

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
FEBRUARY 6, 2017
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, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Corporal Stewart Ewing, Rick Schwab, Cathy Schwab, Lee Hutchison, Stanley Hutchison, Lauren Good, Officer Ross Harper, Sandra Pitts, Patrice Flamer, Teri Hinch, Bunky Luffman, Jeff Powell, Amy Kreiner, Joe Anderson, Brenda Walls, Norma Pinkney, Megan M, Raymond T, David Bailey.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 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 - \$287,444.55

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$530,534.95

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$249,766.37

Permission was asked to close the General Fund – Restricted Fund and WWTP Upgrade Account and transfer the money to the Sewer Money Market. These are old unused accounts from many years ago. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. Work on the Martin Sutton Park playground is in progress. We received a letter from 120 Lister Lane requesting town trees to be removed that are causing damage to his driveway. The Commissioners agreed with David Crist that the trees could be removed. Potholes are being addressed and we are waiting on a Perma Patch delivery.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. Governors' Office has offered more money for the new radios. We will be adding another part-time officer. Corporal Ewing has received grant funding for he and Sgt. Geesey to attend an out of town training for K-9 handlers.

RVFD

Eric Kellner, Fire Chief 2017, presented his report to the Commissioners. New station is moving right along. They are looking to move in late March, early April. They would like to do a "Housewarming/Community Event". Keep in touch via the Facebook page.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton addressed the Commissioners. Budget Revision is coming up in the New Business area of the Agenda. The Town is in a great position because we revise the budget every six months.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next Ridgely Chat Session will be Saturday February 18th. Christmas Ball this year will be the new flag. Would like to wait until May 13th to present the ornament to everyone. They will be for sale. Asking for volunteers for the 150th anniversary events. A banner was chosen at the last 150th Committee meeting to hang along with the Lions Club banners. The parade is scheduled for September 23, 3017.

OLD BUSINESS

The water bill/leak at 501 Maple was discussed again. Mr. Hutchison paid a portion (\$251.79) and left a balance of \$140.00. He is insisting that he has not had a leak. If the Commissioners decide he needs to pay, he will. He is upset that the Town has not been buying from his store. He says he has also requested a tree to be taken down. Said that we have ignored that as well. David said he has looked at the tree and it's on the list. He has asked for Stephanie and I to provide a map of the monument markers that are on individual properties that establish property lines and was told that we don't have anything here. He is upset about that. He believes we are being unfair. Further discussion followed. Commissioners will table the issue until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Casey introduced Ordinance No. 2017-372 the FY17 budget revision. President Casey introduced Resolution 2017-01 adopting a public works mutual aid agreement. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

Funk & Bolton is leaving the Eastern Shore and Chip MacLeod is staying on the shore to open his own firm. After a discussion, Commissioner Hurley made a motion to go with the new law group of MacLeod Law Group, LLC., 2nd Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

Bunky Luffman introduced himself to everyone as the State Agency Liaison. He is working on the traffic light at Route 480 and Central Ave. He will keep us informed.

Amy Kreiner – Chamber of Commerce presented her Corporate Sponsor Request to the Commissioners. We were a Silver Sponsor in the past and they

would like for us to continue in that capacity. Motioned by Buckle, 2nd by Hurley.

Lauren Good of KCI – Wanting to submit a Smart Energy Grant on behalf of the Town. The energy efficiency project should fall under this program and possibly offset costs elsewhere. The application is due Feb 16th and there is no match required. Should hear back sometime in April. Motioned by Buckle, 2nd by Hurley.

“Key to the City” design proposal and cost presented to the Commissioners. Motioned by Buckle and 2nd by Hurley

Rockin’ Rescue Gala for the Humane Society – last year we did \$500. Motioned made by Buckle and do the same this year, Hurley 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ross Harper Boy Scout Troop 464 – April 22nd Community Service Day in town. About 45 young men and are looking for ideas of things they could do.

Possible prep work on the Bump Outs

Jill Hyatt – Is there a restriction of tractor trailers in town, specifically on Maryland Avenue? The police department has cited this individual, and will continue to do so.

John Smith – Had a fraud incident on his bank account. Asking the Commissioners if he could have the late fees waived. Buckle motioned to waive and Hurley 2nd.

Lavonne (Medifast) – Received an invoice for the hydrant at their building. They have come here to dispute the invoice given. It was bent down towards the street, so you can tell that someone hit it coming out from your property. Because we have already replaced this two times in the past, is why the bill was sent.

Patrice Flamer (Spirit and Mind) – wanting to know about the business plan that was submitted at the meeting last year. We appreciate the interest in working with the kids. Finding a place now is the next hurdle.

Terri Hinch – Asking about the recycling. We were quoted a large increase to add this to the bill. We choose not to pass that along

Sandra Pitts (Fresh Start Beauty Salon) – complaining that she has asked to speak to a water and sewer supervisor regarding her bill. Her salon shows usage on days she was not there. Her home shows usage and she is saying that she was gone to church and should not have any usage showing. She is complaining about extreme usage. David’s idea: Pull the report and let’s put it on a schedule to check for the next 2 weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa J. Leonard

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer