

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

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

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of December 9th, January 13th, 27th, and February 10th, 2011 as presented.

4. Receive correspondence or documents, if any
 - a. Draft copy of the 2011-2016 CIP
-Town Manager shared a copy of the proposed action plan with council members for their review.
 - b. Assessment report on Jed Prouty
-A copy of the assessment report for the Jed Prouty was provided to members of the town council for their review.
5. Hold public hearing regarding request of Jeff Leadbetter, d/b/a Leadbetter Realty Trust for TIF financing for a project at 96 Main Street

Town Manager provided a summary of the proposed Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District at 96 Main Street. He noted that the plan had been developed following the instructions of the Town Council that 100% on the new value be captured, 50% returned to the developer as directed by a Credit Enhancement Agreement and 50% to be retained by the town to be used to fund a development plan that includes improvements to the downtown area.

Jeff Leadbetter spoke on behalf of Leadbetter Realty Trust indicating the need for the district and for the financial support since the project cost more than originally planned.

6. Close hearing and act on Resolve #R-2011-100 whether to establish a TIF District at 96 Main Street

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-100.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2011-101 regarding the disposition of the property located at 34 Middle Street (Wilson Hall)

Town Manager commented that the council was previously provided with the legal opinion from Diane O'Connell at Patterson Law Office regarding the Wilson Hall property and asked which option the council wished to proceed with.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-101.

8. Consider issuing licenses or permits, if any

No licenses or permits to be issued.

9. Discussion items

- a. Education budget

-The preliminary budget shows an increase of \$744,000, a 12% increase over last year.

Town Manager asked the town council how they wish to proceed.

Byron Vinton indicated that he was elected to work for the citizens and feels the need to actively participate in the education budget process.

Town council members agreed with Byron.

David Keene asked if the council could get a copy of the education budget as in the past.

Byron Vinton requested that the council get the budget in a timely manner to have time to review before public hearings.

Town Manager feels the RSU School Board is doing the best they can, but need to look for quality education that is affordable.

10. Adjournment

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary