



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Legislative Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
January 18, 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: Mayor Kuhs, Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Knight, Councilman Tome Jr., Town Administrator Rinkerman, and Treasurer Sookiasian.

PRESENTATION

Certificate Award Winter Lights Campaign – Sandy Turner, Cecil County Tourism Manager stated that Cecil County Tourism received an award from the Maryland Tourism Coalition for 2021 best product/event. Since the Town of Port Deposit partnered with Cecil County Tourism in the 2021 Winter Lights Cecil Nights Campaign, she presented the town with an award recognizing the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS

Welcome to Port Deposit Signs – Town Administrator Rinkerman discussed locations for the Welcome to Port Deposit signs with the Council. Council agreed that placing one of the larger signs closer to the VFW for the North side of town would be ideal. Discussion ensued regarding angling the larger signs towards the road coming into town to avoid the need to put anything on the back of the sign leaving town. For the two (2) smaller signs Council agreed that they should be oval shaped. Staff will proceed with obtaining a second quote for the signs.

Seasonal Use Permit Proposed Amendments – Town Administrator Rinkerman presented the proposed amendments to the Seasonal Use Permit and Supplemental Use Regulations. The amendments included the length of time approved for Seasonal Use Permits and other restrictions and/or fees to be determined on a case by case basis. The proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations would need to be presented to the Planning Commission. Additionally, Resolution 09-2020 would require amendments to the conditions as originally approved. Discussion ensued regarding outdoor dining and table regulations. The Council discussed user fees for additional space and/or time. Counsel McCarron advised that the town has a right to charge a reasonable user fee as long as it is reasonably related. Councilman Knight and Deputy Mayor Brown both agreed that charging a user fee is not worth the hassle and complexity at this time. Town Administrator Rinkerman will proceed with the Planning Commission's review of the amendments to which it will then come back to the Council after their approval.

ARPA Update – Town Administrator Rinkerman informed Council that the finance committee met prior to the Town Council meeting to discuss potential projects for the ARPA funds the town received. She is hoping to have a tentative list of projects to present to the Council at the February 1, 2022 Town Council Meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Berlin announced that Pleasant View Baptist Church has agreed to run the children’s division of the Snakehead Tournament since the church will be holding their tournament on the same day as the Snakehead Tournament.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Winter Wonderland Promotion runs through February 2022.

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:



Robert A. Kuhs, Mayor