**Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday March 11th, 2020

Roll Call: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman

Robert Nutting David Groder

Donald Borman

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk

Hyland Barrows Jon Cox Boyd Snowden

Ray Corson Nate Bernier Madison Roy

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Dave Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 26th, 2020 and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. Mr. Ray Corson of CGIS Solutions of Portland provided his GIS presentation to the council. Mr. Corson had met previously with the Assessor, Code Enforcement Officer, Building & Grounds and Environmental Services to discuss the benefits of having the capability of using this within our town departments. Everyone agreed that it would be very beneficial to them. Mr. Corson provided an overview of its’ use by the Town of Skowhegan and the benefits. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Dave Groder and voted 5-0 to authorize the purchase of the system in the amount of $2,800 (initial cost and start up) along with a $100 monthly hosting fee.
3. It was moved by Robert Nutting seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to accept the Comprehensive Plan with amendments as suggested. The Plan will be sent to the State Planning Office for their review and voted upon in June. Councilors noted that that the Plan has recommended written strategies for the towns’ use. Councilor Nutting noted that the Plan is truly a business plan for the town which now should not sit on a shelf. A steering committee will be formed to carry out the Plan.
4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve/accept the recent donations for the music series to be held at the Gazebo in the amount of $10,000.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to allow the Business Committee to hold their meet and greet on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, in the town parking lot located on Center Street. In addition, the Business Committee requested a monetary donation from the town to be used at their “Gala” for presentation of a “Spirit of Oakland Award”. The intent of the award is that the recipient would then pass that money (award) to a charity of their choice. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman to authorize the expenditure of $100.00 to the Business Association for their use in presenting an award the night of the Gala. It was moved by Donald Borman seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 4-1(Dave Groder opposed) to amend the motion that the town would allocate $100.00 to the Business Association, not tied to the award. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 4-1(David Groder opposed) to transfer $100.00 from the fund equity account for this donation.
6. The Town Manager presented a copy of a “Sexual Harassment Policy” that has been drafted with input from three (3) surrounding towns. Our current policy was adopted November 14, 2007, thus being outdated. Councilors and the Town Manager will review the document and bring back suggestions/recommendations for a future meeting.
7. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to approve applying for the MMA grant for up to ten standup workstations. If awarded the town would be responsible for $417 of the total grant amount of $1672.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to enter into executive session at 7:05 pm pursuant to 1MRSA Section 405(6)(F).

It was moved by David Groder seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 7:15 pm with no votes being taken.

Adjournment: It was moved, seconded and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:15 pm.