

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 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>.*

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The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 8:05 p.m. Councilmember Nessor and Councilmember Jester were present. The Town Manager, and Chief Moore were also in attendance.

The Mayor 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 Nessor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Nessor made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 9, 2017. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nessor made a motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of March 9, 2017. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

NONE

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor and Council presented the Rock Hall Waterfront Committee with the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Gren Whitman was in attendance to speak in regards to the Police Department. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, Chief Moore and the Town Manager in regards to the Police Department.

Mrs. Elise Davis was in attendance to represent Kathleen Johnson in regards to camping at the Civic Center during the triathlon event. Mrs. Davis supplied the Mayor and Council with a USB drive that had a video saved to it for them to watch from Mrs. Johnson. The video was not watched. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, Mrs. Davis, the Audience Members and the Town Manager in regards to the availability of camping spaces for the triathlon event. The USB drive was given back to Mrs. Elise Davis.

Mr. Dave May spoke in regards to the Police Department. There was further discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager and the Audience Members in regards to the Police Department.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor read a letter into record from Bayshore Campground.

The Mayor read a Thank You letter into record from Mrs. Susan Price.

The Mayor read a letter into record from the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$110,755.15
Museum Board:	\$ 2,672.20
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	<u>\$ 83,602.18</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$197,029.53

Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$ 77,675.79
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$187,794.99
Services Rendered Outstanding:	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Outstanding:	\$265,470.78

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Sutton read the police report into record. The Mayor thanked Officer Sutton for his work in helping a family in need.

STREETS/SANITATION:

The Town Manager gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments.

SEWER/WATER:

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

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Jester stated that the Easter Egg Hunt event will take place on April 15, 2017 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Civic Center. The next thing the Parks & Recreation Board will be working on will be the 4th of July holiday events.

PLANNING/ZONING:

NONE

MUSEUM BOARD:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to postpone the vote on Ordinance No. 2017-02 ZTA (Special Events) and Ordinance No. 2017-03 Chapter 24 (Licensing) until further clarification from the Attorney prior to the deadline. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-04 Chapter 108 (Subdivision of Lands) as presented. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to appoint Mrs. Ruth Clark to the Elections Board. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor gave an update on the University of Maryland's students and their proposed projects for the Town.

The Mayor gave a brief overview of the Children's Mental Health Matters Week. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to have the Town participate in the Children's Mental Health Matters Week. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor visited the fourth graders at the Rock Hall Elementary School to promote the "If I Were Mayor Essay Contest".

The triathlon event holder is looking for volunteers.

The Mayor gave an overview of the "Meet Me at The Park" campaign. The Town could win \$20,000.00 if the Civic Center is nominated and it accumulates enough votes to win.

The Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company have signed a contract for a new pumper tanker in the cost range of \$419,000.00. Donations are greatly appreciated and accepted.

The Mayor gave an update on the upcoming Restaurant Week event.

The Mayor gave an overview of the Main Street Buy-A-Brick program. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Main Street Buy-A-Brick program with no less than twenty-five brick purchases to proceed. Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town will be holding an election on May 6, 2017 for two Councilmember seats. The following people have filed to run for Councilmember positions: Beth Andrews, Timothy Edwards, John Jester, David L. Mayne, Leonard F. Milewski, Charles Price and Allen Riley. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the upcoming election.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

NONE

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Turkey season starts this Saturday (April 15, 2017) for the Juniors. Councilmember Nesspor thanked the County Commissioners, Delegate Jacobs, and Senator Hershey on voting to allow hunting on Sundays.

Mr. Einstein asked about a missing day marker in the Harbor. The Town Manager is going to have that taken care of.

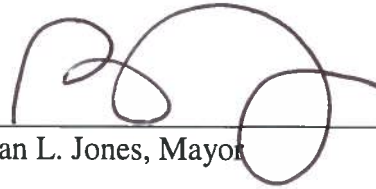
Mr. Maxwell stated that the new parking project at the beach has gotten rave reviews and is really nice.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.; Councilmember Jester seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lacey T. Cox
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



Brian L. Jones, Mayor

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

TERM ENDED MAY 8, 2017

Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember

TERM ENDED MAY 8, 2017

Jack Jester, Councilmember