



**Town of Port Deposit  
Town Council Meeting  
March 2, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.-Minutes**

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The Town Council meeting was held on March 2, 2010. Mayor Kerry Abrams called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** The following were in attendance: Mayor Kerry Abrams, Councilman Al Bruno, Councilman Bob Kuhs, Councilman John Leeds, Councilwoman Judy Leonard, Chief Joseph Swam, Treasurer Peter Kirksey, Town Planner Henry Burden, Legal Counsel John Buck, and Carla Sexton, Recorder

**ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor Bill Harrington, Councilman Kevin Morton,

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Next MML Dinner is April 15<sup>th</sup> in Aberdeen need to know by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

-Councilwoman Leonard requested more detail included in the minutes going forward.

**SAFETY SLOGAN**

-Mayor Abrams presented the safety tip for the month of March, "Landscaping Safety". This is in accordance with IWIF and quest to lower premiums. Employees have received a copy and copies are posted.

**SWEARING OF OFFICER ARMINGTON**

-Mayor Abrams performed the swearing in of officer Armington. Police Chief Swam presented Officer Armington with his official police badge.

-Chief of Police complemented public works on snow removal. Advised he is still working on the position for a 4<sup>th</sup> police offer.

-Mr. Poist congratulated public works for clearing snow and keeping storm drains open. He also, asked council and police chief to address the problem of dogs not being walked properly. Chief Swam encouraged witnessed to step forward and advise the police to help resolve this ongoing issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

-Mr. Heuser asked for update on bridge. Mr. Burden advised the status is the same, no movement and the town is still perusing state and federal funding.

**NEW BUSINESS**

-Commercial Refuse Payment Obligation – Mayor Abrams discussed with council the letter from Monterey to release Jefferson Hall from service. Council discussed the issue of trash and non payment and decided to allow Mr. Burden 30 days to resolve the issue with the owner directly. If not resolved by March 30<sup>th</sup> then council will discuss next steps. John Buck recommended having Mr. Burden work on resolving this issue and giving the owner reasonable time to respond. As of this meeting Mr. Memmel has not provided information or had any contact regarding this issue.

-Hazardous Mitigation Plan Review - The town will hold a public hearing on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15. In order to request any funding by FEMA the town must adopt a resolution for their plan.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

-Town Treasurer, Mr. Kirksey advised he is beginning the budget process. Councilman Bruno inquired on remote access for Mr. Kirksey to access the system.

-Town Planner/Public Works, Mr. Burden advised we received a large amount of snow and the maintenance did an outstanding job keeping up. The snow also caused a delay in Memorial Plaza. Carla Sexton will be attending a FEMA meeting to obtain information on how to recover any funds. Councilman Bruno requested a written report similar to the police report and advised of a safety hazard with the gate at the basket ball court.

-Legal Counsel, John Buck is working on the request from Mr. Heuser regarding the bridge and will have a response by the end of the week or first of the following week.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Councilman Bruno discussed pot holes in parking lots, having the town pay for a load of stone and have volunteers help in the spreading of the stone. Would like to get the word out for a better turn out and coordinate this with the towns clean up day.
- Councilman Kuhs approached the council to request the town of port deposit to be the non profit entity under which “ragin’ on the river” boat race operates.
- Councilman Leeds advised River Sweep is April 24<sup>th</sup> more information to come, the same as last year with lunch, shirts and everything else.
- Councilwoman Leonard advised she will attend the Landlord Association meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Easter Egg Hunt is April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1–2 at Marina Park depending on weather could be postponed to May.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- MOTION** by Councilman Kuhs to adjourn the meeting; **seconded** by Councilman Leeds. **All were in favor.**  
**VOTE: 4-YES, 0-NO.** Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Carla Sexton  
Project Administrator/Recording Secretary*