

COUNCIL AND UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL**TOWN OF ROCK HALL**

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MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting on the above date at 8:05 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Chief Moore were also present.

Mr. John A. Groves gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was given in respect to those who serve our country on our behalf.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the May 10, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Town Manager read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account: \$199,682.29

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$137,496.84

Total Available Funds: \$337,179.13

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 77,595.63

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 2,567.94
Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,100.00
Total Outstanding: \$ 81,263.57

CORRESPONDENCE:

We have received a few correspondences from dignitaries that are planning on attending the 4th of July Parade this year. We do have applications coming in for the event.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the report into record. The Triathlon went off without any problems. The Mayor thanked the Bovee's for being such gracious hosts for the event. The Car Show on Main Street is scheduled for tomorrow evening. We will also be doing the ribbon cutting for the Transportation that evening at 5:00 p.m. prior to the car show. The Mayor asked Chief Moore if they were ready for the 4th of July. He stated that they had a plan ready & prepared for the event.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Jones reported that there was a water leak between Hawthorne, and Sharp Street. The Town Manager stated that there have been numerous pot holes that have been filled in and fixed. The cross walks have had an uplift with a new coat of paint to them.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the reports into record. He stated that there was a leak in front of Mrs. Ruth Morris's house that was a quick easy fix. Pump station #2 at the corner of Route 20 and Hawthorne had a shaft that was worn out, that we had to replace. There was a major leak project between Hawthorne and Sharp Street. We had the boys dig it up and find that we couldn't fix it on our own, so Bramble's was called in to fix it. There is a small leak down at the Civic Center that won't take long to fix and can wait until the major leak has been taken care of first.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Francis stated that the 4th of July preparations are under way and you can find the list of events online. We will be having a rather lengthy meeting in July that's going to cover quite a few areas that need to be addressed. Mrs. Patsy Reihl asked if there was a way to keep the upcoming events boards updated a little better than they have been. The Mayor said that they would contact the appropriate people and see what they could get done about it.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price stated that the Board of Appeals met in regards to buffer variance appeal for the Connolly's on Beach Road. As well as a variance for a side yard setback appeal for Stephanie Balderama. Both variances were approved. The planning board met last night. The planning commission reviewed the 2011 annual report. After reviewing the report the planning commission voted to adopt the report, finding that it is factual and complete and

that all activities support the planning commission's efforts to comply with and implement the comprehensive plan. The planning commission also found that the annual report supports the smart green and growing goals of the State of Maryland.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Francis read the report into record for the Museum Board. The Museum Board has voted on and agreed with the terms and conditions of the Tolchester Museum Agreement. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Tolchester Museum Agreement. Councilmember Price made a motion to accept the Tolchester Museum Agreement as presented, Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The Mayor read a summary of Ordinance No. 2012-03. Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-03 as presented. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. Let the record show that there were four (4) votes in favor of adopting Ordinance No. 2012-03, and one (1) vote opposed to adopting Ordinance No. 2012-03. With the majority vote in approval of adopting Ordinance No. 2012-03 the motion was so carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor and Councilmembers discussed a number of policies/procedures that they wanted to see implemented with the new transportation system. It was agreed to call the transportation system the Rock Hall Tram's.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mayor stated that the Harbor dredging has been completed. Councilmember Price thanked The Mayor for his efforts in getting the dredging projected started and completed. The GED project that the Citizens Committee is working on was given an update on.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager reported that Denny Dalrymple and Taylor Walker finished taking classes to allow them the opportunity to take the state exam to get their certification as water and wastewater operators. While they were taking classes the other guys were getting water meters read and setting up for the Rock Fish Tournament last weekend.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

The Mayor mentioned that Mr. Nick Watson has just finished with the police academy and will be working with the County Sheriff's department. Good luck to you. Councilmember Jones mentioned a handful of other young residents who have gone on to new endeavors that he is very proud of. Mrs. Patsy Reihl asked about the public pool and what was the status of the pool at this point in time. The Friends of the Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge found a gunning skiff that they have built a display building for, so people can come down and take a look at this old gunning skiff as it's put on display.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.; Councilmember

Francis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember