

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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, Jim Morrison, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Daniel Ormsby*

Councilors Absent: Paul Gauvin, Rob Carmichael, Jr.

3. **Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions** - *None.*
4. **Consider minutes of previous meetings**
 - a. Town Council Minutes 11/14/19
 - b. 11/14/19 Regulatory Review Committee Minutes
 - c. 11/14/19 Infrastructure & Property Committee Minutes

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

5. **Receive and Review Correspondence**
 - a. Downeast Transportation Ridership Report – November 2019 - *Noted.*
 - b. MMA Worker's Compensation Benefit Report -2019 - *Noted.*
 - c. Verona Police Call 12-04-19 - *Noted.*
6. **Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**
 - a. 2nd Reading - Amendment to Appendix B Council Rules to add sections 44 & 45 – *A public hearing will be held on this amendment at the first meeting in January, 2020.*
 - b. 1st Reading – Amendment to Streets & Roads Ordinance related to parking at the Marina Parking Lot - *Town Manager Lessard stated that she had received various email expressing concerns with the amount of handicap parking that this amendment provides. After extensive discussion from the Council and members of the public, the Council agreed to move forward to the second reading as is.*
7. **Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**
 - a. Finance Committee Meeting Update - *Councilor Bissonnette updated the Council on what was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. The committee recommended moving a server replacement project forward to the Council for their approval.*
 - b. Economic Development Plan Update - *Economic Development Director Rich Rotella approached the Council regarding the Economic Development Plan. He stated that the committee has been working on this plan for quite some time. The Council commended Economic Development Director Rotella and his board members for all the work that they put*

into this.

8. Agenda Items

- a. To approve Resolve 2020-31 to approve the expenditure of Town Office & Public Safety Reserve funds for server replacement - *Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to approve Resolve 2020-31. Motion Passed 5-0*
- b. To approve Resolve 2020-32 to approve the award of a three year loan to Machias Savings Bank for the 2020 Highway Truck at a rate of 1.99% - *Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-32. Motion Passed 5-0*
- c. To approve Resolve 2020-33 to approve the update to the Town of Bucksport Economic Development Strategy - *Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve Resolve 2020-33. Motion Passed 5-0*
- d. To approve Resolve 2020-34 to approve use of Ambulance Reserve for the purchase of a refurbished LifePack 15 monitor/defibrillator - *Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-34. Motion Passed 5-0*
- e. To approve Resolve 2020-35 to approve use of Fire Department Reserve to pay for repairs to Engine 1 - *Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-35. Motion Passed 5-0*

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections

- a. Appointments to Solar Committee
 1. Don White
 2. Nancy Minott
 3. John Eggebrecht
 4. Robert Carmichael Jr.
 5. Jon Paul Lalonde

Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to appoint the above listed individuals to the Solar Committee. Motion Passed 5-0

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

11. Town Manager Report - Noted.

- a. Department Head Reports - *Noted.*

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

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

- a. Liquor License Renewal – George MacLeod d/b/a MacLeod's Restaurant - *Councilor Eastman moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to approve the renewal of MacLeod's Restaurant's liquor license. Motion Passed 5-0*

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

*Economic Development Director Rich Rotella approached the Council to request their permission to apply for a Redi-Rock retaining walls grant. Councilor Bissonnette moved Councilor Eastman seconded to act on an item not listed on the agenda. **Motion Passed 5-0.** Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to allow Economic Development Director Rich Rotella move forward with the Redi-Rock grant process. **Motion Passed 5-0***

Ron Russell approached the Council and stated that the renovation of the property located at 15 Central Street that he purchased off of the town is nearly complete. He encouraged all Councilors to attend the open house that will be announced at a later date.

Mayor Stewart thanked the Public Safety Department and all who were involved in the tree lighting ceremony.

Town Manager Lessard expressed her thanks to Councilor Gauvin and Councilor Carmichael as this would have been their last meeting.

Councilor Morrison questioned what the status was on the town ice rink. Town Manager Lessard will check with the Recreation Department.

14. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meetings - None.

15. Adjournment - Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Bissonnette seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. **Motion Passed 5-0**

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