

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilors Present: Mark Eastman, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Daniel Ormsby, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

Councilors Absent: None.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions

- a. Pam Payson, Michael Sealy – Life Saving Award

Town Manager Lessard and the Council recognized on-call paramedic Michael Sealy and Captain Pamela Payson for their actions in saving a life on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge last month.

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

- a. Town Council Minutes 7/25/19
- b. 7/11/13 Town Council Minutes
- c. 8/8/13 Town Council Minutes
- d. 8/29/13 Town Council Minutes
- e. 9/12/13 Town Council Minutes
- f. 9/26/13 Town Council Minutes
- g. 10/10/13 Town Council Minutes
- h. 10/31/13 Town Council Minutes
- i. 11/14/13 Town Council Minutes
- j. 11/21/13 Town Council Minutes
- k. 2/27/14 Town Council Minutes

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the above listed minutes. **Motion Passed 6-0***

5. Receive and Review Correspondence

- a. Police call to Verona 7-22-19 -- *Noted.*
- b. Police call to Verona 7-23-19 -- *Noted.*
- c. Maine Municipal Association Risk Pool Dividend -\$7,955 -- *Noted.*
- d. Downeast Transportation Ridership Report – June 2019 -- *Noted.*

6. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce

- a. First Reading – Fee Schedule Update

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Hammond approached Council in regards to a first reading in updating the fee schedule. Councilor Ormsby expressed concern in the amount of fees that the town has, to which Town Manager Lessard responded that the fees help offset taxation.

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

a. Regulatory Review Committee Meeting Update

Councilor Eastman updated the Council on what the Regulatory Review Committee discussed at their meeting. He stated that they talked about funding outside agencies, to which Town Manager Lessard will come up with a policy and bring it to their next meeting.

b. Additional Information re: swimming in Silver Lake

Town Manager Lessard was contacted by Shirley Gowen who sat on the Town Council at the time that the swimming on Silver Lake ordinance was enacted. She stated that the ordinance was put into place for public health reasons and due to an agreement with the Mill since they owned the water rights.

8. Agenda Items

a. To approve Resolve 2020-08 to approve the AARP Age & Ability Friendly Community Action Plan

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Carmichael seconded to approve Resolve 2020-08.
Motion Passed 6-0*

b. To approve Resolve 2020-09 to approve the Maine Municipal Association Election Ballot

*Councilor Carmichael moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-09.
Motion Passed 6-0*

c. To approve Resolve 2020-10 to approve the sale of the 2003 Ambulance to Robert Hartford

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-10.
Motion Passed 6-0*

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections

a. Assessor Resignation

Town Manager Lessard stated that she received a letter of resignation from Assessor Jef Fitzgerald. He has accepted a job as City Planner for the City of Ellsworth. Mr. Fitzgerald will continue to work for the Town of Bucksport through the end of August. Town Manager Lessard stated that in the job advertisement for this position, she left it open for full-time assessors as well as assessing agents and companies.

b. Councilor Kee Resignation

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to accept the resignation of Councilor David Kee. **Motion Passed 6-0***

The Council will decide at their next meeting whether or not they will appoint an interim Councilor, or whether they will just wait for the November election.

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds – None.

11. Town Manager Report

- a. Department Head Reports – Noted.

The Town Manager’s Report is attached hereto and therefore made a part of these minutes.

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

- a. American Traveling Morrice, Festival & Public Entertainment License – 8-16-19

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the Festival & Public Entertainment License for American Traveling Morrice on August 16, 2019. **Motion Passed 6-0** Chief Geagan added that his only stipulation is that cones or barricades be put up in front of where the event will be happening.*

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

Councilor Carmichael stated that the various community groups in town, such as Wednesday’s on Main, adds a lot of value for the town. He noted that when one of Wednesday’s on Main’s events was sold out, many of the individuals went to restaurants in town.

14. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meetings

Infrastructure Committee – August 22, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment

*Councilor Carmichael and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **Motion Passed 6-0***

ATTEST: 
Jacob R. Gran, Town Clerk