

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
JULY 1, 2013
TOWN MEETING

The July 2013 meeting of the Commissioners of Ridgely was held on the above date in the Ridgely House. The following were in attendance: President Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk –Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Rev. Joe Smith, Cathy & Rick Schwab.

President Casey called the meeting to order. Reverend Joe Smith of the Ridgely United Methodist Church performed the invocation. President Casey led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2013 meeting, 2nd President Casey, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2nd President Casey, approved. The preliminary audit for FY13 will commence on July 15, 2013 by TGM Group.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. The prices for the skid loader were presented. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the purchase of the skid loader from Burke for \$39,680 and up to \$6,000 for the trailer, 2nd President Casey, approved.

All of the water meters are just about installed and should be completed by the end of the week. Maryland Avenue paving is still scheduled for mid-July. Bramble will notify the residents a week prior to the commencement of work. They will need a full week of no rain to do the work. The Commissioners discussed the situation with Meter Pro and billing them for all of the problems that we have incurred in the process. David and Melissa will figure out the appropriate amount to bill Meter Pro and the Commissioners agreed it would be best to deduct the amount from the invoice they billed to us.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. There was a discussion about the process of getting search and seizure warrants and how the police have had the need to use them recently. A thank you note was received from the RVFD for the police department's assistance with the Dream City Music Festival.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab presented the estimate for the electrical work at the train station. It was discussed at a previous meeting using the grant funds to pay for the electrical work. The estimate is only for materials as they will be donating their services. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to accept the bid, 2nd President Casey, approved.

The caboose was 82 on June 25th. Dr. Peter the last owner is going to try to come down and help us move the caboose closer to the train station. Public works may need to help with the backhoe

to move the caboose. The train station will need a gutter on the front of the building. More of the framing has been torn out of the train station. David has given the Schwabs a quote to paint the train station. The estimate came in at \$6,000.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Casey discussed the situation with the current tax differential and how MML is trying to make changes to how the County's work with the municipalities. They are trying to make Caroline County a "Shall" county instead of a "May" county. There was a discussion about the request from MML to endorse the Double Taxation workgroups law change to the Annotated Code of MD. Title 6 Subtitle 3 Section 6-305 and the request for the town to submit a legislative request to the MML Legislative Committee by July 12, 2013. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the endorsement and to submit the request, 2nd President Casey, approved.

President Casey presented Resolution No. 2013-02 which is required to secure the funding to refinance the Bell Street Pump Station Loan, the Ridgely House Loan and to acquire the equipment lease to purchase the skid loader, trailer, new police vehicle (2014 Ford Interceptor) and to refinance the other 3 police vehicles. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2013-02 and to purchase the new police 2014 Ford Interceptor, 2nd President Casey, approved.

There was a discussion about hiring a temp to work on the scanning project. The Commissioners agreed that the town could hire a temporary person for a period of twelve weeks for the scanning projects.

President Casey discussed that this is the beginning of a new fiscal year and that the Commissioners and employees are looking forward to a good year. Maryland Avenue is getting repaved, there will be a 5th full time police officer by September and a new police vehicle is being ordered. We are purchasing a skid loader for public works and are in the process of refinancing several of our current loans that will save the town tens of thousands of dollars over the next few years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Schwab discussed the weeds that are in the islands on Central Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer