



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session Meeting
August 15, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Mayor Tome, Deputy Mayor Kuhs, Councilman Broomell, Councilman Brown, Councilman Haines and Town Administrator Rinkerman.

ABSENT: Councilman Knight, Councilwoman Rodgers and Counsel Herring.

REPORTS - Reports were postponed until later in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 31-2017 – FY2019 Parks and Playground Grant – Town Administrator Rinkerman reviewed the grant application relative to downsizing the playground area and installing a dog park area.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown to approve Resolution 31-2017 as presented, seconded by Councilman Broomell. Roll Call Vote: Councilman Brown – Y, Councilman Haines – Y, Deputy Mayor Kuhs – Y and Councilman Broomell – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tome stated that there have been several requests made by residents for a dog park area within town limits and this would be a good addition to our parks and recreation program. Discussion ensued regarding the dog park area and regulating the use and size of the dogs using the area. Options will be discussed when the town is awarded the grant.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Office Update – Corporal Sewell provided the statistics and update on police coverage for the town.

Discussion ensued regarding tickets not being issued for tractor trailers, speeding vehicles, need for additional signs to deter tractor trailers from coming through town, parking issues on weekends in the public parking lots, and tracking time for out of town responses.

SHA Stormdrain Project Update – Bob Rager, SHA Community Liaison, advised the Council that SHA has had some personnel changes and will be providing consistent updates on the project. The project was started on Main Street and has been delayed until they can work on the first outfall in the Susquehanna River, which requires a waiver, or they will have to wait until October when the restrictions are lifted. They hit an asbestos pipe in the area of the basketball court and there are specific environmental mediation requirements to remove the pipe.

Mayor Tome requested that the street be patched and smoothed out to reduce the complaints we are receiving from the public and have Pessoa Construction remove their equipment from the parking lot area next to the basketball court.

Discussion ensued regarding the equipment placement in the parking lot, cooperation from Pessoa with issues, the Town's lease agreement for the parking lot, and potential project delay until 2019.

Condemned Property Update – Mayor Tome commented on work being done to condemn several properties in town that need to be demolished.

Agreement Electric Service Visitor Center – Finance Manager Sookiasian reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Tome's Landing Marina for electric service to the Visitor Center. There was an issue with running direct electric across the railroad tracks and the Marina agreed to provide one of their electric panels. The Town will reimburse the Marina for the electric for the Visitor Center.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown to approve the agreement with Tome's Landing Marina as presented, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kuhs. Motion carried unanimously.

Equipment Update – lawn mower – Finance Manager Sookiasian reviewed the estimates for the purchase of a new lawn mower for the Public Works Department.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown to authorize the purchase of the lawn mower as recommended, seconded by Councilman Haines. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Working Waterfronts Grant – Town Administrator Rinkerman updated the Council on the Working Waterfronts Grant.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Kuhs commented on a missing sign restricting vehicles from using the promenade.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.


ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Tome adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Approved:



Wayne L. Tome, Mayor

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator