

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

The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Price. The Clerk Treasurer, Assistant Clerk Treasurer, and Chief Moore were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 11, 2016. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:**

Mr. Scott Boone could not make it this evening he has had a death in the family.

**ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:**

The Mayor and Council presented the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award to Clerk Treasurer, Stephanie Loller and Assistant Clerk Treasurer, Lacey Cox. Ms. Cissy McGinnes submitted the nomination from our website using the online nomination form.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. David Jones, Sr. was in attendance to address the drug problem in Rock Hall.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Clerk Treasurer read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account:	\$207,866.35
Museum Board :	\$ 2,652.60
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	<u>\$ 83,652.75</u>
<b>Total Available Funds:</b>	<b>\$294,171.70</b>
Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$100,397.15
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ 5,030.85
Services Rendered Outstanding:	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Total Outstanding:</b>	<b>\$105,428.00</b>

Councilmember Kendall asked how the Town collected money/funds for property taxes outstanding. The Clerk Treasurer answered Councilmember Kendall's question accordingly.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Moore read the police report into record. There were questions asked of Chief Moore in regards to his police report and he answered all questions accordingly.

**STREETS/SANITATION:**

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments. The Mayor mentioned that the street signs needed to continue to be replaced according to the new state guidelines/regulations. Councilmember Nesspor asked to have a "Slow Down" sign placed on Walnut Street.

**SEWER/WATER:**

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the sewer and water departments. Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on Well #4 and pump station #3.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

Councilmember Kendall gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Board. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 26, 2016 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Board are in the process of trying to assemble a separate (co-committee) for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

NONE

**MUSEUM BOARD:**

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mrs. Jan Plotczyk gave an update on the Communications Board. The Communications Board is asking for access to the analytics & statistics for the website. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, the Clerk Treasurer, and the Assistant Clerk Treasurer in regards to the Communications Board request. The Mayor and Council agreed to look into other possible options allowing the Communications Board a secured access to the analytics of the website.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and Audience Members in regards to the live streaming of the Mayor and Council meetings.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

The Mayor read a summary of Ordinance No. 2016-01 (Communications Board) into record. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, the Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk Treasurer in regards to Ordinance No. 2016-01 (Communications Board). Councilmember Kendall made a motion to table the vote on Ordinance No. 2016-01 (Communications Board). Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. There was further discussion on the process/procedure that needs to take place now that the Ordinance has been tabled.

The Assistant Clerk Treasurer read a summary of Resolution No. 2016-01 (Reinstatement of Highway User Funds) into record. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance into record. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion accept Resolution No. 2016-01 to reinstate state shared revenue as presented. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Mayor and Council and Audience Members had a further discussion in regards to the live streaming of the Mayor and Council meetings. Councilmember Kendall made a motion to refer this idea back to the Communications Board for review. There was no second made. The motion died on the floor.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Meg Parry was in attendance to give an update on the Safe Routes to School grant. Mrs. Parry asked the Mayor and Council for support for a 20% match of up to \$15,000.00 to be approved to allow the Town to move forward with this grant. The Mayor read a draft letter of support into record. The deadline for the grant is May 15, 2016. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, Mrs. Parry, the Audience Members, the Clerk Treasurer, and the Assistant Clerk Treasurer in regards to matching the funds for the Safe Routes to School grant. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve to match the funds of 20% up to \$15,000.00 for the Safe Routes to School grant. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor and Council discussed where to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at. Councilmember Kendall made a motion to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event on Main Street with the stipulation that the Town provide coverage (or reimbursement for coverage) of up to two (2) people to make sure people don't use the parking lot of Bayside Foods (unless they are there to shop). Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor and Councilmember Kuechler had a meeting with Mr. Art Willis to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. Mr. Art would like to see the Town take over the responsibility of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. He also suggested that the Town be added to the contract already in place with the fireworks company that sets off the fireworks. The Mayor and Councilmember Kuechler spoke to legal in regards to being added to the contract already established. Legal has advised the Town to try reach that agreement where the Town takes over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks event. In response the Town is asking Mr. Willis to turn over the database of names. For future 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks the Town will need to have MOU's drafted as well as the need to develop partnerships with organizations for support and assistance. Legal has advised the Town to renegotiate the

current contract with the Town's name on the contract instead of the current contract signed with Mr. Willis. The Mayor and Council agreed to work on getting a new contract to provide to the Town Attorney for review and have it sent back to the Mayor and Council for approval and the voting of.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

NONE

**GOOD OF THE TOWN:**

Councilmember Nesspor made a suggestion to have Mrs. Andrea Jaquette considered for the empty Working Waterfront Committee spot. Councilmember Kendall made a motion to appoint Mrs. Andrea Jaquette to the Working Waterfront Committee. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor stated that Spring has sprung, the Osprey are back in town. He also stated that it was very nice to have the two office ladies in attendance at the meeting.

There was a discussion in regards to having Mrs. Tamy Buckle appointed to the Wellness Committee. The general consensus was that Mrs. Buckle had already been appointed and the Mayor and Council were all in agreement that she should be on the committee.


**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mrs. Cora Dickson asked about the Kent County Tourism department having access to the Town's website analytics. Mrs. Dickson also asked about the Town's calendar of events being synchronized with the County's calendar of events. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to Mrs. Dickson's questions.

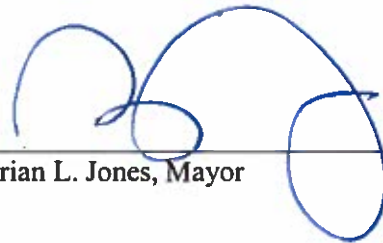
Mr. Gren Whitman asked the Mayor and Council to reconsider their decision to eliminate those not chosen to be on the Working Waterfront Committee. The Mayor and Council stated those not chosen may be contacted at a later date in time in case they are needed. The Mayor and Council set a limit of members that the Working Waterfront Committee would consist of and they are going to leave it set up that way. Mr. Whitman stated his contention in regards to this decision.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.; Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



Brian L. Jones, Mayor

Not in Attendance

Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspor, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Arthur Kendall, Councilmember