



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Legislative Meeting
February 6, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Mayor Tome, Deputy Mayor Kuhs, Councilman Brown, Councilman Knight, Councilman Broomell, and Town Administrator Rinkerman

ABSENT: Town Counsel Herring, Councilman Haines and Councilwoman Rodgers

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH – Mayor Tome presented the safety tip of the month.

PROCLAMATION - Rare Disease Day – Mayor Tome

Motion was made by Councilman Knight to proclaim February 28, 2018 as Rare Disease Day for the Town of Port Deposit, seconded Councilman Brown. Roll call vote: Councilman Brown – Yes, Councilman Knight - Yes, Deputy Mayor Kuhs – Yes, and Councilman Broomell – Yes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor Tome called for a moment of silence for Kathy Gray, a former employee, who recently passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the January 2, 2018 Legislative Meeting, January 16, 2018 Work Session Meeting, September 5, 2017 Legislative Meeting, September 19, 2017 Work Session Meeting, November 7, 2017 Legislative Meeting, August 15, 2017 Work Session Meeting and October 3, 2017 Legislative Meeting were presented for approval.

Motion was by Deputy Mayor Kuhs to accept the minutes, as presented, seconded by Councilman Knight, Councilman Knight abstained from voting on the minutes from August 16 and September 19. Councilman Brown abstained from voting on the minutes from September 19. Councilman Brown – Yes, Councilman Knight – Yes, Deputy Mayor Kuhs – Yes, Councilman Broomell – Yes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Kerry Ann Abrams, 29 High Street, commented on the Rare Disease Day proclamation. Ms. Abrams shared her concern for the sinkhole and needed road repairs on High Street. Mayor Tome stated the town is proceeding with obtaining bids for the repairs to High Street to stabilize the area. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of water that runs down onto the concrete.

Willard Heuser commented on the retaining wall and demolished bridge. The Town removed the bridge and it caused more of the retaining wall to fall. . He has to park his vehicle in front of his neighbor's house and walk across the foot bridge to get to his property.

Jody Roskopf shared her concern with handicap accessibility during the High Street repairs, and asked about the water issue that is causing ice to form at the base of High Street. Councilman Knight responded that the water issue has been fixed and that the ice has been shoveled off of the area.

NEW BUSINESS

High Street Wall Update – Finance Manager Sookiasian presented an estimate of \$5,500.00 for the installation of a 2” pipe, rebuild a curve area, and replace the chain link fence. The estimates does not include asphalt Council directed staff to proceed with obtaining a quote for the asphalt repair, and to seek additional quotes from other companies for comparison.

Request – Jacob Tome Historical Sign – Town Administrator Rinkerman advised that Sherri Dunbar, a Tome descendant, has offered to pay for a new Jacob Tome sign, and requested a dedication to her mother (Dorothy Masteller Burke) and grandmother (Ella Tome Mastellar) be added to the sign. She would also like to purchase a bench for the town also in memory of her mother and grandmother.

Motion was made by Councilman Knight to permit the dedication be included on the new Jacob Tome sign, seconded by Councilman Brown. Roll call vote, Councilman Brown – Yes, Councilman Knight – Yes, Deputy Mayor Kuhs – Yes, Councilman Broomell - Yes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement Official Appointment – Mayor Tome introduced Susan Smith, the new Zoning and Code Administrator. He requested authorization to permit her to write parking tickets in town.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Kuhs to authorize Susan Smith to write parking tickets as needed in the town, seconded by Councilman Knight. Roll call vote, Councilman Brown – Yes, Councilman Knight – Yes, Deputy Mayor Kuhs – Yes, Councilman Broomell - Yes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - None

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Finance Manager - Finance Manager Sookiasian provided the finance report as of January 31, 2018.
Town Administrator Report – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided project and grant updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Abrams, 29 High Street, recommended an engineering study be done first on High Street to determine the needed repairs.

Kerry Abrams, 29 High Street, requested new signs for High Street that would stop vehicles from using the street, such as no outlet or residents only. She advised that other signs have been stolen. She suggested adding an arrow on the roadway indicating it is a one way street.

Bo Bailey, 35 High Street, commented on overgrown vegetation along High Street that needs to be cutback. He commented on the road erosion, and potential liability with allowing someone to cross his property. He feels the Town needs to take action to replace the bridge.

Councilman Kuhs comment on the ownership of the street. In 2005, the town received an emergency 1.2 million for High Street repairs, which was not enough to repair or replace the bridge.

George Wentz commented on sidewalk ownership and repairs.

Carol Hopkins commented on the Code Officer having an ID from the Town of Port Deposit, and provided support for the High Street repairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budget Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.


Visitor Center Open House – Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORT – None.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Approved:



Wayne L. Tome, Sr., Mayor

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator