



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Legislative Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
August 1, 2023**

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – At the July 18, 2023 Council meeting, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilman Knight, to convene in closed executive session at 8:03 p.m., pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-305 (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation relative to a legal notification. Council will not return to open session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Tome – Y, Deputy Mayor Brown – Y, Councilman Knight – Y, and Councilwoman Thiele – Y.

PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Tome, Jr., Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Knight, Councilwoman Thiele, Town Administrator Rinkerman.

ABSENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Councilman Berlin.

The Mayor and Council discussed an appeal to Circuit Court that was filed by Robert Kline of the Board of Appeals decision to deny the appeal of the Town Administrator's decision denying a sign application for 75 N. Main Street.

The closed executive session adjourned at 8:07 p.m. and Council did not return to open session.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Mayor Tome, Jr., Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Knight, Councilwoman Thiele, Town Administrator Rinkerman, and PW & Code Administrator Jamison.

ABSENT: None

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Mayor Tome, Jr. presented the Safety Tip of the Month to Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 6, 2023 Legislative meeting minutes and June 20, 2023 Work Session meeting minutes were presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Brown to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2023 Legislative meeting and June 20, 2023 Work Session meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Knight. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

July 11, 2023 Legislative meeting and July 18, 2023 Work Session meeting minutes are postponed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE – Corporal Sewell – not in attendance

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

MML Dinner October Meeting - Town Administrator Rinkerman provided an update on the October 26, 2023 MML Dinner the town will be hosting at the Donaldson Brown center at 6:00 PM.

Marina Park Playground – PW & Code Administrator Jamison provided an update regarding improvements he will be making. He also suggested moving the handicap entrance to the playground. Council has directed him to obtain an estimate for the project.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC WORKS & CODE – PW & Code Administrator Jamison provided updates to the Council on projects completed and currently in process. This included preparing the wall in the dog park for the mural painting, grass cutting, removal of trees from the storm, new truck update – in service for stripping and seal on Thursday, inventory of equipment, and mower repair. PW & Code Administrator Jamison was asked to look at the rollers on the floating dock.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided various updates to include the Planning Commission meeting and their review of the draft comprehensive plan, the board of appeals decision to deny file 25-2023, grant applications, Treasurer interviews, and the next Hopkins Quarry Planning meeting will be held August 15, 2023.

COUNCIL REPORTS –

Councilwoman Thiele suggested having a dumpster clean-up day in the fall allowing residents to dispose of bulk items and asked if public works would be willing to use a trailer and pick up items if the resident can not get the item to the dumpster. There would need to be restrictions on what does in the dumpster. She is suggesting November 4, 2023 as the clean-up day.

Wayne Tome, Jr. mentioned the tour of Bainbridge and would like to see code letters sent to residents regarding clean-up where needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Yaeger inquired if the town has any plan for all of the geese in marina mark. Discussion ensued on equipment to keep the promenade clean and will look into starting the sound machine again.

Erica Berge, Community Connecting Us President provided an update on the mural painting at the dog park. The dedication will be held August 19, 2023 at 6:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Art Project began on July 29th – volunteer times still available. Contact Erica at Community Connecting Us – 443.731.6080 or erica@communityconnecting.us

Hopkins Quarry Second Public Meeting – August 15, 2023 – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at town hall

Second Annual Pirate Takeover Event – September 16 & 17, 2023 in Marina Park

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown to convene in closed executive session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3-305 (1) to discuss a matter relative to appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Seconded by Councilman Berlin. Roll call: Brown – Y, Berlin – Y, Knight – Y, Thiele – Y. Motion carried unanimously. Council did not return to open session.


The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Meeting audio is available upon request.

Attest:



Vicky Rinkenman, Town Administrator

Approved:



Wayne Tome, Jr., Mayor