

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023  
TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm in the Ridgely Town Hall for the November 2023 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner Leonard Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Operations David Crist, Chief of Police Jeff Eckrich, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Domingo Llanes, Brittany Gross, Cody Gross, Ryan Walls, Amber Llanes, Snot Harris, Cathy & Rick Schwab, Christine Eckrich, Lakia Pierce, Bradley.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the October 2, 2023, town meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CLERK-TREASURER**

- Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve paying bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.
- Total general funds reconciled \$211,213.38, total sewer funds reconciled \$46,325.04, total water funds reconciled \$40,101.69, total ARPA funds reconciled \$164,888.04.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

David Crist said that Public Works has been busy working on Christmas. Sherry Hollingworth is asking if the town would like to purchase the lot that is adjacent to the town hall for \$76,000. The Commissioners agreed that the price was too high. Leaf pickup will continue throughout the season. The new hire in public works did not work out and we will revisit the possibility of hiring someone in the spring.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Eckrich said that the year end report shows that they responded to about the same number of calls as the previous year. They have a 5<sup>th</sup> officer that is going through the background check process now and hopefully will be able to start by February.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

David Crist spoke for Melissa Leonard. The developer that purchased Mr. Cole's property on Maryland Avenue is hoping to put an 18-unit apartment building on the lot.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Cathy Schwab thanked David and Public Works for power washing the train station. The Lions Club will be providing cookies for visits with Santa at the train station after the parade. The Hannah Henry Circle visited Pinetown to see where Hannah Henry taught. It went very well.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.