

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL – JUNE 13, 2019***

**1. Call Meeting To Order**

*Councilor Carmichael called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

*Councilor's Present: Paul Bissonnette, David Kee, Robert Carmichael, Daniel Ormsby, Paul Gauvin*

*Councilor's Absent: Mark Eastman, Peter Stewart*

**3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions – None.**

**4. Consider minutes of previous meetings**

- a. Town Council Minutes 5/23/19
- b. Town Council Minutes 5/9/19 (amended)
- c. Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes 5/23/19
- d. Town Council Minutes 7/28/16
- e. Town Council Minutes 8/25/16
- f. Town Council Minutes 9/8/16
- g. Town Council Minutes 9/29/16
- h. Town Council Minutes 10/13/16
- i. Town Council Minutes 10/27/16
- j. Town Council Minutes 11/10/16
- k. Town Council Minutes 12/8/16

*Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve the above listed minutes. **Motion Passed 5-0***

**5. Receive and review correspondence and documents**

- a. Bucksport police response to Town of Verona 5-19-19 - *Noted.*

**6. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**

- a. First reading – Appendix K, Sections 8.53, 13.4, 13.15.8.2, 15.5.1, and 11.6

*Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Hammond addressed the Council and spoke to an amendment to the Town Code as requested by Mayor Stewart. This amendment deals with correcting parts in regards to the town's school system, changing the size of parking lot spaces, and adding criterion for the accessibility of buildings. During this discussion, the topic of Planning Board review fees was brought up. CEO Hammond pointed out that Whole Oceans will be paying upwards of \$17,000.00 for the Planning Board to review their material. Councilor Gauvin expressed concern with such a high amount. Town Manager Lessard advised looking at the town's Schedule of Fees and making changes as needed. It was further suggested to take out the section of the Town Code that says that fees cannot be refunded.*

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

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a. Regulatory Review Committee Update

*Town Manager Lessard explained that the Regulatory Review Committee was originally going to meet for the purpose of receiving a presentation from the group in Bucksport seeking to ban single use plastic bags. However, at the state level a bill has been submitted to the Governor for signature or veto that establishes a state-level ban on single use bags and pre-empts local authority to regulate the subject. Town Manager Lessard stated that the Governor has until June 16th to veto the bill. The Committee in Bucksport asked that the subject be moved to June 27th to see what the outcome of the state bill is.*

**8. Agenda Items**

a. To approve Resolve 2019-51 to approve 2019-20 General Fund Budget

*Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Kee seconded to approve Resolve 2019-51.  
**Motion Passed 5-0***

b. To approve Resolve 2019-52 to approve 2019-20 Sewer Budget

*Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Kee seconded to approve Resolve 2019-52.  
**Motion Passed 5-0***

c. To approve Resolve 2019-53 to approve 2019-20 Marina Budget

*Councilor Kee moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve Resolve 2019-53.  
**Motion Passed 5-0***

d. To approve Resolve 2019-54 to approve 2019-20 Capital Improvement Budget

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve Resolve 2019-54.  
**Motion Passed 5-0***

e. To approve Resolve 2019-55 to approve 2019-20 interest rates for unpaid taxes

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2019-55.  
**Motion Passed 5-0***

f. To approve Resolve 2019-56 to set the date when taxes are due and payable

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2019-56.  
**Motion Passed 5-0***

g. To approve Resolve 2019-57 to set sewer rates for the period 7/1/19 – 6/30/20

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2019-57.  
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**9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - None.**

**10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds**

- a. Nadine Leighton, Map 3 Lot 18, 2018 Tax Lien

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Map 3 Lot 18. **Motion Passed 5-0***

- b. Dwayne Weston, Map 29 Lot 11, 2017 Sewer Lien

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Map 29 Lot 11. **Motion Passed 5-0***

**11. Town Manager Report**

- a. Department Head Reports – *Noted.*

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

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

- a. Public Hearing – General Fund Budget

*Councilor Carmichael opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Town Manager Lessard stated that she and the Council have spent several months reviewing this budget. The proposed budget should result in no mill rate increase.*

- b. Public Hearing – Sewer Budget

*Town Manager Lessard explained that there is no rate increase in this year's sewer budget. There hasn't been an increase since 2015. She further stated that the Solar Array Project should result in a savings in electricity next year.*

- c. Public Hearing – Marina Budget

*Town Manager Lessard explained that this year's Marina budget includes one additional staff person.*

- d. Public Hearing - Capital Improvements Budget

*This budget identifies the appropriations to be adopted for Capital Improvements.*

*With no further discussion, Councilor Carmichael closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.*

- e. Festival & Public Entertainment License Application – Pixie Harbor Hoopla – Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce – June 16, 2019

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the Festival & Public*

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*Entertainment License Application for Pixie Harbor Hoopla for the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. **Motion Passed 5-0***

- f. Liquor License Renewal – Carrier’s Mainely Lobster – 10 State Route 46

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve the renewal of Carrier’s Mainely Lobster’s liquor license. **Motion Passed 5-0***

- g. Liquor License Renewal – Verona Wine & Design, LLC – 77 Main Street Suite 1A

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the renewal of Verona Wine & Design’s liquor license. **Motion Passed 5-0***

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

*Councilor Gauvin inquired to Town Manager Lessard whether or not Whole Oceans will be accessing water from the lake near their property, to which Town Manager Lessard stated that they will be pulling a limited supply.*

*Councilor Carmichael commended Town Manager Lessard for her performance at the Bangor Daily News’ “Dirigo Speaks” event. He further stated that he was proud to have Town Manager Lessard representing Bucksport.*

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

- a. Set Infrastructure Committee meeting for 6-27-19 – *A combined meeting with Economic Development at 6:00 p.m.*

**15. Adjournment**

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **Motion Passed 5-0***

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Jacob R. Gran, Town Clerk*