

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
DECEMBER 1, 2014
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Ridgely House for the December 2014 Town Meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Cathy and Rick Schwab, Corporal Stewart Ewing, and Mark Kottwitz.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 town 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 \$646,112.36, sewer funds reconciled \$266,650.45, water funds reconciled \$130,060.29.

The tax differential request is due to the County by the 19th of December. The Commissioners discussed how much to request for FY16. They agreed that the request will be the same as last year which was 6 cents.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. The Park Avenue repairs went well. Public Works is preparing the equipment for snow removal for when it happens. The repairs that State Highway is doing to the sidewalks is continuing.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. Chief Manos thanked the Lions club for the donation to the K9 fund.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton presented the recommendations for the budget revision to the Commissioners and the request from the Historical Society for funding for the landscape engineer for the train station project. A discussion followed. Rick Schwab discussed the request from the Historical Society. The historical society request will wait until further bids come in. We will proceed with the recommended budget revisions.

RVFD

Not present.

HISTORIC SOCIETY

The Ridgely Christmas ornaments are on sale for \$4.00 and are available at the town hall, Ridgely Pharmacy and the historical society. Santa will be at Christmas on Belle Street on the 12th of December. Cathy thanked public works and Lions club for decorating the town.

OLD BUSINESS

The lease for the Little League to use the Cowbarn Park facility was presented to the Commissioners for signatures.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Friday December 5th at 6:00 pm is Winterfest at Ridgely Elementary School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer