MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING March 13, 2008

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on the above date at 8:11 p.m. All Councilmembers were present along with the Town Manager, Clerk-Treasurer and Assistant Town Attorney.

All recited the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Toulson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2008, noting one change to the Museum Board report; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 214,609.10 Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 41,592.59

Total Available Funds: \$256,201.69

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 68,877.81 Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 4,589.83

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,210.00

Total Outstanding: \$74,677.64

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Jacobs read a letter received from Delegate Richard Sossi congratulating him on receiving the Kent County Chamber of Commerce Service Award for his hard work and dedication during the 300th Birthday Celebration year.

POLICE REPORT:

Due to the absence of Chief-of-Police Moore, the Town Manager read the report into record

STREETS/SANITATION:

Mayor Jacobs advised the Council of the report each had received pertaining to the estimated State of Maryland Highway User Funds for FY 2008-2009. Town Manager Fithian presented a letter received from the Town's trash collection company, Bandurski Inc., regarding a four percent Fuel Surcharge that will be added to the Town's monthly billing.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler read the report into record. 6,261,000 gallons were treated in February; rain totaled 3.5 inches; the repairs to the Ultra Violet modules are fifty percent complete. It was also reported that two-thirds of the Edesville residences are on-line with the town supplying water to the newly erected water tower.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis read the report into record. He stated the Valentine's Dance held at the Municipal Building on February 15, 2008 was well attended.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price read the report into the record. At the March 12, 2008 meeting, owners of Java Rock requested approval for a storage shed to be placed between Java Rock and the old Firehouse; the Board unanimously approved.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Town Manager and Board Chairman Fithian presented to the Mayor and Council to appoint Mr. Jeff Robinson to the Museum Board and Mrs. Robin Kurowski as an Associate Member. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to approve the appointments; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motioned carried. Mr. Fithian reported there will be a Museum Open House in August.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor initiated a discussion regarding potential "Community" use of the Civic Center facilities, focusing on after-school and weekend activities for the children of the community. Further discussion will follow at a later date, with input from Parks and Recreation. Also discussed was placing an ad in the 2008 Kent County Chamber of Commerce Directory to promote the Town of Rock Hall. Mayor and Council unanimously agreed to place the ad.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Fithian reported on the following: clean-up has begun at Ferry Park Beach, repairs are being made to the old Shanty, the brush pile located at the lagoon was burned on March 13, and the electric panels have been installed at the MFCA property, in preparation for a new tenant.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Councilmember Kuechler made a suggestion to present the Town employees with Certificates of Appreciation for their help during the 300th Birthday celebration year.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Toulson made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina L. Edwards
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Jay A. Jacobs, Mayor Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember Olin B. Price, Councilmember John F. Toulson, Councilmember Robert E. Willis, Councilmember