

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
FEBRUARY 7, 2022
TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 10:00 am in the town hall and via Zoom for the February town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Jeff Eckrich, Financial Assistant Jerry Sutton, Ridgely Historical Society Rick and Cathy Schwab.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the January 3, 2022 town meeting minutes, 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 \$234,583.33, total sewer funds reconciled \$42,413.71, total water funds reconciled \$20,621.53, total ARPA funds reconciled \$704,881.79. The town has contracted Valerie Mann to help with compliance and reporting for the ARPA funding. The budget revision went well and we are starting to work on the FY23 budget.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist said that he has been helping with the budget revision and has been getting prices for the FY23 budget. Public Works is getting ready for the work at Martin Sutton Park when the weather warms.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Eckrich said that the SAPP Grant has been submitted and they are expecting an increase in revenue funding for this grant.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Not present.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry Sutton said that the budget revision went well. He provided a new debt schedule. Herb Geary from TGM Group will come in the spring to discuss the audit and concerns looking forward.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab thanked the town for have the train station cleaned. RHS received a donation of old newspapers from the 1950's and 60's. The train station will be open the first Saturday of the month from May through September.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Buckle introduced Ordinance No. 2022-389 FY22 Budget Revision.

Tanya Cruz was not present, but the Commissioners discussed her request of adding more lighting on Caroline Avenue. We can see if Delmarva Power can put LED bulbs in the existing lights with the next round of upgrades that they do. The Commissioner did not think want to add any more lights on the street.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Schwab thanked David Crist and the Public Works crew for the snow removal in the town. She also told Chief Eckrich that there was a strange happening at her house that morning where a sock was put over her front door knob and a large branch was placed on the front porch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am.

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