

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY**

**MAY 6, 2024**

**TOWN MEETING**



Summary of the April 10, 2024, closed session:

DATE: April 10, 2024 TIME: 5:00 PM PLACE: Town Hall PURPOSE: To discuss personnel matters.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Md. Code Ann., General Provision Article §3-305(b)(1) "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals."

VOTE TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION: In favor: President Hurley, Commissioner Casey, Commissioner Buckle; Opposed: None.

TOPICS DISCUSSED: Employment status options of current Ridgely Police officers and support staff.

ACTION TAKEN: Current police department officers and support staff will be laid off effective July 1, 2024.

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm in the town hall for the May 2024 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Director of Operations David Crist, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Sheriff Donald Baker, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Martha Marie Jarrell, Rob McQuade, Jan McQuade, Yvette Chester, Brad Sears, Cathy Schwab, Rick Schwab, Heather Amador, Robin Martin, Barbie Utz, Bobby Utz, Stephanie L. Larimore, Kelly Buckle, Brenda Walls, Kathleen Freeman, Jenifer Nesselroad, Jennifer Nesselrode, Greg Nesselroad, Gary Nesselroad, Jessica Duerstine, Joshua Duerstine, Kim Kuhn, Lisa (illegible), Scott Barron, Ray Maxie, Terri Ross, Linda Ross, Damian Kerstetter, Ken Groves, Steve Lone, Christine Eckrich, Melissa McFayden, Anna Mansfield, Kathleen Mann, James Romph, Ann Rossi-Gill, Clinton Gill, Connie Connolly, Lakia Pierce, Kayla Wielgosz, Lisa Wielgosz, Jason Wielgosz, Joe Anderson, Richard O. Smith, Sandra Pitts, Norma Pinkney, Melvin Pinkney, Alicia Moxley, Thomas Moxley. Via Zoom: Lilian Lone, Jean Davis, Nicole Watkins, Rob Watkins, Valerie Douglas, Makenna Nesselroad, Frank Ragione, Chad Leister, Ron Burgundy, Patrick Eckrich, Keri Gaiamo, Amanda Weaver, Amy Casey, Matt King, Angelique Mason, Don Purdy, Philomena Cirillo, Brandon Cunningham, Phone #443-286-5053, Megan Clarke, Megan Nichols, Phone 443-439-9621, Phone #410-725-8445, Heidi King, Dave Peaerson, Nicole Pearce, Mary Pauley, Theresa Rankin, Deborah Dunn, Cindy Dodd, Gina Kerstetter.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to appoint Stephanie Berkey Clerk-Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, all in favor, approved. Commissioner John Hurley was sworn in for another term, upon winning his reelection.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024, town meeting, April 10, 2024, vote to go into closed session, and April 10, 2024, closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurley, all in favor, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, all in favor, approved. Total general funds reconciled \$270,151.82, total sewer funds reconciled \$47,361.74, total water funds reconciled \$40,999.10, total ARPA funds reconciled \$43,203.96. The constant yield tax rate for FY25 is .4656 down from .4882. Commissioner Casey made a motion to go with the constant yield tax rate for FY25, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, all in favor, approved.