

Mechanic Falls Special Town Council
April 14, 2020
Via Zoom

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

- 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

4.0 General Reports

4.1 Meeting Minutes for March 3rd, 5th, 16th

Councilor Emery motioned to accept meeting minutes from March 3rd, 5th, 16th, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted.

Councilor Aikman suggested helping out tax payers during the pandemic and wanted to extend the tax payments like other towns had been doing.

Councilor Aikman motion to move the tax date from May 15th to July 15th, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor so voted.

4.2 Department Reports as submitted

Councilor Aikman motioned to accept the Department reports as submitted, seconded by Councilor Emery, all in favor unanimous.

5.0 Public Hearing

None

6.0 Public Comments

None

7.0 Old Business

7.1 22 Pleasant Street Update

Town Manager Zakk Maher stated no new showings, once State of Emergency is lifted, it will be addressed. Councilor Aikman asked how long the current contract with realtor was, Town Manager believes August. Councilor Aikman also asked what the listed price and how much the town purchased it for. The current listing is 550K and we purchased it for 380K.

7.2 Council Discussion Topics

Councilor Aikman asked about the Police Union contract and wondered if the Town Attorney had reviewed it. She was wonder if the Town Attorney could write a letter in regards to his review. Town Manager Zakk Maher said he would reach out.

Councilor Konstantoulakis wanted to let everyone know that he thought we were doing an excellent job with the COVID 19 situation. Town Manger Zakk Maher stated that the first responders have been great and are getting more comfortable with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and they have been creative in finding ways to get it.

Councilor Emery would like to have a workshop to discuss giving the Town Manager a review that hasn't no happened yet. Councilor Aikman would like to get info on the meeting the Council and Town Manager attended in Bridgton with Don Gerrish. Town Manager Zakk Maher will forward the information to both Councilor Aikman and Councilor Downing.

Town Manager Zakk Maher talked about sending out a modified schedule that included moving the State elections from June 9, 2020 to July 14, 2020. He would like to move forward and get the budget finalized and get the language approved so we can complete the Town Report.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Appointment of Election Clerks

Councilor Aikman motioned to approve the following Clerks for Elections Nancy Petersons, Michelle Emery, Allison Emery, Jacqueline Preston, Brenda Coleman, Patricia Young and Gerald Vincent, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis, all in favor 4-1 Councilor Emery abstained due to related to a member.

8.2 Appointment of Alan Plummer

Town Manager Zakk Maher welcomed new CEO Alan Plummer to the Town. Councilor Emery asked if he had been a CEO in another town and he had not. CEO Alan Plummer talked about his past job experiences. He was a teacher, worked with habitat for humanity, worked at the State Senate as a staff member, also with Shelter Institute and a FEMA responder which he has will relieving himself from that position. Councilor Konstantoulakis asked if he had looked into the complaints that have been pending and Alan had not yet.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to appoint Alan Plummer as the Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor so voted.

8.3 Receipt of Town Financial Audit

Councilor Aikman asked about the Towns Records Management, Town Manager Zakk Maher stated we currently used the state guidelines. Town Manger will also check with Auditors to schedule a in person meeting when they are available.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to accept the receipt of the audit, seconded by Councilor Aikman, all in favor so voted.

9.0 Ordinances, Resolves, Policies and Licenses

9.1 Proposed Changed to FOAA Policy

Councilor Aikman motioned to table this for next opening meeting the public can attend, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor so voted.

9.2 Resolution Re: Town Manager Removal

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to table until the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Aikman, all in favor, unanimous.

9.3 Resolution Re: Town Manager Performance

Councilor Aikman would like to have Town Attorney to answer questions, Councilor Bennett stated the letter from Jonathan Brogan stated it would be up to the individual to see own legal advice. The Town attorney represents the whole Town not individuals.

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to table until next meeting, seconded by Councilor Aikman, all in favor unanimous.

10.0 Executive Session

11.0 Adjourn:

Councilor Konstantoulakis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Downing, all in favor so voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm