

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 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>.  
They 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, and Councilmember Price were present. The Town Manager, Town Attorney and Chief Moore were also in attendance.

Councilmember Price 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 asked to have the Police Report line item be scheduled earlier on the agenda. It was agreed to move the Police Report line item before the Guest Speaker/Invited Guest line item on the agenda. Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 8, 2016. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Moore read the police report into record.

**GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:**

Mr. Chris Maxwell was in attendance to give a report on the financials of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks for 2016.

Judy Morgan of Think Big was in attendance to give an update of the fiber optic deployment taking place throughout the County. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, Audience Members, and Judy in regards to the fiber optic deployment.

**ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:**

NONE

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was a letter received from the Kent County Learning Center, the Mayor read the letter into record.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$307,671.26
Museum Board :	\$ 2,663.99
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	\$ <u>67,510.33</u>
<b>Total Available Funds:</b>	<b>\$377,845.58</b>

Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$108,682.58
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$189,702.80
Services Rendered Outstanding:	\$ <u>-</u>
<b>Total Outstanding:</b>	<b>\$ 298,385.38</b>

**STREETS/SANITATION:**

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the streets and sanitation departments. The street lights on Rt. 20 have been fixed, there are a few more around Town that need to be sent in for fixing.

**SEWER/WATER:**

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

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

NONE

### **PLANNING/ZONING:**

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Board and the Board of Appeals. The Town Manager & Town Attorney gave an update on the Zoning Text Amendment for special events.

### **MUSEUM BOARD:**

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Communications Board.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

The Town Manager and Town Attorney gave an overview of Loan Resolution No. 2017-01 (Catholic Ave. Water Main Replacement/New Well Project). The Town Manager read a summary into record of Loan Resolution No. 2017-01 (Catholic Ave. Water Main Replacement/New Well Project). Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Loan Resolution No. 2017-01 (Catholic Ave. Water Main Replacement/New Well Project) as presented. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town Manager gave an overview of Reimbursement Project Expenditures Resolution No. 2017-02 (Catholic Ave. Water Main Replacement/New Well Project). The Town Manager read a summary into record for Reimbursement Project Expenditures Resolution No. 2017-02 (Catholic Ave. Water Main Replacement/New Well Project). Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Reimbursement Project Expenditures Resolution No. 2017-02 (Catholic Ave. Water Main Replacement/New Well Project) as presented. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to wave the entire reading of Ordinance No. 2017-01 (Authorizing General Obligation Debit for Rock Hall Water System Improvements) into record. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor motion carried. The Town Manager read a summary into record of Ordinance No. 2017-01 (Authorizing General Obligation Debit for Rock Hall Water System Improvements) as an introduction into record.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Town Manager gave an update on the building located behind Bay Wolf restaurant. Councilmember Nesspor is going to speak with the owners of the building and have them contact the Town Manager.

The Mayor stated that the Holiday's went over really well. The Town staff did an excellent job making sure things were taken care of.

The lids from the crab basket lids are going to be used for a Valentine Fundraiser “Lids for Love”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Town Manager gave an overview of Mobilitie. The Town Manager read a letter into record from Mobilitie that gave a brief description of the services they provide. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Mobilitie project and allow them to install their equipment on Williams Street pending approval from the Town Attorney once a contract has been provided. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:**

The Town Manager gave an update on the new heating system.

The Town Manager reported that one of the dump trucks had some mechanical problems at the tail end of the snow we just had but it has been fixed and is back on the road.

**GOOD OF THE TOWN:**

The Mayor stated that the Deckleman family and Elburn family were in their thoughts and prayers after the passing of their family members.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

NONE

Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn into a Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1,7) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code for the purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction and a personnel matter affecting one or more specific individuals and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The regular Mayor and Council Meeting was recessed at 8:58 p.m. to move into a closed session.

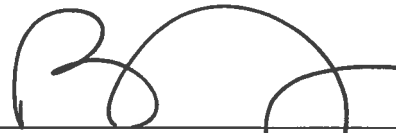
The Mayor reconvened the Mayor and Council meeting at approximately 9:24 p.m. The Mayor and Council took no action during the closed session. The Mayor and Council discussed possible changes to the personnel policy and the legal concerns of the language involved with the personnel policy.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



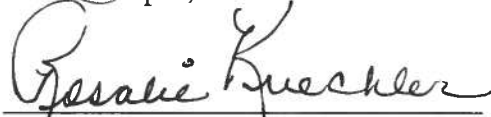
Brian L. Jones, Mayor



Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspor, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Jack Jester, Councilmember