The town website technology is outdated, and we have been having many issues posting and editing on the website. The original website creators (Maven and Smith) provided a quote for a new website more geared towards municipal governments. They have experience working with the county and other Caroline County municipalities. The quote is for \$10,875. Commissioner Sears has experience working with websites and said this is a good price. He made the motion to approve the agreement with Maven & Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hurley, all in favor. We received a donation request from Belly Bustin Grill for their annual Compass Regional Hospice event. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to donate \$500, seconded by Commissioner Sears, all in favor. I read a prepared statement (attached) regarding inaccurate information on social media, and concerns about the funding of the winter festival.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS