



**MAYOR & COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
June 8, 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 Town Office\*\*\**

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, Councilmember Seewald, Town Manager Resele, Code Enforcer Whitman, Police Chief Dempsey, and Clerk Treasurer Loller.

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Regular Business Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2023. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes for May 17, 2023. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Swearing in of New Councilmember**

Mayor Cook swore in Councilmember Richard Seewald to the Council.

## **Presentation - Jamie Williams – Kent County Economics**

Ms. Williams talked about the Boaters Safety course coming to Kent County and a Captain's class to Rock Hall. She also talked about the Workforce Development Program coming to Chesapeake College.

## **Administrative Reports**

*The Financial Report was given by Clerk-Treasurer Loller.*

*Police Chief Dempsey gave the Police Report.*

Chief Dempsey talked about bikes and scooters on the sidewalks. Stated that Chapter 69 of the Charter needs to be reviewed.

*The Code Enforcement Report was read by Code Enforcer Dave Whitman.*

## **Department/Board Reports**

### **Streets and Sanitation**

Town Manager working with the State to repair sidewalk on North Main Street.

Trash Hauler has some concerns about residents having extra trash cans that were not purchased from them. Also, residents are still leaving trash bags out to be picked-up.

### **Parks & Recreation**

The drainage project is 90% complete. Added more drainage work under the same funding.

Next Parks & Recreation meeting will be Monday, June 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

### **Planning and Zoning**

The Comp Plan is still being worked on.

Next Planning and Zoning meeting will be Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

### **Museum Board**

Next Museum Board meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

### **Communication Board**

No updates.

### **Transportation**

No updates.

### **Ethics Board**

No Updates.

### **Events**

#### *Rock the Hall 5K – 7/23/2023 from 7:30 am to 10:30 am*

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Rock the Hall 5K.  
Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### *Old Salt Dedication – 6/22/2023 from 6:00 pm till*

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the Old Salt Dedication. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### *Lion Beach Party – Pirates & Wenches Weekend from 9-4 at the Beach*

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Beach Party during Pirates & Wenches weekend. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

### ***Ordinances/Resolutions – Vote***

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-03 - FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 125 (Garbage, Rubbish and Waste) of the Code of the Town of Rock Hall to amend outdated and inconsistent language; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary, and generally relating to garbage, rubbish, and waste in the Town of Rock Hall.

Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-04 - FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 4 (Communications Board) of the Code of the Town of Rock Hall with regard to the number and terms of members, the election of officers, and the duties of the Communications Board; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary, and generally relating to the Rock Hall Communications Board. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### ***Auditor RFP***

The RFP was sent out.

### ***Dog Park Fund Raising***

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to establish a special bank account and webpage fund raising page for the Dog Park. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### ***Parking – Blue Heron Updates***

No Change

### ***Town Hall Building Project***

### **Sale of Property**

Packages were sent out to realtors.

### *Purchase of Property*

Town Manager Resele got the lot size/building size as requested for all the properties. A discussion followed.

### ***American Rescue Plan***

Town Manager Resele showed the Council an updated spreadsheet on what money has been spent. Will need to move project to add 250 filters tiles for drying beds.

### ***MDE Mosquito Control***

More discussions about mosquito control. Will discuss further at the next Workshop Meeting.

### **New Business**

#### ***Kent County Sewer Agreement***

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to extend the Kent County Sewer Agreement contract for another year. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### ***MRDC***

Introduce and Vote at next Workshop Meeting.

They need a letter of support from the Town. The council had no objections for Town Manager Resele to sign.

### ***Introduction of Draft Budgets for FY'24***

The council will hold a Special Meeting on June 29, 2023, for a Public Hearing and Vote.

## ***Introduce Ordinance 2023-05***

AN ORDINANCE FOR the purpose of adopting the budget and setting the real property tax rate for the Town of Rock Hall's 2024 Fiscal Year; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to the budget and real property tax rate of the Town.

## ***Organizational Appointments***

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve Richard Seewald to the Ethics Board as Representative.

## ***Other Organizations***

### **Greater Rock Hall Business Association**

Sent a letter to the Council asking for an allocation of \$5,000.00 from the Hotel Rax Revenue. Have \$2,000.00 in the Budget for a donation.

### **Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company**

Nothing to report.

### **Main Street Rock Hall**

Laurie Walters spoke to the Council about Old Salt Dedication on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

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

Laurie Walters Spoke.

## **Next Meeting Dates**

Public Hearing and Special Budget Meeting – Thursday, June 15, 2023

Public Hearing and Adoption of Budget – Thursday, June 29, 2023

Mayor & Council Utility Board and Regular Workshop Meeting – Thursday, July 6, 2023.

Mayor & Council Regular Business Meeting – Thursday, July 13, 2023.

## Adjournment

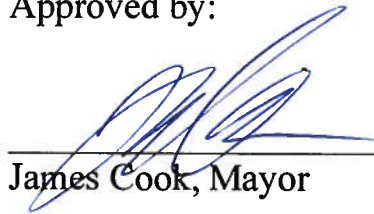
A motion to adjourn the Regular Workshop Meeting at 8:06 pm. was made by Councilmember Edwards. Vice Mayor Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cheryl M. Butler

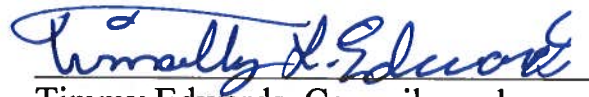
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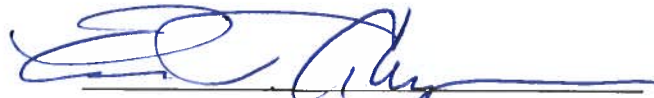
James Cook, Mayor



Carolyn Jones, Vice Mayor



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember



Richard Seewald, Councilmember