

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 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 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Kuechler, Councilmember Nesspor, Councilmember Andrews and Councilmember Edwards were present. The Town Manager, Town Attorney and Chief Moore were also in attendance.

Councilmember Kuechler 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 Andrews seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Public Hearing Meeting minutes for Ordinance No. 2017-02, Ordinance No. 2017-03, and Ordinance No. 2017-04 of April 13, 2017 have been deferred until the next meeting. The Regular Meeting minutes of April 13, 2017 have also been deferred until the next Mayor and Council regular meeting. There was a quorum for those meetings at the time. Councilmember Andrews and Councilmember Edwards cannot vote (they were not yet Councilmembers at that time) and Councilmember Kuechler was not in attendance during those meetings making her unable to vote on the meeting minutes as well. The Town Attorney will let the Mayor and Council know how they need to proceed with that process for the next scheduled Mayor and Council meeting.

The Utility Board and Workshop meeting scheduled for May 29, 2017 has been rescheduled for Monday; May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The Regular Mayor and Council meeting scheduled for June 15, 2017 has been rescheduled for June 7, 2017 at 7:30. The budget hearing will start at 7:00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

NONE

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor and Council presented the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company with the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Gren Whitman was in attendance to discuss the dilapidated warehouse/building located behind Bay Wolf restaurant. This topic of conversation will be continued during the “New Business” section of the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor read a letter received from Comptroller Peter Franchot in regards to his recent visit to Rock Hall.

The Mayor read a letter received from the Greater Rock Hall Business Association into record.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

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| General Fund Investment Account: | \$ 41,468.05 |
| Museum Board: | \$ 2,608.26 |
| Utilities Fund Investment Account: | <u>\$173,474.47</u> |
| Total Available Funds: | \$217,550.78 |
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| Property Taxes Outstanding: | \$ 69,450.24 |
| Utilities Fund Outstanding: | \$ 80,459.58 |
| Services Rendered Outstanding: | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Total Outstanding: | \$149,909.82 |

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

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the police report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

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

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor and the Town Manager gave an update on the sewer and water departments. The Town Manager gave an update on the Catholic Avenue/New Well project.

PARKS/RECREATION:

NONE

PLANNING/ZONING:

NONE

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the Trams schedule for the upcoming season.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The Town Attorney gave an overview of Resolution No. 2017-05 (Small Wireless Facilities). The Town Attorney read a summary of Resolution No. 2017-05 (Small Wireless Facilities) into record. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-05 (Small Wireless Facilities) as presented. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town Manager read a summary of Ordinance No. 2017-05 (Small Wireless Facilities) into record for introduction.

The Town Manager read a summary of Ordinance No. 2017-06 (FY 2018 Budget) into record for introduction. The Mayor went over some highlights of the budget. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager in regards to Ordinance No. 2017-06 (FY 2018 Budget).

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor and Council revisited the issue previously raised by Mr. Whitman during the “Public Participation” section of the agenda. The Mayor gave an update in regards to the dilapidated building. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, the Grant Writer (Meg Parry) and the Audience Members in regards to this issue. The Mayor and Council asked the Town Manager to provide them with three bids for the demolition of the building and present them to the Mayor and Council at their next meeting. There was further discussion among the Mayor and Council, Town Manager, the Town Attorney and the Audience Members in regards to this issue. The Mayor and Council asked the Town Manager to speak to the property owner for permission to place “No Trespassing” signs on or around the building for safety precaution purposes and permission to remove the refrigerators located on the property.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager in regards to the Civic Center being utilized for camping purposes during the upcoming triathlon. The Mayor and Council agreed to allow the Rock Hall Lodging Association to continue with their efforts to have camping available at the Civic Center during the triathlon event.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Mayor read the State of Municipal Affairs into record. The Mayor presented a short video highlighting the progress and success of the Town during the previous year. The Mayor dedicated the video in honor of Mr. Butch Price for all of his service and his contributions to the Town.

The Mayor gave an update on the Sam Grow concert scheduled to take place on June 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the bulkhead.

The Mayor gave an overview of the 4th of July event schedule and the availability of event forms.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:

NONE

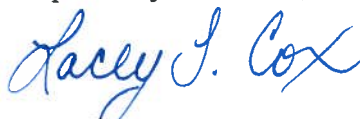
GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Councilmember Kuechler commended the Mayor on his State of Town address.

Councilmember Nesspor’s daughter is getting married.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.; Councilmember Edwards seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

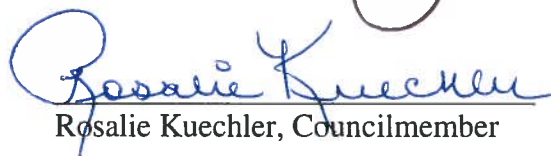
Respectfully submitted,



Lacey T. Cox
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



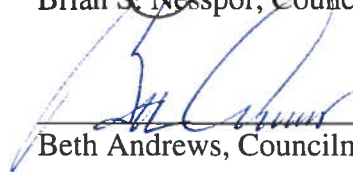
Brian L. Jones, Mayor



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Brian S. Nesspor, Councilmember



Beth Andrews, Councilmember

Not in Attendance for Approval

Timothy Edwards, Councilmember