

Town Council Meeting
April 26, 2022

Open Public Hearing: Councilor Chair, Mark Ketch opened the public hearing regarding the 2022-2023 municipal budget and the Town of Bradley Remote Participation Policy.

Public Comment:

2022-2023 Municipal Budget: Manager Doane explained that the budget as presented is slightly different than what was last worked on, 4/12/2022. The changes made to the budget provide that it is \$1,287.02 under the Town of Bradley self-imposed budget cap. The changes Melissa made were due to solid waste. In her original budget she had tonnage at \$80.00 per year for the full fiscal year, however changed it to be \$80.00 per ton for the first 6 months and \$100 per month then after. She also removed the rebates received from Coastal as those are set to expire. Councilor Ketch verified that the budget would be set with a motion in the regular meeting and sent to ballot.

Remote Participation Policy: Melissa explained that this policy is needed to allow members of municipal bodies to attend remotely if they meet the criteria established in the policy. The law states a public hearing is needed for the policy to be adopted. Councilor Ketch verified that it would be required at the beginning of the meeting to announce for the minutes what official is participating remotely. Councilor Lugdon asked about the notice required. Melissa stated that the notice needs to be as far in advance as possible, she added that she is hopeful all the meeting will be streamed and the announcement would be made at each meeting if a member was participating remotely.

Close Public Hearing: Council Chair, Mark Ketch closed the public hearing.

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Chair Mark Ketch opened the regular Town Council Meeting; all members were present.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes from 4/12/2022, seconded by Councilor Delaware, vote 4/0 (Wade was excused on 4/12/22)

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa stated that she is working with the Penobscot County Sheriff's office to do a prescription take back on the day of the spring cleanup, June 4. This will take place at the fire station.

Melissa provided to Town Council a cost estimate of \$2100 to purchase the equipment needed for remote participation and live streamed meetings. The cost of this purchase would come from the ARPA funds. Councilor Wade made a motion to purchase the equipment using ARPA funds, seconded by Councilor Clemons vote 5/0. Councilor Lugdon asked if Melissa would be able to project her laptop onto the TV, Melissa stated she would. Councilor Wade suggested that it be done through the network to avoid wires.

The Town of Bradley will be placed on the May 16 agenda with the Old Town City Council. As was suggested Melissa put together some questions and discussion points for the Town Council's review. Councilor Wade presented a cost share formula that was based on the budget and the number of calls, he would like to have it presented to Old Town. Town Council members continued to discuss the increase in assessment and hope for a negotiation and resolve with Old Town.

New Business: Councilor Ketch noted that he was thankful that the Town of Bradley did their spring clean up on site rather than curbside.

Councilor Ketch also asked if it was too late for the 2022 Spirit of America dedication, Melissa believed the deadline had passed.

Councilor Delaware stated that the senior drive thru last week served 65 meals, the left-over food was donated to the Old Town Fire Department. She further noted that the next luncheon will be May 25.

Councilor Delaware stated that the historical items donated by Oscar Emerson had been placed in the new cabinet. The Historical Committee will be doing an event on May 19 at 1 in the Town Council room to show the items.

Councilor Delaware attended the April school board meeting, she reported that repairs are scheduled at Viola Rand School included roof and sidewalk repair. Councilor Ketch will be attending the May meeting.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 Municipal Budget as discussed in the 4/26/2022 Public Hearing, seconded by Councilor Delaware vote 5/0.

Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the Remote Participation Policy as discussed in the 4/26/2022 Public Hearing, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 5/0.

Manager Doane stated that the nomination papers for the one Town Council seat opening are due back on May 10, 2022.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the municipal warrants as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for May 10, 2022, Councilor Wade was excused.

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