

Mechanic Falls Town Council

November 6, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Fifield, Vice Chair
Stephen Bolduc

Nicholas Konstantoulakis
Kieth Bennett

STAFF PRESENT:

Koriene Low – Town Manager
Miranda Hinkley – Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Travis Ritchie

Councilor Cathy Fifield called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in Councilor Louis Annance's absence. We stood and saluted the flag.

Reports:

1.01 Council Meeting Minutes October 2, 2017 and Executive Session October 18, 2017.

1.02 Departmental Reports Submitted

1.03 Municipal Financial Reports

Councilor Bolduc made a motion to approve the reports and meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. So voted. Unanimous.

Public Comments:

2.01 Public Comments: Travis Ritchie was present to see how the meetings were held. He discussed the possibility of the Town installing Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations. An inexpensive unit would cost \$650 and take 3 hours to charge a vehicle.

Reports of the Town Manager:

Old Business:

Item 3.01 Historical Society

An occupancy permit developed by the Historical Society for use of the Elm Street Church was presented. Guidance only was required. Councilor Fifield feels the document further specifies the tenant use and protects the church. She would agree to the Historical Society's signing of this form. Councilor Konstantoulakis agreed that any document protecting the church is a sound idea.

Item 3.02 Police Department Hiring

The Police Department has conditionally hired two new Officers. They will need to pass all courses and tests in order to begin working.

Item 3.03 Tobacco Free Ordinance Recreation Department

The Tobacco Use policy for the Town recreational land has been approved by the lawyer and is ready for signatures. All present Council Members signed as needed.

Item 3.04 Fireworks Ordinance

Recreational Use Fireworks Ordinance is with the lawyer for review at this time.

Item 3.05 Budget Committee

Two residents are interested in joining the Budget Committee. The Town Manager asked for a vote to appoint Brian Ahlquist and Lou Goulet to the Budget Committee. The committee is currently short staffed and should have 5-7 members. Councilor Bolduc moves to appoint Brian Ahlquist and Lou Goulet to the Budget Committee, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis and voted unanimously to accept.

Item 3.06 Rescue Update

The replacement Rescue vehicle has arrived at Ripley Ford. The Town Manager will be going there on Nov 13th to sign paperwork and accept delivery of the vehicle.

Item 3.07 Annual Audit

The annual audit visit for FY 2017 has been completed and the report from the accountant should be presented in January 2018.

New Business:

Item 4.01 Hannaford / Planning Board

There is a meeting of the Planning Board on November 13 at 7pm. The Town Manager feels it would be a nice gesture if the Council attends the meeting to show support of the Major Development in our Town. Councilors state they will be there. There was a comment regarding changing the speed limit on Route 26 in that area to avoid collisions at the new entrance.

Item 4.02 Medical Building

Town residents will vote tomorrow on the purchase of the medical building.

Ordinances, Resolves & Licenses:

Item 5.01 Town Office Closures

The Town Office will close at 1:30pm on November 9th and will be closed on November 10th for Veteran's Day. They will also be closed for Thanksgiving on November 23rd and 24th.

Item 5.02 Liquor Licenses

Liquor License Applications were presented for the Village Pizzeria and the American Legion. Both applications were approved by the Chief of Police. Councilor Bolduc moved to accept the liquor license applications for both Village Pizzeria and the American Legion. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bennett. All in favor, so voted.

Item 5.03 Committee Changes

Forrest Martin has agreed to serve on the Planning Board. Melanie Judd and Martha Wiseman have resigned from the Library Trustee Board. Councilor Bolduc moved to accept the resignations of Melanie Judd and Martha Wiseman from the Library Board of Trustees. He also moves to appoint Forrest Martin to the Planning Board. Motions were seconded by Councilor Bennett. The Council voted unanimously to accept.

Councilor Bolduc motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. All in favor – unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.