

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Keene at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

- a. August 9, 2018 Town Council Minutes
- b. August 9, 2018 Regulatory Review Committee Minutes
- c. August 9, 2018 Finance Committee Minutes
- d. September 6, 2018 Town Council Minutes
- e. September 6, 2018 Regulatory Review Committee Minutes
- f. September 6, 2018 Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve above meeting minutes 4a – 4f as presented. Vote: 6 - 0

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

Downeast Transportation – August Ridership Report

The Town Manager explained that it was the monthly report and noted that taxi ridership was down in August but hoping to rebound in September.

6. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - None

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

- a. Councilor Reappointment – Paul Rabs

The Town Manager discussed that at the last council meeting the resignation was presented and the vote on whether to accept was 3 – 1. She was contacted the next day by Paul Rabs who offered to complete the term until January. He is not running for Council in November so there is no conflict created by his service as an on-call ambulance driver for the Town. The Charter is silent on whether or not the Council has to formally accept a resignation; but it is clear that in the event of a resignation they have the right to appoint an individual to serve until the next election.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to reappoint Paul Rabs as Council member to finish term ending in December 2018.

b. Former Fitness Center – ADAPT Plan recommendation/Church Project
The Town Manager reported that the Methodist Church had provided a copy of a purchase agreement with AIM for the former fitness center. Although the ADAPT area wide plan contemplated other uses for the site, it is a private transaction between the property own and the church. The Town's concerns related to how this sale would impact the Whole Ocean's sale have been answered by AIM representatives who assured the Town that there were protections in the sale agreement with the Church that would prevent anything from impacting the timely sale to Whole Oceans.

c. Business Park Sign – Community & Economic Development Director Rich

Community and Economic Development Director Rotella Banner reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed a quote from Banner City Graphics for pricing of a new sign. This sign is different in design than the current sign, would be able to hold all business names and be more easily accessible for making changes. Councilor Gauvin would like to add lighting to the sign

8. Agenda Items

a. To approve Resolve 2019-14 for roof repairs to the Public Safety Building

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Kee to approve Resolve 2019-14. Vote: 6 – 0.

b. MMA Voting Delegate – Annual Meeting 10-3-18

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to appoint Town Manager as the MMA Voting Delegate at the annual meeting on October 3, 2018.

c. To approve Resolve 2019-15 for sign replacement at the business park

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Kee to approve Resolve 2019-15. Vote: 6 – 0.

d. To approve Resolve 2019-16 for the Camera System Upgrade

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve Resolve 2019-16. Vote: 6 – 0.

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

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

11. Town Manager Report

a. Department Head Reports

The Town Manager's report is hereby attached and made part of the minutes.

The Town Manager also reported that there is a vacancy on the Board of Appeals that needs to be filled and encouraged residents to come forward and apply.

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits - None

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

Rich Rotella was informed by a representative of Norwegian cruise lines that the ship will be arriving on Oct 11th at 6:00 pm and leaving on October 12th at 3:00 pm.

Councilor Kee referenced an article in The Bucksport Enterprise noting that the reason the Town Council does not always make an immediate decision on agenda items is because they need further information before proceeding to accept or not accept an issue.

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

Infrastructure Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 pm

Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 27 6:00 pm

Regulatory Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 27 5:30 pm

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Kee that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 pm. Vote 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Councilor Secretary*