

# Mechanic Falls Town Council

## February 3, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicholas Konstantoulakis  
Tarsha Downing

John Emery  
Kieth Bennett, Vice Chair

### STAFF PRESENT:

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

Steve Turner- Transfer Station

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Paula Stotts  
Milton Walker  
Mark Elliott  
Sandra Ballard  
Thomas Webster  
Victoria Cleary  
Sean Cleary

Robert Oehme  
Norma Crabtree  
Penny Emery  
Sharon Webster  
Martha Yates  
Peter Ford Sr

Rudy Kyllonen  
Eriks Petersons-Sun Journal  
Tim Nugent  
Rena Berry  
Brenda Coleman  
Laurie Crane Turton

**1.0** Councilor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**2.0** We stood and saluted the flag.

**3.0** Roll Call complete, Councilor Fifield-absent

Councilor Bennett announced that Councilor Fifield resigned effective 1/30/2020. Applications will be accepted to replace @ next regular meeting.

### **4.0 General Reports:**

#### **4.1 Meeting Minutes for January 6<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Councilor Emery motioned to approve the meeting minutes for January 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted.

#### **4.2 Department Reports as submitted**

Councilor Downing motioned to approve department reports, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor so voted.

### **5.0 : Public Hearing:**

#### **5.1 Mill House Pub Liquor License Renewal**

No Comment

## **5.2 Mill House Pub Special Amusement Permit**

Peter Ford of Park Street asked what kind of permit it was for. Town Manager Zakk Maher explained it was for entertainments, live bands, music, etc.

## **5.3 Silver Spur Special Amusement Permit**

No Comment

## **5.4 Eggceptional Liquor License Renewal**

No Comment

## **6.0: Comments from the Public:**

Penny Emery of Clifford Street asked if anyone has heard back from the Code Enforcement Review person. Councilor Bennet told her he had not and he would look into it and call her when he finds out.

Eriks Petersons-Sun Journal wanted to know when and Councilor Fifield had resigned and if she gave any reason. Councilor Bennett said there was no reason given and they received an email on 1/30/20.

## **7.0 Old Business:**

### **7.1 22 Pleasant Street Update**

Town Manager Zakk Maher stated price reduced and he confirmed updated listing and there is no other information for now.

### **7.2 Council Discussion Topics**

Councilor Konstantoulakis asked about the snow policy for Town Employees. Currently the policy states if the office is closed due to weather the employee must take vacation time to get paid for that day. He asked if there was a way to change it. He called surrounding Towns and they all get paid for the day if the Town Manager closes the office due to inclement weather.

Town Manager Zakk Maher said he would draft a new policy.

### **7.3 Code Enforcement Investigation**

Penny Emery of Clifford Street stated that it has been going on since November and didn't understand what was taking so long.

Rena Berry of Bucknam Street wanted to know who was chosen. Robert Overton is a CEO in Augusta and everything has been sent over and Council has not heard anything back yet.

Eriks Petersons of the Sun Journal said that this whole issue has been kind of cloudy from the get go and knew Town Manager Zakk Maher was not involved. He wanted to know who was taking over. Councilor Bennett explained now that Councilor Fifield resigned, he would be taking over going forward.

## **7.4 Municipal Complex Plan**

Town Manager Zakk Maher stated that to move forward there were a few things that would have to happen. Establishing a Committee, developing a short- and long-range plan so the Committee could make recommendations to the Town Council. Committee make up shall include:

- Council Member -
- MFDC Member -
- Planning Board Member -
- Budget Committee Member -
- Recreation Committee Member –
- Library Trustee Member –
- Historical Society Member –
- Community Member at Large
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Town Manager Zakk Maher asked the Council when to get started and how would they like to get 2 Community members involved, would they have to apply? This would be just an Advisory Committee with no minutes and it would be gathering information

A committee application should be filled out for any Community Member that would like to be a part of this.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to approve the Municipal Complex Plan Committee, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor, so voted.

Councilor Downing is willing to be a part of the Committee as long as she is here.

Councilor Emery motioned for Councilor Downing to be the member of the Municipal Complex Committee, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted.

## **8.0 New Business:**

### **8.1 Foreclosure List**

None as of right now, 2 Payments arrangements have been made, and one payment is pending through mortgage company.

### **8.2 Annual Report Dedication Nominations**

We are looking for a person to dedicate the Annual Report to. If anyone has any suggestions please contact the office and submit your suggestion. We would like to have it in by middle of March.

### **8.3 Spirit of America Dedication**

We are looking to nominate a person for the Spirit of America Award. This person would be invited to attend a dinner and receive recognition for being an active member of the community. If anyone has any suggestions please contact the office and submit your suggestion. We would like to have it in by middle of March.

#### **8.4 Planning Board Agenda/Minutes**

Councilor Downing asked if Planning Board Agenda/Minutes could be uploaded to the Towns website like the Council Meeting Minutes are monthly.

Councilor Emery suggested they speak to the Chair of the Planning Board because he thought the Chair and other members were unaware of what was being asked.

Paula Stotts of Standpipe Rd stated the Planning Board does not always meet on a monthly basis, it depended on whether or not an application had been submitted or if they were working on an ordinance.

Councilor Emery motioned to table, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor unanimous.

Town Manager Zakk Maher stated he would reach out to the Planning Board Members and invite them to come to the next meeting.

#### **8.5 Election Clerk**

The following people will be participating in March 3, 2020 Election

Nancy Petersons-Warden, Michelle Emery- Deputy Registrar, Summer Emery, Jacqueline Preston, and Brenda Coleman will all be election clerks.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to approve all for March 3<sup>rd</sup> Election, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor 3-1. Council Emery abstained due to family member on list.

#### **8.6 MDOT South Main Street Bridge Notice**

Town Manager Zakk Maher was informed by MDOT that they will be resurfacing the South Main Street bridge this year. It should begin around June 5 2020 and end by August 22, 2020

#### **9.0 Ordinances, Resolves Policies & Licenses**

##### **9.1 Mill House Pub Liquor License Renewal**

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to approve Mill House Pub Liquor License, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor unanimous.

##### **9.2 Mill House Pub Special Amusement Permit**

Councilor Emery motioned to approve Mill House Special Amusement Permit, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted.

##### **9.3 Silver Spur Special Amusement Permit**

Councilor Emery motioned to approve Silver Spur Special Amusement Permit, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor, unanimous.

##### **9.4 Eggceptional Liquor License Renewal**

Councilor Downing motioned to approve Eggceptional Liquor License Renewal, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor, unanimous.

Councilor Bennet motioned to suspend Roberts Rules of Order and add item to agenda, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted.

The Council rules of Order and Procedure were added as an additional item to the agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> review.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to suspend Robert Rules of Order to Vote in New Chair and Vice Chair, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor, so voted.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to have Councilor Downing as Vice Chair, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor 3-1 Councilor Downing abstained.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to make Councilor Bennett Chair, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in for 3-1 Councilor Bennett abstained.

#### ***10.0 Executive Session: Labor Negotiations Title 1 MRS Sec. 405 (6)(E)***

Councilor Downing motioned to enter executive session, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor, so voted.

Entered Session @ 7:26pm

*Councilor Bennett ended session @ 8.25*

#### ***11.0 Adjourn:***

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor, so voted. Meeting adjourned 8:27pm