

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
FEBRUARY 2, 2015
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date in the Ridgely House for the February 2015 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 Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Gerald Sutton, Cathy and Rick Schwab, Officer Tom Walsh, Officer Keith Collison, Charles Dean, Daniel Lockhart, Ginger Lockhart, Cary Malkus, Joe Anderson, Mark Kottwitz and James Pope.

President Hurley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting and of the January 28, 2015 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 \$501,206.39

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$247,983.28

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$130,066.73

The properties that are subject to the tax sale were presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the tax sale list, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. The Commissioners requested that the gate at public works be repaired. Water and sewer funds are to be used. Leaf collection is wrapping up. There was a discussion about future capital projects. David indicated that a dump trailer could help turn several 2 man jobs into a 1 man job. The Commissioners suggested he procure bids for a trailer. Cathy Schwab thanked David for fixing the town clock.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. There was a discussion of auctioning/selling the maroon Crown Vic, as is. Commissioner Buckle motioned to auction the maroon Crown Vic with a minimum bid of \$500 plus advertising costs, as is, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved. There was a discussion about moving the unused black and white Crown Vic in the pole building out at the Public Works facility.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Nothing to report

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rick Schwab presented the bids for the brick walkway. He recommended the bid from Laurence Halley, Commissioner Buckle made a motion to select the Laurence Halley bid, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

The historical society has recently acquired several pictures of residents that were born in the town hall when it was a hospital.

There will be another Ridgely Chat on Saturday February 6 in the town hall.

We have received the MOU for the Ridgely Train Station Grant. They have the landscaping engineer estimates. Commissioner Casey made the motion to accept Harry A Smith's bid and to pay the \$500 retainer, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

We need to start getting ideas together for the Founder's Day Celebration and a committee formed.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-365 an ordinance to re-appropriate funds and adjust revenue estimates in accordance with events that necessitate changes in the budget adopted for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

Lister Estates Grinder Pumps were discussed. After the last meeting Freemire and Associates had gone to several houses to inspect the pumps with the residents present. The Commissioners would like to gather more information regarding the possibility of scheduled routine maintenance on the pumps, and a more detailed listing of what can and cannot go into the pumps. The question of routine maintenance will be put on hold until there is more detailed information.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion about the possibility of the Ridgely Police Department joining LEOPS (Law Enforcement Officers Pension System). President Hurley explained the system. To do an actuary study it will be \$5,000. There may be a possibility to join with other towns. Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve researching the system, Commissioner Buckle 2nd proceeding with research, and also wants to look into the something that would be a benefit to the other employees not able to join the LEOPS system.

The bids for the insulation work on the Ridgely House for the Smart Energy Grant were presented. Commissioner Buckle discussed the bids that were turned in. He recommended the bid from Foam Works. Commissioner Buckle made a motion to accept the bid from Foam Works, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved. The bid will now go to MEA for final approval before work can proceed.

There was a discussion regarding Legislative Request #2: Sunday Hunting. They are trying to get support for Sunday hunting. Commissioner Casey made a motion to send a letter of support, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danny Lockhart gave an update on his event Danny's Walk for Wishes on April 18th from 10-2 to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Commissioner Buckle agreed to sit in the dunk tank for the event. We will challenge other towns and the County Commissioners to see if they will sit in the dunk tank. There was a discussion about portable sanitation and insurance.

James Pope has concerns about the skate park. It is in needs of repairs. He is also interested in expanding the park. He presented pictures that show the needed repairs. He is going to try to see if Tower's Concrete could donate again for the project. The Commissioners would like for him to attend the next Parks and Recreation meeting and put a committee together.

Cathy Schwab talked about the new pictures that are in the town hall.

Commissioner Buckle was told by Ridgely resident Reese Larrimore, that he was impressed with the both the Commissioners and the employees of the town and how well the town is being run.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer