

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2016**

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<http://townhallstreams.com/locations/rock-hall-md>.
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The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Officer Sutton were also in attendance.

Councilmember Price gave the invocation. There was a moment of silence given. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the agenda with the exception of moving the swearing in of Mr. Vernon Rodney to the Appeals Board to be the next item on the agenda. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor motion carried.

The Mayor swore Mr. Vernon Rodney in as a newly appointed Board of Appeals member.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 12, 2016. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. Councilmember Kendall abstained from the vote, he was not in attendance during that meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 25, 2016. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop Meeting minutes of May 25, 2016. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

The Mayor introduced Zoe Markovic. Zoe was a semi-finalist in the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The Mayor read Zoe's essay on her behalf. The Mayor and Council presented Zoe with a Special Recognition Award.

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor and Council presented Mrs. Linda Kimble and Mrs. Pat Heinefield the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award. They were nominated by the newly appointed president, Suzanne Einstein of the Greater Rock Hall Business Association.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

A thank you card was received on behalf of the Teacher's from the Rock Hall Elementary School for the flowers sent to them for Teacher Appreciation Week.

The Mayor will be presenting Mrs. Rose with a gift and card for her service with the Rock Hall Elementary School. She is leaving and will be working with the Garnett Elementary School at the beginning of the next school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$ 68,928.23
Museum Board :	\$ 2,690.93
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	<u>\$ 49,774.37</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$121,393.53
Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$ 63,798.75
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ 4,683.16
Services Rendered Outstanding:	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Outstanding:	\$ 68,481.91

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Sutton read the police report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the sewer and water departments. The Town Manager gave an update on a few leaks that had popped up around Town.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Kendall gave an overview of the Parks & Recreation Board.

The Mayor went through the schedule of events for the 4th of July Holiday. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager in regards to the 4th of July Holiday preparations.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Planning and Zoning Committee as well as the Board of Appeals. Councilmember Nesspor made motion to accept a letter of credit from the Brawner Company in the amount \$7,317.64 for landscaping. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Communications Board.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-02 (Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget) as presented, he also read the fair summary into record. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made, the motion was so carried with a vote of 4-1. Councilmember Nesspor, Kuechler, and Kendall voted in favor of the motion made. The Mayor voted in favor of the motion made. Councilmember Price voted in opposition of the motion made.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor announced a new partnership with "RING". The Mayor gave an overview of the "RING" system. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to the "RING" system.

The Mayor and Mr. Maxwell gave an update on the 4th of July Fireworks scheduled for this year.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

There were a lot of compliments given in regards to the decorations displayed during the Memorial Day weekend.

The Town Manager gave an update on the success of the triathlon event.

The rock fish tournament is scheduled for this weekend.

The Garden Club did a fantastic job making the front of the Municipal Building look as nice as it does.

When the wind blows like it did yesterday we have to clean up Beach Road from all the sand that blows across it.

The Mayor gave additional information in regards to the triathlon event.

The Wounded Heroes Hunting Camp came to Rock Hall for a Memorial Day weekend visit. The Mayor and Councilmember Kuechler met with them at Harbor Shack for dinner and then took them to the Main Street Car show later that evening. They went out fishing the following day with Captain Donnie Baines. The Mayor gave a slide show presentation of the groups experience while in Rock Hall.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

An audience member asked if the boat in the front yard could be painted and fixed up. The Mayor asked the Town Manager to have that taken care of.

There was a concern from an audience member about people pulling their vehicles right up to the gazebo's at the beach and suggested maybe putting a wire/rope to deter people from pulling completely in and up to the gazebo's. There was a discussion in regards to this request among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager.

An audience member stated that they had been giving tours of Rock Hall and found that it takes an hour and a half to get completely through the whole Town. And most are amazed at how truly beautiful the Town is.

The Mayor gave an update on a drug awareness meeting that was held at the Fire House.

An audience member commented on how outstanding the music was at the Fire House the night before.

Councilmember Nesspor stated that the Kent County Waterman's Association is interested in purchasing flags to have them placed on both sides of Rt. 20 for the next Memorial Day weekend holiday. The Mayor and Council had no problem with them doing that.

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the health and spirits of Mrs. Edna Marie Hubbard-Sutton.

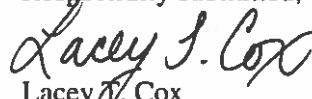
Councilmember Kuechler asked the Newspaper reporter why the paper wasn't covering any of the events that are going on around the Town.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.; Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

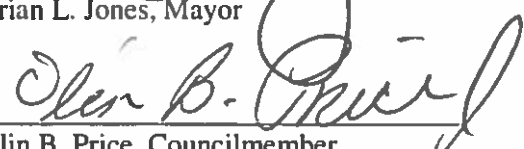


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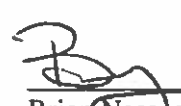
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



Brian L. Jones, Mayor



Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspor, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember

Arthur Kendall, Councilmember