

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting To Order – Town Clerk** - *Town Clerk Jacob R. Gran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*
2. **Swearing in of Councilors Kathy Downes & Edward Rankin, Jr. – Town Clerk** - *Town Clerk Gran swore in Councilors Kathy Downes and Edward Rankin, Jr.*
3. **Roll Call – Town Clerk -- All Councilors Present:** *Mark Eastman, Jim Morrison, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Dan Ormsby, Kathy Downes, Edward Rankin, Jr.*
4. **Annual Actions of Council**
  - a. Election of Mayor – Town Clerk - *Town Clerk Gran opened the floor for nominations. Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to nominate Councilor Stewart as Mayor. There being no further nominations, the town clerk declared the nominations closed. **Motion Passed 7-0***
  - b. Election of Deputy Mayor – Mayor – *Mayor Stewart opened the floor for nominations. Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Downes seconded to nominate Councilor Bissonnette as Deputy Mayor. There being no further nominations, Mayor Stewart declared the nominations closed. **Motion Passed 7-0***
  - c. Committee Assignment Discussion – *Mayor Stewart asked that all Councilors contact him about which committees they would be interested in serving on.*
5. **Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions**
6. **Consider minutes of previous meetings**
  - a. Town Council Minutes 12/12/19
  - b. Finance Committee Minutes 12/12/19

*Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the above listed minutes. **Motion Passed 7-0***
7. **Receive and Review Correspondence**
  - a. Orland Police Call 12-27-19 - *Noted.*
  - b. Verona Police Call 12-16-19 - *Noted.*
  - c. Verona Police Call 12-9-19 - *Noted.*
  - d. Downeast Transportation Ridership Report – November 2019 - *Noted.*
  - e. Zach Erickson – Thank you – Eagle Scout Project - *Noted.*
8. **Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**
  - a. 2nd Reading – Fees Ordinance Amendment to eliminate Tire Fees

- b. 2nd Reading – Amendment to Streets & Roads Ordinance related to parking at the Marina Parking Lot

*Discussion on these items can be found under Item 14.*

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

- a. Main Street Bucksport Update – Brook Minner – *Brook Minner approached the Council and provided them copies of Main Street Bucksport’s Annual Report.*
- b. Program for assisting residents – housing/repairs/etc. – Councilor Morrison – *Councilor Morrison stated that he is interested into looking into resources for helping residents with housing repairs. Town Manager Lessard recommended that this topic be referred to the Services Committee, to which the Council agreed.*
- c. Pool Update - Carpenter Associates letter – *Town Manager Lessard shared with the Council a letter from Carpenter Associates regarding their recommendation on the replacement of the town pool. The Pool Committee will discuss this letter at their next meeting on January 17, 2020, and will in turn bring back their recommendation to the Council.*

10. **Agenda Items**

- a. Resolve 2020-36 to approve sewer interest rate for 2020 – *Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve Resolve 2020-36. **Motion Passed 7-0***

11. **Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections**

- a. Appointments to Solar Committee Isaac Bray & 2 Councilors – *Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to appoint Isaac Bray and Councilor Eastman to the Solar Committee. **Motion Passed 7-0.** It was left that if any other Councilor wanted to serve on the Solar Committee, then they should contact Mayor Stewart.*

12. **Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds – None.**

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

- a. Department Head Reports – *Noted.*

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

- a. Amendment to Council Rules to add Sections 44 & 45 to define process for appointment of Councilor to an unexpired term and to establish when such Councilors would be seated – *Mayor Stewart opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. There being no discussion, Mayor Stewart closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve the amendment to Council Rules to add Sections 44 & 45. **Motion Passed 7-0***
- b. Amendment to Fees Ordinance, Transfer Station, Automotive Waste – to eliminate fees for the disposal of tires – *Mayor Stewart opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. There being no discussion, Mayor Stewart closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m. Councilor Ormsby moved*

*and Councilor Eastman seconded to approve the Amendment to Fees Ordinance, Transfer Station, Automotive Waste. **Motion Passed 7-0***

15. **Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public – Economic Development**  
*Director Rich Rotella approached the Council. A copy of his report is attached hereto and is therefore made a part of these minutes.*
  
16. **Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meetings**
  - a. Cemetery Committee Meeting Date – *January 22, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.*
  - b. Solar Committee Meeting Date – *Town Manager Lessard will determine a date and time by reaching out to the committee members.*
  - c. Goals & Objectives Meeting Date – *January 30, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.*
  - d. Services Committee – *January 23, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.*
  
17. **Adjournment** – *Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. **Motion Passed 7-0***

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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JACOB R. GRAN  
BUCKSPORT TOWN CLERK**