

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY**  
**JULY 6, 2020**  
**TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 10:00 AM in the Town Hall and online through Zoom Meetings for the July 2020 Town Meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner Leonard 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, Officer Jeff Eckrich, Rick & Cathy Schwab and Joe Anderson.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Town Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CLERK-TREASURER**

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

Total General Funds reconciled \$283,271.68

Total Sewer Funds reconciled \$107,328.26

Total Water Funds reconciled #28,552.53

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. The DNR Grant for repaving the walking trail at Martin Sutton Park has passed through the clearing house and is now awaiting approval from the Department of Public Works. We are starting to receive complaints about the trees in Lister Estates. Public Works is planning to remove the dead ones. A discussion was had about the cost of replanting – again. At this time, it is not in the budget to do another replanting of the trees. The portable pump station has been purchased. We did get a loan through Provident State Bank to purchase the pump.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Manos submitted his report to the Commissioners. The new police vehicle is ready for delivery.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Melissa Leonard discussed the letter received from Mickey Newport regarding the shrubs that are planted in the town right of way. Mr. Newport believes the town is harassing him. One of Mr. Newport's neighbors has contacted the town on numerous occasions regarding the shrubs.

A discussion followed. The alley needs to be kept open for the trash truck and utility vehicles. David Crist will do some research to see what the best options are. The Commissioners will discuss at the next town meeting.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANT**

Jerry Sutton addressed the Commissioners. FY20 ended on a good note and he believes we are in good financial shape, in spite of the current pandemic and economic crisis. The preliminary audit went well and he is hoping for a good positive fund balance.

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Rick Schwab discussed the tours given of the train station on the Fourth of July. The back door of the station still needs some repairs. The telephone exchange building had a squirrel living inside that has caused 3 holes in the roof. They are working to get the building repaired. The shingles at the train station were fixed and the railings have been picked up. The materials are inside of the station.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 202-385 concerning chapter 119 (noise) of the Code of the Town of Ridgely. Commissioner Buckle seconded the motion, all in favor. The Ordinance was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

In order to get reimbursed for expenses the town has incurred due to COVID-19, it is necessary to have a Cares Act Funding Municipal Subrecipient Agreement with Caroline County. The document was provided to the town by the county. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the Cares Act Funding Municipal Subrecipient Agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

Joe Anderson from Caroline County Tennis Association discussed the engineering study of several courts in Caroline County. It is beneficial for the town to participate in the study and receive the service at a reduced rate. The County has requested that Ridgely pay the invoice for the study and then invoice the Board of Education, Parks and Rec and the owner of Caroline Country Club for reimbursement. Commissioner Casey made a motion to have Ridgely act as the financial head for the engineering study only, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, all in favor.

Caroline County Chamber of Commerce has sent the town a request for sponsorship. The Commissioners want to wait until the end of the first quarter of FY21 to review the budget, before any donations are made.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

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