



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Special Meeting and Executive Session
February 2, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.-Minutes**

The Public Hearing was held on February 2, 2010. Mayor Kerry Abrams called the hearing open at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

For the purpose of Amendment to Port Deposit Zoning Ordinance, the floor was opened for public comment, no one had any comments and hearing was closed.

The Town Council meeting was held on February 2, 2010. Mayor Kerry Abrams called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: The following were in attendance: Mayor Kerry Abrams, Deputy Mayor Bill Harrington, Councilman Al Bruno, Councilman Bob Kuhs, Councilman John Leeds, Councilwoman Judy Leonard, Councilman Kevin Morton, Town Planner Henry Burden, Chief Joseph Swam, Legal Counsel John Buck, and Carla Sexton, Recorder

ABSENT: Treasurer Peter Kirksey

WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The January 5, 2010 Town Council Meeting minutes were approved as written.

The January 26, 2010 Town Council Special Meeting minutes were approved as written.

PRESENTATIONS

100TH Anniversary of the Ice Gorge of 1910 was presented by Erika Quesenbery, Marketing Coordinator at Cecil County Office of Economic Development.

Neighborhood Youth Panel, Dawn Rodenbaugh, Program Coordinator presented a county program funded by grant money for 1st time youth offenders. Next step for the town is to hold a public meeting to seek interest and town coordinator.

MOTION by Councilman Leeds to move forward with program; **seconded** by Councilwoman Leonard. **All were in favor. VOTE: 4-YES, 0-NO**

SAFETY SLOGAN

Mayor Abrams presented the safety tip for the month of February, "Be Safe on Ice". This is in accordance with IWIF and quest to lower premiums. Employees have received a copy and copies posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

LEGISLATIVE

Resolution 2010-1 Zoning change to multiple properties south end of town was voted **MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Harrington to approve; **seconded** by Councilman Leeds. **VOTE: 4-YES, 1- ABSTAINED, 1- ABSENT.**

Resolution 2010-2 Zoning change to parcel 328 was voted **MOTION** by Councilwoman Leonard to approve; **seconded** by Councilman Harrington. **VOTE: 4-YES, 2-ABSENT.**

NEW BUSINESS

Henry Coudon presented his quest to annex the remaining 83 acres of his farm into the town limits; the plan is for 160 higher end homes. Henry Burden advised that he will start the annexation process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by **Deputy Mayor Harrington** to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel position; **seconded** by Councilwoman Leonard. **All were in favor. VOTE: 4-YES, 0-NO**

MOTION by Councilwoman Leonard to adjourn Executive Session; **seconded** by Councilman Kuhs. **All were in favor. VOTE: 4-YES, 0-NO.** Executive Session adjourned back into Town Meeting at 8:48 p.m.

New Hire - **MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Harrington **seconded** by Councilman Leeds to hire candidate A for the position of Administrative Assistant. **All were in favor. VOTE: 5-YES, 0-NO.**

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Town Treasurer – Mr. Kirksey was not in attendance but provided his monthly report.

Town Planner/Public Works – Memorial Plaza is two weeks out, maintenance building glass and stairs are being worked on, however the weekend snow is causing expense with overtime. Councilwoman Leonard requested repairs to the gate at the basket ball court and to move forward to research adding lighting in the parking lots. Henry advised the repair is on the list and projects will move forward when funding permits.

Legal Counsel – Nothing to report.

Chief of Police – Met with Landlord Assoc on 1/19. He complimented the establishment of such an organization and praised the initial enthusiasm, commitment and hopeful the organization will bring positive change. Police Officer Tomlinson resigned as of 1/28/2010. Councilwoman Leonard was extended an invitation to attend future meetings of the Landlord Association and thought that the association was a good idea and would be a wonderful compliment to a Landlord Ordinance.

MOTION by **Deputy Mayor Harrington** to accept the resignation of Officer Tomlinson; **seconded** by Councilman Leeds. **All were in favor. VOTE: 5-YES, 0-NO**

OLD BUSINESS

Bridges – Henry gave an update on funding sources on bridge repairs.

Landlord Ordinance – no discussion

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Kerry Abrams – The Pleasant View Baptist Church is having a month of caring; on alternating weekend they will sponsor health clinics, dental screening, community cleanup. On Memorial weekend a banquet is being planned and will also host children's party/picnic at Marina Park, all of this is in conjunction with Perryville. The want to give back to the community and feel they are part of Port Deposit.

Deputy Mayor Harrington – no report.

Councilman Kuhs – updated on boat races and advised they need vote from Water Witch Fire Company on proposal and would like council to help out again this year.

Councilman Leeds – no report.

Councilwoman Leonard – no report.

Councilman Morton – no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilman Kuhs to adjourn the meeting; **seconded** by Councilman Morton. **All were in favor. VOTE: 5-YES, 0-NO.** Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Carla Sexton

Project Administrator/Recording Secretary