

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JUNE 4, 2018
TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall for the June 2018 Town Meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, 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, Joe Anderson, Norma Pinkney, Cathy Schwab, Rick Schwab, Eric Kellner, Megan Maloney, Tonya Wilson, Kevin Maloney and Terri Hinch. Commissioner Anthony Casey was unable to attend the meeting.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 town meeting, 2nd President Buckle, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total General Funds Reconciled \$401,132.38

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$337,313.14

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$201,877.98

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works, David Crist, presented his report to the Commissioners. The playground is not covered under warranty for the damaged rides. We are going to replace the spring rides with a merry go round. The new flag pole at Martin Sutton Park will be installed in the next week, weather permitting. He has been pricing street sweepers and has found one for \$155,000. Highway user revenue is allowed to be used for this purchase, which we would finance for 5 years if approved. Line painting on Central Avenue Ext. was discussed. We have a quote for \$3,248 from Zone Striping, Inc. to do the painting. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to proceed with the line painting, 2nd President Buckle, approved.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton addressed the Commissioners. The preliminary audit begins next week. He does not anticipate any problems.

RVFD

Chief Erik Kellner presented his report to the Commissioners. They responded to 21 fire calls last month. The old fire station was sold in April to Restaurant Requip. The end of the fiscal year is nearing and they are trying to curb spending. They did not receive the FEMA grant that they had hoped for. The Strawberry Festival was a success.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab said that the recent Ridgely Chat Session was a success, as was the Strawberry Festival. They would like to start looking into redoing the interior of the caboose. She wants to start a go fund me page through the Historical Society to start the fundraising for this project. June 25th is the 87th birthday of the caboose.

OLD BUSINESS

President Buckle presented Ordinance No. 2018-380 FY19 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-380, 2nd President Buckle, approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Melissa Leonard, Human Resources for the town, presented information to the Commissioners to provide long and short term disability benefits to the town employees. A discussion followed. The Commissioners asked to table the discussion until after the audit.

The Commissioners discussed a letter from Young Woo of 11 & 15 Central Avenue regarding the late payment of his water bills. He is requesting that the late fees be abated. A discussion followed. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to not waive the late fees, 2nd President Buckle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Megan Maloney discussed the sidewalks on Maryland Avenue. She wants to know if there is a plan in place for the sidewalks. A discussion followed. She wants serious consideration given to this issue.

Norma Pinkney from Greenridge Development discussed the large pothole on Sunrise Avenue on the Greenridge side. The Commissioners discussed that there are plans in place to repair that area. There is also a pothole near the 8th street stop sign.

Terri Hinch discussed the alley between Caroline and Park. People are flying down that road. She wanted to know if we could put up a sign for this road or do something to prevent people from speeding down the road. A discussion followed about the instances of speeding on that alley.

President Buckle asked Joe Anderson about the status of the Town Clock repairs. Joe Anderson said he will be trying to get it fixed in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer