

Town Council Meeting
3-19-19

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Strout opened the Town Council meeting, all Town Council members were present except for Councilor Ketch who was excused. Also present was Town Manager, Melissa Doane.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the 3-5-19 Town Council minutes as presented seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 4/0.

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: In regard to the Chemo Pond dumpster, Melissa reported that she had spoken to John Taylor and he will provide a dumpster for March, April, May and June for \$325 per month which totals \$1300. Mr. Taylor will be submitting the bills directly to the Town. He has also offered to provide curbside collection on Bradley Shore Road, Memorial Day to Columbus Day for the \$325 per month, then provide one dumpster at the end of the road for the remaining of the year, totaling \$3900. Melissa would recommend submitting payment to John Taylor in the amount of \$259 per month (\$3108 per year) and the Association could pay \$76 per month. Councilor Lugdon questioned if Mr. Taylor would enter in a contract to protect the budget and the service. Melissa stated that she did believe he would enter into a contract, however, there has not been an agreement reached with the Association to pay the difference in the amount. She suggested that perhaps the town would agree to pay for the dumpster for whatever timeline the \$3100 will cover and the Association will pay the remaining amount. Residents from Chemo Pond were in the audience and stated that there had been informal discussion between members of the Association, however the official vote will not be until June. It is expected a majority of the member's will be willing to pay the additional \$14 to \$15 to fund the dumpster and service.

Bradley resident Mike Conroy spoke with Dean Bennett last week and would like to serve on the Planning Board. There currently is 1 vacant seat with two alternate seats also available. Mr. Conroy lives on High Point Place. As required by Town Charter, the appointment must be approved by Town Council. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to appoint Mike Conroy to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilor Strout, vote 4/0.

Nomination papers are available March 28 for one Town Council seat; they are due back on May 7.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Councilor Wade asked if the issue regarding travel through Cross Road had been addressed. Melissa stated that she will have a sign installed on Ten Road that states, "no thru traffic" and will also provide one to someone on the Cross Road for installation on the private road. Hopefully this will discourage traffic on the part of the road that is not maintained.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Strout made a motion to accept municipal warrant #66 in the amount of \$1582.50, warrant #67 in the amount of \$8196.71 and warrant #68 in the amount of \$14,190.82, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for April 2, 2019.

Municipal Budget: Melissa explained that the final amount has been received from the County and represents an increase of \$10,583. She also changed the revenue sharing to reflect what Governor Mills has presented in her budget which is \$77,824. Melissa also referred to the letter that she wrote this week to the Appropriation and Taxation Committee regarding restoring revenue sharing to 5% as dictated by law. Governor Mills is proposing providing 2.5% of revenue sharing, if the full 5% was funded the Town of Bradley would receive \$155,649. Councilor Wade and Councilor Lugdon discussed how it was allowable how the legislature can not fund that is established by law. While the answer is not known it has been occurring since 2006. Melissa stated that the budget is currently \$24,474.77 over the self-imposed budget cap. Council further reviewed the budget with much discussion being focused on the fact that services are contracted or established by other parties such as ambulance service, plowing, mowing, County tax and insurance. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the municipal budget as represented and to present to public hearing on April 30, 2019, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Richard, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.