

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date in the Ridgely House at 7:00pm for the September 2014 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, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Corporal Stewart Ewing, John Anderson, Archie Carroll, Dustin Holt, Wayne Martin, Cornel Henry, Douglas Henry, Gregg Henry, Tee Henry, Jay Lively, Ginger Lockhart, Daniel Lockhart, Sue Fleegle, Cathy & Rick Schwab.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the August 4, 2014 Town Meeting Minutes, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey presented her report to the Commissioners.

Total General Funds Reconciled - \$439,011.82

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$207,918.84

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$90,803.43

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist was unable to attend the meeting, but his report was submitted. Gerald Sutton spoke regarding highway user revenue and the MDOT one time grant that we have received. A discussion followed about possible ways to allocate the funds. The Commissioners wanted to table the discussion until after the audit.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. He stressed the importance of checking for counterfeit money as there have been some notes passed in town recently. They are mainly \$20 and \$100's.

RVFD

Not present.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton addressed the Commissioners. The audit begins next week.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ridgely chat will be at the Town Hall this Saturday from 10am to 12pm.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Harvey was not present.

The Commissioners discussed making a donation in memory of Bill Cooper, who passed away last month. Commissioner Casey made a motion to make a donation of \$300 total to the charities specified in his obituary, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

Danny Lockhart spoke to the Commissioners regarding having his walk “Danny’s Walk for Wishes” in Ridgely. It raises money for the make a wish foundation. It would be an annual event hopefully in April. He would like the Commissioners support. The Commissioners agreed he could have use of the Martin Sutton Park for the event. He will work with the office staff to secure a date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Martin from North Caroline High School spoke regarding Stand for the Silent. They want to use MS Park for an event. He will check with the office.

Archie Carroll spoke regarding the trees near the Cowbarn. He wants us to look into cutting it. He wanted to know if the town was interested in buying the Cowbarn. The Commissioners indicated they were not interested. He provided information to the Commissioners about his ideas on lowering impact fees.

The Henry family spoke regarding the property at 12124 Park Ave Ext. There is an outstanding water bill that presently is \$3,564.85. They are working with the fire company to have the house burned down and are trying to build on the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey, Clerk-Treasurer