

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

JULY 1, 2024

TOWN MEETING



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm in the town hall for the July 2024 town meeting. The following were in attendance: President John Buckle, Commissioner Brad Sears, Commissioner John Hurley, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Operations David Crist, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Sheriff Donald Baker, Sgt. Keith Collison, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton, Nancy Sears, Alicia Moxley, Erin Wheeler, Berl L. Lovelace, Sr., Joshua Duerstine, Jessica Duerstine, Andy Hrobar, Christine Eckrich, Cathy & Rick Schwab, Steve Lone, Dawn S. Chase, Betty Wright, Sara Wright, Madelyn Citro, Mary Thawley, Barbie Utz, Bobby Utz, Norma Pinkney, Ann Rossi-Gill, Clinton Gill, K. Mann. Attending via zoom: Holly Justice, Jenifer Nesselroad, Lilian Lone, Brandon Samuel, Scott Barron, Valerie Douglas, QSI Acct, Jamie Romph, Megan Clarke, Megan Clarke (2), Gina's iPhone 13 Pro Max, RF, Heidi Olson King, Heather Amador, Brenda, Zoom User, Chad Leister.

President Buckle opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to appoint Brad Sears as Commissioner to replace Anthony Casey after he quit his position. The motion was seconded by President Buckle. Stephanie Berkey swore in Commissioner Sears.

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024, town meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sears, all in favor, approved.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK-TREASURER

Commissioner Hurley made a motion to approve paying the bills, seconded by Commissioner Sears, all in favor, approved. Total general funds reconciled \$149,879.10, total sewer funds reconciled \$47,785.46, total water funds reconciled \$41,365.90, total ARPA funds reconciled \$8,733.77.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

David Crist once again apologized for his language at the June town meeting. He wanted everyone to know that it was not because of the water issue that was being discussed, but because of something ignorant that was said to a member of the audience. In addition to discussing the chlorinating process of the water system during the summer, he also discussed the items in the attached report.

CAROLINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Baker introduced Sgt. Keith Collison. Sgt. Collison will be stationed in Ridgely as part of the agreement made between Ridgely and the Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Collison is very familiar with the town as he began his law enforcement career in Ridgely. His wife is the school resource officer at Ridgely Elementary School. Sheriff Baker reviewed the attached report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Melissa Leonard said the town has received multiple complaints about chickens in town and people that are living outside in back yards.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Nothing to report.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cathy Schwab was happy to report that the train station had visitors from France this month. There was also an article in the Times Record about the train station.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a proclamation to Betty Wright. Betty has been a postal carrier in Ridgely for almost her entire career and has now retired. They thanked her for her service, and everyone agreed she would be greatly missed.

Erin Wheeler is part of the fall block party committee. She discussed the event that will be held on September 28, 2024, from 3-7 pm. There will be food trucks and kids' activities. They are hoping to make it an annual event. The rain date is the 29th. She discussed parking with David Crist. He asked for a plan of the event first.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Amador asked about the police coverage and if the other deputies have been hired. Sheriff Baker said that they were in training and that coverage was being done by the school resource officers and Sgt. Collison.

Holly Justice requested a letter of support from the town for the block party so that they could get more sponsors and donations. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to send the letter, 2nd Commissioner Sears, all in favor.

Kathleen Mann would like to see a full itemized town budget be provided to the residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

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

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PUMP STATION ODOR COMPLAINT

June 20, 2024, we had a septic service company come in and pump out every pump station that the town operates. We also power washed everything down. We do this twice a year but wanted to wait until after they were cleaned to begin the chemical treatment. The chemical treatment started today. Chemicals will be added every other day for a week, then every three days the second week and then every four days. This is in all stations.

WATER COMPLAINTS

Since the last meeting several additional tests have been conducted. Everyone that raised their hand in the last meeting has had their water tested at least once if not multiple times. Homeowners were contacted and made aware of the results. Everything was well in compliance within drinking water standards. No odor was noticed during the tests. On June 28th, 2024, I conducted multiple water tests back in the School St apartments. I believe which is considered day spring 1. Five random apartments were picked from five different buildings. All test results came back well within compliance of drinking water standards. No odor was noticed during the tests.

TOWN SIDEWALKS

We are in talks with our Engineering firm and MDOT. There are meetings in the works. While waiting on the meetings we are going to start an in house sidewalk survey. This will consist of the following:

- Full inventory of all sidewalks in Town
- Sidewalk damage
- ADA complaint ramps

A few things to take into consideration with looking into any sidewalk projects.

- Town charter. Says homeowner is responsible for repairs and maintenance. Are we going the sidestep this?

- Town trees. If the roots are cut or damaged during repair of sidewalks the tree will have to be removed. Most all sidewalk damage is caused by trees weather if its ours or the homeowners
- What's the course of action taken if the homeowner doesn't want a sidewalk in front of their home? Where I live there isn't a public sidewalk in the community and I personally would not one installed.

BS- larger trees in town how much
DC 5-6K
insurance does not cover trees

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	P.H	FREE CL2	LOCATION	TIME	P.H	FREECL2
6/4/2024	202 SUNRISE AVE	959AM	8.1	0.7	12060 SCHOOL ST	1031AM	8	0.37
6/4/2024	110 SUNRISE AVE	1008AM	8.1	0.59				
6/5/2024	27 LISTER LANE	943AM	8	0.37				
6/20/2024	12060 SCHOOL ST	910AM	8	0.44	202 SUNRISE AVE	859AM	8	0.54
6/26/2024	202 SUNRISE AVE	905AM	8.1	0.52				

6/28/2024 SCHOOL ST APTS

ALL TESTS TAKEN FROM OUTSIDE SPIGOT

#12 AND #13 SIGOTS ARE TURNED OFF

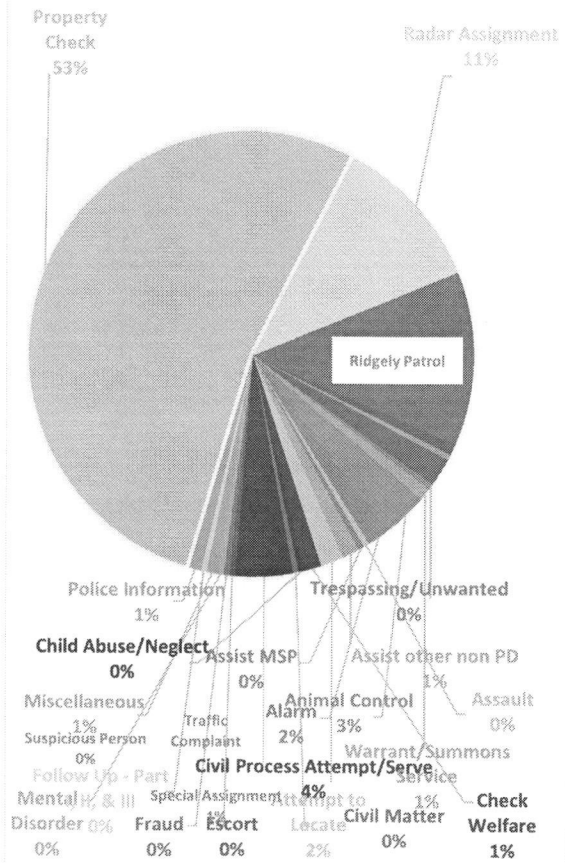
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#14	1059AM	8.2	0.32				

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June ACTIVITY REPORT 6/01/2024 TO 6/30/2024

Call For Service Type	Reports	CFS Count
Animal Control		8
Alarm		4
Assault	1	1
Assist MSP		1
Assist other non PD		3
Attempt to Locate		4
Check Welfare		3
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	1
Civil Matter		1
Civil Process Attempt/Serve		10
Escort		1
Fraud	1	1
Mental Disorder		1
Miscellaneous		2
Follow Up - Part I, II, & III		1
Police Information		2
Property Check		126
Radar Assignment		27
Ridgely Patrol		30
Special Assignment		2
Suspicious Person		1
Traffic Complaint		5
Trespassing/Unwanted		1
Warrant/Summons Service	2	2
Traffic Stops	Captured	Below
Total	5	238

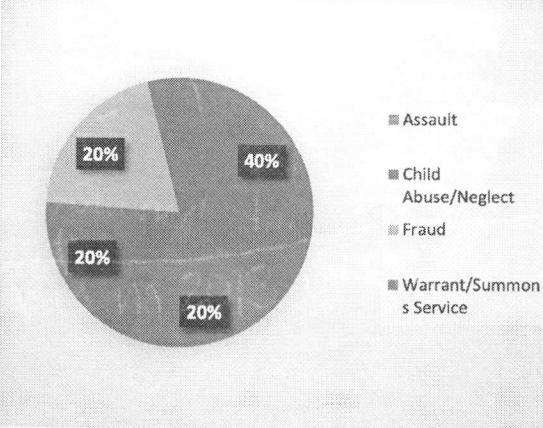
Calls For Service Activity Breakdown



QUICK FACTS

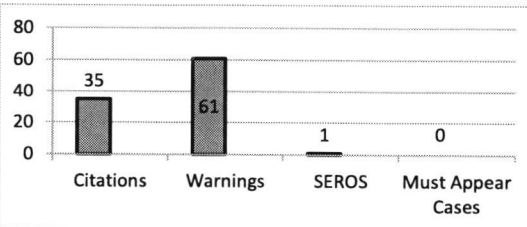
	TOTAL
Number of Assignments:	30
Number of Hours on Assign.	150
Number of TOTAL CFS:	238
Number of Reports Taken:	5
Total Traffic Stops:	65
Total Traffic Violations:	97
Total Arrests:	3

Calls For Service REPORTS percentage breakdown



Traffic Enforcement Breakdown

Enforcement Type	TOTAL
Citations	35
Warnings	61
SEROS	1
Must Appear Cases	0
Total Traffic Enforcement	97



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Thank you for attending.

ZOOM ATTENDEES

Holly Justice, BP

Jennifer Nesselroad

Lilian Lone

Brandon Samuel

Scott Barron

Valerie Douglas

QSI Acct

Jamie Pomph

Megan Clarke

Megan Clarke (2)

Gina's iPhone BProMax

RF

Heidi Olson King

Heather Amador

Brenda

Zoom User

Chad Lyster

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PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY

Nancy Sears

Betty Wright

Alicia Moxley

Sara Wright

Erin Wheeler

Madelyn Citro

BERL L. LOVE/LACE, SR

Mary Thawley

Joshua Duerstine

Barbie Utz

Jessica Duerstine

Bobby Utz

Andy Trobar

Norma Pintner

Paul R. Lutz

Ann Rossi-Gill

Christine Eckrich

Clinton Gill

Cathy + Rick Schwab

K. Mann

Steve Lone STEVE LONE

Dawn S. Chase