

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

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**MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 4, 2012**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES
January 4, 2012

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 7:05 P.M. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Nesspor. The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 28, 2011 Mayor and Council Utility Board Meeting could not be approved due to the absence of Councilmember Nesspor.

SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:

The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer read the sewer allocation report into the record.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 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
January 4, 2012

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:10 P.M. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Nesspor. The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 28, 2011 Mayor and Council Workshop meeting could not be approved due to the absence of Councilmember Nesspor.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Mayor mentioned the crime spree that has been going on around the town. Councilmember Francis stated that we need to take precautionary measures ourselves as citizens. Make sure all your doors and windows are locked. Make sure your cars are locked up for the evening. Set alarms if you have them. If you don't have an alarm system, I realize they can be rather pricey, but it may save a lot of heartache in the long run.

The Mayor paid respect to Kevin Middleton for his years of service and the impeccable job he does for the town. When there's something that needs to be done with the town and you call Kevin to ask for help he is always ready and available. Thank you Kevin so much for a job well done!

The Mayor gave a brief update on the Solar Panel System going in at the lagoon. The initial sight consists of wetlands and could not put the Solar Panels where we originally had planned. We are going to have to move the brush drop off sight to another location and probably have to put in another road way to get to the new location of the brush drop off sight. These are the things that we have had to incur with this project, but have figured out some alternatives and have been able to move forward with the progress of this project.

The Mayor stated his goals and outlook for the future of the town. He mentioned that he wants to find a way to keep our younger generation interested in staying in Rock Hall, because if we don't our small town community is eventually going to dwindle away. He is also looking to find ways to make housing affordable for younger families to purchase. And he is concerned with keeping the waterman's livelihood going as well as keeping the harbor maintained.

Mr. Mark Einstein was introduced as the lead of the Waterman and Waterfront Committee. He stated that they have not yet had a meeting but they did have a date set for Sunday; January 15, 2012 for their first meeting. He also mentioned that there will be a copy of the meetings minutes kept at the town office and that the meetings will follow Mrs. Lillian's agenda format.

Mrs. Robin Kurowski spoke on Mr. Jack Heffner's behalf; he could not make the meeting tonight. Mr. Jack is the lead for the Business Committee.

Dr. Lew Halin is the lead for the Citizen Committee. He mentioned that Mrs. Carolyn Jones had been added to the committee. He also reiterated that the minutes of the meetings will be available at the town office. The committee will be meeting on January 19, 2012, and will be meeting on every third Thursday thereafter.

Mrs. Lillian Zilinski presented a power point slide show to emphasize the main points and objectives of the committees. She also gave an outline of how the meetings would be conducted and what we could expect to see produced from them.

Mr. Gary Zilinski presented a power point slide to show how the town could find funding in grants and how they could utilize these funds. He stated that there is funding out there through grants but it's not always immediately available.

The Mayor stated the he wants to try to receive as much money from grants as possible so he can use as little of the towns money as possible. He thanked the committees, the leads, Mrs. Lillian and Mr. Gary for their support and dedication. He also thanked Mrs. Robin Kurowski for her contribution in making our citizens aware of the upcoming local events happening around town via the Rock Hall Wave.

On January 26, 2012 the Mayor and Council, as well as the Town Manager, will be attending a meeting with Senator Mikulski and the Rock Hall Corp group. We hope to find a solution, and hopefully some funding, to our harbor shoaling problems.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.; Councilmember Francis 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