

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. **Swearing In - James Morrison - 2 Year Council Term – Town Clerk -** *Town Clerk Jacob R. Gran swore in James Morrison to the two-year Council seat.*
2. **Call Meeting To Order -** *Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*
3. **Roll Call -** *All Councilors present – Mark Eastman, James Morrison, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Daniel Ormsby, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.*
4. **Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions**
 - a. *Swearing in of Deputy Fire Chief, Deputy Police Chief & Public Safety Director - Town Clerk Jacob R. Gran swore in Michael Denning as Deputy Fire Chief; David Winchester as Deputy Police Chief; and Sean Geagan as Public Safety Director.*
5. **Consider minutes of previous meetings**
 - a. *Town Council Minutes 10/24/19*
 - b. *10/24/19 Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes*
 - c. *3/28/19 Town Council Minutes*

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve the above listed minutes with the correction of changing ‘Councilor Michael Ormsby’ to ‘Councilor Daniel Ormsby’ in the 3/28/19 Town Council minutes. **Motion Passed 7-0***

6. **Receive and Review Correspondence**
 - a. *Bucksport Police Call to Verona – 11/01/19 - Noted.*
7. **Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**
 - a. *Ist Reading - Amendment to Appendix B Council Rules to add sections 44 & 45 - The Council voiced their support for the first reading of the amendment to Appendix B of the Town Code. A second reading and public hearing will be held at the next Town Council meeting on December 12, 2019.*
8. **Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**
 - a. *Update on Maine’s Bicentennial and Bucksport’s Involvement – Penobscot Maritime Heritage Association – presentation by Dick Campbell - Representative Dick Campbell approached the Council and gave them an overview of Bucksport’s involvement in Maine’s Bicentennial. A group of individuals have been meeting on a weekly basis to discuss various events in the community.*
 - b. *Recreation Program Plan – Bucksport YMCA - Downeast Family YMCA Operations Director Nick Tymozco passed around a strategic plan for the Bucksport YMCA. Part of this plan involves revamping the current Recreation Advisory Board. The plan outlines some of the goals for the YMCA’s future, and the Council applauded Mr. Tymozco for the work put into*

this project thus far.

- c. Infrastructure Committee Update – *Councilor Carmichael updated the Council on what was discussed at the Infrastructure Committee. The committee discussed the Solar Committee and identified names of residents who have volunteered to serve. They are: John Paul Lalond, Don White, Nancy Minnott, Rob Carmichael, Jr. John Eggevrecht, and two Councilors that will be named at a later date. The committee discussed the waterfront’s storage shed, which is not currently in good shape, and recommended purchasing a new one. The committee discussed an alarm system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Currently, the alarm system does not notify anyone when there is a problem with the gas. The committee recommended contacting the original contractors to see how this issue can be repaired. The committee discussed an ice rink proposal that involved reducing the size of the rink to better allow the area to be used. The committee discussed a system replacement on the police department’s repeater. According to Public Safety Director Geagan, radio traffic from dispatch was not coming through to the police cruisers. The system is currently generating 25 watts, whereas it should be generating 100 watts. The committee recommended replacing the repeater. The committee discussed programmable thermostats for the Town Office that allow for scheduling. The committee recommended replacing the thermostats in the Town Office to programmable ones. The committee discussed restroom fixtures replacement in the Town Office to more efficient fixtures. The committee asked that the Code Enforcement Officer get figures on the replacement and bring them back to the Council. The committee lastly discussed a right-of-way that the Town has on Miles Lane, and the committee recommended relinquishing that right-of-way to the abutters on each side.*
- d. Pool Committee Update - *Resident David Keene approached the Council and stated that the Pool Committee has met to find out what the most cost effective way in repairing the pool will be. Town Manager Lessard stated that she has contacted a company to evaluate the stability of the concrete walls at the pool.*
- e. Main Street Retaining Walls – *Report from Olver Engineering - Town Manager Lessard discussed grant opportunities to replace Main Street’s retaining walls. In order to apply for these grants, an engineering study has to be completed, which Olver Associates has done. The Council voiced their approval to begin the grant process.*
- f. Update - Planning Board Action – *amendment to Woodland Heights subdivision - Town Manager Lessard updated the Council on an amendment that was recently passed by the Planning Board pertaining to the Woodland Heights subdivision.*

9. Agenda Items

- a. *To approve Resolve 2020-23 to approve the purchase of a trailer for storage of waterfront maintenance equipment. - Councilor Carmichael moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve Resolve 2020-23. **Motion Passed 7-0***
- b. *To approve Resolve 2020-24 approve purchase of a Wastewater Alarm System - Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Carmichael seconded to approve Resolve 2020-24. **Motion Passed 7-0***

- c. To approve Resolve 2020-25 to approve use of Dispatch Reserve funds for repair of the police radio repeater system - *Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve Resolve 2020-25. Motion Passed 7-0*
- d. To approve Resolve 2020-26 to approve use of Recreation Reserve funds for alterations to the ice rink - *Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-26. Motion Passed 7-0*
- e. To approve Resolve 2020-27 to hire B H & A for design, bidding & construction oversight for the Tim Emery Municipal Pool - *Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Carmichael seconded to approve Resolve 2020-27. Motion Passed 7-0*
- f. To approve Resolve 2020-28 to vote for Tony P. Smith of Mt. Desert as a board member for the Municipal Review Committee - *Councilor Carmichael moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to approve Resolve 2020-28. Motion Passed 7-0*
- g. To approve Resolve 2020-29 to sell the 2004 Fire Department Pick-up to the highest bidder of the advertised bid process - *Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Gauvin seconded to approve Resolve 2020-29. Motion Passed 7-0*

10. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections

- a. Report of Election Results 11-5-19 - *Noted.*

11. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

- a. 2018 Sewer Lien, Dwayne A. Weston, Map 29 Lot 11 - *Councilor Gauvin moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve the discharge on Map 29 Lot 11. Motion Passed 7-0*

12. Town Manager Report

- a. Department Head Reports - *Noted.*

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

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

Mayor Stewart encouraged the Council to take a look at Mike Hawes' property and all the work that he is doing.

Councilor Carmichael read a statement saying that this will be his last meeting. He also congratulated Councilor Morrison for winning the election.

Councilor Ormsby reminded those in attendance that Bucksport's football team will be playing Dexter in the Class D North football championship game on November 15 at Hampden Academy.

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

Public Hearing - Amendment to Town Council Rules - December 12, 2019

16. Adjournment

*Councilor Carmichael moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.
Motion Passed 7-0*

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ATTEST: 
**JACOB R. GRAN
BUCKSPORT TOWN CLERK**