HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday October 20, 2014
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Robert Harvey, Chairman; Rod Black, Vice Chairperson; Ralph McLeod, Councilor; Tom Copeland, Councilor;

Members Absent: Paul Amoroso, Councilor.

Others Present: Sherry Murray, Acting Town Manager; Benjamin Breadmore, Alternate Code Enforcement Officer; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Christopher Beaumont, Firefighter; Richard Hanson, David Merritt, John Bryant, Jennifer Newcomb, SAD School Board Member; Arron Newcomb; Dwayne Hall, Donna Hall, Ryan Carey, James Robertson, Diane Campbell, Chris Waterhouse, Ned Jennings, Peter Perry, Mary Perry, Meredith Perry, Eric Jameson, Mike Nelligan, Kerri Zimmerman, Pat Sirois, John Chiasson, Tareq Alolwan, Dale Wunder, Kenneth Dowling, Paul Smith, Erin McDonald, Paul Lyford and other members of the public.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Harvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

Chairman Harvey asked for a moment of silence to reflect on someone or something positive that has touched their lives since we last met.

4. Public Hearing

A. MMA General Assistance Ordinance Appendices B & C

Chairman Harvey opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. There being no comments for or against Chairman Harvey closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

5. Employee Recognition

Chief Ryan Davis presented Peter Perry with a plaque for his time and dedication to the Holden Fire Department for 20 years.

6. Public Comment

Chairman Harvey introduced Benjamin Breadmore as new Town Manager.

Member of the public commented on a traffic incident on A1 in front of the Holden Elementary School.

Jenn Newcomb presented a request from School Board for $500.00 to help with purchasing a traffic signal in front of Holden Elementary School. Chairman Harvey stated he would bring her request up under Other Business.

7. Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting; September 22, 2014; September 24, 2014; September 25, 2014; September 30, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the minutes as submitted. Vote 4-0 in favor.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Financials

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the financial information as noted. Vote 4-0 in favor.

FY 2014/2015 Warrant #5 for:	$345,981.27
FY 2014/2015 Journal Entry #150 for:	$ 31,793.20
FY 2014/2015 Journal Entry #178 for:	$ 35,705.07
Total:	**$413,479.54**

B. Department Reports

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. Vote 4-0 in favor.

9. Old Business

A. Fire Station Bids

Councilor Black moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; accept bid from Arron Newcomb with bid alternates 1 and 2 with financing $405,531 and using building reserve account # G-2-384-00 for bid alternate 1 and 2 for the total of $12,132 Vote 3-1 in favor (Councilor Copeland opposed).

Councilor Black moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; accept the proposal from Camden National Bank with a 2.63 interest rate for 10 years. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to use funds from economic development reserve account G-2-388-00 for the purchase of a bay exhaust system. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Council directed Acting Town Manager, Sherry Murray, to obtain proposals for installing a new well.

10. New Business

A. General Assistance Ordinance Amendment to Appendices B & C

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the recommended Amendments to Appendices B & C of the General Assistance Ordinance. Vote 4-0 in favor.

B. Appointment of Ballot Clerks

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to approve the recommended list of ballot clerks with an addition of Christopher Beaumont. The list is attached. Vote 4-0 in favor.

C. Appointment to Board of Assessment Review

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Black seconded; to appoint Kerry Zimmerman to the Board of Assessment Review. Vote 4-0 in favor.

D. New Road Name

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve "Costane Drive" as the name for a private road in accordance with the Town's addressing ordinance. Vote 4-0 in favor.

11. Other Business

Chairman received unanimous consent from Council to discuss the request from the School Board for $500.00 to help with the cost of purchasing a traffic signal in front of the Holden Elementary School.

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to appropriate $500.00 from economic development reserve account G-2-388-00 to the School Board for the purchase of a traffic signal. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Acting Town Manager, Sherry Murray, requested a Special Council Meeting on November 10, 2014. Council agreed.

12. Public Comment

Jennifer Newcomb from the SAD School Board updated the Council on upcoming meetings and briefed them on discussion from previous meetings.

John Bryant stated his appreciation to Council for continuing forward with the addition to the fire station and Councilor Blacks concerns with reserve funds.

Ned Jennings inquired about the proposed increase to the budget next year, with the approval of the fire station addition.

13. Adjournment

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Murray
Acting Town Manager

Date Approved: 11-10-14