

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
FEBRUARY 1, 2016
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 7:00 pm in the Ridgely House for the February 2016 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, Debbie Pfeil KCI, Angela Visentainer, Cathy and Rick Schwab, Lou Hayes, Charles Dean, Chris Rogers, Joe Anderson, Kevin Parks, Dawn Parks, Norma Pinkney.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.
Total General Funds Reconciled \$424,279.48
Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$322,952.87
Total Water Funds Reconciled \$112,833.21

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist submitted his report to the Commissioners. The Commissioners commended him on the snow removal during the blizzard. President Buckle gave Mr. Crist an award for his dedicated 15 years of service to the town. There was a discussion regarding the need to update the snow removal policy in the town code. The backhoe is reaching the end of its' useful life and we may need to look into getting a new backhoe or possibly a front end loader.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. He asked that the donation to the Caroline County Drug Task Force be increased from 5,000 to 7,500 this year, with the aid of some recent impact fees that were received. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Casey, all in favor, approved. Chief Manos presented his plan for a new per diem rate for travel. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the new per diem rates for the employee manual, 2nd Commissioner Casey, unanimous approval.

RVFD

Lou Hayes spoke to the Commissioners. He thanked the Commissioners for attending the banquet and for the donation. The fire company had 21 calls and 15 support calls in January. They had 24 hour coverage during the blizzard, Thursday through Sunday. He thanked Sgt. Walsh for his help with the fire at Tuckahoe Gardens. The new firehouse building groundbreaking will be February 13th. The building is on order.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Jerry Sutton spoke to the Commissioners. The budget ordinance will be voted on tonight.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab spoke to the Commissioners. We are still waiting for permits from MTA for the train station and hope to hear shortly. It will then go to SHA for approval and then FHA. It is a complicated process. Regarding the 150th anniversary, we are trying to schedule a meeting to get the process started. We will meet on February 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-368 for the FY16 budget revision, 2nd Commissioner Casey, all in favor, approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Melissa Leonard asked the Commissioners to approve David Crist to planning and zoning and to approve the renewal of the terms of the existing board members. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

President Buckle opened the sealed bids for the public works trucks. The winners are: Ford F250 – Brandon Butler, GMC – Charles Dean.

Angela Visentainer talked to the Commissioners about the CEDC. She provided a year to date progress report. She requested a budget allocation for FY17 in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve, 2nd President Buckle, approved.

Debbie Pfeil of KCI spoke to the Commissioners regarding the services she would like to provide the Town of Ridgely. She presented an on-call project with the town. She also discussed the Martin Sutton Park grant project and her interest in continuing the project as an employee of KCI, as she is no longer employed with AECOM. She discussed some of the ways she would like to add onto the grant without adding any additional costs. An on-call contract would allow them to act on behalf of the town, but does not obligate the town. A discussion followed. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to sign the on call contract, 2nd Commissioner Casey, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Schwab spoke to Ann Jacobs regarding the e-blasts we get from the Chamber. Cathy hoped we could use one for the 150th celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer