

**Town Council Meeting**  
**February 5, 2019**

**Open Town Council Meeting:** Councilor Strout acting as the Town Council chair opened the Town Council meeting, all members were present except for Councilor Ketch who was excused.

**Review of Minutes:** Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the minutes of 1-22-19 as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade, Councilor Strout noted that she did not second the vote on acceptance of the minutes as she was not present at the meeting, Melissa will review the tab and make the necessary change, vote 3/0 (Strout not present not vote).

**Citizens Request:** None

**Managers' Report:** Melissa presented to Town Council information regarding converting the street lights in Bradley to LED's. She reported that Emera will do the change for no charge and there is a small savings of \$263.00, however the LED's will offer better lighting. The reason for the small savings is due to the fact that Bradley has an unusual amount of mercury vapor lights. She further explained that municipalities have the option to purchase existing street lights which can provide substantial savings, as the cost to operate each street light owned by Emera includes the maintenance fee, this cost would be directly the responsibility of the Town. The current estimated value to purchase would be \$8142, however the maintenance cost and contract is unknown, that would have to be determined after a request for proposal was completed in which an outside contractor would provide the service. Councilor Wade stated that work would be required to maintain the poles and lights is not likely worth the savings and he would support the conversion, adding Emera will likely convert at some point. Melissa stated that Emera requires municipal authority prior to converting as not all residents approve of the LED lighting. Councilor Strout agreed that the maintenance and responsibility should remain with Emera, however, likes the idea of better lighting. Councilor Wade made a motion to move forward with the LED street light conversion, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 4/0.

Melissa will be setting the date for the spring cleanup this week, which includes ordering identification stickers. In the past the sticker has been good for the spring and fall cleanup, however in the 2019-2020 budget she is recommending charging \$15.00 per sticker to off set the cost of the cleanup. She would like to know if the Town Council would like to continue to charge the \$1.00 per sticker for the spring cleanup and require a different sticker for the fall or consider charging for both the spring and fall cleanup for 2019. Melissa stated that in 2018, 235 stickers were sold and 40 tons of debris at \$80 per ton was collected. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to not charge for the spring cleanup and offer a different sticker which will include a charge for the fall cleanup, seconded by Councilor Richard. Councilor Richard stated that she believed it would be more favorable to continue to charge and operate the spring clean up as has been practice, she added that it should not be free then charge a much higher amount in the fall. Councilor Lugdon stated the minimal fee of \$235 which was received last year is not an amount that will make a difference and can support keeping the process the same. Councilor Lugdon amended his motion to maintain the \$1 per sticker for the spring cleanup and charge an additional fee to be determined for the fall cleanup, vote 4/0. Town Council further discussed the

process for the fall clean up. It will be discussed further through the budget process; however, the staff will inform the residents that there will be an additional sticker and additional charge for the future clean ups. The site will have to be staffed and participants will be required to show a sticker and provide proof of residency and purchase the day of the cleanup. Councilor Wade stated that this represents the change in solid waste management and the need to cover the increased costs.

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Municipal Warrants:** Councilor Strout made a motion to accept municipal warrant #55 in the amount of \$926.75, warrant #56 in the amount of \$5,701.79, warrant #57 in the amount \$4,733.25 and warrant #58 in the amount of \$112,167.76, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 4/0.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting set for February 19, 2019

**Municipal Budget:** Melissa presented the budget for 2019-2020. The self-imposed budget cap allows for a 2.8% increase in the net budget which translates to an increase of \$13,314.62. As the budget is presented it is \$31,196.77 over the budget cap. Melissa highlighted a few considerations:

- County Tax: A final amount has not been received from the commissioners.
- Ambulance Amount: Melissa has requested an amount from Old Town, however it has not yet been received.
- Recycling: As discussed at the previous meeting the curbside pick-up cost has been removed and solid waste disposal has been increased slightly.
- Municipal Grounds Contract: The RFP's are due on those amounts on February 14.
- Fire Department Budget: Melissa received the budget this evening however it is not shown. She has reviewed the budget it appears to have a small increase.
- Property Tax Ordinance: Melissa did not add an appropriation for the creation of the tax ordinance which would offer a refund to residents over 70 which meet certain income guidelines.
- Other Requests: Melissa did not add any appropriations for any non-profit programs.
- Revenue Sharing: Melissa is hopeful that Governor Mills will restore revenue sharing which will add additional revenue.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Strout made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote (4/0).