

Mechanic Falls Special Town Council

February 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicholas Konstantoulakis
Tarsha Downing, Vice Chair

John Emery
Kieth Bennett, Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Zakk Maher – Town Manager
Julie Ward – Town Clerk
Jeff Goss-Police Chief

OTHERS PRESENT:

Milton Walker	Walter Goss
Paula Stotts	Mark Stotts
Peter Ford Sr	Lou Annance

1.0 Councilor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

2.0 We stood and saluted the flag.

3.0 Roll Call complete

4.0 General Reports:

None

5.0 : Public Hearing:

None

6.0: Comments from the Public:

Milton Walker of Riverside Drive asked about the police cruiser involved in accident, if our insurance was covering it or the person that hit it. Police Chief Jeff Goss stated that the Town had full coverage and he had not heard back from the other party's insurance as of yet. Chief Goss also stated the insurance adjuster said the cruiser is totaled and does not feel safe putting it back on the road.

7.0 Old Business:

7.1 Planning Board Agenda Minutes

Lou Goulet Chair of the Planning board was concerned about all members showing up and having an unannounced meeting, so he requested a letter be send to the Planning Board asking what the council is asking of them. A letter was drafted and signed by Councilor Bennett.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Emergency Office Closure Policy

First reading of the proposed changes to the Personnel Policy regarding Snow Emergency was read. It stated in the event of emergencies requiring closure of non-essential office by the Town Manager or his/her designee employees who were scheduled to work will be paid for their scheduled hours. Emergency and essential staff may be asked to work during closures and will receive regular pay. The prior policy stated employee must use vacation time.

8.2 Police Cruiser

There were 2 options available that fit the need, one was a 2020 Ford interceptor Hybrid-silver priced at \$45,426.69, and the other was a 2020 Ford Interceptor black priced at 48,176.55. The Silver Hybrid would be available immediately and done in around 3 weeks.

Mark Stotts of Standpipe Road asked if the warranty was the same on a Hybrid. Chief Goss said as far as he knew the warranty would be the same for both.

Lou Annance of Jordan Road asked what the time frame and cost was between the hybrid and regular. Chief Goss said the Hybrid is available now and it's about \$3000.00 cheaper. It comes with a standard warranty unless the town wants to pay for additional.

Councilor Emery asks about the battery life of the Hybrid and also if the servicing was going to cost more. Chief Goss wasn't sure about the servicing but from what he was told the batteries usually out live the car.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to take \$45426.69 out of the General Fund, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor, so voted.

Workshop is scheduled for 5pm on March2, 2020

9.0 Ordinances, Resolves Policies & Licenses

None

10.0 Executive Session:

None

11.0 Adjourn:

Councilor Emery motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor, so voted. Meeting adjourned 6.59pm