

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016

Council Members present: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley
Byron Wrigley, Sr. Donald Borman Absent: Mark Fisher

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Tracy Frost Richard Pierce John Thomas, Transfer Station
Edward Roderick Lesley Palmer Dylan Clark
Greg Lounder, Pres. MRC Daniel McKay, legal Counsel Peter McGuire, Sentinel Reporter

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 9th 2016, and to sign the disbursement warrants.
2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley, Sr., and voted 4-0 confirming the hire of Officer Tanya Allen and Timothy Falvey, as full time Police Officers, which fills two recent resignations from the department.
3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley, Sr., and voted 4-0 to authorize the Town Manager to sign the "Municipal Joinder Agreement" with Fiberight as a new Charter member of the Municipal Review Committee. Oakland will have all rights contained in the Municipal Joinder Agreement including an initial tipping fee of \$70 per ton at the Fiberight facility and cash distributions to be paid from the MRC Target Value Reserve to New Charter Municipalities to the extent necessary to achieve a net tipping fee of not more than \$67 per ton in each of the first three contract years.

Tracy Frost, Chairman of the Transfer Station Steering Committee presented their study of MSW options for Oakland's Municipal Solid Waste for 2018 and beyond. The committee highlighted the following areas:

In 2018 the current arrangement that municipalities have with PERC in Orrington expires. In order for PERC to stay in business they will be increasing their fees. This has created a situation where municipalities have to explore alternatives or budget for increased fees for waste management.

The committee reviewed the primary options the Town has for its' MSW: PERC, EcoMaine, Waste Management (Crossroads) and Fiberight.

Committee recommended Fiberight with a fifteen year contract @ \$70.00/ton with a rebate of \$3.00 for the first 3 years. The residuals will be transported to Norridgewock. This creates a backhaul to Oakland which would reduce trucking fees to \$10/ton. A total cost of fifteen year contract @ \$77/ton after rebates and guarantees Oakland a long term option. The MRC has negotiated a pass through contract with Cross Roads for 10 years at \$62.00/ton. The pass through contract will protect Towns by guaranteeing a 10 year MSW solution in case of an unforeseen failure.

4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to appoint Chief David Coughlin and Anthony Thibodeau as our new Health Officer(s) for a term of three (3) years. Our current Health Officer, Natalie Morse, will be retiring after serving numerous years in that capacity.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley, Sr., and voted 4-0 to award the printing of the annual Town Report to Skowhegan Press in the amount of \$1,280.00. The town received two (2) bids – Skowhegan Press @ \$1,280.00 and Color Graphics @\$2,465.00.
6. It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to select the flower committee photo for the cover of the Town Report.
7. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-0 to approve the revised edition of the 2016 Hazardous Communications Policy for the Town of Oakland.
8. Councilors signed the municipal warrants for posting the Annual Town Meeting.
9. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley and voted 4-0 to approve the renewal of the liquor license and special amusement permit for the American Legion.

Managers Report:

1. Councilors received the Library report for February 2016.
2. Councilors were advised that the Oakland Lion's Club donated \$250.00 to the Oakland Library.
3. The Town Manager reported he has visited the tax acquired property located at 43 Gagnon Road. As a result of the inspection it has been found that mold is growing throughout the home. The Manager will further investigate possible options that the Town may have in order to dispose of the property. Recommendations will be brought back to the Council members for their discussions.
4. Councilors discussed drainage concerns that run from the Town Office area to the Power Station on the Cascade Mill road. Councilors approved the agreement between the town and Messalonskee Stream Hydro, LLC, The agreement between the two parties includes the town providing the labor and equipment necessary to install the drainage system across Mess Hydro property. Mess Hydro agrees to pay for material

costs for the storm drainage system and all costs for the paving and curbing required.
The estimated cost for these improvements to be paid by Mess Hydro is \$5,950.80.

5. Councilors were advised that the Town has received the 2004 VW Passat from the Council approved forfeiture of July 14, 2015.

Adjournment: It was moved by Byron Wrigley seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 4-0 to adjourn at 7:25pm.