



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session Meeting
May 16, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Mayor Leeds called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Leeds, Councilman Brown, Councilman Haines, Councilman Knight, Councilman Kuhs, Councilwoman Rodgers, Town Administrator Rinkerman, and Legal Counsel Herring

ABSENT: Mayor Tome

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Town Administrator Rinkerman provided the election results:

People voting – 12
Votes for Councilman Kuhs – 10
Votes for Councilman Knight – 9

There were no candidates running for the third Council seat.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2017-01 FY18 Annual Budget – Finance Manager Sookiasian

Deputy Mayor Leeds opened the Public Hearing for FY2018 Annual Budget.

Finance Manager Sookiasian provided an overview of the proposed annual budget.

Councilman Knight asked to clarify that additional hours for the Code Enforcement Officer were to bring her current with what she is already doing and not for a new project. Finance Manager Sookiasian responded that this would be for ongoing coverage and not a new project.

Councilman Brown asked to verify that demolitions would be around \$5,000 each. Finance Manager Sookiasian responded that most of the cost is for legal fees. He also noted that are four projects anticipated. Councilman Kuhs asked if the cost of the actual demolition was included in that figure. Finance Manager Sookiasian responded that the demolition cost is not included because the cost for that is unclear because of taxes or other liens.

Deputy Mayor Leeds asked if there were other comments on the budget. There were none, and he closed the public meeting and continued with the regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment 2017-04 Pressure Washer and Trailer – Finance Manager Sookiasian

Finance Manager Sookiasian reviewed the quotes for a power washer. He researched companies and is recommending Absolute Pressure Washer. The purchase price of the unit is \$6,719 and it includes a 225-gallon tank.

Councilman Kuhs asked how much it cost to rent a power washer. Finance Manager Sookiasian responded that he does not know because he did not pursue renting a unit.

Councilman Kuhs questioned whether it was necessary to spend that much money when the unit may be sitting unused and that we did not have the work force to use it weekly. Finance Manager Sookiasian responded that there are many other uses and that items to be cleaned would not take as long if they were cleaned regularly.

Councilman Knight suggested that the town rent a power washer to clean the promenade, some sidewalks, etc., to obtain a better sense of timing and what accessories we may need.

Finance Manager Sookiasian noted that the funding for this project should be spent before the new fiscal year begins, or the purchase of this item will need to be added to next year's budget. Councilman Knight noted that the end of the fiscal year is an artificial deadline.

Councilwoman Rodgers asked about the stationary speed radar unit that was originally in the budget. Finance Manager Sookiasian explained that Delmarva Power would not allow us to put one on their poles(s) because we do not have an agreement with them and they are not allowing new agreements. Buying our own pole (to which Delmarva would connect electric) would need SHA approval. That acquisition has been moved to next year's budget.

Town Administrator Rinkerman brought up the fact that the power washer can also be used for weed removal along sidewalks, cleaning playground equipment, cleaning buildings, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Pump Station – Town Administrator Rinkerman

Town Administrator Rinkerman and Mayor Tome met with the County about the possibility of moving the pumping station into Marina Park. The county said that moving it to the Park is not an option. They did agree to move it closer to the Public Works building. Councilman Kuhs stated that he is very sorry to hear that because it will block the view shed.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Rodgers - Council is invited to a live firing demo at APG; she has more information on parking if anyone needs it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Wentz provided comments regarding the new bridge, Visitor Center, light poles and

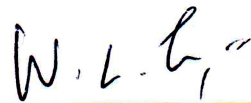
flowerpots in town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Revitalization and Economic Development Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall
- The Rockfish Tournament is June 3.
- Lee's Landing event is June 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor Tome

Attest:



Vicky Rinkefman, Town Administrator