

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 17, 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, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.
3. Hear presentation from Town Manager regarding the proposed budget

Town Manager briefly reviewed the expenditures and revenue accounts pointing out where changes have occurred in comparison to the previous year. The overall budget is proposed at \$10,773,855 which reflects an increase of \$372,029 or 3.58%. Total proposed revenues include increase in property Tax for Schools at \$156,786, and municipal at \$117,499 for a total of \$274,285. Total overlay account raised in 2010 is \$431,586.00 and will be used in portion to help defer any increase.

4. Proceed to set the preliminary budgets for 2011-2012
 - a. Set appropriations for Social and Community Services

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Brian Leeman and voted to appropriate \$14,000 to Bucksport Library.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman.

Opposed: Byron Vinton, Robert Howard

Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

Councilor Byron Vinton indicated that he feels with the tough economy that all community and social agencies need to be reduced along with holding the line on town employee raises.

Tim Emery commented that when times are tough, social services are in more need of funding and that is when they seem to get reduced. It is too bad.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Dave Keene and voted to appropriate \$1,300 to the Snowmobile Club.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Byron Vinton, Robert Howard

Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Robert Howard and voted to not appropriate any funds to Fort Knox.

Vote In Favor: Byron Vinton, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard

Opposed: Michael Ormsby, David Kee

Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and voted to not appropriate any funds to the Circus Band.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard

Opposed: Jeffrey Robinson

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Jeffrey Robinson and voted to appropriate \$11,500 to the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman,

Opposed: Byron Vinton, Robert Howard

Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to not appropriate \$2,500 to the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce toward electrical equipment upgrade on the waterfront.

Town Manager suggested to not appropriate any fund to BBACC regarding electrical equipment to upgrade on the waterfront, but rather forward this request to the waterfront committee for further discussion and bring back recommendation to the council.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to review funding for electrical equipment upgrade on the waterfront at a later date with the waterfront committee.

Town Manager noted that funds for Memorial Day, Conservation Commission and Penobscot Consortium are set-aside in existing accounts.

It was motioned by Jeffrey Robinson, seconded by Brian Leeman and voted to appropriate \$900 to Washington Hancock CAP.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Byron Vinton, Robert Howard

Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by David Keene and voted to appropriate \$1,200 to Child and Family Opportunities.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Byron Vinton, Robert Howard

Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to appropriate \$4,500 to Bucksport Community Concern.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Brian Leeman and voted to appropriate \$3,592 to Downeast Transportation.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard

Opposed: Byron Vinton

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to not appropriate any funds to Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted to appropriate \$2,000 to Bucksport Child Care Center.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard

Opposed: Byron Vinton

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by David Keene and voted to appropriate \$7,600 to Bucksport Health Advisory.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Robert Howard

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Brian Leeman and voted to appropriate \$1,450 to Senior Citizens' Group.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson
Brian Leeman
Opposed: Byron Vinton, Robert Howard
Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and
unanimously voted to not appropriate requested funds to Yesterday's
Children.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and voted to
not appropriate funds requested to Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.

Voted In Favor: Byron Vinton, David Keene, Robert Howard
Opposed: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman
Vote: 3 - 4-----Failed

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Brian Leeman and voted to
appropriate \$500 to Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson,
Brian Leeman
Opposed: Byron Vinton, Robert Howard
Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and
unanimously voted to not appropriate any funds to Hammond Street Senior
Center.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Byron Vinton and voted to
not appropriate any funds to SPCA of Hancock County.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene,
Jeff Robinson, Robert Howard
Opposed: Brian Leeman
Voted: 6 - 1 Favorable

b. Revise appropriations for general accounts as needed

Councilor David Kee suggested an increase for all salaried employees and
such be taken from the town's surplus.

Mayor David Keene agreed with David Kee and noted at least salaried
employees, acknowledging their dedication and cost savings to the Town.
Councilor Byron Vinton suggested no increase.

c. Set salaries and wages for non-contractual employees

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted to not increase salaries and wages for non-contractual employees.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard

Opposed: David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson

Vote: 4 - 3 Favorable

d. Set preliminary appropriations for the capital improvements

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Jeff Robinson and voted to set preliminary appropriation in the amount of \$662,700 for capital improvements.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman.

Opposed: Robert Howard

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

e. Set preliminary budget

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted to set preliminary municipal budget at \$5,330,244, changing Community and Social Agencies from \$51,550 to \$51,742. difference of \$192.

Vote In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: David Kee, Robert Howard

Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

f. Set sewer operating budget

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve sewer-operating budget in the amount of \$496,713.

5. Discussion items

Mayor David Keene expressed his disappointment with the vote of no increase in wages and salaries, as he would like to see some compensation to let the salaried employees know they are appreciated for their dedication and commitment to the town.

Next Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 PM is the final budget hearing.

6. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary