

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday July 20, 2015  
Holden Municipal Building  
6:00 P. M.**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**Members present:** Rod Black, Chairperson; Tom Copeland, Vice Chairperson; Paul Amoroso, Councilor; Ralph McLeod, Councilor; Robert Harvey, Councilor.

**Others present:** Benjamin R. Breadmore, Town Manager; Sherry Murray, Treasurer; Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk; Bruce Dowling, Public Works Director; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Christian Greely, Police Sargent; Pat Sirois, Jennifer Newcomb, Richard Barclay, Kerry Zimmerman, John Zimmerman and other members of the public.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Black led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Moment of Silence**

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

**4. Public Comment**

None

**5. Approval of Minutes for June 15, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting, June 18, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting and June 29, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting.**

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015, Regular Council Meeting, June 18, 2015 Special Council Meeting and June 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting with typographical changes on item 4 of June 15, 2015 minutes. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**6. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Warrants**

Councilor Amoroso moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to approve the financial information as noted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

FY 2014/2015 Journal # 586 for:     \$ 31,823.18  
FY 2014/2015 Warrant # 17 for:     \$ 9,595.80

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| FY 2014/2015 Warrant # 18 for: | \$ 15,326.43        |
| FY 2015/2016 Warrant # 1 for:  | \$563,347.02        |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | <b>\$620,092.43</b> |

**B. Department Reports**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**C. School Board Update**

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

**7. Old Business**

None

**8. New Business**

**A. Set the FY 2015 Mil Rate**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Copeland seconded; to approve to set the FY 2015/2016 Mil Rate at \$15.65. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**B. Establish Tax Due Dates**

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to set the first installment, which is 50% of the total tax, will be due on September 8, 2015 or 30 days after commitment or whichever is later. Interest will be charged on September 9, 2015 or 31 days after commitment, whichever is later, on unpaid portion of 50% of tax bill. The second installment, which is 50% of the total tax, will be due on March 8, 2016. Interest will be charged on March 9, 2016, on the remaining 50% of tax bill. Unpaid taxes as of April 30, 2016 will be listed in the Town Report. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**C. Set Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes**

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to set the interest rate for delinquent taxes at 7%. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**D. 906 Order**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Amoroso seconded; to accept the 906 Order. Vote 5-0 in favor.

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**E. Pre-Paid Taxes**

Councilor McLeod moved, Councilor Harvey seconded; to allow the Town to accept pre-payment of taxes; however, the Town will not pay interest (0% interest) on collected funds if the taxpayer requires reimbursement of the pre-collected funds. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**F. Overpayment of Taxes**

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to set the interest rate for overpayment of taxes at 3%. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**G. Abatement Request Bangor Hydro**

Councilor Harvey moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to grant Emera Maine a tax abatement for 2012 taxes in the amount of \$50,484.03. Vote 5-0 in favor.

**9. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)**

None

**10. Public Comment**

Kerry Zimmerman restated her concerns pertaining to agenda item 9.A. from June 15, 2015 Town Council Meeting.

Richard Barclay spoke regarding Town Charter amendment recommendations given to the Town Manager at a recent meeting. Richard also inquired as to what causes the mil rate to increase.

**11. Adjournment**

Councilor Copeland moved, Councilor McLeod seconded; to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Libbey  
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Town Clerk

Date Approved: 8/17/2015