

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

Roll Call: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley Donald Borman  
Robert Nutting David Groder

Others: Gari Bowman, Town Manager Kelly Pinney Michaud  
AJ Cain, Building Maintenance Janice Porter, Town Clerk  
Chief Michael Tracy Rick Stubbert, Deputy Chief  
Boyd Snowden, Oakland Environmental Service  
Raymond Brickett Jay Boulette  
Jon Cox Kelly Roderick  
Michael Benecke Donna Griffin

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and signing the disbursement warrant.
2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the renewals of the following Junkyard Permits through September 2022:

AIM Recycling	Jerome Boulette	Raymond Brickett
Donald Davis	Jeffrey Higgins	Kennebec Scrap Iron

The code Enforcement Officer, David Savage, reported that he had visited the licensed junk yards over the at couple of weeks. Most of the yards are inactive as this time. Two commercial yards, AIM Recycling and Kennebec Scrap, are active and moving materials in and out of their businesses. Two complaints received by his office were addressed. Mr. Savage found no violations that would prevent all the junk yard licenses from being renewed.

3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 confirming the hiring of Michael Benecke Jr., as a full-time police officer, for the town of Oakland.
4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to accept the buy-out funds from Oxford County Sheriff Department in the amount of \$32,000, as Officer VonHusen left our department to join Oxford. Those funds reimbursed to the town will be used for future department training needs.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve the hiring of a temporary full-time employee for the Buildings and Grounds Department. With the goal of making this a permanent full-time position with next year's budget. The new position hire date will be as of November 1, 2021 @ \$18.00 an hour with a six (6) month probationary period. The position will be funded by the remaining funds in the current budget along with an additional amount of approximately \$8,122.

6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve the use of the ARPA funds (\$666,000) awarded to the town, to make improvements to the sewer system. It was agreed that the I/I being sent to Waterville is generating a cost that our sewer users are having to pay for. Two areas of interest were discussed, of which the sewer lines are crumbling and causing I/I to enter the pipes for treatment. Boyd noted that two of those areas are located on lower Oak Street and South Alpine Street. It was agreed that the Council would not recommend target areas for these projects. Boyd and Gari will further research/investigate the areas that show the most need for repairs along with the cost associated to apply for that funding with ARPA funds.
7. The Manager reported that the new LED streetlights should be installed by the last week of October.
8. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to approve the second reading of the General Assistance Ordinance with amendments.
9. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 to accept a \$22,000 anonymous donation made to the town for playground equipment at Pleasant Point.
10. The Manager stated that the Memorial Hall Committee is being formed to decide on future use of the building and the immediate issue that would need to be addressed.

Adjournment: It was moved by David Groder seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:00 pm.