

**Fort Fairfield Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2014**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Councilors: David McCrea, Jason Barnes, Robert Kilcollins, Susan LeVasseur and John Herold  
Staff: Tony Levesque George Watson and Tim Goff  
Citizens: 4

- I. Roll Call - Chair David McCrea asked that the record reflect all councilors are present.
- II. Prayer – Tony Levesque offered the prayer
- III. Pledge to the Flag - All in attendance pledged their allegiance to the Flag.
  
- III. Public Comment Period – NONE
  
- V. Correspondence and Reports
  - A. Licenses/Permits- None
  
  - B. Financial Report – Mike –We are a third of the way through our fiscal year and have not seen any surprises on the expense and revenue reports. Expenses are in line with what we expect for the year and our income is on track as well. Labor cost for each department are on track. Typically cash flow takes a big hit in October and this year is no exception. As I mentioned last month we had our bond payment due for \$62,000 and the County Tax due for almost \$190,000.00 along with our regular payment to the School Department of \$166,000.00 left us needing to tap into the TAN for \$300,000.00 as of today. This time last year we had tapped into it for \$450,000.00. This account is usually paid off in February or March.
  
  - C. Tri-Community Landfill Report – Stev Rogeski – Last meeting was held on October 31st. The implementation of the new demolition debris came in at a better rate. What this will mean is that beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, the clean wood will no longer need to be separated, and all wood will be able to come in to the landfill. They will paid a per ton fee for the debris that is brought in. The bigger customers have had to haul down to Old Town. Due to the wind damage done in July to the fence, DEP had to do an inspection to make sure that there were no water drips near the foot holds, the land fill passed this inspection. We were also informed that Mark Draper has been appointed to the Environmental Protection Board.
  
  - D. Update on Wind Energy Technical Review Committee – Dick Langley – The WETRC have had two meetings so far, the next one is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a very good group and we should be very productive. He stated that there is not a lot of meat on the bones yet, but the group is working on it, and learning the terms. The Group will be meeting every two weeks. It was decide that the meetings would be opened to the public, but any comments wouldn't be allowed until after the meeting. There haven't been any sub-committees assigned at this time, it was decided to work as a group at first. The consensus of the group was to use the Town of Montville's ordinance as a template. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, they will begin working on page one and working their way to the last page.

- E. Department Report – Marketing efforts – Tim- He has been on the job now for two weeks, the largest project that he has taken over is the rewriting of the Towns website, the old website is not compatible with some of the new technology The new site will have more flexibility and more interaction. We have a Facebook and twitter accounts. One December 7<sup>th</sup> we will be having Lunch with Santa and the Agri-Business Trade Fair is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Quality of Place Committee – Phil – We met last Wednesday, we were very delighted to welcome Tim to our council. Our house on 85 Presque Isle Street is still for sale at \$131,000.00. We have had several people looking at it and have applied for bank financing but have not yet been approved. One couple wanted to secure 100 percent financing and make no personal down payment, we unanimously voted not to change our down payment guidelines. We have a subcommittee that is part of the Community General Hospital Legacy Committee and they reported that progress is being made on plans for a museum in the lobby area, a community Garden and a Memorial Garden. Our most serious discussion was in regards to concerns for the safety of Amish vehicles on the roads at night. A letter was submitted to the council. We also discussed the Road Apples and we understand that Mike and the Town Manager in Easton are having ongoing discussions to seek solutions to this problem.
- G. Public Works Attending Maine Surplus Auction Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - George in reviewing the upcoming State of Maine Surplus Property listings, it appears that the State has placed around ten used 5 to 7 cubic yard stainless steel hoppers in their November 24<sup>th</sup> auction. Mike has agreed to let George use the monies from Public Works Reserve Account.
- H. Election Results – Official election results were given to the councilors for their review.

VI. Old Business – NONE

VII. New Business –

- A. Consider approval of Annual Snowmobile Trail Grant – Since 1999 the Town has provided a Conduit for snowmobile trail maintenance funds from the State. The fort Fairfield Snowmobile club takes care of all the paperwork and we simply ask as a way for them to receive the money.

Motion: John Herold moved to approve Mike to assist the club by signing the Annual Snowmobile Trail Grant.

Second Susan LeVasseur

Vote – All affirmative

- B. Consider Quit Claim Deed- Back in 1958 there was a lien placed on a property on Cogswell Street for unpaid taxes. The tax bill of \$9.62 was paid, however, the lien was never discharged. There will be no expense to the Town as Norstar Title will be taking care of the recoding.

Motion: Susan LeVasseur moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed

Second: John Herold

Vote – All affirmative

- C. Consider Amendment to TAMC Ambulance agreement – As a result of TAMC changing their fee structure to provide communities with ambulance service, we have hanged our charges for the service we provide them, so that each charge is offset by the other.

Motion: Robert Kilcollins moved to approve the amendment to TAMC Ambulance agreement

Second: Jason Barnes

Vote – All affirmative

VIII. Minutes: Council Meeting October 15, 2014

Motion: Susan LeVasseur moved to approve Minutes of October 15, 2014 as written.

Second: Robert Kilcollins

Vote – All affirmative

IX. Warrants: #8 - \$443,400.20 and #9 - \$93,311.29

Motion: Jason Barnes moved to accept warrants #8 & #9 as presented.

Second: John Herold

Vote – All affirmative

- X. Other – Mike informed the councilors that the Librarian has resigned her position, she has accepted a full time position with the LDA and we wish her the best. We have advertised in the Star Herold. Mike has asked to be allowed along with the Trustees to higher the new librarian than consider ratifying at the next meeting.

Motion: John Herold moved to allowed Mike along with the Trustees to higher the new librarian than consider ratifying at the next meeting..

Second: Jason Barnes

Vote – All affirmative

XI. Executive Session – 6:40 PM

Motion: Susan LeVasseur moved to go into Executive Session to discuss

1 MRSA 405 (6) (C) – Economic Development

1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) - Personnel

Second: John Herold

Vote – All affirmative

Came out of executive session at 6:57 PM

No Action Taken

XII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Council Secretary  
Rebecca J. Hersey