COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
OCTOBER 3, 2016
TOWN MEETING

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the town hall for the October 2016 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Leonard John Buckle, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Sgt. Gordon Geesey, Officer Jeff Christopher, Robert Lang, Gerald Sutton, Joe Anderson, Chad Dean, Janet Lang, Joseph and Jennifer Riley.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER
Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.
Total General Funds Reconciled $276,583.12
Total Sewer Funds Reconciled $514,785.94
Total Water Funds Reconciled $246,526.76

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
Director of Public Works, David Crist, presented his report to the Commissioners. There was a discussion of hurricane preparations and holding capacity in the lagoons. We are hoping that the approaching hurricane will miss Maryland. 3 bids were presented for the pole shed at the WWTP. Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the bid from Kevin Parks & Sons, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, all in favor, approved. There was a discussion about the Martin Sutton Park upgrades for the playground. The ground covering for the playground that David is looking for is the poured in place rubber. He is looking into funding options. It is a low maintenance option that will last for 20 years. He is still in the process of getting prices for the front end loader. The state contract is with Caterpillar.

CHIEF OF POLICE
Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. Chief Manos asked the commissioners to consider purchasing an additional police vehicle when we order the new vehicle that will replace the vehicle that was totaled in the accident on October 17th. The Commissioners asked him to get more

information. Stephanie Berkey swore in the new part time police officer Robert Lang.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
Gerald Sutton spoke to the Commissioners. The audit has been completed and they will be making their report to the Commissioners at the November meeting. It seems to have gone well.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Chad Dean spoke on behalf of the historical society. The grant was submitted for the 150th celebration. The elementary school is getting very involved with the celebration. The flag contest winner will be announced at the November town meeting.

OLD BUSINESS
Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-371 permits and fees for road construction, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS
Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-01 road construction fees, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, unanimous approval.

There was a discussion about the protocol that is required of the Commissioners and the Planning and Zoning Board to make the requested changes in chapter 64 of the town code regarding the Cowbarn property. The overlay zone needs to be done-away with first and then a public hearing will have to take place. The commissioners want to contact the town attorney before proceeding. A discussion followed.
The overlay was approved by the Commissioners and never signed by Archie Carroll. We need to determine if the zone is actually still in place. A discussion followed. They would like to keep the changes limited to only the Cowbarn district with stipulations on acreage and types of animals.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Joe Anderson reported on the Ridgely Car Show. Everything is proceeding and in place to go. He gave an overview of the upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer