

**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 13, 2011**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
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The newly appointed Mayor Rosalie Kuechler convened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting on the above date at 7:35 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Captain Dempsey were also present.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

\*Rosalie Kuechler was sworn in as Mayor on January 14, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. The Clerk of Court, Mr. Mark Mumford, officiated the Swearing in of the new Mayor. There were several witnesses in the audience.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 09, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:**

None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$284,050.11

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$262,740.17

Total Available Funds: \$546,790.28

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$159,079.20

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$146,358.70

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 3,527.06

Total Outstanding: \$308,964.96

The newly appointed Mayor asked if there was anything that could be done concerning the

outstanding balance of our Services Rendered funds. The Town Manager informed the newly appointed Mayor and Council that letters had just been sent out in regards to the slip rent and The Town Clerk had made an effort to try and reach the appropriate party for the MML Convention funds.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

The newly appointed Mayor and Council received a letter from the former Mayor of Rock Mr. Jay A. Jacobs informing them of his resignation as The Mayor of Rock Hall due to his newly elected position as a Delegate for the State of Maryland.

Everyone received individual invitations to the Martin Luther King breakfast being held at the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department. Is there anyone that will be attending? The newly appointed Mayor, Councilmember Willis, and the Town Manager will be attending the breakfast.

The Mayor and Council also received an invitation to the Saturday fundraising event, to benefit the Really Great Cat Rescue, being held at Swan Point Inn on February 12, 2011.

The Mayor and Council received a thank you letter from the Kent County Middle School PTSA, for their support for the Holiday House Tour. Your support was greatly appreciated.

The Town of Rock Hall is hosting this months C.O.G meeting on January 19, 2011 at Bay Wolf, please let Stephanie know if you will be attending.

A negative letter was received from a town resident in regards to out of town businesses.

#### POLICE REPORT:

Captain Dempsey read the report into record.

#### STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Toulson wanted thank the guys for an excellent job with both snow storms we've had so far.

#### SEWER/WATER:

The newly appointed Mayor Rosalie Kuechler read the report into record. There was a Personnel meeting prior to this meeting, in regards to appointing a new Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. Mr. Denny Dalrymple, whom already works for the town, will be stepping up to start his

new position as the Waste Water Treatment Plant operator under the supervision of the county until he can apply for his Level 4 Operating License.

#### PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis reported that Parks and Rec. will meet next Wednesday, January 19, 2011. We are going to set an agenda for the next couple of months for upcoming events.

#### PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price reported that the Planning & Zoning met last night and did not have anything on the agenda. There will be a public Planning & Zoning meeting next month to discuss the comprehensive plan. This meeting will take place on February 9, 2011.

#### MUSEUM BOARD:

Newly appointed Mayor Kuechler reported that the Museum Board no longer has any meetings scheduled until April 2011. The Town Manager reported that the Museum had received a letter from Nancy Hubbard resigning from her position with the Museum board as of December 31, 2010.

#### ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

We are planning our appreciation dinner; we have received a bid from the Rock Hall American Legion for February 26, 2011. There will be invitations sent out accordingly. There was a discussion on cutting back on how many people to invite from some of the larger organizations due to budget costs. It was agreed that inviting ten people from each larger organization was sufficient.

There was an organizational meeting prior to this meeting, discussing the empty Mayor's position with the town. The Councilmember's graciously appointed Mrs. Rosalie Kuechler as the Town of Rock Hall's new Mayor. The Council also appointed Councilmember Willis as Vice Mayor, and Mrs. Susan Francis as a new Councilmember.

Councilmember Willis addressed an issue with the Harbor entrance. He would like a letter sent

to some of our State Officials making them aware of the issue and asking for some support in the matter.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The newly appointed Mayor mentioned the winner's of the Christmas Decoration Contest for Private Residents and Business'. There was a letter sent to the Newspaper citing the winners and what they received for their efforts.

Councilmember Price asked where the efforts have gotten on the water lines on Catholic Avenue. The Town Manager reported that he had gotten a call from Tri-State Grouting, and discussed what the town was looking to do with those lines. They called back and said that the process they use could not be used for the water lines, but they would refer the town to another company that they knew would probably be able to help us with.

The newly appointed Mayor asked if Mrs. Keller, residing on Beach Road, has been taken care of to her satisfaction. The Town Manager stated that the matter has been taken care of, but has not heard weather it is to Mrs. Keller's satisfaction, due to the fact that she has been out of town.

#### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Things have slowed down a little bit. All the Christmas decorations and lights have been taken down and stored till next season. The only thing that may still need to be moved is Santa's House.

The Garden Club is missing their Christmas Packages, and bricks that were used to weigh them down with. Someone has removed them from the corner of Main Street and Route 20, and no one seems to know who removed them and what they have done with them. The Town Manager made a phone call to Kevin Middleton to see if the boys had moved them and stored them somewhere; and they did not pick them up to be moved. Kevin did say that there were three large trash bags that sat there on the corner.

#### GOOD OF THE TOWN:

None

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmemeber

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

John F. Toulson, Councilmember

Robert E. Willis, Councilmember