

Town Council Meeting
6/22/2021

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council meeting, Town Council present, included Councilor Ketch, Councilor Wade and Councilor Delaware; Councilor's Clemons and Lugdon were excused.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the minutes from 6/9/2021, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 3/0.

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa received information from Twin City Heat Pumps that our pumps are eligible for an additional warranty for 10 years of parts and labor. The current warranty is 1 year warranty to include labor and 10 years for parts. The additional cost is \$1400 or \$350 per pump. Councilor Wade stated that in Maine there is an implied warranty for 4 years, however with the cost and use of the heat pumps he would recommend moving forward with the extended warranty. Councilor Ketch asked if the warranty was coming directly from the manufacture, Fujitsu, Melissa stated it was. Councilor Wade made a motion to purchase the extended warranty, seconded by Councilor Delaware, vote 3/0.

Melissa has spoken to HCP computers; they will be installing a new computer at Cindy's station. When they come to do the install, they will talk more about the proposed back up that was mentioned last meeting. What their suggestion is at this point includes a Network Attached Storage (NAS) device that will configure backups. We would have the option of also having a cloud back up option of the files that are backed to the Network Attached System also being backed up to the cloud for a secure offsite back up or to external drives that we would bring offsite. The cost is \$1130 for the NAS storage and configuration with a \$75.00 per month offsite back up or External backup drives (2 TB) to be taken offsite at \$98.00 each. Councilor Wade stated that the back up to the cloud is what is being hacked and ransomed. Melissa stated she wanted to speak to HCP more, however believes with the limited amount of data that is actually the Town's, the external configured back up would be efficient; she will bring more information to the Council as it becomes available.

Bill Varney from Premium Choice Broadband is rescheduled for September 14. He had done a preliminary assessment of Bradley Broadband and Spectrum provides high speed internet to most of Bradley so that area would not be eligible for any grant funds or use of ARP funds, however the Chemo Pond area could possibly be added to the Clifton grant application. By September he will know more about those details and costs. Councilor Wade questioned if all of Bradley had access to high-speed internet as he does not have it at his address. Melissa thought that it was available to him. He further stated that he has spoken to Spectrum and been informed that he is not eligible as he is an existing customer.

In the municipal budget approved by the voters on June 8 was an appropriation for snow plowing in the amount of \$45,000. Melissa would like to move forward with awarding that contract to Greg Harvey.

He has held the contract since 2015 and has provided outstanding service. Town Council agreed, commending his work performance.

The Town of Bradley website designed by the University of Maine students is live. Melissa sent a list of updates to the student this morning. Once they are complete, she will notify the public and ask for input, pictures etc. There were a few days in which our emails did not work, however that has been repaired. Included in the 2021-2022 budget was for each Town Council member to have their own email for associated town use. Melissa will be setting those up the first week of July.

Melissa informed the Town Council that the pump in the septic system at the post office has failed. Melissa has had the tank pumped, the new pump ordered and is waiting for it to be serviced. She is hopeful it will be completed this week.

New Business: Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the Town Manager contract for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, seconded by Councilor Delaware vote 3/0.

Councilor Delaware stated she was happy to see Route 178 paved. Councilor Ketch asked if there had been any problem, Melissa reported they were very minor and because of the Town's previous relationship with Hopkins the issues were resolved quickly. The Town Council also discussed the desire to have the road stripped, however noted that there is a shortage of paint.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Delaware asked for an update regarding the Muriel Besse property. Melissa stated that her and Dean are meeting with her tomorrow. She also noted that she has made progress with the clean up adding that it will continue to be an issue.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant #85 in the amount of \$1978.23, warrant #86 in the amount of \$9591.62 and warrant #87 in the amount of \$20923.57

Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for July 6, 2021

Adjourn: Councilor Ketch made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Delaware, vote 3/0.