

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2016**

**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>.

*They will also be available for viewing at the Town Office**

The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:42 p.m. Councilmember Kuechler, Councilmember Nesspor and Councilmember Price were present. The Town Manager and Chief Steve More were also in attendance.

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

Councilmember Price made the motion to appoint Mr. Jack Jester to the vacant Councilmember seat. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Jack Jester is the newly appointed Councilmember for the Town of Rock Hall.

The Mayor swore in Mr. Jack Jester as a new Councilmember for the Town of Rock Hall.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The Town Manager asked to add a Closed Session at the end of the meeting tonight for personnel issues. Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. With the addition of the Closed Session at the very end of the meeting. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 13, 2016. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

Mr. Bunky Luffman was in attendance to give an overview of the Eastern Shore Intergovernmental Affairs (Liaison between the State and the County government). There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and Mr. Luffman in regards to the Chesapeake Bay Clean Coalition and some of the projects the Town has going on. Mr. Luffman took question from the Audience and answered them accordingly.

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor and Council presented the Rock Hall Lions Club and the Family of Keith Dreisbach, III the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award.

The Mayor thanked Debra and the Wellness Committee for their efforts & help with the Wellness fair held at the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to send something in lieu of the Town for Keith's funeral services. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor read a letter into record from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Mayor read a letter into record from the Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion Post 228.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$435,430.53
Museum Board :	\$ 2,854.86
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	<u>\$ 85,741.83</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$524,027.22
Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$202,209.69
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ 66,914.28
Services Rendered Outstanding:	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Outstanding:	\$ 269,123.97

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the police report into record.

Councilmember Nesspor asked Chief Moore to consent to the fact that the vehicle that was taken to the MML convention in Ocean City was a decommissioned police vehicle no longer in service. Chief Moore stated that the vehicle was an Auxiliary vehicle and he was not responsible for the information given to the Kent County Newspaper for an article printed in regards to the incident.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments. The Mayor mentioned that there is no street sign on the corner of Chesapeake Avenue and Main Street.

SEWER/WATER:

The Town Manager gave an update on the sewer and water departments.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Jester will now be the liaison for the Parks & Recreation board.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager in regards to the upcoming Christmas events scheduled.

The Mayor and Council and Town Manager had a discussion in regards to the employee Christmas Party. Councilmember Price made a motion to move forward with the planning of the employee Christmas Party to be held at Swan Point Inn. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor mentioned that there was an energetic group that had been discussing the New Year's Eve holiday. There may be the possibility of having the fish drop again and a few other things, the Mayor stated that he would keep everyone informed.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Board. The Planning & Zoning Board would like to have permission to approve/deny lot line adjustments in-house. Councilmember Price made a motion to request to the Planning Board to allow the Rock Hall Planning & Zoning Committee to approve/deny lot line adjustments in-house. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board. A teacher from Washington College came to walk through the Museum. She sent a thank you letter that Councilmember Kuechler read into record. She asked to borrow some items from the museum to loan to her for her class to learn from. The items would be returned by December 13th or 14th. She also asked to borrow the same items next Spring for an exhibition title "Tools of the Trade" on display at Summer Hall during March 31st – May 16th. The Mayor and Councilmember agreed to lend the items to her for the purposes intended.

The Town Manager gave an overview of two books/ledgers from the Knights of Pythias that were dropped off from Mrs. Charlotte Coleman to add to the Museum's collection.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Communications Board. Councilmember Price read a meeting summary from October 17, 2016 into record from the Communications Board.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

MML is holding on to the Town flag from the convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor stated that the Town has a vacancy for the Board of Elections if anyone is interested.

The Mayor mentioned an editorial that has previously printed in the Kent County News in regards to the Town's special events. The Mayor stated that "the information in the editorial is completely untrue on numerous levels."

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager had nothing else to report on.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Today is the Marine Corps birthday.

Please support our veterans.

Councilmember Jester thanked the Mayor and Council for the nomination and acceptance of adding him as a new Councilmember.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Veteran's Day ad in the paper is very nice.

Councilmember Price made a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code for the

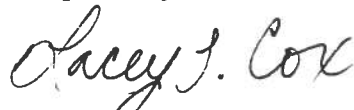
purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction and a personnel matter affecting one or more specific individuals. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Jones reconvened the Mayor and Council meeting at approximately 9:21 p.m. The Mayor and Council took no action during the closed session. The Mayor and Council discussed the possible retirement of a Town employee and the recent notification of a local business filing for Chapter 11.

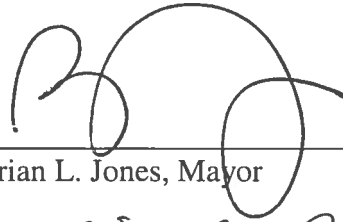
Councilmember Price made a motion to give the Town Manager authority to advertise in the paper for a position with the Town in the event that we do happen to have an employee retire. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.; Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lacey T. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lacey T. Cox
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



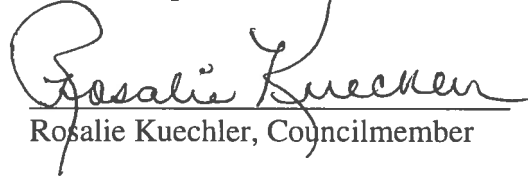
Brian L. Jones, Mayor



Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspor, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Jack Jester, Councilmember