

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2014**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date for the January 2014 Commissioners Meeting at the Ridgely House. The following were in attendance: President Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner L. John Buckle, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Asst. Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Rick & Cathy Schwab, John Anderson, Ross and Allison Harper, Samuel & Adam Harper, Steve and Charlyn Fisher and Dustin Holt.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2013 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 - \$657,424.76
Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$164,422.55
Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$137,588.64

The IIMC Region 2 Conference is January 15-17, 2014 in Bowie, Maryland. Stephanie could get credits towards the 50 needed for the Municipal Clerk Certification if able to attend. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

Pepco Holdings, Inc. has requested an abatement of late charges on the public utilities tax bill that was sent to them in May 2013 for last fiscal year. They claim to have never received the bill, but have already paid the late charges. A second bill was sent to them in November. After a discussion the Commissioners agreed to deny the request.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. There was a discussion regarding the proposed changes to the bulk trash policy.

David presented the quotes for the purchase of a chipper and the financing options. Vermeer Mid Atlantic, Inc. has the state contract and the price is drastically reduced. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to purchase the chipper from Vermeer, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, unanimous approval.

David discussed the MD Smart Energy grant that we have applied for. We should hear the results of the application in early February.

There was a discussion about the current fuel supplier. After checking with several providers Tri Gas has agreed to give us a price at 30 cents over cost. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to switch to Tri Gas and Oil, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. Stephanie Berkey swore in Officer Ross Harper and Officer Thomas Walsh. They will be part time officers on an as-needed basis. Chief discussed the ordinance for the mutual aid agreement.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry Sutton discussed that we are at the 6 month mark of the budget. We are going to be analyzing the expenses to make sure we are in check with the budget.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Commissioners discussed the invoice from Rick Schwab for work done on the train station.

Commissioner Hurley motioned to pay the invoice, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

Cathy thanked the Public Works, the Police and the Commissioners for Christmas on Belle Street. They would like to do it again next year and perhaps make it bigger. They are working on the paperwork for the train station grant and would like to use the town letterhead. They have talked to several architects to get quotes.

They are talking about doing Easter in the park this spring in front of the pharmacy on Belle Street.

OLD BUSINESS

President Casey re-read Ordinance No. 2013-361, an ordinance to re-appropriate funds and adjust revenue estimates in accordance with events that necessitate changes in the budget in anticipated revenue and to reallocate funds to adjust expenditures for fiscal year 2013-2014. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-361, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

NEW BUSINESS

President Casey introduced Ordinance No. 2014-362 and ordinance to the Town of Ridgely to adopt the regional law enforcement compact among and between the towns of Ridgely, Denton, Greensboro, Federalsburg, Preston and the Caroline County Sheriff's Department.

President Casey introduced Resolution No. 2014-01, a resolution of intent by the Commissioners of Ridgely to enter the National Flood Insurance Program. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-01, 2nd Commissioner Buckle, approved.

President Casey introduced Ordinance No. 2014-363 adopting amendments to chapter 150 of the Town Code for bulk trash removal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Berkey

Clerk-Treasurer