



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
May 16, 2023**

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – At the May 2, 2023 Council meeting, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilman Tome, Jr., to convene in closed executive session at 8:07 p.m., pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-105 (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Kuhs – Y, Deputy Mayor Brown – Y, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Knight – Y and Councilman Tome, Jr. – Y.

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

The Mayor and Council discussed pending litigation against the town that is being handled by the Local Government Insurance Trust.

The closed executive session adjourned at 8:18 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 Knight and Town Administrator Rinkerman. Via Zoom: Councilman Tome, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Art Project – Norfolk Southern – Town Administrator Rinkerman advised the Council of email correspondence with officials at Norfolk Southern relative to fees for review of the community mural project that would not exceed \$11,470. Considering the scope of the project, a request was made for Norfolk Southern to waive the fees.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Results – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided a copy of the official tally sheet from the town election on May 9, 2023 confirming that Wayne Tome, Jr. was elected as Mayor and Incumbent Kevin Brown and Randa Thiele were elected to Council and all will serve four-year terms.

Swearing-in Ceremony Details – Mayor Elect Tome, Jr. advised that he will be out of town for the June 6 meeting. He has made arrangements to take the Oath of Office at the Cecil County Clerk of the Court Office on Friday, June 2, 2023.

Appointment Recommendation - Town Administrator Rinkerman advised that second interviews were conducted with three applicants for the Public Works and Code Administration position. With concurrence from the Personnel Committee, Daniel Jamison is being recommended for appointment to the position.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilman Tome, Jr., to appoint Daniel Jamison to the Public Works and Code Administrator position.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Berlin advised staff that there is graffiti on the welcome sign at the VFW.

Deputy Mayor Brown advised that work has started on the dumpster repair.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Deputy Mayor Brown and the Council members thanked Mayor Kuhs for his service to the Town of Port Deposit.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:


Town Administrator

Approved:


Wayne Tome, Jr., Mayor