

Mechanic Falls Special Town Council

March 16, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tarsha Downing, Vice Chair
Nick Konstantoulakis
John Emery II
Kieth Bennett, Chair
Rose Aikman

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paula Stotts Milton Walker Lou Goulet

1.0 Councilor Bennett called the meeting to order at 1pm.

2.0 We stood and saluted the flag.

3.0 Roll Call complete

Town Manager Zakk Maher wanted to update Council with EMA letter concerning COVID-19. All non-essential meetings have been postponed and the Library is currently closed. The EMA is working on more equipment and has equipment pulled and ready, there will be screening questions when going on when called out. All activities in Municipals Gym have been suspended as well. He will be keeping the council updated on what the State and CDC is advising.

The Budget/Council meeting scheduled for March 19th is cancelled and moved to April 2nd.

4.0 General Reports

None

5.0 Public Hearing

None

6.0 Public Comments

None

7.0 Old Business

None

8.0 New Business

8.1 AVCOG Planning Agreement

The Town is a member and can utilize AVCOG for the planning board as part of the membership they offer. Fees would be set up through an escrow and the person applying would have to pay upfront. AVCOG would then go through the application and go over it with the Planning Board.

Milton Walker of Riverside Drive asked if this was something that had to be done now or can it wait until April meeting, he was concerned about the how much it would cost for the town. Town Manager Zakk Maher explained it was part of our membership fees and the person applying would pay for the cost up front.

Councilor Emery motioned to approve the AVCOG agreement, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted.

Councilor Aikman was concerned about the closure of Town Office and felt that older residents needed to access information from us. Town Manager Zakk Maher stressed there are many online services that are available and he would be following CDC recommendations.

Paula Stotts of Standpipe Rd asked if fees were going to be waived, and unfortunately those fees come from the services and banks not the Town.

9.0 Ordinances, Resolves, Policies and Licenses

None

10.0 Executive Session

10.1 Labor Negotiations Title MRS Sec. 405(6)(D)

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to enter executive session Title MRS sec 405(6)(D), seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor so voted.

Entered session at 1:15pm

Councilor Bennett declared to come out of session at 2:00pm

11.0 Adjourn:

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor so voted. Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm