

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of the previous meeting

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of April 13th and 14th, 2011 as presented.

4. Receive and review correspondence and documents
 - a. Departmental Reports for April
-Council Members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.
 - b. Treasurer's Warrants – April 2011
-Council Members were provided with copies of the Treasurer's Warrants for the period ending April 2011 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.
 - c. Financials for the period ending 4-30-2011
-Council Members were provided with copies of the financial reports for the period ending 4-30-2011 and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Finance Director.

5. Consider Resolve #R-2011-126 adopting policy titled "Sewer User Abatement Policy"

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-126.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2011-127 regarding development of a Municipal Electric District

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-127.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2011-128 regarding disposition of tax acquired property

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-128.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2011-129 awarding contract for hauling solid waste trailers

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-129.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2011-130 accepting grant from Department of Public Safety for a "Buckle Up-No Excuses" project

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-130.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2011-131 authorizing expense for concrete work at Pump Station 1

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-131.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2011-132 authorizing transfer and expense for the Senior Meal Program

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-132.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2011-133 authorizing letter of intent for funds from the Communities for Maine's Future Bond Program

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-133.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2011-134 approving contract for engineering services for downtown improvements

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-134.

14. Consider issuing quitclaim deed for paid taxes and sewer liens

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to issue quitclaim deeds for paid taxes to Glenn Cousins, Harry Jones, III and Sarah White, and issue quitclaim deeds for paid sewer liens to David Carlow, Sr. and Heirs of Philip Willette.

15. Consider issuing permits and licenses

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Wayne Drinkwater, d/b/a Belfast Soup & Sandwich Restaurant.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Andrew Lacher, d/b/a Bookstacks, Inc.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Jin Ming Chen, d/b/a Ming's Garden.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for William Carrier, Jr., d/b/a Carrier's Mainely Lobster.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Miscellaneous License for Richard Bowden, f/b/o American Legion Post #93 Memorial Day Parade.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Taxi Cab License for Maurice Clark, d/b/a B & J Taxi.

Hold public hearing on application of William Carrier, Jr., d/b/a Carrier's Mainely Lobster for renewal of fulltime Liquor License.

No public comments.

Close public hearing and act on application.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve renewal of fulltime Liquor License for William Carrier, Jr. d/b/a Carrier's Mainely Lobster.

16. Hear report from Town Manager

a. Director of Senior Programs

-The Board of Directors interviewed two candidates and forwarded their recommendation for consideration. The position will be offered to Peter Remick as of July 1, 2011.

b. Treatment Plant Discharge License

-Town Manager provided Council members a copy of the renewal license for their review. Also Town Manager asked Superintendent Dave Michaud to review the License from an operator's perspective, and Steve Cox a civil engineer and Grade 5 operator with Aqua Maine to review the draft permit to see if the town should have any concerns with the permit conditions. Keep in mind that the Town will be issued a license that requires secondary treatment. Once the license is violated, the Town will then be required to enter into an administrative agreement to remedy the violations.

c. Financials for the Period Ending 4-30-2011

-Finance Director provided the council with a report outlining the status of the town's financial as of 4-30-2011. Town Manager reported that he anticipates at the end of the fiscal year, most revenues will meet or exceed projections except for CEO fees and General Assistance reimbursement. On the expense side, all departments will meet projections except several sub-accounts will realize mentionable overdrafts. These will include legal fees, winter road salt, Fire Department overtime, repairs at the Public Safety Building, and fuel cost at the Highway Department.

d. Townsite Drainage Project

-The contractor will be returning as soon as the weather permits to the site to install a field drain extending behind three properties on the backside of Thomas Street. In addition, the contractor will install the final lift of pavement and touch up the lawn areas that were impacted.

e. Miles Lane Drainage Project

-The engineering report has been completed for this project and Council members received a copy. In the fall, the Town Manager will submit a CDBG application for funds for this project.

f. Silver Lake Boat Landing Project

-Town Manager provided the Council with a letter from DEP to Mike Millett regarding the required permits for the project. Mike is currently preparing the permit applications and should have the applications to the Corp of Engineer and DEP within the next few weeks.

g. CMP Transmission Improvements

-CMP has started to work on the large transmission line along the Bucksport-Orrington town lines. During the next several weeks they will be working to clear the right of way. The project area extends from the Route 15 to the Orrington town line approximately one mile.

h. Healthy Communities Funding

-The State funds received in the past to finance the Bucksport Healthy Communities Coalition are in jeopardy. Due to a change how the funds

are being distributed, it seems at this time that after June 30, they may not be ample funds to keep the office of the Director open. The group, in collaboration with other Healthy Community Coalitions and Child and Family Opportunity has appealed the decision. The appeal will be held the first week of June. Hopefully, the appeal will reinstate some of the funds to the coalitions that have been very active and responsive to their citizens.

17. Discussion items

Town Manager will be meeting with management at Verso Paper Mill and asked councilors to let him know of any issues of interest or concerns they have and feel should be included in the discussion.

18. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary