

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peter Stewart at 7:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Mark Eastman, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Daniel Ormsby, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr. Member Absent: David Kee.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

- a. Town Council Minutes 2-14-19
- b. Council Workshop Minutes 2-21-19
- c. Finance Committee Minutes 2-14-19
- d. Infrastructure Committee Minutes 2-14-19
- e. Council Rules Workshop Minutes 2-14-19

Motion by Councilor Bissonnette, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 6 – 0

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents - None

6. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - None

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

a. Goals & Objectives Discussion

The Town Manager reported that the Council met on Feb 21 to discuss goals and objectives and asked that they be put on future council agenda to prioritize and set direction.

Mayor Stewart believes that these should be considered as part of budget season – get the most bang for our buck.

Councilor Carmichael asked if we were spending monies right now, or looking at projects related to broadband.

The Town Manager explained that we had receive a broadband planning grant in 2016 and that this week were awarded a broadband grant from ConnectME to do Millvale/Bucksmills. We will need to apply for further grants to do more.

Councilor Bissonnette indicated that we need a process for sales of Town owned property of property sales.

Town Manager indicated that the website project is being worked on now, and would be part of the budget.

Councilor Gauvin state that his goal is to keep the mil rate where it is now or lower. He feels that the school will be asking for monies this year. There is 6.5 million

available in fund balance and we need to continue with LED lights and use monies to promote money savings projects.

Councilor Carmichael would like to hold mil rate; but also wants the community to continue to move forward and not sit still.

Dan suggested prioritizing the goals in groups.

Mayor Stewart reported that he took ride out back and the roads are a mess. We need to fix the roads because we are falling way behind.

Town Manager reported that 2 weeks ago, she and the Public Works Director discussed road conditions and information needed to prepare a plan to address the backlog.

Councilor Bissonnette agrees that there needs to be an overall plan in place to fix roads

Public Works Director Lanpher said that roads are in need of attention and he will be providing information for the Council to decide how to move forward.

8. Agenda Items

- a. To approve Resolve 2019-40 to accept ConnectMe grant for \$62,800 for cable/internet expansion on Bucksmills and Millvale Roads

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin. Vote: 6 - 0

- b. To approve Resolve 2019-41 to purchase a 2020 Snowplow/Dump Truck Robert gave a committee report noting full recommendation

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Ormsby. Vote: 6 - 0

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

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds Jane Cirillo & Brian Manning paid taxes

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin. Vote: 5 - 0 (Abstain - Ormsby)

11. Town Manager Report

The Managers report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

With only 4 councilors available for the March 14th meeting it was the consensus of the Council to cancel the March 14th meeting.

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

Liquor License/Special Amusement/Food Service Licenses - Glenn Redman, GRR, Inc., d/b/a Glenn's Place

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin. Vote: 6 - 0

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

Councilor Paul Gauvin asked about investments with The First. The Town Manager reported that it had been in the 8% range but the dip in the market had it in the 4% range now.

Resident Jim Morrison asked how well solar panels were doing on the Highway Dept. roof. Town Manager replied that we had not yet received a report to date due to issues with the billing system from CMP.

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

Infrastructure - March 28th @ 6:30 pm

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Bissonnette at 7:46 p.m. Vote 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*