

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
APRIL 3, 2017
TOWN MEETING

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the town hall for the April 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, Lee Hutchison, William Clemens, Audrey Clemens, Eric Kellner, Stanley Hutchison, Ron Ringold, Shante Philips, Devant Philips, Norma Pinkney, Sandra Pitts, David Bailey, Megan Maloney, and Dave Davis.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Casey opened the public hearing for Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2017-01 regarding borrowing power. There were no questions or comments from the public. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 workshop and the March 6, 2017 town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total General Funds Reconciled \$391,641.46

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$479,561.78

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$286,313.59

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report (attached) to the Commissioners. The town officially owns 106 Maryland Avenue. There was a discussion of the plans for the property. President Casey made a motion to demolish the buildings on the property and remove the bamboo, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, all in favor. The town has been approached by a communications company to install a tower at a location on Factory Avenue that they say is in the town's right of way. David wants to determine if this is actually a right of way or a utility easement. A discussion followed.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report (attached) to the Commissioners.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Not present.

RVFD

Eric Kellner gave his report to the Commissioners. They had 18 calls this past month. The new station is nearing completion. Move in date will be near the end of the month. May 13th from 12-4 they are having an open house in conjunction with the town's picnic at Martin Sutton Park.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab told everyone that the train station ground breaking will be this Wednesday April 5, 2017. The dedication will be September 23, 2017. She discussed the plans for the 150th celebration.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners voted on Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2017-01 regarding borrowing power. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor. The Charter Amendment was passed.

The Commissioners voted on Ordinance No. 2017-373 regarding Chapter 75 Building Construction of the code. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor. The Ordinance was passed.

The Commissioners voted on Ordinance No. 2017-374 regarding Chapter 124 Occupancy Permits. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor. The Ordinance was passed.

The Commissioners voted on Ordinance No. 2017-375 regarding Property Maintenance. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor. The Ordinance was passed.

The Commissioners voted on Ordinance No. 2017-376 Misdemeanors and Municipal Infractions. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor. The Ordinance was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Clemens from Tuckahoe habitat addressed the commissioners regarding their 5k race they would like to hold in town on September 30, 2017. He discussed upcoming plans to build homes in Ridgely.

Melissa Leonard discussed 301 E. Sixth Street. Planning and Zoning has made a recommendation that the single family home has incorrectly been taxed at the commercial rate and supports correcting the status.

Stanley Hutchison came to discuss the water bill at 501 Maple Avenue. He wants to know why the town is making him pay the bill. The commissioners said that the meter has been tested and works. A discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Megan Mulloney asked questions regarding 106 Maryland Avenue and why it was selected. It was discussed that it was on the tax sale for years. The tax office has worked with the town to purchase the property. It is an environmental and health hazard.

Sandra Pitts from Fresh Start Beauty Salon. She had requested a meeting with Public Works and has yet to be contacted. David discussed the process of if a meter is in question. Public Works has been out there twice a week checking the meters. She would still like to have a meeting with Public Works. A discussion followed.

Ronald Ringold asked the Commissioners about the lines at the basketball courts. The Commissioners said that he is good to paint the lines on the courts.

Dave Davis of the Ridgely Lions Club asked the commissioners for permission to have access at the WWTP and the Lions Club trailer. The Commissioners declined his request.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

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