

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

JULY 1, 2024

TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm in the town hall for the July 2024 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Buckle, Commissioner Brad Sears, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Operations David Crist, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Sheriff Donald Baker, Sgt. Keith Collison, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Nancy Sears, Alicia Moxley, Erin Wheeler, Berl L. Lovelace, Sr., Joshua Duerstine, Jessica Duerstine, Andy Hrobar, Christine Eckrich, Cathy & Rick Schwab, Steve Lone, Dawn S. Chase, Betty Wright, Sara Wright, Madelyn Citro, Mary Thawley, Barbie Utz, Bobby Utz, Norma Pinkney, Ann Rossi-Gill, Clinton Gill, K. Mann. Attending via zoom: Holly Justice, Jenifer Nesselroad, Lilian Lone, Brandon Samuel, Scott Barron, Valerie Douglas, QSI Acct, Jamie Romph, Megan Clarke, Megan Clarke (2), Gina's iPhone 13 Pro Max, RF, Heidi Olson King, Heather Amador, Brenda, Zoom User, Chad Leister.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to appoint Brad Sears as Commissioner to replace Anthony Casey after he quit his position. The motion was seconded by President Buckle. Stephanie Berkey swore in Commissioner Sears.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024, town meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sears, all in favor, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve paying the bills, seconded by Commissioner Sears, all in favor, approved. Total general funds reconciled \$149,879.10, total sewer funds reconciled \$47,785.46, total water funds reconciled \$41,365.90, total ARPA funds reconciled \$8,733.77.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

David Crist once again apologized for his language at the June town meeting. He wanted everyone to know that it was not because of the water issue that was being discussed, but because of something ignorant that was said to a member of the audience. In addition to discussing the chlorinating process of the water system during the summer, he also discussed the items in the attached report.

CAROLINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Baker introduced Sgt. Keith Collison. Sgt. Collison will be stationed in Ridgely as part of the agreement made between Ridgely and the Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Collison is very familiar with the town as he began his law enforcement career in Ridgely. His wife is the school resource officer at Ridgely Elementary School. Sheriff Baker reviewed the attached report.