

Town Council Meeting
November 13, 2018

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council meeting all members were present.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the minutes of October 30, 2018, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote (4/0) Richards was excused from October 30 meeting.

Citizens Request: None

Managers Report: The Town of Milford has asked our plowing contractor Greg Harvey if he is interested in plowing the small section of Milford that is on Bullen Street/Messier Lane. It is estimated to be a mile. Greg has reached a tentative agreement with Milford however there needs to be an agreement reached between the Milford and Bradley regarding the salt and sand. Greg has estimated that the sand use would be 55.5 yards of salt and sand mixture. He has requested that the Town of Milford deliver to the Bradley Salt Shed 60 yards of mixed salt and sand at 2/3 ratio once there is room in the storage area. Melissa has spoken with Greg and he feels that it would add 10 to 15 minutes time to his route. In addition, she asked what would occur if he had a breakdown while doing the Milford section, he replied that it would be the same procedure if he were to breakdown in Bradley, he has a back up truck and back up equipment. Melissa would like to have a formal agreement written regarding the salt and sand delivery if approved. Councilor Ketch agreed that a formal agreement would be needed perhaps adding that notice will be provide if additional salt or sand is needed and if any is left over at the end of the year it is the property of the Town of Bradley. Councilor Lugdon made a motion authorizing the Town Manager to use her discretion in respect to sand and salt to be used in the Milford route, seconded by Councilor Wade.

Melissa provided to Town Council the Election results for the Town of Bradley. She stated that there were 680 voters throughout the day which is much higher than normal. Melissa also added that she had the election catered by Jane Thibodeau as in June Melissa was not able to leave to get dinner and the staff did not have time to eat at a designated time. It worked well, and the clerks were appreciative.

Melissa had emailed Town Council members the proposed request for bid regarding the trash and recycling collection services. She would like to plan on having the bids ready for January with an advertisement date of January 3 and January 10 and a due date of January 17. She believes that the holiday schedule would interfere if it were done sooner.

Sullivan's Waste contacted Melissa and requested that the trash pickup scheduled for Thanksgiving be picked up on Saturday November 24. They do not have trucks available on Friday as they are in other towns. Melissa has posted this notice at the Municipal Building, website, advertised in the Penobscot Times and will do Facebook and Email reminders the week prior and the week of.

Melissa had the lights replaced on the municipal building a few weeks ago. The building was retrofitted for LED lighting which provides a lower electricity cost. There are also two lights out on the Post Office, she has contacted Climo Electric and the same will be done with those. In addition, it was brought to Melissa's attention that some of the roof caps on the Post Office had come off. Melissa had MD Smith come and do a patch repair. She will contact him in the spring to have the all the caps replaced. Mr. Smith stated that due to the weather and the material that is used the total repair would not work at this time. He did state that the patch will prevent leaking until a full repair can be done.

Melissa stated that she has signed up Councilor's Richard, Lugdon, Wade and Strout for the Elected Official course at Penobscot County Emergency Management. The training is necessary for the town to be eligible for any funding in which NIMS compliance is required such as FEMA grants.

Melissa provided to the Town Council a packet of information regarding a "Jake" Brake Ordinance. Bradley resident Roger Davis who lives at 745 Main Street has requested that the town restrict the use. He has requested this in the past and Melissa stated to him what is stated in the packet. Towns can't legally have an ordinance. Erecting a sign without an ordinance has no legal authority and the Sheriff's Department and State Police do not enforce local ordinances. Any sign would be advisory only, however there is a safety issue as the Jake Break reduces speed if a truck had to stop quickly. Melissa has contacted the Commercial Vehicle division of the State Police and requested additional patrol be added to Route 178. They responded that they will do so and acknowledged that speed and overload may be the real reason for the use.

New Business: Councilor Lugdon requested that an update be provided regarding the home that is being torn down on Main Street. He stated that the Town has moved forward with court orders and agreements with properties that were in better condition than that.

Councilor Richard reported that she and two other Bradley residents, Ethel Hill and Bud Walkup, have been meeting regularly to discuss community engagement and community projects. She stated that they have discussed a community garden and walking trails. Melissa stated that the Town has several locations in which a community garden could be. There was further discussion regarding creating a trail system using the existing sidewalks and the School Street and Ballfield Waterfront Properties.

Unfinished Business: Melissa provided to the Town Council a quote regarding a new LED sign, the cost for the sign provided was \$16,075.85.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant # 34 in the amount of \$277.50, municipal warrant #35 in the amount of \$569.00, warrant #36 in the amount of \$6936.76 and warrant #37 in the amount of \$119,509.48.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for November 27, 2018, Councilor Richard and Councilor Strout asked to be excused. Councilor Strout also requested to be excused December 11.

Adjourn: Councilor Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Ketch, vote 5/0