

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JUNE 2, 2014
TOWN MEETING

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date in the Ridgely House for the June town meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Brian King, Cathy and Rick Schwab, Dustin Holt

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total General Funds Reconciled - \$583,511.58

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$203,411.11

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$ 77,062.48

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works, David Crist, was unable to attend the meeting. His report was presented to the Commissioners. We are applying for a USDA grant that will be used to purchase a new tractor if approved. We are in the process of looking for a new public works employee.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Gary Manos submitted his report to the Commissioners. It has been a busy month. Ole Time Ridgely Days and the Strawberry Festival went well. Overtime grants have been applied for these events and we have been awarded some funds. This was through the Drug and Alcohol Fee Coalition for Caroline County.

RVFD

Chief Utz reported that they received a \$500 grant. The Dream City Music Festival is still scheduled for June 21, 2014.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton was not able to attend the meeting, but wanted to make sure that David Crist and the Public Works Department were commended for all of the hard work that was done to prepare Martin Sutton Park for the Strawberry Festival. The park looked great and on behalf of the Ridgely Lions Club, they wanted to say thank you.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy did not have anything new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-364 an ordinance to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the budget adopted for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding the baseball fields at Martin Sutton Park. Brian King was present on behalf of the Little League. Lacrosse and soccer have requested that they need another field and the baseball field is seldom used. They would like to remove the baseball field at MS Park and convert it into a lacrosse/soccer field at their expense. Mr. King discussed how the little league utilizes that field and the potential of expanding out at the Cowbarn Park. The Program Open Space Grant for the Cowbarn was discussed as there may still be funding available in that grant. The issue will be tabled for a month to gather information about the available funding. Mr. King requested a copy of the current lease for the Cowbarn Park.

Stories of the Chesapeake has requested funding from the Commissioners. A discussion followed. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the \$750 request, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

The Commissioners received thank you notes from Ridgely Elementary for Fuel Up to Play 60 and for the 5th grade tree planting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Schwab will be giving State Highway another update this month for the train station. They are hoping to meet with the Commissioners and with the architect in July. He is going to get with David to get the park benches installed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer