

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 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 7:38 p.m. Councilmember Kuechler, Councilmember Nesspor, Councilmember Edwards and Councilmember Andrews were present. The Town Manager and Officer Sutton 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:**

The Mayor asked to have agenda item 11a moved to an earlier spot on the agenda. It was decided to place item 11a before agenda item number 2 as item 1c. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Edwards seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor swore in Meg Parry and Kailee McCoy as new Parks and Recreation Board Members.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 10, 2017. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Revisions to the Amended Closed Session Meeting minutes of January 12, 2017. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The amended closed session meeting minutes of January 12, 2017 have been approved as revised. These revisions have been attached hereto.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Revisions to the Amended Closed Session Meeting minutes of February 9, 2017. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The amended closed session meeting minutes of February 9, 2017 have been approved as revised. These revisions have been attached hereto.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The Mayor read the summary from the Open Meetings Compliance Board into record dated September 11, 2017. The Mayor read the Statement of Compliance into record.

**GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:**

Mr. John Schratwieser was in attendance as the incoming new director of the Kent County Arts Council. Mr. Schratwieser gave an overview of the Kent County Arts Council organization.

**ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:**

The Mayor and Council presented the Pirate's and Wenches Committee with the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award. The Pirate's and Wenches Committee was not in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Mayor read a letter received from the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company into record.

The Mayor read a letter to the Council from the Rock Hall Seventh Day Adventist Church into record.

The Mayor read a letter into record from the former Rock Hall Elementary School principal, Mrs. Tracey Rodney.

The Mayor read a letter into record from Henry Highland Elementary School.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$ 9,269.56
Museum Board:	\$ 2,843.95
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	\$ <u>21,389.74</u>
<b>Total Available Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 33,503.25</b>
Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$ 40,816.82
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ 9,837.37
Services Rendered Outstanding:	\$ <u>-</u>
<b>Total Outstanding:</b>	<b>\$ 50,654.19</b>

**POLICE REPORT:**

Officer Sutton read the police report into record. There were questions asked of Officer Sutton and he answered them accordingly. We have an event "Ice Cream with a Cop" that takes place every Thursday for the month of September at 7:00 p.m. This will alternate between Get the Scoop and Durdin's.

### **STREETS/SANITATION:**

Nothing to report.

### **SEWER/WATER:**

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the sewer and water departments. Councilmember Nesspor and the Town Manager gave an update on the Well portion of the project taking place with Catholic Avenue and the Clarifier.

### **PARKS/RECREATION:**

Councilmember Edwards gave an update for the Parks and Recreation board. Councilmember Edwards asked for the Councils approval to move forward in applying for a grant to create a dog park in the area of the ball parks at the lagoon. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to have the Parks and Recreation Board move forward in applying for a grant to create a dog park as presented by Councilmember Edwards. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members and the Town Manager in regards to the proposition of a dog park being created. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to allow Councilmember Nesspor and Councilmember Edwards pursue the cost of fencing and a water line to the proposed area that will be designated as the dog park. Councilmember Edwards seconded. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the dog park. All in favor, motion carried.

### **PLANNING/ZONING:**

Councilmember Andrews gave an update from the Planning and Zoning Board.

### **MUSEUM BOARD:**

Nothing to report.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Councilmember Andrews gave an update on the Communications Board.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

The Town Manager read a summary of Ordinance No. 2017-06 (Small Wireless Facilities) into record as an introduction.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-07 (Authorizing General Obligation Debt for Rock Hall water System Improvements) as presented.

Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Ordinance No. 2017-07 (Authorizing General Obligation Debt for Rock Hall water System Improvements) has been adopted.

The Mayor read Resolution No. 2017-09 (Hurricane Relief Fund) into record. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members and the Town Manager in regards to read Resolution No. 2017-09 (Hurricane Relief Fund). There was no vote taken on Resolution No. 2017-09 (Hurricane Relief Fund).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor presented his Report for the record.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

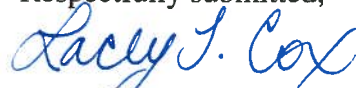
The Town Manager presented his Report for the record.

**GOOD OF THE TOWN:**

The Mayor took questions and comments from the Audience Members. The Audience Members questions were answered accordingly.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.; Councilmember Andrews seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

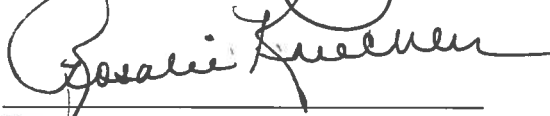


Lacey T. Cox

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



Brian L. Jones, Mayor

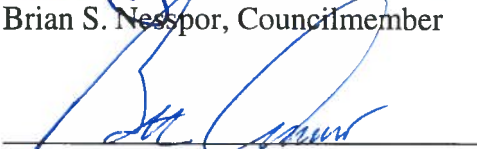


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Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Brian S. Neespor, Councilmember



Beth Andrews, Councilmember



Timothy Edwards, Councilmember