

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
MAY 6, 2019  
TOWN MEETING  
AGENDA**



**7:00 PM OPENING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPOINTMENT OF CLERK-TREASURER, STEPHANIE BERKEY**

**OATH OF OFFICE – COMMISSIONER LEONARD JOHN BUCKLE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- APRIL 1, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION (RECORDING OF VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION)
- APRIL 1, 2019 CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
- APRIL 1, 2019 TOWN MEETING

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CLERK-TREASURER**

- APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANT**

**RVFD**

**STATE'S ATTORNEY**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-382 FY20 BUDGET
- JEFF SCHARF – CAROLINE COUGARS
- COALITION FOR JUSTICE FOR ANTON BLACK

**PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)**

# Meeting Rules of Conduct

## Instructions to Meeting Attendees



### **Generally**

- Audience members may not engage in any conduct that disrupts the meeting or that interferes with the right of members of the public to attend and observe the meeting with minimal distraction.
- Audience members, including staff, may not engage in side conversations during the meeting. Any necessary discussion must be taken outside the hearing room.
- Audience members, including representatives of the news media, may record discussion of the Commissioners at any open session, provided that the recording does not create excessive noise or distraction that disturbs the Commissioners or other persons attending the meeting.

### **Participation in Presentations and Discussions**

- Audience participation in presentations or discussions, including questions, is not permitted unless expressly invited by the President of the Commissioners of Ridgely.
- If recognized by the President, the audience member must approach the microphone and clearly state their name and address or affiliation before speaking.
- Speakers must remain civil and respectful during comments. Abusive language and the use of profanity are strictly prohibited.
- Except during the portion of the agenda designated for open Public Comment, audience questions and remarks must be germane and confined to the question or issue before the Commissioners.
- All public questions or remarks must be directed to the Commissioners, and not to the audience as a whole or to persons in the audience.
- After making comment or asking a question, the audience member must immediately return to their seat. Follow up comments or questions are not permitted unless the individual is again recognized by the President and invited forward.

### **Open Public Comments**

- The agenda contains a time for public comments. The length of time permitted for public comment during a regular meeting is limited to 3 minutes.
- Unscheduled speakers participating in the Public Comment section of the agenda must approach the microphone and clearly state their name and address or affiliation before speaking.
- After making a comment or asking a question, the audience member must immediately return to their seat.
- All comments are to be directed to the Commissioners as a body and not to individual members, town staff, or other attendees.
- The Commissioners are not required to respond to any subject matter addressed during the "Public Comments" portion.

**Sufficient warning will be given by the President in the event of a violation of the Rules of Conduct. If the violation occurs a second time, the President may ask the offender to leave for the remainder of the meeting.**