

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JULY 5, 2022
TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm in the town hall for the July 2022 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Chief of Police Jeff Eckrich, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton and Christine Eckrich.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve minutes of the June 6, 2022, town meeting, 2nd President Casey, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total General Funds reconciled \$169,538.52, total Sewer Funds reconciled \$9,291.47, total Water Funds reconciled \$8,578.13, total ARPA Funds reconciled \$634,125.16.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist was not present, but Stephanie Berkey reviewed with the Commissioners the quote from Vermeer for a vacuum excavator. This would be purchased with the ARPA funding and used to clean valve and drain boxes, test pit locates and to get mud and water out of sewer lines and water line breaks. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the purchase of the excavator, 2nd President Casey, approved.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Eckrich said that the new police cruisers are at Bluetech waiting to be outfitted. There was a discussion of using Lexipol for the police department's general orders at a cost of \$15,000 and then \$4,000 annually. This will be part of the Black settlement agreement. Chief has applied for the police accountability act grant to help with the costs. He is hoping to be awarded \$46,000 to be used for the Lexipol, body cameras and storage. Under the new reform laws, it is necessary to have more supervisors within the department. Gordon Geesey was promoted to Lieutenant and Lilian Lone was promoted to Sergeant, Frank Jones was promoted to Corporal. The police will be doing National Night Out on Tuesday August 2, 2022. Traffic enforcement within the town continues. Background checks for the two new officer positions continue. We hope to have one officer starting in August and the other starting in September.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Melissa Leonard said that there will be no meeting in July for Planning and Zoning, but that when they reconvene in August, Dave Dawstrom will be back to help work on updating the zoning ordinance.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton said that the preliminary audit went well. He is working on a 15-year analysis for water and sewer rates vs. expenses.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gerald Sutton said that there were visitors at the train station over the weekend. The historical society would like to publish pictures on facebook of the families that visit the station.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Casey introduced Resolution No. 2022-01 Trash Collection Service Charges and Bulk Trash Fees. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-01, 2nd President Casey, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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