

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020
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** - *All Councilors present via remote connection: Mark Eastman, Jim Morrison, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Dan Ormsby, Kathy Downes, Ed Rankin, Jr. Also in attendance were Town Manager Susan Lessard and Town Clerk Jacob Gran.*
3. **Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions** - *None.*
4. **Consider minutes of previous meetings**
 - a. Town Council Minutes 04/23/2020
 - b. Town Council Minutes 04/30/2020
 - c. Town Council Minutes of 5/07/2020
 - d. Infrastructure Committee Minutes 04/23/2020

*Councilor Ormsby moved and Councilor Downes seconded to approve the above listed minutes. **Motion Passed 7-0***
5. **Receive and Review Correspondence**
 - a. Thank you – Northeast Historic Film - *Noted.*
 - b. Thank you – Hospice of Hancock County - *Noted.*
6. **Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**
 - a. Second reading – Amendment to Appendix B, Council Rules to require posting to the Town website of emails between Town Councilors and the Town Manager on a weekly basis - *Councilors had no comments. A public hearing will be scheduled on this amendment during the next regular council meeting.*
7. **Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**
 - a. Pool Information Update - *Town Manager Lessard asked the engineer for the pool repair project to reach out to contractors who took out bid packets for the project. He returned a memo to Town Manager Lessard outlining some of the challenges that were associated with the project, and why contractors chose not to bid. His recommendation was to put the project out to bid again with some minor modifications. Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to put the pool repair project out to bid again. **Motion Passed 7-0***
 - b. Paving Bid Results - *See Agenda Item 8b.*
 - c. Silver Lake Trail Idea – Patrick Cough - *Mr. Cough submitted an email outlining his idea for a trail on Silver Lake. Mayor Stewart suggested waiting and bringing this topic up before the Infrastructure Committee. Councilor Morrison expressed his concern with the idea, and*

stated that he would rather see the addition of more sidewalks before any more trails. The consensus of the Council was to bring the topic up before the Infrastructure Committee.

8. Agenda Items

- a. To approve Resolve 2020-49 to approve acceptance of the MDOT Municipal Partnership Grant for retaining wall replacement - *Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-49. **Motion Passed 7-0***
- b. To approve Resolve 2020-50 to approve bid award to Vaughan Thibodeau, II for the 2020 paving contract with a bid price of \$69.37 per ton - *Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to approve Resolve 2020-50. **Motion Passed 7-0***
- c. To approve Resolve 2020-51 to approve Route 46 Winter Maintenance Agreement - *Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Rankin seconded to approve Resolve 2020-51. **Motion Passed 7-0***

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

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

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

- a. Department Head Reports - *Noted.*

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

- a. Central Maine Power Permit – Route 46 - *This item was tabled so that Town Manager Lessard could check with CMP as to what will happen with the osprey nest that is at this location.*

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public - None.

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

Public Hearing - February 28, 2020, 7:00 p.m. - Final Reading of Amendment to Appendix B, Council Rules to require posting to the Town website of emails between Town Councilors and the Town Manager on a weekly basis

15. Budget Review - *For this portion of the meeting, Public Safety Director Sean Geagan, Deputy Chief Michael Denning, and Deputy Chief David Winchester were present..*

- a. Police
- b. Fire/EMS
- c. Dispatch
- d. Public Safety

e. Public Safety Building

Public Safety Director Geagan presented to the Council his proposed budget for the above listed departments. The Council asked various questions pertaining to the budgets. Past practice has been that the Council waits to vote on the entire budget at a later meeting when public hearings are scheduled. For further discussion, refer to audio.

16. **Town Manager Evaluation** - Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Section 405 (6)(a) Discussion or consideration of the employment, appointment, assignment, duties, promotion, demotion, compensation, evaluation, disciplining, resignation or dismissal of an individual - *Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to to enter executive session at 8:20 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0*

Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Ormsby seconded to end the executive session at 8:53 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0

17. **Adjournment** - *Councilor Bissonnette moved and Councilor Eastman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0*

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JACOB R. GRAN, TOWN CLERK