



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
November 15, 2022**

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – At the November 1, 2022 Council meeting, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilman Berlin, to convene in closed executive session at 8:25 p.m., pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-305 (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, 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 relative to appointments to Boards and Committees. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Kuhs – Y, Deputy Mayor Brown – Y, Councilman Berlin – Y, and Councilman Knight – Y.

PRESENT: Mayor Kuhs, Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Knight, and Town Administrator Rinkerman.

ABSENT: Councilman Tome, Jr.

The Council discussed the Public Safety Chief of Police position and compensation for the Town Administrator.

On motion made by Deputy Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilman Knight, the Council approved the compensation for the Town Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

The Closed Executive Session meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. and Council did not return to open session.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: In person: Mayor Kuhs, Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Tome Jr., Town Administrator Rinkerman, and PW and Code Administrator Steffen. Via Zoom: Councilman Knight and Treasurer Sookiasian.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Project Update – Treasurer Sookiasian provided an update regarding the current status of ARPA funding spent, funding available and projects approved. Discussion ensued regarding repair costs of the floating docks.

FY2022 Audit Update – Treasurer Sookiasian provided the Council a report from the 2022 Audit Report from Barbacane, Thornton and Company. The report included recommendations from Barbacane, Thornton and Company.

Marina Park License Plate Camera Update – PW & Code Administrator Steffen presented an estimate of approximately \$6,000 to run power from the Public Works building to the entrance to Marina Park for installation of additional cameras in Marina Park. The estimate includes trenching 110 yards and the conduit. Steffen will obtain another estimate tomorrow as the Council advised him that the installation of the cameras is a priority for the town.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Brown praised the installation of the new speed radar signs and commented on the need for calibration.

Councilman Berlin inquired about contacting property owners regarding not pulling their trashcans in from the sidewalk.

Councilman Tome, Jr. inquired about the status of the clock and fixing the non-functional side. The clock repair company will be fixing the clock this weekend. He inquired about the removal of the tree in front of the Gerry House and usage of the wood.


PUBLIC COMMENT – Erica and Brian Berge discussed the cameras and the break-in/vandalism to the Historic Tome Church. She also announced some activities and upcoming events going on at Community Connecting Us

Kat Shilko and resident, Greg Morris discussed the removal of the tree at 93 N. Main Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Town Hall will be closed on November 24 and 25, 2022 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Annual Tree Trimming will be held on November 26, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Audio recording is available upon request.

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:



Robert A. Kuhs, Mayor