



**MAYOR & COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
April 4, 2022

*\*\*\*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 are also available at the Town Office\*\*\**

Mayor Jacobs called the Regular Workshop meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, Councilmember Cook and Town Manager Resele.

### **Agenda**

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the Regular Workshop meeting minutes with corrections for February 28, 2022. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for February 28, 2022. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Introduction of new Code Enforcement Office**

Town Manager Resele introduced the new Code Enforcement Office, Dave Whitman to the Council.

## **Contract for Red Speed – Speed Cameras**

Town Manager Resele stated that a contract needs to be signed for Red Speed to evaluate if they want to setup speed cameras in the Town.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to authorize Town Manager Resele to sign a contract allowing Red Speed to evaluate the use of speed camera in Rock Hall. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **General Code for Planning and Zoning**

General Code will start working on updating the Code Book for a contract price of \$10,000.00 which will be payable over 2 years.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to have Town Manager Resele sign the General Code contract to update the Code Book for \$10,000.00 to be payable over two years. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Chesapeake Labs – New Contract to be WWTP Supervisor.**

Town Manager Resele wants to negotiate a contract with Chesapeake Labs to be Supervisor of the WWTP.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to authorize Town Manager Resele to negotiate a contract with Chesapeake Labs to be the Supervisor of the WWTP. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

## **Lions Club Letter**

The Lions Club sent a letter to the Council for a donation to purchase tickets for the school children to attend the Circus on May 7, 2022.

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Lions Club to purchase tickets for the school children to attend the Circus. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Civic Center Drainage Project**

Engineering was on site for a review.

### **Dog Park Insurance**

Mayor Jacobs and Town Manager Resele talked to LGIT about the need to insurance for the dog park and they would insure liability.

### **Federal Earmark Request**

Mayor Jacobs talked about the Municipal Building project and the request she made for funds from State and Federal agencies in the amount of 4 million dollars each. The state will only pay out \$750,000.00 so Mayor Jacobs wants to asked for 7 million from the Federal agency.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to authorize the submission of the informational packets to secure funding. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **Hotel Tax – Air B&B Project – Update**

Councilmember Cook stated that he is working with Kent County and is close to finalizing the list of Hotels and Air B&B's.

#### **Real Property Transfer Tax Project**

Councilmember Cook stated that the Town is not legally authorized to levy that kind of fee or tax. Only way to move forward is to have the County put it in their Code.

## **Highway Users Fund**

Has been extended for four (4) more year.

## **Transparency in Tax Rates**

Nothing new to report

## **New Business**

### **Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund**

Jamie Williams from the Kent County Economic Development Office stated that 50 million dollars will go to regional councils in Maryland. 10 million dollars for Cecil, Queen Anne's and Kent County will be divided up for Economic Development, Transportation and Remediation for artifacts for Museums.

## **For the Good of the Town**

No Comments

## **Next Meeting Dates**

Regular Mayor & Council Business Meeting will be Thursday, May 14, 2022.

Next Regular Workshop Meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2022.

Special Workshops for Building Renovation/Demo Project to be determined as needed.

## **Adjournment**

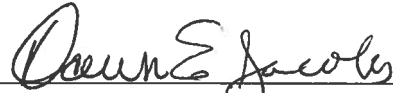
A motion to adjourn the Regular Workshop Meeting at 8:30 pm. was made by Councilmember Edwards. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All present in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

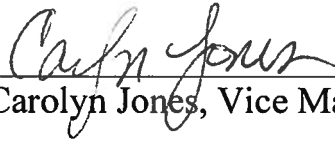


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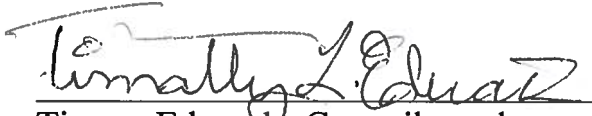
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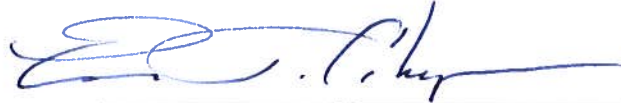
Dawn Jacobs, Mayor



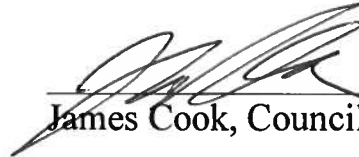
Carolyn Jones, Vice Mayor



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember



James Cook, Councilmember