

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
APRIL 5, 2021
TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 11:00 am in the Town Hall and via Zoom Meetings for the April 2021 Town Meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner Leonard John Buckle (arrived late), Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Debbie Bowden, Tara Hill-Coursey, Rick and Cathy Schwab, Joe Anderson and Blair Carmean.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Town Meeting, 2nd President Hurley, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2nd President Hurley, approved.

Total General Funds Reconciled \$546,952.42

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$35,627.72

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$57,347.52

Caroline North Little submitted a donation request to the Commissioners. Commissioner Casey made a motion to donate \$500 to the league, 2nd President Hurley, approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. The video of the skate park is being reviewed by the police department. We have reached out to several companies to complete repairs and get estimates. The "Welcome to Ridgely" signs are in the process of being redone. Public Works has hired a new Maintenance Worker. President Hurley discussed ordering sandblasting equipment to help with graffiti removal.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Not present.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton told the Commissioners that our revenue estimates are looking really good for FY21 and he believes that we will exceed the budgeted amount. Expenses are on point. We are preparing the FY22 budget.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab said that Thursday April 8, 2021 is Hannah Henry Day and Rodney Dobson will be giving out free hot dogs from 10-2 on that day in her honor. Beginning May 1, 2021 through September, the train station will be open the first Saturday of the month for tours from 10 am – 1 pm. Joe Riley is planning to film a video for safe drug use at the train station.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-387 FY21 Budget Revision, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Tara Hill-Coursey from the Caroline County Office of Tourism introduced herself to the Commissioners. She is excited to be in Caroline County. Tourism has suffered and Ridgely has a lot to offer. She wants to strategize their marketing to highlight what the town has. Debbie Bowden followed up by requesting a \$3,000 donation for tourism in FY22. Commissioner Casey made a motion to donate \$3,000, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

Blair Carmean from Chicken Bridge Tax Ditch made a request for the annual \$6,000 contribution for FY22. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the request, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

Caroline Tennis Association will be holding their Junior Tennis Camp for 30-40 kids to participate beginning May 1st. They will fill out the necessary event forms and it may become necessary to do a lease agreement.

Joe Anderson of CTA discussed the power washing of the tennis courts and would like for the town to help with the costs. Commissioner Buckle made a motion to donate \$600 to put towards the cost of the power washing, 2nd President Hurley, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Anderson said that the Ridgely Car Show will be on September 19, 2021 with Cars and Cocktails being on September 18, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

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