

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

AGENDA

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Roll call**
- 3. Non-municipal agency funding guidelines**
- 4. Tire Disposal – Interim basis**
- 5. Adjournment**

Finance Committee

Peter Stewart

Paul Gauvin

David Kee, Chair

TO: Bucksport Town Council
FROM: Sue Lessard, Town Manager
DATE: September 25, 2018
RE: Non-municipal/social agency funding options

The purpose of this memo is to provide information related to establishing a 'ceiling' for annual funding of non-municipal/social agency accounts in the annual budget.

Information shows that the amount that the Town has budgeted for such entities has increased from approximately \$57,000 annually to this year's \$94,692 appropriation. However, of that \$94,692, \$13,000 is funded by the Town's TIF funding, \$1700 comes from snowmobile fees, and \$2500 is paid from Cable TV Franchise fees, for a net tax-effort of \$77,492. At the Town's current valuation of \$431,774,260, that translates to .017 % of the Town valuation, and 1% of the total tax commitment.

If you wanted to tie the absolute ceiling for property tax effort for non-municipal/social agency accounts, you could make it 1% of the property tax commitment from the prior year. That would be easy to calculate, and reflects that the Town considers that there is value in funding these agencies. .75% of the property tax commitment would result in a cap of \$54,485 based on last year's commitment, and .50% of the property tax commitment would result in a cap of \$36,322.88.

TO: Bucksport Town Council
From: Sue Lessard, Town Manager
Date: September 25, 2018
RE: Tire Disposal

The purpose of this memo is to discuss tire disposal during the interim period in which the Town is disposing of its waste by hauling it to EMR in SW Harbor until the Fiberright Plant is operational in Hampden.

Tires are not accepted at landfills, which is the current final disposal of our solid waste, so we are not able to simply put tires in the trailer with garbage as we have done in the past.

We have contacted vendors to find out the cost of disposing of tires through other methods. The primary manner with outside vendors is for us to rent a container and pay a company a fee to deliver it to us, to remove it when it is full and we are then also charged a price for disposal. The cost per trailer rental/delivery/pick up would be \$75 for monthly rental, \$100 to deliver the container, and \$200 to swap it when it is full, plus \$100/ton for disposal

I reached out to the PERC facility and they are willing to take our tires for a cost of \$75 per ton. We can use our back up dump truck to haul the tires to PERC ourselves – thereby saving the rental cost as well as the pick-up and delivery cost for the container. There is no contract required for this and it is the most cost effective way that we can continue to accept tires. We currently do not charge for the disposal of tires. According to conversion tables, there are approximately 100 passenger tires in a ton. Our disposal cost would be .75 per tire plus the cost of us transporting them to PERC.

The need for this ends when the Fiberright plant comes online. The purpose of this information is to determine if the Committee wishes to institute a fee to cover the disposal cost until the Fiberright plant comes online or to leave it as it is.