

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Ridgely House for the September town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner John Buckle, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Rick and Cathy Schwab, Sgt. Gordon Geesey, Archie Carroll, Teri Hinch, Chip Eaton, Reese Stafford, Michael Obrien, Laura Griffith, Sam & Allison Harper and Carl Johnson.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016, August 1, 2016 and August 31, 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, 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 - \$225,130.84

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$479,097.18

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$221,039.85

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. He has received no reports from the County on mosquito spraying, but they have been seen in town spraying. We are waiting for the official spray report.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. Quotes were presented for the computer technology relocation/upgrade. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the bid from BDK, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, approved.

There was a discussion about the quote for the call box for the police department. Homeland Security funding will be used. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to purchase the call box, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Cathy Schwab said that the new Christmas ornament it will be of the old high school. The commissioners agreed to purchase 50 ornaments at \$2.00 each. The bid package qualification letters will be opened this week and next Monday the bids for the train station will be opened. Two companies did attend the bid meeting. There was a discussion about the contract for Ed Bombaro for his services for the train station. The remaining balance will be due when we are given permission to proceed with the project. The Commissioners agreed to honor the contract.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-370 deferred payment plan for parks and recreation/open space development and maintenance fees, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

President Casey introduced Ordinance No. 2016-371 permits and fees for road construction.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Michael O'Brien of the Ridgely Airpark discussed his property taxes with the Commissioners. He is asking for help on the property taxes owed to the town. The property was 5 parcels, now 4. He asked the Commissioners to forgive the taxes on parcel #0014 07-006616 in the amount of \$8,630.52. The Commissioners were not able to make a decision based on the current information. They will require additional time and information to proceed with a decision.

Griffith/Blades discussed the situation of the 101 Cowbarn Road property that they purchased from Archie Carroll. They were under the impression they could have horses and other farm animals. It is not allowed for properties in town to have such farm animals. They asked the Commissioners for an exception to the town code. A discussion followed. The Commissioners are willing to work with the property owners and are going to revise the zoning for the property. The Blades were given an extension until the zoning can be revised.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Archie Carroll discussed his history with the town. He indicated that he has always tried to work on behalf of the town.

Carl Johnson of Park Avenue discussed the protocol for the grass cutting letters. He would like for the tenant to receive a copy of the letter instead of the landlord.

Samuel Harper on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 464 came to thank the Commissioners for the contribution to the trip to New Mexico that they took. He gave a description of the tour.

Teri Hinch spoke to the Commissioners on behalf of the Ridgely Cemetery Committee. They need help with the collection/disposal of the clean-up items after holidays. Public Works can bring a trailer down there and the items can be bagged. Terri will get with David on the dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Berkey, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer