



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Legislative Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
May 17, 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 Knight, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Tome Jr., Town Administrator Rinkerman, and Treasurer Sookiasian via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident at 173 N. Main, Zoe Adams discussed the previously suggested gate or concrete bollards by Netter’s Alley in attempts to deter people and vehicles from accessing the park after hours. There has been reported illegal activities that cause a disturbance, littering, noise complaints, parking issues and various other complaints. Discussion regarding gate operation duties and restriction of access to all parties if bollards installed ensued in addition to possible solutions. Some of the suggestions included requesting the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office to increase surveillance of the area during patrol shifts in town, public surveillance cameras, motion detector lights, new signage, curfew controlled gate access, and issuance of citations for parking on private property. Ms. Adams believes that motion lights and security cameras would be ineffective as a deterrent.

PRESENTATION – Granite Run and Race Street Project and Pedestrian Bridge across Rock Run Project - Matt Goudy, P.E. Project Manager, RK&K provided an update for the Run Rock embankment improvements required and informed the Council of the options available for the project. These options included an imbricated rock wall, stone masonry wingwalls, or a modular block gravity wall. Approximate costs including original product costs, replacement parts/media, and annual inspections and general maintenance were discussed.

Mr.Goudy provided the Council options for the Granite Avenue and Rock Run Drainage Improvements to include a filterra with sedimentation basin, treatment at storm basin, catch basin filters, and Jellyfish filters. Council concurred to proceed with Option 1 – Filterra Biorention System for stormwater management.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction Ordinance 2022-02 – Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget – Treasurer Sookiasian introduced Ordinance 2022-02. The Public Hearing and adoption of the budget is scheduled for June 7, 2022.

Marina Park Property Update – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided update on a section of land in Marina Park in which the town may be granted ownership.

Seasonal Use Permits Issued – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided an update regarding recent Seasonal Business and/or Use permits issued, to include Cool Beans Market and Clark’s Fried Fish.

OLD BUSINESS

Hopkins Quarry Property RFP – Town Administrator Rinkerman presented the RFP the town would be releasing for the Hopkins Quarry Property Master Recreational Park Plan. Notices will be published in the May 25 and May 27, 2022 Cecil Whig in addition to all town media sites.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tome, Jr. inquired about and discussion ensued regarding a personal property tax for businesses in town. He inquired about the Water Witch Fire Company appropriation from the town and the Public Works Department power washing the trashcans on Main Street.


Councilman Berlin commented on the lack of house numbers on properties throughout town. Councilman Tome, Jr. advised that the Water Witch Fire Company has house numbers available for a small fee.

Deputy Mayor Brown discussed the ongoing issue of the dumpsters at Lee’s Landing and stated that the area should be enclosed since there seems to be an issue with the restaurant maintaining the area. The Town will contact Lee’s Landing representative again regarding the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Alex Turkin, Rock Climbing Enthusiast inquired about exposing the granite walls at in Hopkins Quarry along the general areas of focus. He was advised that nothing could be done at this time due to critical area regulations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Rockfish Tournament – June 4, 2022 in Marina Park. Register online at www.portdeposit.cc or in person at Captain’s Meeting June 3, 2022 at Port Deposit VFW Post 8185.

The public meeting was adjourned.

Attest:


Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:


Robert A. Kuhs, Mayor