

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

JULY 1, 2019

TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall for the monthly 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, Officer Ross Harper, Debbie Bowden, Jessica Taylor, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Jimmy Glover, Joseph Riley, Blair Carmean, Jennifer Riley, Connie Zaruba, Bill Zaruba, Norma Pinkney, Martin Sokolich and George Panada.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/24/19 Vote to go into Closed Session, 5/24/19 Closed Session, 6/3/19 Town Meeting, second Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, 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 \$327,294.15

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$184,811.39

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$110,988.52

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners (attached).

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. He discussed the need to replace the vehicle that was sold to the Town of Greensboro. The new vehicle will be arriving in November/December.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Melissa Leonard indicated that citation letters have been sent to property owners that have not shown any improvements from when the initial warning letters were sent.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry Sutton said that the preliminary audit went well.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Joe Riley read the June criminal docket for the cases from Ridgely.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Not present.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Governor declared July 5, 2019 a holiday for State Employees. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to close the town offices on July 5, 2019, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, all in favor, approved.

Debbie Bowden of Caroline County Economic Development gave an update on the Tech Park. Degan is now doing business as BSD Farms. They are still trying to establish their business at the Tech Park and are working on obtaining financing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Blair Carmean asked if the budget was increased for the Chicken Bridge Tax Ditch. The budget has been increased. David Crist expressed his concern that the County has not fixed the problem at Maryland Avenue and Route 480. A discussion followed. Caroline Tennis Association thanked the town for the use of the courts. He asked about plans for improving the tennis courts and how to go about getting plans made for improvements. Commissioner Casey recommended having a committee to help with the Master Plan for the park, which had been done a few years ago. A discussion followed.

Melissa Leonard discussed the flag football program request for Martin Sutton Park. They are requesting to use the park in the fall on Sundays. The Commissioners said to check with soccer league as they already have use of the park, but if they agree, football would need to be the same arrangement.

Commissioner Buckle said that Hal Davis from Middle Dept. Inspection Agency should be at the meetings after he sends out citations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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