



**TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
September 16, 2025**

MEETING MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Tome Jr., Deputy Mayor Kevin Brown, Councilman Daniel Berlin, Councilman Tom Knight, Councilwoman Randa Thiele, Town Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, Treasurer Patti Gray, Public Works and Code Administrator Dan Jamison, and Administrative Assistant Mary Culver.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tome Jr. at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Mayor Tome Jr. welcomed Town staff and residents to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

US Navy Birthday Banner: Town Administrator Rinkerman advised the Council that the banner was delivered today and cost roughly \$120. It will be hung in front of the Bainbridge Museum after the Pirate Takeover event.

Tax Sale Properties Update: Acquisition of the five proposed properties has been delayed due to foreclosure-related issues. Town Administrator Rinkerman has requested a revised timeline from Tom McCarron, the Town's legal counsel. Summonses are expected by the end of October, publication by the end of November, and ownership by January 2026. In addition, a demolition grant of \$15,000 per property has been secured.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Capacity Allocation Letter for Rock Run Development Project: Council discussed the County's plan to expand the sewer plant to 550,000 gallons per day by 2027, with the County funding both the expansion and ongoing I & I work. Developer Joe Moran expressed eagerness to begin his project, and the County confirmed it would allow the project to proceed if the Town allocated 10,000 gallons per day as a placeholder. Deputy Mayor Brown noted this represents an important opportunity for residential growth.

Motion was made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilwoman Thiele, to approve the allocation of 10,000 gallons per day to Rockland LLC. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Berlin reported that the Fall newsletter is nearly complete and will be distributed following the Pirate Takeover event this weekend. He requested that any remaining items for inclusion be submitted to him promptly. He also extended congratulations to Mayor Tome Jr. on the recent birth of his child.

Councilman Knight expressed his satisfaction with the recent repairs to the sidewalk and the entrance of the parking lot located at 43 S. Main Street.

Deputy Mayor Brown stated his appreciation for the Town's progress toward acquiring and addressing the five proposed tax sale properties, whether through improvements or demolition.

Councilwoman Thiele thanked the Town Council, staff, and residents for their attendance and participation at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Moran expressed gratitude to the Town Council and staff for their ongoing support, and in response, Town Administrator Rinkerman thanked him for his professionalism and recognized the value of his contributions to the Town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

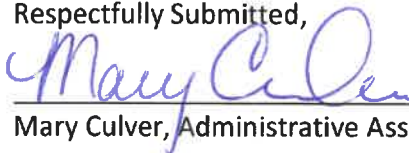
Port Deposit Pirate Takeover - September 20, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and September 21, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in Marina Park.

Pirate Takeover Downtown Block Party – September 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. – S. Main Street between Center Street and Oyster Shell Alley.

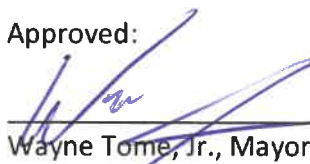
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Tome Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Culver, Administrative Assistant

Approved:


Wayne Tome, Jr., Mayor