

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
NOVEMBER 4, 2019
TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date in the town hall at 7:00 pm for the November 2019 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, Sgt Gordon Geesey, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Joe Riley, Joe Anderson, Rick Schwab, Cathy Schwab, Brenda Walls, Glenn Kelley, David Bowen.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the October 7, 2019 Town Meeting minutes, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS
CLERK-TREASURER**

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

Total General Funds Reconciled \$267,202.53

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$140,595.53

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$43,560.20

Edward Bombaro pled guilty to fraud. He had posed as an architect and did work for our train station. He had to pay restitution to the town in the amount of \$9,000. We will be using a portion of that money to decorate the Railroad Park for Christmas. The rest will be used for other park items.

Caroline Hospice is doing the festival of trees and needs decorated trees donated to the festival so that they can be auctioned. This is a big fund raiser for hospice. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to have a \$500 budget for a tree to donate, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Melissa Leonard said that Hal Davis has been approved to join planning and zoning. He will need a letter with the request to join and he can be appointed in January.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry Sutton said that the audit went well and we are hoping to have a draft in a few days from the auditors.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Joe Riley reviewed the October 2019 convictions for Ridgely.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab told the Commissioners that the wagon that had been at the train station is being repaired by CCTC. They discussed plans for the new wagon and grant opportunities to build a platform at the end of the trail.

OLD BUSINESS

Brenda Wall from the Ridgely Car Show thanked the Town for 9 years of help and support. 14 organizations will be receiving money from the car show, including the Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department. The organization will continue to do charity work, but not as a car show.

NEW BUSINESS

David Bowen and Glenn Kelley from Cambio Broadband came to discuss their desire to put wifi equipment on the town's water tower. A discussion followed. They were instructed to get more information from the water tower maintenance company and the Director of Public Works.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Walls is hoping to do something in the Railroad Park before the Christmas Parade. She discussed possible ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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