



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session Meeting
March 19, 2019**

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, Councilwoman Rodgers, Town Administrator Rinkerman, Zone/Code Enforcement Officer Smith and Finance Manager Sookiasian.

ABSENT: Councilman Haines.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

UPDATE/REPORT

Councilman Brown provided an update from the Public Safety Committee. He advised that the Committee has discussed potential budget adjustments and the community policing focus. The recommendation has been revised to appoint a part-time administrative Chief of Police to provide oversight for the Cecil County Sheriff's Office contract and community policing. Code enforcement will be minimized and salary from this position will be used to fund the Chief of Police salary.

Councilman Kuhs advised that there would be no uniforms for this position and Ms. Smith would be re-certified and will carry a fire arm.

Mayor Tome provided an update on the new radio communication system being initiated through Cecil County. He discussed the cost of participating in the system and suggested that the town request the County Executive abate the fee for the first year.

Councilman Knight advised that he has been in communication with the Cecil County regarding the communication system. The Chief of Police will not participate in being dispatched when on duty.

Town Administrator Rinkerman advised the Council that staff has been discussing the new position and requested that the Council consider providing a police car to the Chief of Police. There may be times when the Chief will need a vehicle and the current town car may not be available. Additionally, the Chief may need a vehicle to respond to emergencies, make traffic stops, etc. and will need an authorized vehicle.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Town Administrator Rinkerman provided Council with an update on the opening and 2019 schedule of the Visitor Center. She advised that two interns would be at the Visitor Center starting May 15th this year.

Council concurred to open the Visitor Center on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS – NONE

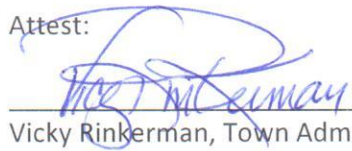
PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

River Sweep event is Saturday, April 27, 2019 in Marina Park and Councilman Kuhs is the Town coordinator for the event.

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

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:



Wayne L. Tome, Sr., Mayor