

Town Council Meeting
January 22, 2019

Open Town Council Meeting: Acting as Council Chair, Councilor Lugdon opened the Town Council meeting. Councilors excused were Councilor Stout and Councilor Ketch; Councilors present included Councilor Lugdon, Councilor Richard and Councilor Wade.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/8/19, seconded by Councilor Strout vote 3/0.

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa stated at the last meeting the Town Council had authorized her to move forward with small claims proceedings regarding Bruce Crawford's outstanding personal property taxes. Bruce came in and paid the total amount due for 2017 in full on January 9, therefore the issue is resolved.

Last year the Town Council authorized the upgrade needed to operate the towns software, Trio. That upgrade was completed on January 16, thus far there have been no issues.

At the last meeting the Town Council approved taking over a street light on Pine Knoll Road that was in the developer's name. While the transfer of the street light was approved, there was a question to where it was. The street light is located at the end of the Pine Knoll Road where there is a home and Cul de Sac. There is also another street light in the middle of the development; there are two homes in that area.

On November 14 a contract was sent to Hayes Lawn Care for signatures for the municipal ground's maintenance contract. On January 4, Melissa again sent the contract certified mailed requesting signatures and that the contract be returned by today. The contract was not returned; therefore, Melissa has prepared a Municipal Grounds Maintenance Contract RFB. She would like to have the RFB advertised on January 31 and February 7 with a due date of February 14. Council agreed with a request for bids.

The Bradley Citizen Survey has been completed and is available online by visiting the TownofBradley.net website, and the Town of Bradley Facebook page. Printed copies will be given to the Viola Rand School students, available at the Town Office, Post Office, and Spencer's Ice Cream.

There were four properties that were subject to automatic foreclosure due to non-payment of 2016 real estate taxes they include:

- Map 27 Lot 4 which is land only of .23 acres located in the area of 963 Main Street, the property was owned by Jenny Boynton. The last know address of 1199 Union Street is deemed not deliverable and therefore not accepting certified letters, regular mail has not been sent to the address.

- Map 21 Lot 18 which is also land only of 1.25 acres located in the area of 297 Main Street, the property was also owned by Jenny Boynton.
- 127 Penny Lane a mobile home that was owned by Shirley Mitchell. The mobile home has a loan attached, the financing company has signed for a certified mailing; Shirley Mitchell has also signed for the certified mailing; there has not been any response. Melissa searched and found that mortgage holder, Greenlight Financial is now DiTech, she contacted them and faxed them the notice of foreclosure.
- 661 Main Street, a home and land owned by Earl Violette. There is no mortgage attached, Mr. Violette did not claim his certified mailing, she also noted that his mailing address is Indiana.

As per the Foreclosure Schedule Policy, the Town Council must determine what properties they deem eligible for redemption. The Town Council will then send notice via certified mail with a copy sent regular mail to all property that are eligible explaining that the property has automatically vested to the Town of Bradley because of failure to pay the taxes. They will be given an additional 30 days to pay in full all outstanding taxes, costs, and interest due on the property.

New Business: Motion made by Councilor Lugdon to appoint Melissa Doane as the Town of Bradley Registrar of Voters, seconded by Councilor Richard vote, 3/0.

Unfinished Business: Melissa provided copies of the bids received for Curbside Refuse and Recycling Collection Services, the lowest bid was that from Sullivan's Waste Disposal in the amount of \$77,400 for solid waste curbside pickup and \$9600 for curbside recycling pickup; they have requested a five-year contract for that same price. The current cost is \$39,600 for solid waste pick up and \$7800 for recycling. Councilor Lugdon stated that in the past the Council has discussed whether the town could continue to offer recycling as it does now. Melissa stated that currently the town does not pay for the tipping fee associated with recycling on the curbside pick up, however beginning July 1 and the end of the current contact that will change. The cost per ton will be \$35.00 per ton for uncontaminated recycling, however it is likely that each load would be contaminated as the facility will not take all that is now, therefore the cost could be as high as the regular cost per ton of \$70.00, the town collects an average of 30 ton per year. Mr. Sullivan from the audience stated that the current recycling is contaminated and that why the cost is up to \$150 per ton. Councilor Wade stated that the Fiberight Facility will process materials that in the solid waste stream and recycle them, therefore residents waste is still being recycled it is however a different process due to the new technology. Melissa asked Mr. Sullivan if the Town were not to move forward with curbside recycling, could it be a possibility in the future, should residents request the service, they stated they would work with the Town, however discouraged recycling because of the additional cost for the same result. Councilor Lugdon asked if it would be prudent to have a public hearing regarding the change. Melissa stated that she would always be in support of a public hearing, however there will be a public hearing before the budget is finalized. Councilor Lugdon and Melissa were both concerned that residents may be upset with the loss of recycling. Councilor Richard stated that she felt that the residents would support it once they understood that the materials that they themselves would have to sort will be sorted at the Fiberight facility and ultimately being recycled leaving them to less work at home. Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the bid from Sullivan's waste for \$77,400 for five years and eliminate recycling, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 3/0.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept municipal warrant #52 in the amount of \$849.50, warrant #53 in the amount of \$5,411.46 and warrant #54 in the amount of \$40,567.57, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 3/0

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for February 5, 2019.

Executive Session: Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A section 405 (6) (A) to discuss evaluation of the Town Manager made by Councilor Lugdon, seconded by Councilor Wade vote 3/0.

Motion to exit Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 (6) (A) made by Councilor Lugdon, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 3/0.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Wade, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 3/0.