

**Fort Fairfield Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Wednesday, July 16, 2014**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Councilors: David McCrea, Jason Barnes, Robert Kilcollins, Susan LeVasseur and John Herold  
Staff: Vicki Page, Tony Levesque and George Watson  
Citizens: 3

- I. Roll Call - Chair David McCrea asked that the record reflect all councilors are present with the exception of Susan LeVasseur.
- II. Prayer – Tony Levesque offered the prayer
- III. Pledge to the Flag - All in attendance pledged their allegiance to the Flag.
- IV. Public Comment Period –

Mike acknowledged the individuals who were inducted into the Fort Fairfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame. They were Hilary McNamee, Keith Mahaney, Jeanette Peters, Larry Gardner, Chappy Clark, Kenneth Clark, Tom Towle, Tim Nightingale, Ralph Michaud Jr, Richard Cormier, Lawrence Gardner, Charles Lockhart, and Dallas McCrea. Gave his congratulations to them

David McCrea- Also acknowledged that we have a long standing business in Fort Fairfield closing, it being Adams Sanitation. We would like to thank Ed and Anita for their business and the best of luck to them.

V. Correspondence and Reports

A. Licenses/Permits- None

B. Financial Report – Mike B. – Due to the diligence of all department heads, it looks like, we were left with almost \$150,000 surplus from last year’s budget. On the revenue side, you can see we had a surplus for \$67,000 for the year on the excise tax line which help balance out some of the shortfalls on other revenue items. For this FY, we have received notification that we will be cut short on our state highway funds to the tune of \$9,000. The expenses for the year finished out with all departments being under budget. The notable one that stands out is George’s budget. With a budget surplus of over \$70,000, in spite of a trying year for parts, tires and fuel. The auditors, Felch and Company, are scheduled to join us the last week of July.

C. Tri-Community Landfill Report – Mike Bosse – Mark reported on the DEP inspection which faired well. They had three concerns:

- 1) The steepness of the slope of one of the cells.
- 2) They had a concerns that the compactor was operating on an area that there wasn’t enough garbage to protect the liner.
- 3) Some minor damage to an expose membrane

Routine things, there were no fines, all of these items will be addressed. Mark talked about collaborating his organization with state wide organization to find ways of better representing the needs of the municipalities. In the fall Mark would like host a workshop event for the contracted communities to keep them informed. Every month the three owner communities get a report from Mark, they are involved in the management of the landfill.

- D. Department Report: Library – Vicki Page – The staff at the library has been doing some re-organizing. On the 14<sup>th</sup> the library held a Bat Mobile program, which consisted of live bats and that was well attended. On the 15<sup>th</sup> Jon Cote of the Fire Department conducted a fire safety class. The Staff has also been cleaning out some of the worn books and they held their first annual book sale. Vicki has also created a new section for the Teen/younger readers and has put up a suggestion box for the patrons to let them know of any other things that might be needed.
- E. Department Report: Festival – Mike stated that he only has one word for the festival, “Remarkable”. It is just remarkable how the community comes together, the staff at Public Works, Administration and the Rec. Dept. Billie Jo worked on the ad book which consumed all of her time, leaving the office staff to pick up any slack.
- F. Quality of Place Council – There should be a sign placed in front of the house tomorrow. The doors have been installed as well as all of the flooring. There are still a few things that need to be done, such as work on the back porch, landscaping and inside painting. An appraisal has been ordered.
- G. Bureau of Labor Standards Inspection- Update- Mike met with all of the department heads yesterday and was assured that by July 22<sup>nd</sup> that he would have all the citations abated. That will give us one week to send all of the abatements to the Bureau of Labor and hopefully dispense with the inspection report.
- H. Computer System – Mike – Attached to these minutes is a quote from Murchison Computer Sales regarding upgrades to the office computers. A few months ago, Microsoft ended its support for Windows XP operating systems. As a result of that action all computers running Windows XP became a security issue with hackers having a gateway into the individual computers as well as into servers.
- I. Doughty’s Top Shelf Redemption building – Mike, Tony – There has been an ongoing debate for several years as to the integrity of the building house Doughty’s Top Shelf Redemption Center. Due to recent weather it appears the building has been negatively impacted and is much closer to collapse. Midweek we received a couple of phone calls indicating that they felt the building had been impacted by the recent bad weather. Tony and Tim Roix visited the building on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Tim indicated that it was very obvious that there was movement and any future movement would be severe.
- J. Update Garbage Collection – Mike – Since Adam’s Sanitation is going out of business, George went out to seek bids from the two remaining haulers. As you can see Caldwell’s came in at a significantly lower bid and we have committed with Caldwell’s and plan to go out for bid for FY 2015/16.



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Respectfully submitted,

Council Secretary  
Rebecca J. Hersey