

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 31,2021**

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council Meeting. Councilors in attendance were Councilor Ketch, Councilor Wade, Councilor Clemons and Councilor Delaware. Councilor Lugdon and Town Manager Melissa Doane were excused.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Delaware made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wade, to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting. Vote 3/0 Councilor Ketch abstained as he was not present for that meeting.

Citizen's Request: none

New Business: none

Manager's Report: Melissa participated in a FEMA Workshop on August 5, 2021. They indicated that 3140 applications had made it to peer review, and 2400 of those made it to panel review. It is expected that 1700 to 1800 of those 2400 will receive awards. The last round was expected to be awarded on August 13, 2021 with the final awards by September 30th. It appears unlikely that Bradley will be receiving funding, therefore Melissa has prepared an RFP which Chief Gifford is reviewing for the specifics of the equipment. At the Maine Town and City Conference, Melissa attended a workshop that again spoke about the lease to purchase option. Many municipalities are using this option to fund equipment with a useful life of 15 years. Bradley expects that useful life will be much longer due to a lower volume of calls. The financing can also go out to bid, and will be included in the RFP for the truck.

MRC-The bondholders' choice for purchase regarding the Hampden facility, DTE, has not been able to secure funding. Last week the executive director let tours with prospective buyers, so there is still interest.

Mowing bids were received today. Two bids were received. Melissa will be prepared to review and discuss at the September 14th meeting.

Melissa provided a proposal from Dean Bennett, Code Enforcement Officer. The proposal has Dean staying on in Bradley as Code Enforcement Officer, as well as Community Planning and Planning Board activities. The proposal will have cost savings of \$9,000.00 over the prior contract due to the restructuring of the contract. Councilor Wade made a motion, seconded by Councilor Clemons to accept the proposal as outlined in the memo dated August 27, 2021. Vote 4/0

The Fall Clean Up has been set for Saturday, October 2nd, with the same procedures as the Spring Clean Up. Stickers will be available by mid-September and are \$15.00. The flyers are expected to be out by early next week.

Bill Varney of Premium Choice Broadband will be attending the September 14, 2021 meeting to provide information to the Council.

The audit for the 2020-2021 fiscal year has been set for September 21st. Melissa has been preparing the necessary documents for the audit.

The Municipal parking lots and Post Office parking lots have been sealed and striped and completed within the budget for the capital improvement plan.

John Milligan has been preparing the sidewalks in the village for a seal coat which occurred last Friday. The seal coating of the roads will also begin.

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: The discussion of the solar proposals has been delayed until the September 14, 2021 meeting.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the following municipal warrants, seconded by Councilor Wade: Vote 4/0

#16 in the amount of \$6,347.68

#17 in the amount of \$5,726.25

#18 in the amount of \$15,820.12

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021.

Adjourn: Councilor Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Clemons. Vote 4/0