

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor David Keene.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: Mark Eastman, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. **Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None**

Mr. Manor thanked the Council for mowing the field and presented Council with flowers.

4. **Consider minutes of previous meetings**

- a. October 11, 2018 Town Council Meeting
- b. October 11, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- c. October 11, 2018 Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes
- d. October 11, 2018 Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve all except the 10/11/18 Council Meeting minutes. Vote: 7-0

5. **Receive and review correspondence and documents**

- a. Maine Municipal Association Dues Reduction Letter
The Town Manager reported that the Association is restructuring its dues formula and the dues for the Town of Bucksport would be reduced for 2019.
- b. Downeast Transportation – Ridership Report September 2018
The report reflects the bus and taxi usage numbers for the month of September. Taxi use continues to increase.

6. **Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - None**

7. **Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**

- a. Infrastructure & Property Committee Update -11-8-18
Councilor Carmichael explained the three agenda items. The first was bids for M 52-L20 to Troy Sheehan for \$5007 with a committee recommendation to accept. The second was \$202,203 as the low bid for an ambulance after an extensive bid process. And the third was Wilson hall with a recommendation for the full Council to make a decision on whether to demolish Wilson Hall or to try and save it. The Code Officer will update demolition costs and roof repair costs for a future meeting where the public can comment.

Resident Don White –asked if there was any attempt to preserve Wilson Hall.

J. Morrison noted that Rich Rotella had said that recently there had been some break ins at Wilson Hall.

b. Social Service Agency Policy Recommendation – Finance Committee

The Town Manager explained that this document was the outcome of the work of the Finance Committee as a way to evaluate non-municipal agency requests and to set a tax dollar cap on such requests.

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Eastman to put this item on next council agenda. Vote: 7 – 0

c. *The Regulatory Review Committee met to discuss truck load limits on local roads. A meeting will be scheduled with both trucking com*

8. Agenda Items

a. To approve Resolve 2019-21 to approve the purchase of a new ambulance

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote: 6-0-1 (Rabs abstained)

b. To approve Resolve 2019-22 to approve sale of Map 52 Lot 20

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote: 7 - 0

c. To approve Resolve 2019-23 to approve Treatment Plant Solar Project contract with Revision Energy

The Town Manager explained that this was the use of remaining grant funds from the sewer treatment plant project and would help to offset the extremely high cost of power. One Bid was received in a timely manner and one bid was submitted after the defined time. The Revision Energy bid was reviewed by the Town's engineer and they recommend approval.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote: 7 - 0

Resident Don White believes this is terrific for the Town of Bucksport; he asked the Council to continue to keep Solar in mind for future projects.

Resident Jim Morrison asked if the Town will own the panels. The Town Manager responded that the Town would own them.

d. To approve Resolve 2019-24 to approve Sewer Commitment for the period 7/1/18 –

9/30/18

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 7 - 0

- e. To approve Resolve 2019-25 to approve sale of Map 4 Lot 2 - 1

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 7 - 0

- f. To approve Resolve 2019-26 to abate 2015 Personal Property Taxes for 2 accounts

The Town Manager stated that these businesses are no longer in Bucksport and we need to abate the 2015 taxes on them.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 7 - 0

- g. To approve Resolve 2019-27 to purchase ballistic vests for the Police Department

Chief Geagan reported that the funding will come from CIP and grant monies for 13 vests.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael . Vote 7 - 0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - None

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

- a. Guy Abbotoni, 42 Pond Street, Sewer Lien – Correction

Town Manager stated that this is a correction of a quit claim deed.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote 7 - 0

11. Town Manager Report

- a. Department Head Report
 b. Town Manager Report - *The Town Manager's Report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.*

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve the Holiday Parade of Lights. Vote: 7-0

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve McDonalds License. Vote 7 - 0

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to grant Bucksport House of Pizza, Renewal of Liquor License, Special Amusement Permit and Food Service Permit. Vote: 7 - 0

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Michael Fitch - homeowner of Bucksport, lives on Broadway, stated that he loves the Town. But after reading an article in the Ellsworth American he is concerned that the Council has enacted a moratorium on retail sales of marijuana. He went on to cite ways in which he believes that this could be beneficial to the Town.

Shawn Wescott of Orland grows marijuana to use for medical use for his wife and believes it would be a good thing for Bucksport to allow storefront sales.

Councilor Kee said perhaps the Council should revisit this issue and put it on an agenda in the near future.

Councilor Kee believes it is a big deal that Bucksport has been invited to speak in a national forum at the AARP convention about the Show You Care Program. He also complimented all 6 people who ran for Town Council and encouraged people to run for public office.

Councilor Carmichael thanked the Town Manager for writing the letter to the editor with regards to Whole Ocean Wastewater Discharge Permit with DEP

Councilor Stewart thanked Chief Geagan & Bowden for last week's actions and was pleased that it ended the way it did.

Councilor Stewart also thanked Rich Rotella for all that he does, especially his recent work on the ADAPT project.

Councilor Ribs attended the ADAPT presentation. Indicated that the Town Website has the full report of 120 pages. He has read it all and is pleased with the current information and believes it is a very exceptionally well done document. He also asked for savings figures from the solar panel project at the highway garage. Rich Rotella indicated that he will get him a connection to the website where this information is tracked.

14. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting - Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to move the next Council meeting to the 29th of November. Vote: 7-0.

Regulatory Review and Infrastructure (Historical Society) will be held before the meeting.

15. Executive Session – MRSA Title 1§405 (6) (H) –

Consultations between municipal officers and a code enforcement officer representing the municipality pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4452, subsection 1, paragraph C in the prosecution of an enforcement matter pending in District Court when the consultation relates to that pending enforcement matter

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to go into executive session @ 8:07 p.m. Vote: 7 – 0.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to move out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. Vote: 7 - 0

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Vote: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

*Kathy L. Downes
Town Clerk*