

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting To Order** -- *Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

Councilors Present: Mark Eastman, David Keene, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Daniel Ormsby, Paul Gauvin, Rob Carmichael, Jr.

Councilors Absent: None

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

4. **Consider minutes of previous meetings**

- a. Town Council Minutes 10/10/19
- b. 10/10/19 Regulatory Review Committee Minutes
- c. 10/10/19 Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes
- d. 8/9/12 Town Council Minutes
- e. 8/30/12 Town Council Minutes
- f. 10/11/12 Town Council Minutes
- g. 10/25/12 Town Council Minutes
- h. 11/8/12 Town Council Minutes
- i. 11/29/12 Town Council Minutes
- j. 12/13/12 Town Council Minutes

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the above listed minutes. **Motion Passed 7-0***

5. **Receive and Review Correspondence**

- a. Downeast Transportation Ridership Report – September 2019 – *Noted.*
- b. Bucksport YMCA Holiday Session October 22nd – December 22 – *Noted.*

6. **Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**

7. Council Rules – Proposals for amendments -- *Town Manager Lessard proposed two options for the filling of Town Council vacancies. Option A required that the Council first offer the interim seat to the candidate that was the first runner up in the most recent regular Town Council election. Option B required that the Town Council fill the interim seat by a majority of those present.*

Councilor Ormsby stated that Option A would make the nomination process less political.

Resident David Weeda stated that Option A would allow a possibility of someone who, in his opinion, really shouldn't be on the Town Council to serve.

Council Carmichael moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to approve Option B for the

*Amendment to Council Rules to add sections 44 and 45. **Motion Passed 6-1 (Ormsby)***

8. **Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**
 - a. Infrastructure Committee Meeting Update – *Councilor Carmichael updated the Council on what was discussed at the Infrastructure Committee meeting. He stated that they further discussed options for solar array.*
 - b. Regulatory Review Committee Meeting Update – *The Regulatory Review Committee did not meet.*
 - c. Pool Committee Report – *Councilor Keene updated on the Council on the Pool Committee. A small group, consisting of Councilor Keene, Councilor Bissonnette, Resident Robert Alley, Resident Scott Fernald, Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella, and Downeast Family YMCA Operations Director Nick Tymoczko, all met to start researching option for the replacement of the Tim Emery Municipal Pool. Councilor Keene stated that they will be doing several exploratory procedures to see what state of condition the pool is in.*
 - d. Main Street Bucksport Strategic Plan Update – *Main Street Bucksport Executive Director Brook Minner addressed the Council and updated them on the Strategic Plan that their board has been working on.*
 - e. Public Safety Proposal – *Town Manager Lessard discussed with the Council her proposal to turn the Police and Fire Departments into one Public Safety Department. Further discussion on this under Item 9b.*

9. **Agenda Items**

- a. To approve Resolve 2020-19 to approve the Sewer Commitment for the July 1 – September 30, 2019 quarter – *Councilor Carmichael moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve Resolve 2020-19. **Motion Passed 7-0***
- b. To approve Resolve 2020-20 to establish a Public Safety Department including Police, Fire/EMS and Dispatch Services – *Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Carmichael seconded to approve Resolve 2020-20. Councilor Gauvin stated that he was in favor of the change, but said in the event of hiring internally for the police Sargent position, two new police officers would need to be hired, rather than the proposed one. **Motion Passed 7-0***
- c. To approve Resolve 2020-21 to accept the 2019 JAG Grant in the amount of \$3,255 to be used toward Taser replacement – *Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-21. **Motion Passed 7-0***
- d. To approve Resolve 2020-22 to accept the bid from New England Salt for the 2019-20 year – *Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve Resolve 2020-22. Town Manager Lessard stated that she did receive a bid from Morton Salt for approximately \$1,000 less, but it took four weeks to receive a response from them. **Motion Passed 4-3***

(Stewart, Ormsby, Keene)

10. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections – None.

11. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

- a. Tax Liens, Jane Cirillo, Map 24 Lot 07, 2013 - 2017 – *Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Carmichael seconded to approve the discharges on Map 24 Lot 07. **Motion Passed 6-0 (Ormsby abstained)***

*Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Carmichael seconded to discuss an item not listed on the agenda. **Motion Passed 7-0***

*Councilor Gauvin Moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the Quit Claim for Map 33 Lot 29. **Motion Passed 7-0***

12. Town Manager Report

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

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

Ed Rankin Sr. approached the Council regarding the fees at the Transfer Station regarding tires. He stated that he did not feel that \$2/tire is appropriate.

Community and Economic Development Director Rich Rotella stated that the Public Works Department assisted him on placing a new sign on the Verona Island bridge. The town crew will also be helping take the docks out of the water.

Resident Robert Alley approached the Council regarding the lighting on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. He stated that sometimes the lights work, but a majority of the time they don't. Town Manager Lessard stated that she will look into it further.

15. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meetings

Infrastructure Committee – November 14, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Regulatory Review Committee – November 14, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

16. Adjournment

Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Carmichael seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0

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**JACOB R. GRAN
BUCKSPORT TOWN CLERK**