



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Legislative Session Meeting
September 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Kuhs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Kuhs, Councilman Broomell, Councilman Brown, Councilman Knight, Councilwoman Rodgers, Counsel Herring and Town Administrator Rinkerman.

ABSENT: Mayor Tome and Councilman Haines.

SAFETY TIP - Deputy Mayor Kuhs provided safety tip for National Preparedness Month.

MINUTES – Meeting minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION

Committee for Working Waterfronts Grant - Town Administrator Rinkerman advised the Council that a committee is needed to assist with the Working Waterfronts Master Plan.

Pessoa Parking and Marina Park – Finance Manager Sookiasian provided information regarding Pessoa Construction housing heavy equipment in Marina Park.

Discussion ensued regarding potential issues with property and railroad crossing damages from the heavy equipment, equipment storage at railroad lot on North Main Street, compensation for additional property for storage, potential additional fees for agreements, and determining the area allocated to Pessoa.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown to permit Pessoa Construction to store equipment in Marina Park with the following conditions: (1) Council authorizes the Finance Manager to negotiate the agreement and compensation with Pessoa to stay on the current property; (2) Pessoa will be responsible for putting up a fence; and (3) Pessoa would pay an fee for additional property needed for storage and they will pay the \$750 administration fee if it is not waived, seconded by Councilman Knight. Motion carried unanimously.

Volunteers at Visitor Center – Finance Manager Sookiasian advised Council that Aflac is not an option for insurance for the volunteers at the Visitor Center. They need to be on the payroll for insurance coverage.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Finance Report - Finance Manager Sookiasian provided the financial report for the month of August 31, 2017.

Town Attorney – Counsel Herring advised the Council that he is researching ownership and responsibility for the Promenade to answer the questions from Mr. Leatherwood. He will hire a Paralegal to do the research for the project.

Town Administrator – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided the Council and update on grants, projects and programs.

COUNCIL REPORTS – Councilwoman Rodgers made a recommendation to advertise for more volunteers to serve at the Visitor Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Carol Hopkins reported on street lights that were out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee’s Landing Oyster Festival – donations to the town – September 9 starting at noon.

Maryland Open Meeting Act Training – September 12 at 7:00 p.m., Gaithersburg

Revitalization / Economic Development Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 2017 6:00 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT – Deputy Mayor Kuhs adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:



Robert Kuhs, Deputy Mayor

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator