



## **Town Council MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 5, 2022 - 5:30 PM  
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office  
14 S Harrison Street

**5:10 PM Closed Session: General Provisions Article 3-305(b) (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.**

Mayor Robert C. Willey  
Mr. Al Silverstein  
Mr. Don Abbatiello  
Mr. Ron Engle  
Rev. Elmer Davis  
President Megan Cook

Also present was the Town Manager, Mr. Don Richardson, Chief Alan Lowery and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

The Town Attorney, Mrs. VanEmburch was excused.

At 5:10 p.m., President Cook called the meeting to order.

Mayor Willey discussed businesses that are making changes in their operations.

At 5:17 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, President Cook moved out of Closed Session.

At 5:17 p.m., President Cook adjourned the Closed Session.

**5:30 PM: Call to Order by President Cook.**

At 5:30 p.m., President Cook called the meeting to order.

**Opening remarks and Pledge of Allegiance from Councilmember Engle.**

Mr. Engle gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Cook read a statement that the Council met in Closed Session for

**Approval of Minutes.**

Minutes from 11/21/22 meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the November 21, 2022 meetings were approved as written.

**Municipal Official Items.**

Items by Mayor Willey.

Mayor Willey stated he had received an e-mail asking that the sign for Scotty's Way be placed on a pole in memory of Lord Scott.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello, Mayor Willey had permission to have Public Works erect the street sign in memory of Lord Scott and his contributions.

Mayor Willey stated the trophies for the Christmas parade winners will be given out on December 19.

Mayor Willey stated he has a meeting at the Police Department with the officers tomorrow regarding LEOPS.

The Legislative Breakfast with the Eastern Shore Delegation, town council, Easton Utilities and the county council will be at the Town office on December 14 at 9am.

Items by the Town Manager.

Public Assembly Event: New Year's Eve Celebration 12/31/2022, 5:30pm - 12:30am

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, Public Assembly Event: New Year's Eve Celebration was approved.

Mr. Abbatiello asked why the minutes for other Boards are not on the website. Mr. Richardson stated he will look into the matter.

Mayor Willey stated that the new Public Communications Officer, Greg Mueller, came on board today.

Items by the Town Attorney.

Mrs. VanEmburch was not present.

### **Affordable Housing Board.**

Overview of Affordable Housing Fund.

Mr. Jim Bent, Affordable Housing Board Chairman and Ms. Carol Callahan, Finance Officer, was present for the discussion.

Mr. Richardson discussed the Affordable Housing fund, the revenues and expenditures for the renovation program.

Rev. Davis asked for financial information prior to the upcoming budget workshops.

### **Review of Invoices.**

Invoices from 11/22 - 11/30 totaling \$1,599,764.62.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$1,599,764.62 were approved.

### **Public Participation/Comments.**

There was no one present.

#### **Items by Members of the Council:**

Mr. Silverstein stated last weekend's events were great. He thanked all those that put the events together. Mr. Silverstein wished everyone a nice holiday season.

Mr. Abbatiello commented that the town looked great.

Mr. Engle stated the parade had 65 participants. Everyone was happy and it ran smoothly.

Rev. Davis thanked everyone for the parade and stated it went well. He stated that the place to be is Easton.

President Cook congratulated all the parade participants.

### **Adjournment.**

At 6:01 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, President Cook adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk