

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

JULY 2, 2018

TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the town hall for the July 2018 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Sgt. Gordon Geesey, Gerald Sutton, Cathy Schwab, Joe Anderson, Mike Redgraves, Alan Caraballo, Alex Caraballo, Marques Belbz, Ronald Ringgold, Jr., Brandon Gascot, Katrina Gascot, Shanta Phillips, Precious Phillips, Drea Nichols, Susan Piavis, Henry Piavis, Owen Piavis.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total General Funds Reconciled \$494,463.73

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$361,245.12

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$224,235.62

The September town meeting will fall on Labor Day. The Commissioners agreed to change the date to Wednesday September 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. There was a discussion about purchasing a street sweeper for \$155,000. Highway user revenue would be able to be used for this purchase. We would finance the purchase and use highway user revenue to pay for the loan payments. Commissioner Casey made a motion to purchase the sweeper, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, all in favor.

There was a discussion about purchasing mosquito spraying equipment for \$12,500 and having David obtain his license to apply the spray instead of hiring the county every year. The sprayer will fit in the Kabota. The plan would be to spray all streets, alleys and parks. The Commissioners would like to get more information and decide at the August meeting. The Martin Sutton Park flag pole is up. The playground is due to be fixed this month.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos was not present. His prepared report was presented to the Commissioners.

RVFD

Not Present.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry Sutton addressed the Commissioners. The preliminary audit went well. The final will be in September. He would like to have a meeting in late July or early August to discuss the preliminary numbers.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab spoke for the historical society. The town clock has been repaired. They thanked Joe Anderson for helping to fix the clock. Tom Rampmeyer, our town historian, passed away last month. He will be greatly missed. She complimented RVFD's chicken dinner.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe Anderson discussed the Ridgely Car Show for October 14, 2018. The rally will be October 13th. Cars & Cocktails will be the evening of the 13th.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners discussed sponsoring a hole for the Ridgely Lions club golf tournament. Commissioner Casey made a motion to sponsor the hole, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Redgraves thanked the Commissioners and the town for the help with the Strawberry Festival, including David Crist and Public Works and the Ridgely Police Department. They appreciate the support from the town. He asked if there are any service projects that we would like help with from the Lions.

Shante Phillips, Exquisite Basketball asked for a donation from the Commissioners for a sponsorship. They are 501 C3 Non-Profit certified. She described the organization. Many people spoke on their behalf. A discussion followed. They would like the support of interested parties to approach the board of education to try to get a waiver for the fees. Joe Anderson volunteered to organize a meeting with potential interested parties Friday July 6th at 5:30 at his CTS building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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