

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

AUGUST 5, 2019

TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the town hall. 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, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Cathy & Rick Schwab, Joe Anderson, Brenda Walls, Connie & Bill Zaruba, Joe Riley, Cindy Towers, Jeff Ludwig, Chad Dean, Hal Davis, Norma Pinkney, Officer Jeff Christopher, Michael Steinham, Tyler Rybkowski, Catherine Rybkowski, Joanne Sisco and Lucy Ball.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 Town Meeting, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

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

Total General Funds Reconciled \$278,727.37

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$130,536.55

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$43,781.30

The September meeting will fall on the Labor Day Holiday. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to change the date of the meeting to September 4, 2019, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS`

David Crist submitted his report to the Commissioners. Matt Rust is looking to purchase the lot by the recycle bins on Sunrise Avenue to build 7 houses. He would like for the Commissioners to pay for part of the road paving for these houses, do an abatement of water and sewer impact fees and to pay for the necessary sewer line extension. A discussion followed. No other developers have ever been given these benefits. The Commissioners unanimously declined his request.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Not present.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Melissa Leonard indicated that planning and zoning needs members for the board. The Zoning Ordinance update is still progressing. David Crist expressed the need for members of the Parks Board as well. Hal Davis from Middle Department expressed his interest in joining planning and zoning, but he is not a town resident. Melissa will look into the charter to see what the requirements are to serve on the board and to see if it is possible to serve on the board if you are not a town resident.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry Sutton said that the Financial Audit of FY19 will happen in September. Jerry discussed that in August of 2009 Commissioner Dale Mumford asked him to become the accountant for the town. He has loved the past ten years with the town. He did an overview of things that have happened over the past ten years.

STATES ATTORNEY

Joe Riley listed the month of July convictions for the Town of Ridgely.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab discussed upcoming events. RHS will be in the Caroline Summerfest in Denton this month. There have been several tours at the train station this summer. They are trying to arrange for some senior citizen tours to come to the station. They met with an author that is writing 3 books on the Delmarva Railroad. She thanked the town for the support that has been given to the historical society over the years.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Ludwig from Department of Emergency Services discussed the Hazardous Mitigation Plan for the County that was recently developed. He would like for the Commissioners to pass a Resolution to adopt the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. A discussion followed. The Resolution will be prepared and put on the September 2019 agenda.

David Crist spoke regarding Mr. Clinton Taylor and that he is missing his property markers on Seward Road. Mr. Taylor believes that when the infrastructure was put in for the tech park the markers were removed. He is blaming the town. Mr. Taylor had asked to be put on the agenda for the August meeting, but was not present to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Anderson and Brenda Walls discussed the upcoming Ridgely Car Show. They would like to designate 10 spots in front of the town hall on the day of the car show to do a wing car display. The Commissioners agreed. The pre-party will be September 21st at the RVFD.

Norma Pinkney of the Greenridge Subdivision was upset that on July 3, 2019 they lost water services due to a water main break in town. She was unable to use her water for 2 ½ hours. She would like an abatement on her water bill for not having the service during that time. A discussion followed. Melissa Leonard discussed that for that amount of time based off of the minimum water bill over a 90-day period, the amount would be about a nickel per hour. The Commissioners discussed that water billing is based on actual usage. No official abatement was authorized by the Commissioners, but Commissioners Casey and Hurley offered to give Mrs. Pinkney the change to cover the time missed. Mrs. Pinkney refused the offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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