

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
TOWN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met for the November 2013 Town Meeting on the above date in the Ridgely House. The following were in attendance: President Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner L. John Buckle, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Rick and Cathy Schwab, Dustin Holt, and Brenda Walls.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2013 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CLERK-TREASURER**

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

Total General Funds Reconciled \$391,358.23, Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$120,048.11, Total Water Funds Reconciled \$122,181.48.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. Purchase Order #2348 was submitted to the Commissioners regarding the push broom, gutter brush and sweeper attachment for the bobcat from Burke Equipment. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve purchase order #2348, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

There was a discussion about the bulk pick-up policy. The Commissioners would like us to look into what the neighboring towns do for bulk pick-up.

The wires were cut to the lights at the pavilion at Martin Sutton Park, an electrician is scheduled to fix it.

Leaf pick up is ongoing. Public Works is going out once a week with the leaf vac. Millings in the alleys have been finished. Bramble provides the town with the millings for free.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Manos submitted his report to the Commissioners. 2 part-time officers have been selected. The new police vehicle is here and ready for use. Cpl. Ewing and Officer Collison are attending bomb training in New Mexico this week. It is paid for by the Federal Government.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANT**

Gerald Sutton discussed the outcome of the audit. It was very positive and we are no longer have a deficit. We are in the process of revising the budget and a capital budget. Replacing sewer lines and repairs to the water tower were discussed.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



Cathy Schwab showed the commissioners what the annual Christmas ornament will look like. It will be of the Rob Roy in honor of Miss Elsie Ebling.

Brenda Walls and Cathy discussed their plans for Christmas on Belle Street. It will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at the Telephone Exchange Building. They would need to block off right in front of the pharmacy. The money raised will go to a needy family.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Commissioners discussed the request from the CEDC for a donation. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to donate \$4,500 to the CEDC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

The Caroline County Humane Society needs a location to hold their monthly meetings beginning in January. They would like to use the town hall. The Commissioners agreed to let them use the town hall as long as it does not conflict with town business.

Our accounting software, Accufund, is having online training for their new modules and Melissa Leonard would like to do the training. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the training, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brenda Walls thanked everyone that helped out with the car show. The Petty family was very appreciative. They raised \$30,000. President Casey thanked Brenda for hosting the event. Many of the businesses did well with the car show. A few complaints were received and they will be worked on for the next year.

The next meeting will be December 2, 2013 at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Berkey  
Clerk-Treasurer



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**November 4, 2013**

**SEWER**

- 116 days holding capacity
- All monthly forms have been completed and sent to MDE
- 2 calls for backed up sewer line. Both on property owner

**WATER**

- All monthly forms have been completed and sent to MDE
- URS completed 2 new sets of water maps
- Waiting for the bid package from URS on locating and mapping the entire water system
- Working on the Leak detections that our new water meter system indicates

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- 7 Loads of brush
- 1 load of bags
- 4 loads of rubble
- 8 Miss Utility locates
- Leaf pickup once a week
- Cut everything in town one last time for the year
- Mulched all trees at Martin Sutton Park
- Worked at RR Park for car show
- Put up new stop signs
- Filled in pot holes
- Serviced equipment
- Cleaned up mowers and stored them for winter
- Cleaned and inventoried shop items

**OTHER**

- FEMA generator grant. Both generators are installed and wired up. Waiting for the start up. Scheduled for November the 12<sup>th</sup>



# RIDGELY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Police Report October 2013

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|--------------------------|-----|----------|---------------------------|
| Total Calls For Service  | 158 | YTD 1061 | Last year @ this time 761 |
| Investigations           | 22  |          |                           |
| Assist Other Departments | 8   |          |                           |
| Patrol / Premises        | 95  |          |                           |

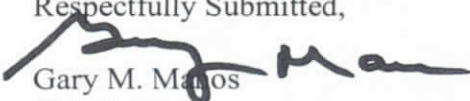
Chief Manos and Sergeant Creason attended the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing School. The course of instruction was offer by FEMA and held at New Mexico Tech, in Socorro, New Mexico. The training was very informative and intense. Students were able to view and handle the explosives. This was not a Bomb Technician School. This school instructed students on the proper response to Bomb Threats ie.. Pipe Bombs, Improvised Explosive Devices ect. and the safest way to evacuate the scene of a bombing. Instruction was also gained on structure safety after the blast and proper search and rescue techniques. There was no cost for this training.

During the month Chief Manos responded to a residence on Sunrise Avenue. A family member who had been cleaning the residence had discovered a box of blasting caps. Chief Manos recognized the box to contain 15 blasting caps from the training that he just recently received . The area was cleared and the State of Maryland Fire Marshal's Office was notified. The blasting caps were disposed of by the State Fire Marshal's Office Marshal.

We have selected two candidates for the part-time police officer positions. Both candidates are recently retired police officers. The candidates must complete a polygraph examination, psychological examination , drug test, financial examination, finger print examination, criminal records check, background investigation, 18 hours of in-service training hours and weapons qualification. We are hoping to have the officers available by December 1st.

We did not have any issues with the enormous amount of people that visited the town for Trick or Treat. We had 3 officers on patrol that evening.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gary M. Manos  
Chief of Police

