

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JUNE 1, 2020
TOWN MEETING MINUTES



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 10:00 am in the Town Hall for the June 2020 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Rick Schwab and Cathy Schwab.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 town meeting and the May 8, 2020 special workshop meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total General Funds reconciled \$273,751.82, total Sewer Funds reconciled \$147,250.96, total Water Funds reconciled \$28,537.04.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist submitted his report to the Commissioners. He discussed the need for a portable pump station. The quotes were reviewed. To purchase without the silent enclosure \$38,980. To purchase with the silent enclosure \$57,460. Every pump station is in a residential area and David suggested purchasing the silent enclosure. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the purchase and to obtain a loan from Provident State Bank to do so, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

Ridgely has been awarded the DNR grant to repave the walking trail at Martin Sutton Park.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos submitted his report to the Commissioners. We are still waiting on the new police vehicle. Traffic enforcement is picking up again as the COVID restrictions ease. There have been concerns of a meth house at 205 West 1st Street.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Melissa Leonard reported that grass and maintenance notices have started again. Some court cases have been postponed. Hopefully, during the Covid shut-down, repairs on the infractions have been made.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton reviewed the budget and discussed what revenues we were still expecting to receive for the end of the fiscal year. The preliminary audit will be June 22-25.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rick and Cathy Schwab thanked the town for the decorations that were put on the train station for the graduating class of 2020. They have purchased an acrylic box for the ticket box in the train station. It will protect the display. They discussed the rail replacement for the damaged handrail.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-384 FY21 Budget, 2nd Commissioner Casey, unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hurley introduced Ordinance No. 2020-385 amending Chapter 119 of the Ridgely Code regarding Noise.

There was a discussion regarding late payments and disconnection of service for water bills. It was decided to send a letter with the bills that have outstanding charges. The letters are to be signed and returned to acknowledge the debt and to continue extending the services until September 4, 2020 or 30 days after the Governor's Order expires. Currently about 30% of all of the billing is outstanding.

There was a request from the Food for Learning for a donation. Commissioner Casey made a motion to donate \$400, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am.

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