

# Mechanic Falls Town Council

## August 5, 2019

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Fifield, Chair  
Wayne Hackett, Vice Chair

Nicholas Konstantoulakis  
John Emery

Absent-Kieth Bennett

### STAFF PRESENT:

Fred Collins Jr-Interim Town Manager  
Julie Ward – Interim Town Clerk  
Jack Conway=-Town Attorney  
Steve Turner-Transfer Station  
Aaron Tremblay-Police

Lisa Prevost-Treasurer  
Michelle Emery-Water/Police Dept  
Andrew Coleman-Public Works  
Jeff Goss-Police Chief  
Ashley Cleaves- Rec Coordinator

Nancy Petersons-Library  
John Rowe- Public Works  
James Daigle-Police

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Eriks Petersons, Reporter  
Phillip Dunn  
Norma Crabtree  
Margaret Polley  
Cheryl Kelly  
Richard Williamson  
Martha Yates  
Talmadge Crabtree  
Rudy Kyllonen  
Mark Gary  
Peggy Goddard  
Paula Stotts  
Dorothy Bouchles  
Pam Doyle  
Victoria Cleary  
Cindy Cormier  
Sandra Ballard  
Tyler Thayer  
Jeff Coolidge  
Anthony Emery  
Ernie Anderson

Robert Emery  
Gary Thibodeau  
Donald Boyd  
Jim Vadeboncoeur  
Samuel Kelley  
William Dyer  
Rena Berry  
Christopher Strout  
Brenda Coleman  
Adam Lee  
Nathan Wentworth  
Jennifer Oliver  
Penny Emery  
Mary Pray  
Sean Cleary  
Bill Cormier  
Diane Bickford  
Laurie Crane Turton  
Charles Vincent  
Thomas Webster  
Lindsey Anderson

Verna Coolidge  
Mona Dunn  
Kathy Salls  
Jennifer Williamson  
Ken Salls  
Patricia Dyer  
Roger Guptill  
Tarsha Downing  
Patrick Irish  
Sharon Webster  
Aaron Ouellette  
Joseph McMorrow  
Eileen Harrison  
Carla Pray  
Terry Kelly County Commissioner #6  
Catherine Pressey  
Keith Bickford  
Erick Pennanen  
Mark Elliott  
Jackie Preston

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

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

**3.0** Roll Call complete, all Council Members present

Interim Town Manager Fred Collins Jr asked the council if they would add an agenda item by suspending Roberts Rule of Order for consideration of the preliminary resolution letter for the removal of Town Manager that was dated June 25, 2019 Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to add the item to suspend Roberts Rules of order and add item to agenda. Vice Chair Councilor Hackett seconded, all in favor unanimous.

## **9.2 Consideration of Preliminary Resolution Letter for removal of Town manager**

Councilor Hackett motions to put the consideration of the preliminary resolution letter for the removal of Town Manager at the top of the agenda. Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded, all in favor unanimous.

Councilor Hackett Motions to rescind the letter and reinstate Zakk Maher as Town Manager. Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded, all in favor so voted.

## **4.0 General Reports**

### **4.1 Council Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2019**

Council Konstantoulakis motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Hackett. All in favor, so voted.

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

Councilor Hackett moves to accept the reports as submitted, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. All in favor, so voted.

## **5.0 Public Hearings:**

NONE

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

Roger Guptill of Riverside Drive had a complaint about several places not being up to code and had asked about Code Enforcement not following up and who he needed to talk to.

Aaron Ouellette of Saunders Road questioned on why Lou Annance didn't finish out his term how come it was not made public knowledge of the error. Councilor Konstantoulakis said they were shocked. Attorney Jack Conway said the Town manager asked him if the resolution he came up with was ok and that was the end of it and it was a Clerk error. He also asked about the public hearing that was scheduled and Attorney Conway assumed it would be cancelled.

Randal Madore of Lower Myrtle Street wanted to know why they didn't suspend the Roberts Rule of order at the last meeting to discuss the Resolution Matter and also questioned the Town Attorney on who he actually worked for. Attorney Jack Conway said I work for the Municipality of Mechanic Falls, the elected officials and the Town Manager.

Catherine Pressey of Buckman Street wanted some one to look into the fencing on 153 North Main Street to see if meets the set back requirements of the town.

An unnamed resident questioned how much the cost of the Attorney Fees were going to be accrued because of the suspension.

## **7.0 Old Business:**

### **7.1 Extension on RFP for 22 Pleasant Street**

Councilor Hackett motioned to approve the extension, Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded, all in favor, so voted.

### **7.2 Planning Board Liaison**

If the Planning Board was willing to change their meetings from third Monday of the month to the Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30p, Councilor Konstantoulakis would take it. Chair of the Planning Board Paula Stotts said they would talk about moving the meetings on the next meeting of August 19.

### **7.3 Appeals Board Liaison**

No decision was made.

### **7.4 Bid on Tax Acquired Property 17 Clifford Street**

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned Jesse Parker the highest bidder for 25,000 to be awarded for 17 Clifford Street. Councilor Hackett seconded, all in favor so voted.

### **7.5 Bid on Tax Acquired Property 289 South Main Street**

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned Russell Giasson the highest bidder for 63,750 to be awarded for 289 South Main Street. Councilor Hackett seconded, all in favor so voted.

### **7.6 Bid on Tax Acquired Property 60 Brookline Drive**

Councilor Wayne Hackett motioned Phillip and Mona Dunn for highest bidder for 17,125 for 60 Brookline Drive, Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded, all in favor, so voted.

## ***New Business:***

### **8.1 Budget Adjustments for 2018/2019**

Treasurer Lisa Prevost because the budgets exceeded 110% on 3 items, she needed authorization to move funds around. Auditor Budget was over spend by \$798.00 because of the Recreation books she would like to move the balance from the contingency fund to cover the overage. The Town Manager budget was over spent by \$7890 from when previous Town Manger Koriene Low was paid out for vacation, sick and would like to transfer money from the Insurance and Pensions fund to cover the overage. June legal fees was over spent by \$997.50 and Lisa would like to move money from the contingency fund as well to cover the additional cost.

Councilor Emery motioned to let Lisa move item to come in line with the budget, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis all in favor, unanimous.

### **8.2 Androscoggin County Tax**

Signed by Councilor Fifield, Councilor Hackett, Councilor Konstantoulakis and Councilor Emery.

### **8.3 Mil Rate for 2019-2020**

There were three different Mil Rates presented to the Council for 2019-2020 Taxes. The highest being 21.00, second 20.95 and 20.90 as third option. Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to use 20.95 Mil Rate with a \$24,154.49 overlay. Councilor Emery seconded, all in favor so voted.

### **8.4 Extraction Tool for Fire Department**

Chief Fred Sturtevant stood and explained the budget was approved for \$9500.00 to purchase tool and instead of asking for it to go out to bid they would like to purchase the equipment from Harrison Shrader out of Lewiston, by buying local they can get the special battery needed for the equipment right at the hardware store. He was looking for the Council to approve a purchase order for \$8930.00

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to approve the purchase order, seconded by Councilor Hackett, all in favor was so voted.

### **8.5 Appointment of GA Administrator**

Councilor Hackett motioned to appoint Rebecca Andrews to be the towns GA Administrator, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor unanimous.

### **8.6 School Committee Appointment**

Chelsea Clavet agreed to sign on to the School Committee board until 2020 to fill a vacancy.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to appoint Chelsea Clavet to the School Committee seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor so voted.

### **8.7 School Committee Appointment**

Chair Mary Martin of the school committee requested that Lou Goulet be appointed to fill a position that was left to end in 2020.

Councilor Hackett motioned to appoint Lou Goulet until June 2020, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis all in favor, Councilor Fifield in favor, Councilor Emery not in favor.

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

### **9.1 Fireworks Ordinance**

A resident had formed a complaint about the Fireworks Ordinances that is place regards to the streets. Chief Jeff Goss explained the streets were not part of the actual Ordinance and it was a guide for the office staff on what streets might not meet the requirements. The Council suggest that it be brought back to Planning Board to be re visited. There was also a recommendation that the Ordinance be reposted on the Town Website.

Councilor Hackett made motion to send back to Planning Board for review, Councilor Konstantoulakis seconded, all in favor, so voted.

**10.0 Executive Session None.**

**11.0 Adjourn:**

Councilor Hackett motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. All in favor, so voted. Meeting adjourned 7:47pm

Next Meeting September 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm (Council Room)