

Mechanic Falls Town Council

October 7, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Fifield, Chair
Wayne Hackett, Vice Chair

Nicholas Konstantoulakis
John Emery II

Kieth Bennett

STAFF PRESENT:

Zakk Maher – Town Manager
Julie Ward – Town Clerk
John Rowe-Public Works

Lisa Prevost-Treasurer
Steve Turner-Transfer Station

OTHERS PRESENT:

Milton Walker
Mark Elliott
Martha Yates
Rena Berry
Pam Doyle
William Herrick

Walter Berry
Penny Emery
Sandra Ballard
Donald Boyd
Victoria Cleary
Randal Madore

Eriks Petersons-Sun Journal
Bobbi Jo Nugent
Tim Nugent
Catherine Pressey
Valerie Emery
Dorothy Bouchles

Lori Vadeboncoeur
Jimmy Vadeboncoeur
Charles Vincent
Laurie Crane Turton
Brenda Coleman

1.0 Councilor Hackett called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

2.0 We stood and saluted the flag.

3.0 Roll Call complete, all Council Members present (Councilor Fifield late @ 6:35pm)

4.0 General Reports:

4.1 Council Meeting Minutes for September 3rd, 16th, 23rd, 2019

Councilor Konstantoulakis moves to accept all the September minutes as written, seconded by Councilor Bennett and voted to accept by unanimous vote.

4.2 Municipal Financial Reports

Councilor Bennett moves to accept the Financial Reports as submitted, seconded by Councilor Emery. All in favor, so voted.

5.0 Public Hearings: Liquor License: Little Brick Pub

No Comments from the public

6.0 Comments from the Public:

Catherine Pressey expressed her concern again regarding the fence on the corner of North Main and Bucknam Street and said that it shouldn't be the CEO's responsibility since the fence sits on a public way, it should be left up to the council to determine if the fence should be removed.

Steve Turner of True Street wanted to know if we could post the meetings in more places to inform the towns people about monthly meetings.

Penny Emery of Clifford Street said the sign outside is very hard to read while you are driving by and wondered if we could post stuff of the Facebook page.

7.0 Old Business:

7.1 Legal Question: Council Quorum

Milton Walker of Riverside Drive doesn't think there is a problem with 3 council members on the Sanitary District Trustee Board. There seems to be no one that wants to hold a seat on that board. Councilor Konstantoulakis suggested to wait until Spring and see if people still have an issue. Councilor Bennett agreed that he felt like there would be no issue with the members staying on the board. Sandra Ballard of Clifford Street suggested to leave as is.

7.2 Planning Board Member Appointment

It came to Town Manager Zakk Maher that the appointment of Lou Annance was done via email in June of 2018 and wanted to correct the issue. Councilor Hackett motioned to appoint Lou Annance to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted. Mr. Annance's term will begin October 2019.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 IPAD donation to Pink Feather

Councilor Emery motioned to donate 4 IPADs to Pink Feather Foundation, seconded by Councilor Bennett, all in favor, so voted.

8.2 Spirit of America Award- Gary Purington

Town Manager Zakk Maher asked if any of the Councilors would be interested in going to the Spirit of America award since Gary Purington was receiving this year. Councilor Fifield and Councilor Konstantoulakis will attend.

8.3 Vehicle Registration Fee Increase.

The legislation passed an increase of \$2.00 for BMV Agent fees, Councilor Hackett motioned to increase the fees by \$2.00, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted, effective immediately.

8.4 GA Maximums

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to approve the 2019-2020 GA Maximums set by the state, Councilor Bennett seconded, all in favor so voted.

8.5 Codes Review

The individual that agreed to look at the codes and ordinance's felt there were too many contradicting ordinance's regarding code in the town. Town Manager Zakk Maher is still working on agents, and will also gather pricing. There is a company that will come in and review the towns ordinance and flag any that they feel should be reviewed but it would cost between \$10,000-\$12,000. It might have to go out to vote for residents to agree.

9.0 Ordinances, Resolves & Licenses:

9.1 Liquor License: Little Brick Pub

Councilor Hackett motioned to approve Little Brick Pub's Liquor License, seconded by Councilor Bennett, all in favor so voted.

9.2 Abatement request

Five abatement requests were issued to the Tax office. Philip Ritchie was due to receive the Homestead exemption and it was not applied to his 2020 taxes; his abatement request was for \$398.00. Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor, unanimous.

Second Request was submitted by O'Donnell & Associate's for a Personal Property error for Auburn Manufacturing. O'Donnell is requesting \$1497.72 due to calculation error made. Councilor Hackett motioned to approve the abatement, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor, so voted.

Third request was for Natalie and Rudolph Kyllonen requesting an abatement for a pool that was removed years ago, but still be assessed for. Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to deny the request seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor, so voted.

Fourth request was submitted by O'Donnell & Associates as well for Rhonda and David Huskins. The Huskins's purchased a foreclosed property from the Town in 2018 with the intentions of demoing the building. No Demo permit was issued and resident. The requested amount was \$1027.22. Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to accept the abatement, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor, unanimous.

Fifth request was also from O'Donnell & Associates for the Estate of Brenda Cronin, Brent Wyman reached out to the assessor requesting to look at the home because he felt that it should be condemned and was looking for some tax relief. Councilor Hackett motioned to deny the request, seconded by Councilor Bennett, all in favor so voted.

9.3 Draft: Conflict of Interest Resolution:

9.4 Draft Transparency in Action

9.5 Draft: Councilor Qualifications

9.6 Draft: Town Manager Role

Councilor Hackett mentioned that Town Attorney Jack Conway recommended not signing the four draft items. Councilor Fifield recommended they go to a work shop on October 15 in Bridgton that MMA was teaching. All councilors agreed they would attend with Town Manager.

Councilor Hackett motioned to table all items until the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted.

10.0 Executive Session: NONE

11.0 Adjourn:

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilor Bennett. All in favor, so voted. Meeting adjourned 7:45pm