

MECHANIC FALLS TOWN COUNCIL

November 2, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair
Wayne Hackett, Vice-Chair
Stephen Bolduc
Cathy Fifield
Nick Konstantoulakis

STAFF PRESENT:

Koriene Low – Incoming Town Manager
Shirley Marquis – Town Clerk
Fred Sturtevant – Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT:

Win Durgin – Sun Journal
John Hawley
Jeff Tarantino
Thomas Tarantino

Lou Annance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with all Council present. We stood and saluted the flag.

Reports:

1.01 Council Meeting Minutes October 5th 1.02 Municipal Financial Reports

1.03 Departmental Reports Submitted Cathy Fifield made a motion to accept the reports as presented, except the Police Report. Seconded by Wayne Hackett. Cathy Fifield mentioned that on the Police Report, both columns have the same figures. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous. We will have the Police report corrected for the next meeting.

Public Comments:

No public comments at this time. It was asked why Thomas Tarantino was in attendance. He explained that he is working on a Boy Scout Badge.

Reports of the Town Manager:

Old Business

3.01 Road Paving – Koriene stated that the road paving is 85% complete, and will be done by Friday.

3.02 Lane Road Construction – Koriene stated that the Lane Road is done except for some problems that resulted from the heavy rain. November 19th FEMA will be here, and they should be happy with the project. Nicholas Konstantoulakis made a motion to name the culvert John's Culvert. Motion dies for lack of a second. The project came in under the total Federal budget, but over \$4,000. In the Town's share, it will come out of paving.

3.03 Third Avenue Construction – Koriene explained that the pole is out, and the wires are down, will be paved by the end of this week. The neighborhood will be happy when this is done.

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3.04 Public Works Opening- We are looking for a public works laborer; they must have a CDL license. We are taking applications until November 20th.

3.05 Voting Day - The Polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm, voting in the Gym for the State Referendum Election.

3.06 Manager Transition- Koriene stated that it has been an incredible 2 weeks. She has toured all the Town buildings and every road with John. She has been meeting with Department heads and staff. She has attended the Safety Committee and Dog Park Committee meetings. She is very passionate about businesses coming here.

New Business

4.01 DOT Funding Cuts / AVCOG- Koriene explained that she had received a letter from AVCOG telling us that the MDOT is proposing to significantly reduce the amount of funding given to AVCOG (75%) for the 2016 and future years. There could be staff layoffs at AVCOG, John stated that these cuts could affect Joan's position. We currently pay approximately \$2,800 a year for membership.

4.02 County Law Suit - Koriene stated she would defer to Stephen as he serves on the budget committee. Stephen Bolduc said that the new County Administrator seems to want to work with the budget committee. The insurance company will pick up the County Commissioners lawsuit. With the current budget if it goes through, an increase of \$287, our share. We need to stay in the fight. Not sure who is fighting this, they don't attend the meetings. Livermore has pulled out, they didn't want to be on the hook for the legal fees. This is a mess and its not going to be straightened out without lawyers. Wednesday night is the final meeting. The Council told Koriene to tell Mr. Bennett that Mechanic Falls is staying in.

4.03 County Charter Resolution- A No vote is in order. It was brought to Koriene's attention that the Resolve should read, Mechanic Falls Town Council, not Selectmen. Also, Stephen Bolduc mentioned that the line concerning the County Treasurer should be removed. Wayne Hackett made a motion to sign the resolve with the above mentioned changes. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

4.04 Dog Park Location – Koriene mentioned that they have looked at the Walker Road old transfer station site for the Dog Park location, but needs approval from the Town Council. It was asked if they would put up a fence. It was mentioned that there is a grant application through Lowe's they will be applying for. They also need to look at long term plans for cleanup. Wayne Hackett made a motion to allow the Walker Road old transfer station site be used as the Dog Park location. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

4.05 Historical Society- Koriene stated that she had met with a member of the Historical Society and was told that there is less than \$2,000 in their funding. There are a lot of documents that should be secured. There is much conflict in the Historical Society. It was suggested to invite them the next Council meeting or hold a new meeting before that time. It was mentioned that the Town Council appoints them. If we sold the property, the money from the sale would go to a non-profit in our community. We can ask that the members attend the meeting, but they

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might not answer. Invite them and have them bring their books (financial records) and it's a mandatory meeting. The meeting with the Historical Society and the Council will be held, Monday, November 23th at 6:30 pm.

4.06 Water Dept. Budget Meeting – The meeting will be held December 2nd at 7 pm at the Water Department.

4.07 Town Office Closed – Nov. 11th, 26th & 27th – The Town offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving.

Ordinances, Resolves, & Licenses

5.01 Resignation – Zach Yates, Public Works- Wayne Hackett made a motion to accept Zach Yates resignation from Public Works. Seconded by Cathy Fifield. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

5.02 Resolve – County Charter Amendment – Already taken this item up earlier.

5.03 Liquor License – Stan Nikas, Village Pizzeria – Renewal – Wayne Hackett made a motion to grant the renewal Liquor license to the Village Pizzeria. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

5.04 Appointment – Thomas Walton, Budget Committee – Wayne Hackett made a motion to appoint Thomas Walton to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Cathy Fifield. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

5.05 Poland Food Bank- Koriene wanted the Council to know that a thank you card was received from the Poland Food Bank for the Town's donation.

The Council asked Fred Sturtevant how he was doing. He said it is slow going, but he is back to work part-time. He is achy in the legs.

Wayne Hackett made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No further discussion. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley A. Marquis, Town Clerk