

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY  
OCTOBER 5, 2015  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Ridgely House for the October 2015 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, Herb Geary of TGM Group, Terri Hinch, Ross Harper, Boy Scouts of Troop 464, and M. Maloney.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2015 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 - \$255,639.97

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled - \$322,564.76

Total Water Funds Reconciled - \$112,501.91

Currently there is \$2,451.38 in the PNC EDC account. We have made our donation of \$5,000 to Caroline County Economic Development. The Commissioners discussed closing the account and putting the funds into the general fund checking account. Commissioner Casey made a motion to close the account and put the balance into the general fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hurley, approved.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. We received impact fees today which is money that we didn't budget for. He would like to purchase a snow blower and a dump trailer. The Commissioners agreed to proceed with procuring bids. Southern Corrosion will be here tomorrow to begin power washing and painting the water tank. There was a discussion regarding the lights on the new vehicles when they arrive. Leaf pick-up will begin soon.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief of Police Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. Chief Manos discussed with the Commissioners adjusting the per diem rate in the employee handbook. The Commissioners agreed to proceed with looking into a new policy.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANT**

Gerald Sutton spoke to the Commissioners regarding the recent audit. He thanked Stephanie, Melissa and David for their help with the audit. The audit went very well. We will start looking at the budget revision soon.

**RVFD**

Not present.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Not present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Herb Geary from TGM Group presented the draft financial report to the Commissioners. He commended the staff on their preparation for the audit. It was another positive year for the town. Once again TGM is providing an unmodified opinion of the town, which is the highest level recommendation an independent audit company can provide.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rodney Dobson requested that a new sign be made for Hannah Henry as she is now 102 years old and still with us and doing well. The Commissioners agreed.

Ross Harper and the Boy Scouts of Troop 464 thanked the Commissioners for their support and to discuss the activities that they are involved in. They are trying to raise money for a trip to New Mexico. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to donate \$2,000 to fund one scout, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Casey, unanimous approval.

Jerry Sutton discussed the Christmas ornament for 2015. It will be the telephone exchange building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Berkey  
Clerk-Treasurer