

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JANUARY 7, 2019
TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall for the January 2019 Town meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Cathy & Rick Schwab, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Weippert, Marr Sappington, Richard Blosser, Bryan & Christy Alexander, Joe Anderson, Greg Jackson, David & Sallie Miller, Blair Carmean, Donna Hayes and Lucy Ball.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2018 closed session meeting and the December 3, 2018 town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total General Funds Reconciled \$606,713.88

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$356,165.44

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$205,455.34

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners (attached). The street sweeper has been delivered and training is next week. We are hoping to have it scheduled on a 2 week basis once we are up running. He wants to start capital planning for replacing sewer lines. There has been no word from State Highway about the parking in front of the train station.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

They have received a donation of lights for the train station. They are LED lights that have the filament showing. The Christmas decorating contest was successful. The winners should be in the Times Record this week. She asked if the Commissioners could make April 8th Hannah Henry Day. She will be 106 years old. Commissioner Hurley

made a motion to make April 8th Hannah Henry Day, 2nd Commissioner Casey, all in favor, approved. The Proclamation will be made at the April 2019 town meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Blosser spoke to the town regarding Liberty Street and the ongoing drainage problems that he has been experiencing since the curb and gutter was installed on the street. David Crist discussed the solutions that were previously discussed by earlier commissions and the most recent solution that he received. It would require a drain box and acquiring 2 right of ways to run a pipe connecting to the ditch out by the McNamee Farm. The Commissioners agreed that we need to proceed with correcting this long-time issue. David will begin the process and keep us updated on the progress.

Ron Wieppert spoke about the water issue on Liberty Street that is down by his end. He had pictures showing where the water was building up around his yard. They discussed looking at putting curbing around that area. David will look into that as well.

The Cub Scouts want to use the Cowbarn Park in February or March for one day to launch rockets for a project. The Commissioners agreed to let them use the park for the day.

Greg Jackson, Joe Anderson & Blair Carmean discussed USTA junior team tennis at Martin Sutton Park. They want to do a 6 week program this summer at the park. They requested permission to use the courts for the program. They will get their information to the town office to get the courts reserved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bryan Alexander spoke about the lack of curbing in front of his house. David will look into it when they look into the curbing at Mr. Weippert's property. He also discussed the letter the town received about the dump truck he owns and that it is parked in the town limits. A discussion followed. The Commissioners agreed that this needs to go to planning and zoning. The next meeting will be Wednesday January 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Alexander will attend the next planning and zoning meeting.

Marr Sappington also owns a dump truck and shared his concerns. He also offered his assistance to public works should they need help plowing roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

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