



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Legislative Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
June 7, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Mayor Kuhs presented the Safety Tip of the Month to Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Town Council May 3, 2022 Legislative Meeting and May 17, 2022 Work Session Meeting were presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Peters inquired about the Veteran's Memorial that was removed from Marina Park. He previously purchased a memorial brick for his father and discussed with the Council the potential completion date and location for a new Veteran's Memorial.

Mayor Kuh's explained the reasoning for the temporary removal of the Veteran's Memorial and the Jacob Tome Gas House restoration project. Mr. Peters suggested the Courtyard area next to Town Hall as an option for a Veteran's Memorial location.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2022-02 – Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Summary of Resolution – Treasurer Sookiasian provided a summary of Ordinance-2022-02 which was introduced at the May 17, 2022 Town Council Meeting.

Public Comment – None.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown to approve Ordinance 2022-02. Seconded by Councilman Knight. Roll call vote: Berlin – Y, Knight – Y, Brown – Y, Tome Jr. – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Netter's Alley Access – The Council discussed signage, potential barriers to restrict parking and access, trashcans and security cameras. Input was provided by resident Zoe Abrams who resides next to Netter's Alley.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown to approve funding for signage and cameras, and to seek advice from the town's security camera company regarding lighting for Netter's Alley. Seconded by Councilman Knight. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Rock Run Embankment Stabilization Project – Town Administrator Rinkerman reiterated the potential options for the Rock Run Embankment Stabilization Project to obtain clarification on the Council's decision. The Council discussed the options that were presented and advised at the previous meeting and decided to proceed with Option #3.

NEW BUSINESS

Easement Request 43 S. Main Street – Town Administrator Rinkerman presented the request from Mr. Riddle for an easement for the portion the porch steps that encroach on the town's property/sidewalk. Counsel McCarron provided feedback regarding the easement request. He suggested that if the encroachment were to ever be demolished, that the easement would no longer stand.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown to approve Mr. Riddle's easement request. Seconded by Councilman Knight. Roll call vote: Berlin – Y, Knight – Y, Brown – Y, Tome Jr. – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Granite Avenue Bridge Report – Town Administrator Rinkerman discussed the Granite Avenue bridge report provided by Cecil County and provided detail on the conditions and necessary repairs needed.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Treasurer Sookiasian provided the Council with financial reports and updates for the month of May. The report included various revenue sources, projects and expenses.

Councilman Berlin inquired about the Façade Improvement Grant funding.

Chief of Police Smith provided a report to the Council via email.

Town Administrator Rinkerman provided the Council an update on meetings and projects. This included the May HAC meeting regarding siding and window replacement at 43 S. Main, a memorial bench, the RFP and annexation for Hopkins Quarry property, Senate Bill 541 updates and upcoming meeting, the MHT steps, the upcoming pirate event and sponsorship meeting, submission of the VLT Grant, Welcome Sign and Town Seal update, and town banner information.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Kuhs inquired about the town's property next to the VFW and stated that the Commander is interested in additional land for parking. Town Administrator Rinkerman explained that the referenced land was purchased with Program Open Space. Town Administrator will discuss the matter with the Commander.

Mayor Kuhs inquired about the land in Marina Park owned by Ken Michaels.

Councilman Berlin provided an update on the Snakehead Tournament on May 14, 2022.

Councilman Tome, Jr. inquired about the status of the town clock. Treasurer Sookiasian advised that the clock has been painted but the restoration company is waiting on a part to finish the project.


PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Port Deposit Pirate Takeover event planning meeting will be held June 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall or via Zoom.


The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Audio recording is available upon request.

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:



Robert A. Kuhs, Mayor