

COUNCIL AND UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL**TOWN OF ROCK HALL**

P. O. Box 367 | Rock Hall, Maryland 21661
phone: (410) 639-7611 | fax: (410) 639-7298

[Return to the 2013 Minutes Index page](#)

**MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 30, 2013**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES
September 30, 2013

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 7:00 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager, Town Attorney and the Clerk Treasurer were also present. The Assistant Clerk Treasurer showed up to the meeting just after the sewer allocation report was given.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of September 4, 2013 as presented; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:

The Town Manager read the sewer allocation into record. There were no changes from last month.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Town Manager stated that Mr. Dan Brewer had written a letter for the Mayor and Councilmember's at the last Utilities Board meeting requesting a sewer credit. There wasn't enough information at that point in time to make a decision as to whether Mr. Brewer would receive a sewer credit or not. We've received a little more information since then and Mr. Brewer is here tonight to add any other information the Board may need to make a decision in regards to him receiving a sewer credit. The amount of the sewer credit to be given to Mr. Brewer for both quarters would be for the amount of \$279.50. This would be a \$99.00 credit for the previous quarter and \$188.50 credit for this current quarter we just billed for. Councilmember Price made a motion to give Mr. Dan Brewer a sewer credit in the amount of \$279.50. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to recess the Utilities Board meeting to enter into a Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to reconvene the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting at 7:55 p.m. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town Manager stated that the Board would have to decide if they wanted to recover the money from the four water/sewer bill accounts that were not charged the appropriate amount for their bills going back to 2009. The Town Attorney gave an overview of the amount owed from each account. There was a discussion among the Mayor, Council, and the Town Attorney in regards to this issue. Councilmember Jones made a motion to collect the charges owed to the Town from the four accounts going back to 2009. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. There was a 3-1 vote, with Councilmember Price, Jones, and Nesspor voting in favor of the motion made and Councilmember Francis voting in opposition of the motion made. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made the motion was then so carried. The Mayor abstained from voting.

The Mayor read into record a summary of Ordinance No. 2013-01 for introduction. There was a discussion among the Mayor, the Councilmembers, and the Town Attorney.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WORKSHOP MINUTES

September 30, 2013

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 8:15 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager, Town Attorney, Clerk Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk Treasurer were also present. Chief Moore was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Board Meeting of September 4, 2013 as presented; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Mayor read a letter into record from the Rock Hall Elementary School PTA president, Mrs. Krista Batchelor. The PTA is asking the Mayor and Council's permission to hold a 5K race. The Mayor and Council agreed to allow the PTA to hold their annual 5K Reindeer Dash.

Mrs. Suzanne and Mr. Mark Einstein, on behalf of the Greater Rock Hall Business Association and the Pirates & Wenches Committee presented a donation to the Adult Learning Center for \$5,000.00.

Mrs. Donna Frey and Mrs. Betty Ann Glenn were in attendance to discuss the drug problems in Rock Hall. There was a discussion among the audience, the Mayor, the Councilmembers, Sheriff Price, and Chief Moore in regards to this issue. There was a decision made to have a community meeting where more community members and more law enforcement members can attend and contribute to putting a stop to the drug problems and bringing more awareness to the kids of Rock Hall.

The Mayor recessed the meeting for a 5 minute break.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the new wiring installed on the poles that we use for our Christmas lights. We need to decide whether we're going to spend the money to buy the adapters (boxes) to install on all the poles that we normally have lights on, or whether we're just going to put lights up on Main Street where it's already set up to be able to put our lights up on. It was decided not to purchase the boxes that would allow the Town to install Christmas lights on the poles throughout Town that normally have them hung on. The only Christmas lights that will be put up will be on the poles/lights on Main Street.

The owners have agreed to do something with the building that sits behind the Antique store on Rt. 20.

The bids for the Tennis/Basketball courts were due today. There were two bids that were turned in to do the entire project. And we had some subcontractors that have turned in bids in their area of expertise.

Councilmember Jones asked for the Mayor and Councilmembers approval of the CODE RED Service Agreement. Councilmember Jones gave a brief overview of the system. The Mayor and Council were in agreement to pay \$500.00 from the Town, and \$500.00 from the Police Department, and \$500.00 from the Fire Department. They also agreed to name Councilmember Jones as the Communications Liaison.

The Mayor stated that there needed to be a decision made in regards to where the Adult Learning Center was going to be located at. The Town Manager stated that Mrs. Mary Etta Reedy and Mr. Iacona liked the rooms available at the Civic Center. The only thing that we're not real sure about yet is whether we can get an internet connection down there for them. There was some discussion in regards to this issue. It was decided to use both rooms located at the Civic Center for the Adult Learning Program.

The Town Manager had three documents that needed to be signed for the CDBG.

Councilmember Francis read a statement into record that she prepared.

The Mayor read a letter received from The People Banks. The letter from The Peoples Bank suggests that the Town

close their general fund and payroll accounts. It was decided to close the current general fund and payroll accounts with The Peoples Bank and open a new general fund & payroll account with The Peoples Bank.

Councilmember Price made a motion to move into an Closed Session - Under the Maryland Open Meeting's Law, Section 10-508, Subsection A; Paragraph 1, and Sub-paragraphs 2 for the to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor reconvened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting at 11:38 p.m. We had a closed session to discuss personnel. We agreed to bring in two individuals for job interviews at the next Mayor and Council Meeting.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 11: 40 p.m.; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember