

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 9th, 2017

Council present: Michael Perkins, Chairman
Donald Borman Dana Wrigley
Harold Buzzell Mark Fisher

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Dave Coughlin, Fire Chief Kathy Geaghan, Assessor
Jon Cox Michael Tracy, Police Chief
Daniel Hapgood, Transfer Station Mgr. Douglas Mather, Finance Director
Nate Bernier

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the meetings held on July 12th, 2017, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. Tax Assessor, Kathleen Geaghan, reported that the increase in the Homestead Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000 brought a loss of \$68,496.04 to the town. Thus the increase actually saved the home owner an additional \$82.00 with the mil rate at 16.4.
3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Harold Buzzell and voted 5-0 to approve the list of potential balances to be carried forward in the total amount of \$299,425.
4. Chief Coughlin reported that currently our department issues between 500 to 700 fire permits annually. The state has a program in which we do not participate in as we have the volunteers to issue the permits from the station. The sale of the fire truck was posted on Craig's list and sold for \$6,000. A portion of the money from that sale will be used to upgrade the side by side owned by the department.
5. Transfer Station Manager, Dan Hapgood, updated the Council on the new services recently implemented. For the first six (6) months there was estimated total net revenue of \$668. That revenue has come from collection of televisions, monitors, bulbs and recycled paint. Dan reported that they are starting to advertise all of the new services being offered. It was moved by Harold Buzzell seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to authorize an increase, effective immediately, from the current \$66/ton to \$85/ton, for collection of CMSW, CDD and CDD Wood products. Dan noted that by approving the increase there would be a net positive difference of \$9,880/year. Justification for the proposed increase is a result of the revenue losses from Waterville and Winslow, increase in cost of tire disposal, hopes to reduce abuses of our lower fees

as compared to other local facilities and to compensate for future expenses associated with CDD grinding. There was additional discussion regarding the use of our scales by logging contractors. Currently those individuals are charged \$10.00 for this service. Councilors questioned whether the heavy trucks are causing damage to our roads leading to and from the Transfer Station. Further discussion will continue at the September 13, 2017 meeting.

6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of ten (10) body worn cameras for the police department. The full purchase price of the cameras would be \$8,790, with \$4,000 coming from the Fund Equity Account transferred to the Training account in order to make this purchase. Chief Tracy's memo regarding the use of BWC's outlined the factors used in determining the importance of using the cameras. The cameras will provide accurate recording interactions with the public during incidents, protects the officer and citizen when reviewed as a result of a citizen complaint, replacing outdated camera equipment in the interview/booking rooms and the DA office now requesting case material to include video footage. A "Body Worn Camera Use" policy will be adopted and adhered to by our officers.
7. Councilors made no recommendations pertinent to the proposed sports complex. Councilors agreed that they have not received nor reviewed any information pertaining to the RSU 18 Sports complex project to be voted upon by secret ballot in November. Therefore, members take no position at this time neither for nor against.
8. The Manager reported that thus far the Town of Oakland has expended \$4,843 for legal representation regarding our objection to the Salberg Chapter 13 Plan. Our lawyer has confirmed that state law prevents the municipality from recouping attorney fees, which have resulted from this case. All municipal tax liens and cost may be collected and filed with the courts in the form of a proof of claim. Councilors will be further updated as information is received.

Managers Report:

1. The Manager reported that the Facilities Committee was at a point that they need design help with the proposed station. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Brian E. Duffy Associates, to develop a preliminary sketch and floor plan for the proposed Fire Station, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
2. The Manager reported that the power at the Gazebo should be installed this week and the project should be completed within two (2) weeks. There will be signs placed asking for the public to stop feeding the geese.

3. The Manager reported that Fiberight has a completion date of April 1st at which time they will be up and running accepting trash.
4. Councilors received the Library report for June.
5. Memorial Hall - It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to continue the rental agreement with Scott Stevens, of Studio One, in the amount of \$400.00 for the dance season 2017-2018.
6. LUCA - It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 that the town will not participate in the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation known as LUCA (US Census Bureau). The project would require hours of municipal involvement.

Other:

Canceled - There was no need for the Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters.

Adjournment - It was moved by Harold Buzzell seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:50pm.