



MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
July 31, 2023

****Meeting minutes are prepared in a summarized format. For full discussion and further details of the meeting you can view the streamlined video at the following link: <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/rock-hall-md>. They are also available at the Town Office****

Mayor Cook called the Regular Workshop meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, Councilmember Seewald, and Town Manager Resele.

Agenda

No approval – skipped this.

Minutes

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Regular Workshop Meeting minutes of May 30, 2023. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Special Budget Meeting minutes of May 25, 2023. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Special Budget Meeting minutes of May 30, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Special Budget Meeting minutes of June 1, 2023. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of June 1, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Special Budget Meeting minutes of June 6, 2023. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Special Candidates Meeting minutes of June 6, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of June 6, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Special Budget Meeting minutes of June 8, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of June 8, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Seewald made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of June 15, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Seewald made a motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of June 29, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Seewald made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of June 29, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Seewald made a motion to approve the Special Budget Meeting minutes of June 29, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Manager Report

Old Business

Damaged Slide at Lagoon Playground

Still waiting for the delivery.

Parking at the Blue Heron

Met with owner and contractor. Waiting for the new application.

Mosquito Control

Contracted independent sprayer for marsh areas @ \$300.00 per spray. Will spray every other week.

Mosquito Dunks will be available for distribution soon.

New Business

50-acre Development – Hook-up Fees for 100-150 Homes

Discussion about allocations and the cost. Will discuss further with the Development Company.

Repair of Water Truck

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to pay \$2,545.44 for the repairs to the water truck. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Handicap Parking on Main Street in front of Methodist Church

Will need to talk to the State Highway Administration.

Breezeline Lease Agreement

The council still needs to review.

MDOT Letter

The Town wants to reduce the speed on Route 20 down to 25 MPH.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the MDOT letter.
Councilmember Seewald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Special Events

Councilmember Seewald made a motion to approve the Dingy Parade & Poker Run on August 12, 2023, from 8-2. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Seewald made a motion to approve the Bocci Ball Fall League. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Rock Hall Decoy Show on August 19, 2023, from 10-5. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council Items

Old Business

Dog Park – Project Update – Fundraising Ideas

Open bank account and a Paypal fundraising page.

Discussion about having a booth at the Human Society Of Kent County annual Clear the Shelters event on August 19, 2023.

Purchase of Property

Discussion about the properties around Town to maybe purchase for the new Town Hall.

Property Transfer Tax

Sent Letter.

New Business

Fire Company Dumpster

The dumpster was replaced with trash cans and now the Fire Company wants the dumpster back if at all possible.

Rock Hall Shuttle Stats

There was a major increase of ridership so far this year.

Review Applications for Open Board Positions

Planning and Zoning
Communication Board

For the Good of the Town

Nothing to report.

Closed Session

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to recess into closed session at 8:09 p.m. under General Provisions Art. 3-305(b)(1) “to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employee, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”. And §3-305(b)(14) "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process”. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

In attendance were Mayor Cook, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, Councilmember Seewald, and Town Manager Resele.

Purpose

Discuss Board Appointments and Contracts

Closed Session Discussion:

Board Appointments and Contracts for Lawn Care and Real Estate Agent to sell old Municipal Building.

Actions taken in Closed Session:

No actions were taken.

Returned to Regular Workshop Meeting at 8:59 pm.

Board Appointment Nominations and Vote

Board Nominations

Planning & Zoning – Vic Costa and Cathy Jayne expressed interest in serving again. No other applied.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to appoint Vic Costa to the Planning & Zoning Board. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to appoint Cathy Jayne to the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilmember Seewald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Real Estate Agent

Councilmember Seewald made a motion to select the Real Estate Agent Ross Benincasa from Miller Commercial Real Estate to sell the old Municipal Building. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lawn Care Contract

Received 5 Bid.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to select Top-Notch Lawn Care for a three (3) year Lawn Care contract for the Town. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Dates

Planning & Zoning Town Workshop – Rock Hall Comprehensive Plan – August 9, 2023.

Regular Mayor & Council Business Meeting – Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Board of Appeals Meeting – Thursday, August 17, 2023

Next Regular Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Special Workshops for Town Hall Building Project or bid contracts.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Regular Workshop Meeting at 9:09 pm. was made by Councilmember Edwards. Councilmember Seewald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cheryl M. Butler

Approved by:



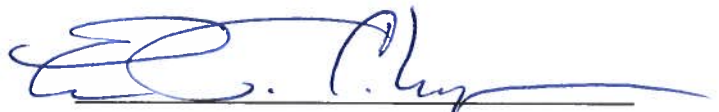
James Cook, Mayor



Carolyn Jones, Vice Mayor



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember



Richard Seewald, Councilmember