

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JANUARY 9, 2016
TOWN MEETING

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Ridgely House for the monthly 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, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Corporal Stewart Ewing, Chad Dean, Robert Christopher, Tim Gunderson, Lou Hayes, Rick Schwab, Cathy Schwab and John Milligan.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 town meeting minutes, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the paying the bills, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

Total General Funds Reconciled - \$623,230.14

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$555,356.35

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$274,672.06

The date to file by for candidacy for the election falls on Good Friday, which the town observes as a holiday. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to move the file by date to the day before, April 13, 2017, Commissioner Buckle 2nd, unanimous approval.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. All of the new playground equipment has been delivered. The plan was to take out the old equipment in February, but with the upcoming warm spell David requested permission to begin taking out the old playground equipment in January. The commissioners agreed. There is grant money coming available to the smaller towns from flush tax funds to replace older sewer lines. KCI is prepared to work on submitting the grant from us to MDE and had an agreement to do such prepared for the commissioners.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the agreement, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. The new police vehicle to replace the one that was hit should be here in February.

RVFD

Tim Gunderson addressed the Commissioners. The new officers are as follows: Chief Eric Kellner, Deputy Chief Wayne Winchester, Assistant Chief Rick Baker, Captain Alex Marvel, Captain Jackie Black, Lieutenant Brandon Stiles, Chief Engineer Bob Utz, EMS Captain KJ Marvel and EMS Lieutenant Barbie Utz.

The new building is coming along nicely. Drywall is being installed and electric will be soon. Anticipated completion is late March early April.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton addressed the Commissioners. The budget revision will be presented at the February meeting.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next Ridgely Chat Session will be Saturday January 14th. There was a donation made to the historical society for a Christmas village. We are waiting for SHA to sign the amended MOU for the train station grant so that we can proceed with construction. Chad Dean discussed the 150th celebration plans and the dire need for volunteers to help with the event.

OLD BUSINESS

The water bill/leak at 501 Maple was discussed. The results of the meter tests from an independent company showed that the meter passed on all tests and the meter status was deemed as accurate. Sewer charges have already been abated. There was a discussion to remove the late charges and send a letter to the Mr. Hutchison with the amount due on the bill, minus the late charges. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to send the letter, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a request for a light to be installed on the pole in the alley between Central and the post office. A discussion followed. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Christopher of Greensboro discussed his recent traffic stop in Ridgely by a Maryland State Police Officer.

John Milligan of the Preston Historical Society offered support to the Ridgely Historical Society for the 150th celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie L. Berkey, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer