



**Town of Port Deposit  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
Work Session Meeting  
Conference/Video Meeting  
February 16, 2021**

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

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On February 2, 2021 at 7:55 p.m., Mayor and Council convened in closed executive session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-305 (b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Council returned to open session at 8:15 p.m.

Present at the Closed Session: Mayor Kuhs, Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilmember Broomell and Knight, Town Administrator Rinkerman.

Mayor and Council discussed the applications submitted for the vacant Council seat.

The Closed Executive Session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and Council returned to open session.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT:** In person: Mayor Kuhs, Councilman Knight, Councilman Broomell, Councilman Baron, and Town Administrator Rinkerman. Via Zoom: Deputy Mayor Brown.

**ABSENT:** None

**OATH OF OFFICE** - Incumbent William (Bill) Baron - Council Member was sworn into office by Mayor Kuhs. Term to expire May 2021.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Erica Berge, President of Community Connecting Us presented the Council with a micro-loan program that the community center is in the process of starting. In order to gain funding for the program, Community Connecting Us has partnered up with Express Feedback for Good. She explained that individuals who sign up to complete quick surveys through Express Feedback for Good will raise \$2.00 for every survey completed, which will go directly to Community Connecting Us for their micro-loan program. She has asked Council to please consider signing up to complete surveys and to also share the program in order to help raise as much money as possible.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Demonstration Flood Advisory Tool – Town Administrator Rinkerman demonstrated a flood advisory tool created by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers which the town can use as a resource during times of expected flooding. The program bases its flood prediction based off of the number of gates open at the Conowingo Dam, the gauge height, and tide level.

Councilman Knight went in to further detail regarding the program and the logistics behind the potential results provided. He suggested that the Town Council and staff use the tool to gauge the emergency response within town.


**COUNCIL REPORTS** – No Council reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – No announcements.

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Attest:

  
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Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:

  
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Robert A. Kuhs, Mayor