



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
June 15, 2021**

The public was invited to call into the meeting via videoconferencing or audio by phone.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – At the June 1, 2021 Council meeting, motion was made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Deputy Mayor Brown, to convene in closed executive session at 8:05 p.m., pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-104 Administrative Function to discuss Council appointments to Committees and Section 3-305 (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter pertaining to a local business. ROLL CALL VOTE: Deputy Mayor Brown – Y, Councilman Berlin – Y, Councilman Knight – Y and Councilman Tome, Jr. – Y.

PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Kuhs, Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Knight, Councilman Tome, Jr., Town Administrator Rinkerman, and Legal Counsel McCarron.

The Mayor and Council discussed the conditions of the summer business use permit. Counsel McCarron provided a legal opinion regarding the issuance and non-compliance for a summer business use permit.

The closed executive session adjourned at 9:13 p.m. and Council did not return to open session.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: In person: Mayor Kuhs, Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Knight, Town Administrator Rinkerman, and Treasurer Sookiasian. Via Zoom: Councilman Tome, Jr.

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment

OLD BUSINESS - No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding Cecil County Sheriff's Office for Detainment of Arrestees of Port Deposit Police Department – Town Administrator Rinkerman presented the MOU with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office which has been reviewed by Town Counsel McCarron, County Counsel Lawrence Scott, and Sheriff Adams.

Motion was made by Councilman Knight to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Brown. Roll call vote: Brown – Y, Berlin – Y, Knight – Y, Tome, Jr. - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Center Maintenance – Town Administrator Rinkerman presented the estimate for clean-up and spider spraying of the Visitor Center. A \$1000 donation was provided to the Town from the Annual Rockfish Tournament. Due to the turtle habitat, Town Administrator Rinkerman clarified that no chemicals would be used.

Tree Removal Projects – Treasurer Sookiasian presented the estimates for the removal of 2 (two) trees. The first tree, located in parking lot #2 has previously had branches fall and cause damage. The ash tree has been determined dead by the tree removal company. The second tree, located in the middle of the sidewalk by 93 N. Main Street was determined to be diseased. Councilman Berlin inquired about the possibility of trimming the second tree rather than a full removal. Council directed staff to obtain estimates for trimming the second tree, but to proceed with the removal of the first tree.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Brown inquired about restoring or replacing the current Welcome to Port Deposit signs when entering town. Staff will proceed in possible sign designs and estimates.

Councilman Tome, Jr. inquired about the pumping station on Rt. 222 with graffiti. Town Administrator Rinkerman stated she will request an update on the demolition of the building.

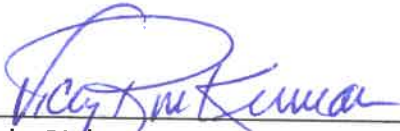
Councilman Tome, Jr. also inquired about the clock on Main Street, rosebush on N. Main Street and the possibility of repairing/restoring the benches on Main Street. Staff will proceed with finding possible funding or a dedication program for new composite benches.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - No announcements.

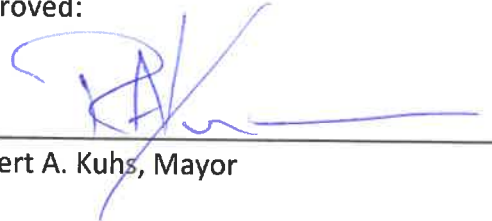
The public meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:



Robert A. Kuhs, Mayor