

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
AUGUST 8, 2018  
TOWN MEETING**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the town hall for the August 2018 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Leonard John Buckle, Commissioner Anthony Casey, 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, Eric Kellner RVFD, Officer Ross Harper, Cathy & Rick Schwab, Connie & William Zaruba, Megan Maloney, Brandon Cunningham, David Smith, Jr., Ronald Ringgold, Jr., Shanta Phillips, Don Ford, Mimi Farley, Tim Farley and Herb Dennis.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018 town meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, all in favor.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Commissioner Casey made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Casey, all in favor.

Total General Funds Reconciled - \$250,782.34

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$336762.54

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$199,555.75

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Director of Public Works, David Crist, presented his report to the Commissioners (attached). He began a discussion about properties outside of town limits connecting to our system. New Beginnings United Methodist Church has expressed an interest to connect to our system with the new building they are hoping to build just outside of town. It is at the Commissioners' discretion to extend the services. A discussion followed. It would be very costly for the church well in excess of \$30,000 for just the estimated fees. They would have right of way issues as well. In the past, we have not extended the services. The Commissioners did not make a decision about extending the services. They will wait to hear from the church.

The street sweeper has been ordered. The playground work will be done on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The flagpole work at Martin Sutton Park is almost complete. We would like to have a dedication for the veterans when it is completed.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Manos was not present, but his report was presented to the Commissioners (attached).

**RVFD**

Eric Kellner reported that they had 16 fire calls this past month. One of their vehicles was in an accident and is having mechanical failure. They will try to get it either replaced or repaired. National night out is tomorrow night and the fire company will be there to support the town.

#### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Cathy Schwab addressed the Commissioners. Summerfest is August 17/18. They will be having a Ridgely Chat Session on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The time and location will be determined soon.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Melissa Leonard presented the updated zoning map to the commissioners for signature.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melissa Leonard presented a request from Bradford Webb, the attorney for 2 Greenridge Avenue, for an abatement of fines that are liens on the property. Commissioner Casey made a motion to deny the waiving of the fees, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, all in favor.

Danny Foster of 402 Maple Avenue is requesting an abatement of the grass cutting invoice of \$115.00. The property was going to settlement during the mowing. The Commissioners agreed to have him pay the amount that the town paid to Danny's Lawncare. Mr. Foster also asked for abatement to be waived for the water bill late fees on the properties that he paid. Commissioner Casey motioned to deny the request, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley. The Commissioners denied the request.

Ross Harper spoke on behalf of the Ridgely Lions Club. They are going to complete some work on the monument in the railroad park. Opioid awareness month is September. Caroline County is doing the Caroline Goes Purple. In support of that, he has a quote for LED light bulbs for 3 strands of the lights. The cost is \$400. Commissioner Casey made a motion to purchase the lights, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Casey, all in favor.

Brandon Cunningham from Exquisite Basketball thanked the Commissioners for coming to the car wash. \$400 was raised. He asked if the commissioners had given any more consideration to changing out the rims at the basketball court. The older one net needs s hooks and the other one should be ok. A discussion followed. They are having a back to school book bag supply event at Martin Sutton Park on August 26<sup>th</sup> 1 – 6 pm.

President Buckle discussed National night out at Martin Sutton Park, which is from 5-7 pm on August 7, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Berkey, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer