

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor Lisa Whitney called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Robert Carmichael, Joel Wardwell, Lisa Whitney, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson and Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of the previous meeting

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of August 11th, 2009 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence
 - a. Letter from Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Richards
 - Council members received a copy of the above letter from Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Richards regarding their concerns on the proposed telecommunications towers on State Route 46. This letter has been forwarded to the Planning Board for their consideration.
 - b. Letter from MMA regarding proposed by-law change and annual election
 - Jeff Robinson is unable to attend the Annual Business Meeting but Robert Howard is interested in attending and will let Town Manager know if he can attend.
 - c. Departmental reports
 - Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager.
 - d. Information regarding initiatives to reduce the Excise Tax and Tabor II
 - Town Manager spoke briefly on the Excise Tax and Tabor II initiatives noting the impact on excise tax to the town would be approximately \$280,000 loss each year; and if Tabor II passes, the need to go to referendum if the LD 1 limits are exceeded or increases in sewer, ambulance, etc rates are realized.
 - e. Treasurer's Warrants for the month of August
 - Council members received copies of treasurer's warrants for the month of August 2009. Town Manager asked that questions or concerns be directed to himself or Finance Director.
 - f. Email from Craig Nelson regarding housing consultant services

-Council members received a copy of the email from Craig Nelson for their information and will put this item on the next Council meeting agenda.

- g. Letter from MMA regarding insurance refund
-All Council members received an individual letter from MMA regarding insurance refund.

5. Consider introducing ordinance entitled "Appendix K Land Use Ordinance"

Joel Wardwell, Chairperson on the Ordinance Committee reported that the committee has been rewriting this ordinance for the past three years reorganizing a lot of needs and different uses, standards and land use zones. Town Manager added that some changes were required by DEP. Also, the Comprehensive Plan will need to be revised due to several changes in the ordinance.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Howard, and unanimously voted to introduce an ordinance entitled, "Appendix K Land Use Ordinance," and hold a public hearing at the Regular Town Council meeting on October 8th, 2009.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2010-22 regarding a request from a citizens group for a moratorium on quarries

Rosemary Bamford, Representative of Concerned Citizens spoke on behalf of the concerned citizens group requesting a moratorium on quarries. Rosemary indicated that the Town of Hampden took such action and have benefited from it. There is considerable evidence regarding noise, storm water run-off and negative impact on watershed, reduced property value, and traffic issues especially on Route 46 that supports this action.

It was motioned by Dave Keene, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted not to approve Resolve #R-2010-22 at this time until everyone has had a chance to review the new proposed Land Use Ordinance.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Robert Carmichael, Joel Wardwell, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson, Robert Howard

Opposed: Lisa Whitney

Voted: Favorable 6 - 1

7. Consider Resolve #R-2010-23 to establish a fund to pay for colonoscopies

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-23.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2010-24 to authorize the town's sponsorship of a grant application for the Bucksport Duck Cove Group for improvements to the Little Yellow School House

It was motioned by Joel Wardwell, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-24.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2010-25 authorizing contract for engineering services to design a drainage system in the areas of the Townsite and Miles Lane in the vicinity of Broadway and Pond Street

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-25.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2010-26 authorizing contract for engineering services to improve Central Street from Broadway to a point north of the Race Course Road

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to table Resolve #R-2010-26.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2010-27 regarding the sale of sewer and tax acquired property

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-27.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2010-28 authorizing expenditure from the High School Improvement Reserve for improvements to the bathrooms adjacent to the gym entrance

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-28.

13. Consider issuing licenses and permits, if any

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Jeffery Dorr, d/b/a Dorr's Seafood.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Lucinda McLaughlin, d/b/a North East Ice Cream, LLC.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to table Miscellaneous License for Bucksport Bay Area

Chamber of Commerce, Ghostport's Ghoulishly Wicked Fall Festival until all required information is received.

14. Consider issuing quitclaim deed for paid tax lien to Lauren and Kathleen Ludgon

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to sign quitclaim deed for paid tax lien to Lauren and Kathleen Ludgon.

15. Hear report from town manager regarding the following:
 - a. RSU deeds and user agreement
 - All deeds and the user agreement have been signed and returned to RSU #25. Photocopies of the deeds and user agreement are on file should council members need a copy.
 - b. Concession stand and bathroom facility
 - Water has been hooked up. The toilets are working, but the sink still has to be hooked up which should be done next week. The Highway Department has completed the site work, and as soon as work is completed on Franklin and Pond Street, they will construct the handicap walkway extending from the home side bleachers to the concession stand. Gene Weston will complete the counter work in the concession stand area, and the facility should be ready for the first home game.
 - c. Senior Citizen Study
 - Will be meeting next week with the senior citizens' group to begin to discuss the goals and objectives outlined by the study that the town council approved. Mary Jane has initiated her group's tasks this week. By the next regular town council meeting there should be significant progress towards implementing the goals and objectives noted in the report.
 - d. Energy Audit
 - All the information requested by the consultant has been forwarded and received. The consultant plans to conduct the audit of municipal buildings during the week of September 14th.
 - e. Gardner Commons
 - The architectural firm, Lewis and Malm has initiated their work and expect to have preliminary plans for review by the committee by September 16th.
 - f. Financials for the period ending 8-31-2009

-Council members received copies of financial reports for the period ending 8-31-2009, and any questions should be directed to Town Manager or Finance Director.

16. Discussion items

- a. Letter from Craig Nelson regarding housing for the elderly
-A discussion on housing for the elderly will be taken up at the October 8 Council meeting.
- b. Set date for a Sewer Committee meeting
-Sewer Committee meeting on Thursday, September 24th, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.
- c. Set date for a Ordinance Committee meeting
-Ordinance Committee meeting on Thursday, October 8th, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.
- d. Proclamation honoring Allan Gordan for years of service on the Planning Board
-Town Manager indicated that Allan Gordan has dedicated over thirty years of service to the Town of Bucksport on committees and boards. If the Council has no objections, the Town Manager would prepare a proclamation honoring Allan at the next regular council meeting.
- e. Consider Resolves #R-2010-29 to 2010-32

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to suspend the rules to consider Resolves #R-2010-29 thru 2010-32.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-29 authorizing contract award for purchase of winter sand.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-30 authorizing expenditure from the Ambulance Reserve account for replacement of one defibrillator.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Joel Wardwell and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-31 authorizing expenditure from the Public Safety Reserve account for repainting the interior and exterior walls of the Public Safety Building.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Dave Keene and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-32 awarding contract for purchase of a trailer mounted generator.

- f. Consider request from Stockton Springs for use of the aluminum gangway

Council members had no objection in lending the spare aluminum gangway to the Town of Stockton Springs.

17. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary