

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
EXECUTIVE SESSION (RECORDING OF VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION)
MARCH 21, 2019



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 1:00 pm in the Town Hall for an Executive Session. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey and Town Attorney Patrick Thomas.

President Buckle opened the meeting to the public.

Summary of the March 11, 2019 closed session:

DATE: March 11, 2019

TIME: 1:05 PM

PLACE: Town Hall – Second Floor Conference Room

PURPOSE: To consult with and obtain legal advice and recommendations from the Town Attorneys regarding a personnel matter involving a specific individual over whom the Commissioners have jurisdiction and potential litigation involving the Town associated therewith; to receive an update from the Town Attorneys regarding the Hanover Foods litigation

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Md. Code Ann., General Provision Article § 3-305 (b): **(1)** "To discuss a personnel matter involving a specific individual over whom the Commissioners have jurisdiction;" **(7)** "To consult with Town Attorneys to obtain legal advice;" **(8)** "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation."

VOTE TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION: Unanimous

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- A personnel matter involving a specific individual over whom the Commissioners have jurisdiction
- Legal advice and recommendations from the Town Attorneys regarding the personnel matter and potential litigation involving the Town associated therewith
- Update from Town Attorneys regarding Hanover Foods Corporation Petition filed in the Maryland Tax Court for refund of water and sewer charges and Bay Restoration Fees

ATTENDING: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Town Attorney Chip MacLeod, Town Attorney Patrick Thomas

ACTION TAKEN:

The Commissioners unanimously voted to authorize the Town Attorneys to continue handling the confidential personnel matter based upon the Town Attorneys' advice and recommendations.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to adjourn the closed session part of the meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, all in favor. The closed session was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

President Buckle read the vote to close the meeting. The meeting will be closed under General Provision Article § 3-305(b)(1) "To discuss a personnel matter involving a specific individual over whom the Commissioners have jurisdiction;" § 3-305(b)(7) "To consult with Town Attorneys to obtain legal advice;" § 3-305(b)(8) "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation." Commissioner Hurley made a motion to close the meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, all in favor. The Commissioners adjourned to closed session. The closed session started at 1:03 pm.

At 1:25 pm the Commissioners adjourned from the closed session. President Buckle re-opened the Executive Session to the public.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 pm.

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