

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
DECEMBER 5, 2016
TOWN MEETING**

The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date in the Ridgely House at 7:00 pm for the December town meeting. The following were in attendance: President Anthony Casey, Commissioner John Hurley, Commissioner Leonard John Buckle, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Chief of Police Gary Manos, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Rick and Cathy Schwab, Officer Ross Harper, Jim Williams, Patrice Flamer, Norma Pinkney and Joe Anderson. Chad Dean arrived at 7:13.

President Casey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 town meeting, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to approve paying the bills, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

Total General Funds Reconciled \$278,064.73

Total Sewer Funds Reconciled \$521,439.76

Total Water Funds Reconciled \$250,601.60

The next town meeting will fall on the New Year's Holiday. Commissioner Buckle made a motion to move the meeting to Monday January 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works David Crist presented his report to the Commissioners. The playground equipment and front end loader have been ordered. The construction on the pole shed has begun. Leaf pick up continues.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Gary Manos presented his report to the Commissioners. The police radios have arrived. We received a grant for \$20,000 to put towards the purchase. The new police vehicle to replace the totaled vehicle has been ordered. The driver was found guilty in the accident at court last week and our insurance company is going to try to get more from the at-fault driver to cover the costs.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Gerald Sutton spoke to the Commissioners. We had a very positive report from the auditors. TGM Group, Herb Geary donated \$500 to the 150th celebration. We are going to begin budget revision.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab thanked Stephanie, Melissa, Jerry Sutton and John Buckle for the help with the Christmas House tour. Ridgely Elementary School collected pennies for the 150th celebration to donate to the Historical Society. They raised \$205. The train station project is moving forward. We are officially in the construction phase. We are meeting again 12/7/16 with Harper and Sons. The MOU with the state will be amended. Project Open Space money will be used first.

OLD BUSINESS

Stanley Hutchison re: 501 Maple Avenue was not present. It will be discussed when the results of the meter come back.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Buckle made a motion to adopt the new town flag as the official seal of the Commissioners of Ridgely, 2nd Commissioner Hurley, approved.

Jim Williams discussed the issues of 29 Robins Court with the grinder pump. Freemire is going to investigate the pump, but assured us that they will continue to service the pump and honor the warranty. He did not believe that the pump was a “lemon.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Schwab thanked Stephanie and Melissa for decorating the town hall and the ornaments on the porch that were made by the Ridgely Elementary School students.

Patrice Flamer discussed that she will be at the next meeting to discuss her business plan for Spirit and Mind.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie L. Berkey, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer