

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 7, 2017**

*\*Meeting minutes are transcribed in a summarized format. For full discussion and further detail of the meeting you can view the streamline video at the following link:*

*<http://townhallstreams.com/locations/rock-hall-md>.*

*Meeting minutes will also be available for viewing at the Town Office\**

The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:58 p.m. Councilmember Kuechler, Councilmember Nesspor and Councilmember Andrews were present. The Town Manager, Town Attorney and Clerk Treasurer were also in attendance.

Reverend Frank St. Amour from St. Paul's Kent gave the invocation. A moment of silence was given for our service men & women. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of April 13, 2017 for Ordinance No. 2017-02 (ZTA Special Events). The Mayor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of April 13, 2017 for Ordinance No. 2017-03 (Chapter 24 Licensing). The Mayor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of April 13, 2017 for Ordinance No. 2017-04 (Chapter 108 Subdivision of Lands). The Mayor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 13, 2017. The Mayor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes of May 8, 2017. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 11, 2017. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nessor made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop Meeting minutes of May 18, 2017. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:**

Mrs. Charlene Parry from the Kent County Health Department was in attendance to discuss and go over the Zika Virus Disease. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, Mrs. Charlene, and the Audience Members in regards to the Zika Virus Disease.

**ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:**

The Mayor and Council presented the Kent County Learning Center with the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Gren Whitman asked if the Warehouse was going to be discussed some time during the meeting. The Town Manager had it included to be discussed during his Town Managers report.

Mrs. Anette May brought it to the Mayor and Council’s attention that there is a lot of speed racing throughout Town and asked if speed bumps may be an option. The Mayor and Council and Town Manager answered Mrs. Anette’s question accordingly.

Mrs. Marty Hoover stated how much she loves the Town of Rock Hall and raised a few concerns in regards to the Town’s environment and the regular maintenance of our residential properties.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Mayor read a letter into record from Mr. Chris Maxwell.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Clerk Treasurer read the Financial Report into record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account:	\$ 97,519.41
Museum Board:	\$ 2,635.37
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	\$ 68,946.25
<b>Total Available Funds:</b>	<b>\$169,101.03</b>
Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$ 56,311.57
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ 10,727.15
Services Rendered Outstanding:	\$ -
<b>Total Outstanding:</b>	<b>\$ 67,038.72</b>

There were questions asked from Councilmember Andrews in regards to the financial report and they were answered accordingly.

**POLICE REPORT:**

NONE

**STREETS/SANITATION:**

The Town Manager gave an update on some of the potholes that may be seen throughout Town.

**SEWER/WATER:**

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the sewer and water departments.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

NONE

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

NONE

**MUSEUM BOARD:**

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board. There are repairs being made to the Tolchester Museum.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

NONE

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-05 (Small Wireless Facilities) as presented. Councilmember Andrews seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-06 (FY 2018 Budget) as presented. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. Councilmember Nesspor, Councilmember Kuechler and the Mayor voted in favor of the motion made. Councilmember Andrews voted in opposition of the motion made. The vote was 3-1. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made Ordinance No. 2017-06 (FY 2018 Budget) was adopted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Town Manager gave an update on the Warehouse located on Rock Hall Avenue adjacent to Bay Wolf Restaurant property. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager and the Town Attorney in regards to the Warehouse project.

Meg Parry gave an update on the Community Legacy grant and the possibility of other grants that the Town may be applying for. Meg also gave an update on the remaining grants the Town is currently participating in. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, Meg and the Audience Members in regards to the Town Grants.

An Audience Member asked if the Museum charges an entrance fee and if it were ever thought to charge a small fee to enter the museum. Councilmember Kuechler stated that the museum does not charge a fee to enter the museum they do well enough with donations.

The Town Manager gave an update on the Catholic Avenue water main project. The Town Manager read a letter into record received from McCrone in regards to the Catholic Avenue water main project. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to accept the bid proposal of David A. Bramble in the amount of \$978,310.00 and borrowing the \$81,000.00 shortfall for the Catholic Avenue water main project and to move forward with the project. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town Manager gave an update on the water line on Chesapeake Avenue between the Civic Center and the Elementary School.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Town Manager gave an update on the brush pile located back behind the ball fields on N. Main Street. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager in regards to the brush pile. The County submitted a proposal to open a brush pile at the Sharptown waste site if the Town would close off the brush pile they have. The Mayor and Council decided to take some time to think this proposal over.

The tram carried over 900 people over Memorial Day weekend.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor reported that the owner of the Old Oars property would like to meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss the options for moving her property forward in the revitalization process. The Mayor suggested that she meet with a group that would consist of a Councilmember, the Mayor, the Main Street Manager and a member of the Business Association to come up with some ideas that can then be presented to the Mayor and Council for discussion. Councilmember Andrews volunteered to be a part of the

group that helps with this project. Suzanne Einstein agreed to help as a Business Association member.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

NONE

**GOOD OF THE TOWN:**

The Town of Rock Hall has been nominated to be a part of a contest with the Reader's Digest to be voted America's Nicest Town.

Suzanne Einstein stated that the Coast Guard added a green can but removed the green blinking light and have not fixed the day marker. The Town Manager will call the Coast Guard to remind that this needs to be taken care of.

The next Utility/Workshop meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2017; do we want to reschedule or cancel the meeting? The Mayor and Council agreed to cancel the July Utility/Workshop meeting.

The Mayor went over the schedule of events for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

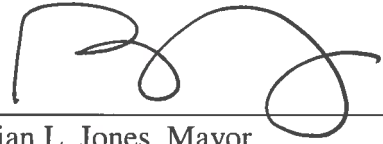
The Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company is holding a concert at the bulkhead on June 17, 2017.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.; Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



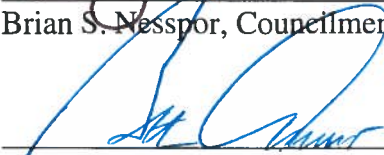
Brian L. Jones, Mayor



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Brian S. Nesspor, Councilmember



Beth Andrews, Councilmember

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Timothy Edwards, Councilmember