



**Town of Port Deposit  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
Legislative Session Meeting  
February 7, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tome called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Mayor reminded everyone to proceed with caution in traffic now that the bridge is open. The water and sewer work for the drainage project is in progress so there is still activity under way. There will be traffic slowdowns and dust. Please let Council know if there is anything that does not look right with the project to assist us with protecting our assets.

**ABSENT:** There were no absences, however, Councilman Knight left the meeting after the Charter Resolutions were presented.

**SAFETY TIP:**

Mayor Tome provided the safety tip on Back safety.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the January 3 Legislative session and January 17 Work Session were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Councilman Kuhs, seconded by Councilman Haines, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Brown and Councilman Knight abstained from voting on the minutes for the February 17, 2017 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Rob Stevens – Recently moved to this area and he has been trying to clean up the trash along River Road. He feels we need better enforcement of anti-trash and dumping laws. The Mayor suggested he investigate the Adopt-a-Road program.

Donna Lizet-Hull – She had one of the cars that was vandalized in Tome’s Landing. She thanked everyone for getting back to her and replying to her post. She also offered to help with finding a resolution to the criminal activity.

Randa Thiele – Advised that she leaves for work and 3:00 a.m. and she asked how to differentiate suspicious activity from normal activity.

Major Stanko, Sheriff’s Office, suggested residents sign up for nextdoor.com to share information relative to local activity. He advised that the people in the neighborhood know best regarding defining suspicious activity. If a situation does not look right, call 911. It is important to have the record of time and action. Calls are alternated between the State Police and CCSO but the caller

can specify a specific agency to respond.

Major Stanko also stressed that residents should not leave items in their car and they should lock the doors. The other complaint was packages missing from Tome's Landing. He recommended that packages be delivered to a work location, or delivered when you are home.

Calling from a cell phone sometimes routes 911 calls to Harford County. There is a direct number to the Sheriff's Dept. of 410.398.2222.

Ed Hoffneck – He had his car vandalized and rocks thrown through his windows. When he sees people, should he take pictures? The Mayor suggested it may help if he could do so safely.

George Wentz – Complained about 10 South Main. The Mayor and Town Administrator Rinkerman gave an update on the demolition. Town Administrator Rinkerman also gave an update on 116 North Main and the burned out unit on Main Street.

Jeff Heck asked if the Town had any exposure if someone got hurt on one of these buildings. Legal Counsel Herring believes that the Town has taken all necessary steps to avoid liability.

#### **PRESENTATION:**

- Public Safety Discussion – Major Stanko, CC Sheriff's Office. (See public comment.)
- Black Rock Algae Proposal – Jay Diedzec and Sam Manning.
  - They are looking forward to working with the Town and County again.
  - U of MD and U of VA were prime members last year and they would like the Town and County to be the prime members.
  - They have changed the name of the project to Algae Whisk.
  - The harvested algae can have value.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Resolution 01-2017 – CHARTER AMENDMENT –ARTICLE III, SECTION 305, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

Motion was made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leeds to pass Resolution 01-2017.

Roll call vote: Councilman Brown-Aye, Councilman Haines-Aye, Councilman Knight- Aye, Councilman Kuhs- Aye, Councilwoman Rodgers-Aye, Deputy Mayor Leeds – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Resolution 02-2017 – CHARTER AMENDMENT –ARTICLE III, SECTION 309 b, ORDINANCES**

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Knight to pass Resolution 02-2017.

Roll call vote: Councilman Brown-Aye, Councilman Haines-Aye, Councilman Knight- Aye, Councilman Kuhs- Aye, Councilwoman Rodgers-Aye, Deputy Mayor Leeds – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Resolution 03-2017 – CHARTER AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTION 503 b, ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES**

Motion was made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leeds to pass Resolution 03-2017.

Roll call vote: Councilman Brown-Aye, Councilman Haines-Aye, Councilman Knight- Aye, Councilman Kuhs- Aye, Councilwoman Rodgers-Aye, Deputy Mayor Leeds – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Resolution 04-2017 CHARTER AMENDMENT –ARTICLE V, SECTION 503, ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES**

Motion was made by Councilman Kuhs, seconded by Councilman Haines to pass Resolution 04-2017.

Roll call vote: Councilman Brown-Aye, Councilman Haines-Aye, Councilman Knight- Aye, Councilman Kuhs- Aye, Councilwoman Rodgers-Aye, Deputy Mayor Leeds – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Resolution 05-2017 – CHARTER AMENDMENT –ARTICLE VII, SECTION 710, CHECKS**

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Knight to pass Resolution 05-2017.

Roll call vote: Councilman Brown-Aye, Councilman Haines-Aye, Councilman Knight- Aye, Councilman Kuhs- Aye, Councilwoman Rodgers-Aye, Deputy Mayor Leeds – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Election Timeline for the May 2017 Election**

- **Marina Park Use Proposal** – Jim Novack would like to do a monthly concert in the park for June, July and August. He will acquire the permits and work with the town businesses and organizations but was wondering if the Town might be amenable. Council would like to see a picture of the stage.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was no old business.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

- Code and Zoning Report in packet.
- Finance Manager Report – Finance Manager Sookiasian
  - Reviewed Audit Firm recommendations
  - Sign off on bank reconciliation.
  - Include mileage in Town Administrator compensation.
  - Collateralized funds.
  - Dramatic decrease in Unemployment Rate.
  - Line of credit at PNC Bank.
  - Reviewed Executive Finance Summary.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Kuhs to renew the \$200,000 line of credit at PNC.

Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Leeds – Aye, Councilman Brown – Aye, Councilman Haines – Aye, Councilman Kuhs – Aye, Councilman Knight – Absent, Councilwoman Rodgers – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- Legal Counsel Report - There was no Legal Counsel Report.
- Town Administrator Report - Town Administrator Rinkerman
  - There was no quorum at HAC meeting, but they did discuss the façade program.
  - Planning did elect a new chair and vice chair.
  - Flag poles have been repaired by Public Works.
  - She and Finance Manager Sookiasian are working on a CIP five year plan.
  - Bunky Lufman from the Governor’s office will be at the February 21 meeting.
  - RFP for floodgate is due February 16.
  - We received notice to proceed on the grant for the Tome Steps from MHAA. They advised a design engineering report would make our project stronger.
  - VLT Grants – we are looking at a multi – year project to submit to County Executive’s office.

### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Rodgers:

- She attended APG event and she will be attending the County Council meeting on March 7 when Maj. Gen. Crawford will speak at the County Council.

Councilman Kuhs:

- Suggested parking areas and access in Marina Park that might work for the Gas House.

### PUBLIC COMMENT


- Mr. Wentz noted the clock is still not repaired. Finance Manager Sookiasian responded that we are having trouble finding someone. He advised the Council that a lay preacher at the Presbyterian Church had her dog attacked by a pit bull. The Mayor responded that the dog has been reported to Animal Control. He asked if anyone sees an animal running at large they should call 911.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS – No Announcements

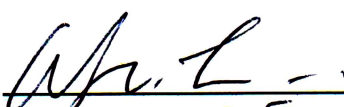
### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:

  
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Wayne L. Tome. Sr., Mayor