

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
AUGUST 2, 2021  
TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 10:00 AM in the town hall for the August 2021 Town Meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioner Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Jeff Eckrich, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Ridgely Historical Society Cathy & Rick Schwab.

Commissioner Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Town Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Casey, approved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Casey, approved. Total General Funds reconciled \$158,209.44, total Sewer Funds reconciled \$104,249.88, total Water Funds reconciled \$104,955.43.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

David Crist told the Commissioners that he was waiting to hear back for the bids on the roof for the town hall. The contractors are having a hard time locking in on a price because they cannot see if there is plywood underneath the existing roof. The spray foam insulation is blocking the view from inside the building. With the submission of the roof bids will be a bid for the roof of the telephone exchange building. These bids will be submitted to Jeff Grist to be submitted for the Governor's Capital Budget.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Eckrich said that from here to Ocean City auto thefts are on the rise. There have been 2 in Ridgely. Officer Thomas is attending a meeting with other agencies to get a suspect. Medifast has requested the police department to conduct an active shooter class for their employees. There have been 7 reported thefts in a three week-period and domestic assaults are up. Commissioner Hurley asked about the damage to the gate to the Wastewater Treatment Plant that was caused by St. Michael's Police Department. They need to be liable for the damages.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Nothing to report.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANT**

Gerald Sutton said that income tax revenue was up to \$200,000, which is very unexpected but good.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Cathy Schwab said that the train station would be open on Saturday for tours and that they have been advertising on Facebook for tours at the Historical Society Museum.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the newly revised 2021 Employee Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Casey, all in favor, approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

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