

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday August 17, 2020
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M

Members present: Thomas Copeland, Chairperson; Ryan Carey Vice Chairperson; Rod Black, Councilor; Joel Dearborn, Councilor; and David Hawes, Councilor.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Tressa Smith, Treasurer; Chris Greeley, Police Chief; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Roger Huber, Legal Counsel; Ronda Hogan, Town Clerk; Robert Harvey, Resident; Sandy Ervin, Resident; Keith Witherspoon, Resident; Patricia Sirois, Resident; Larry Lafland, Snowmobile Club.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Copeland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

Chairperson Copeland asked that we take a moment to reflect on something positive since we last met.

4. Public Comment

Police Chief Greeley introduced resident Keith Witherspoon and discussed the graduate project Mr. Witherspoon worked on reviewing Police interactions in society.

Town Manager Breadmore introduced Ronda Hogan as the new Clerk for the Town of Holden.

Councilor Joel Dearborn welcomed Ronda and having worked with her during his time in Brewer, he is excited to have her as part of the Holden team.

5. Public Hearing

A. Disorderly Property Ordinance

Councilor Dearborn recommended adoption of the proposed Disorderly Property Ordinance with the recommended changes to give an addition tool in the tool box to the Police Department.

6. Approval of Minutes for July 20, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Black moved, Councilor Dearborn seconded; to approve the minutes for the July 20, 2020, Regular Council Meeting as amended. Vote 5-0 in favor.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the financial information as noted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Councilor Black inquired about the true collected percentage of taxes and requested a report to be provided quarterly.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the Department Reports as submitted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

C. School Board Update

Town Manger Breadmore provided an update on schools opening up for the coming year.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

A. Disorderly Property Ordinance

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Black seconded; to approve the proposed Ordinance with Amendments. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Concern raised later under the second public comment will have the proposed Ordinance with changes brought back before the Town Council and a second Public Hearing at the September Town Council Meeting.

B. Mann Hill/Fisher Road Intersection Discussion

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to install recommended signage per the information provided by Andrew Allen of the Maine Department of Transportation. Vote 5-0 in favor.

C. Snowmobile Club Grant

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the Eastern Maine Snowmobile Club to apply for State grants to help maintain the snowmobile trails. Vote 5-0 in favor.

D. Winter Salt Quotes

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Black seconded; to purchase Salt from Harcross Salt Company at \$58.00 per ton. Vote 5-0 in favor.

E. Winter Sand Quotes

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to purchase Sand from Craig Fellis at \$12.50 per yard, they haul, and no cost for the use of a dozer. Vote 5-0 in favor.

F. Loader Purchase Discussion

Councilor Dearborn moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the expenditure of \$134,000 for a 2019 John Deere/Nortrax 524 L 6-cylinder with 41 Hours, which comes with an 84-month 5,000-hour power train hydraulic warranty out of the Highway Department Equipment Reserve and trade in our existing machine. Vote 5-0 in favor.

G. Town Complex Well/Water Filtration Discussion

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Dearborn seconded; to pursue the water filtration approach to our ongoing issues at the municipal complex and to expend not more than \$25,000 from the Municipal Building Reserve. Vote 5-0 in favor.

H. Naming of Private Way

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve the two suggestions of Bullock Way and Celia Way. Vote 5-0 in favor.

I. Workers Compensation

Councilor Black moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to approve and sign the resolve, which will allow us to receive a 5% to 10% credit cost on our Workers Compensation Insurance. Vote 5-0 in favor.

J. Reserve Fund Transfer

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Black seconded; to transfer \$113,447.39 from the Economic Development Reserve to the Municipal Building Reserve for the benefit of future needs. Vote 5-0 in favor.

10. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Town Manager Breadmore requested the Town Council consider appointing two Councilors to the Capital Improvement Committee and two Councilors to an Ordinance Review Committee for the upcoming year. This would allow for a shorter meeting next month and Legal Counsel Roger Huber could provide the scheduled training the same night.

Councilor Black and Councilor Hawes will serve on the Capital Improvement Committee, along with former Councilor Robert Harvey.

Vice Chairperson Carey and Councilor Dearborn will serve on the Ordinance Review Committee.

11. Public Comment

Robert Harvey requested Roger Huber, review the Charter in relation to the enactment of an ordinance with revisions. Roger Huber agreed and suggested the Disorderly Property Ordinance be amended and an additional Public Hearing held for adoption.

Larry Lafland of the Eastern Maine Snowmobile Club thanked the Town Council for their support and gave a highlight of last year's projects.

12. Adjournment

Councilor Carey moved; Councilor Hawes seconded; to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

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