



Town of Hermon

Via Teleconference

May 14, 2020

Town Council Meeting

7:00 PM

MINUTES

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ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION

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Town Office and Public Safety Building closed to the public as of 3/17/2020 due to COVID-19

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McCluskey led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Snyder III, Douglas Sinclair Sr., Donna Ellis, Anthony “Tony” Reynolds, Charles Lever IV, Steve Thomas and Timothy McCluskey

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman and Gary Gonyar



IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. -APPROVE 4/22/2020

WARRANTS. –SIGN 4/15/2020

RESOLVES. -SIGN

Councilor Thomas moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS: (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

R19-20-49 Consider approving a Resolve to participate in the MMA Worker’s Compensation Safety Incentive Program

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve R19-20-49. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. Motion was accepted unless doubted.

R19-20-50 Consider accepting a new town road, otherwise known as Shelby Drive.

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R19-20-50 Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

O19-20-09 Consider approving and holding a public hearing on May 28, 2020 for Municipal Budget.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve O19-20-09 Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.



O19-20-10 Consider approving and holding a public hearing on May 28, 2020 for School Budget

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve O19-20-10 Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

R19-20-51 Consider scheduling a Special Council Meeting on May 28, 2020 for public hearings, Budget Warrant and schedule Annual Town Meeting.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve R19-20-51 Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

FR19-20-34 Consider transferring the John Deere tractor VIN # LV3320H332638, Year: unknown, model: 3320 and a John Deere Gator VIN# MO4X2SDO52096, year: 6/25/2010, model: TS to the school department

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve FR19-20-34. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. Motion was accepted unless doubted.

FR19-20-35 Consider approving the payment to Fessenden for Hydrology report out of HERM14

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve FR19-20-35 Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

C. WORKSHOPS:

FY21 SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION- Gary Gonyar

Gary Gonyar, Superintendent for Hermon gave a 2020-2021 budget presentation. Total increase to the school budget would be 4.73% or \$690,328.00. A local increase of 6.44% or \$333,109.00.

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

Councilor Snyder moved to waive council rules and accept the table packet. Councilor Sinclair seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.



NEW BUSINESS:

FR-19-20-36 Consider approving expenditure to renovate the Town office front area from HERM11

Sneeze guards and two doors installed at end of third Deputy Clerk and Assessing hallway. This will contain customers to the front counter.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve FR19-20-36 Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

FR-19-20-37 Consider entering into an agreement with CES to provide engineering services to design potential drainage system off of Harvest Lane.

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve FR19-20-37 Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

R-19-20-53 To Call a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R19-20-53 Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

X. APPOINTMENTS:

R19-20-52 Consider appointing identified Hermon residents and Town staff as Election Clerks for the State and local Elections.

Councilor Thomas moved to approve R19-20-52 Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT: Manager Kröll thanked residents for placing brush and trees curbside for the spring clean up. The week of May 18th staff and volunteers will be placing flags on the Veterans graves. Real estate taxes are ahead of collection and excise tax is down due to the office closure from COVID-19. The Little League World Series has been cancelled but the local league is going to try to give kids a memory with some playing time. Manager Kröll will help anyway he can to support Little League. Happy Memorial Day.

XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT: (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)



XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Steve: Miller hill to be rebuilt this year? Councilor Snyder stated everything he has heard due to ECOTAT house is the project is moving forward late summer to fall of 2020. Manager Kroll stated this is funded via a federal program.

Dong: Skowhegan School system is processing 30,000 meals per week with 24 busses running.

Tony: Thank you to the crews taking care of the wood beside the road.

Tim: Stated to Manager Kroll Little League is always looking for umpires.... Gave everyone a good laugh. Tim stated he will find it hard to agree to a increase to the tax payers due to the current situation we are in.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Sinclair moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. Councilor Snyder gave seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cushman
Town Clerk**

Explanatory note #1: All items in the CONSENT CALENDAR are considered routine and are proposed for adoption by the Town Council with one motion without DISCUSSION or deliberation. If DISCUSSION on any item is desired, any member of the Council or public may request the removal of an item for it to be placed in the regular agenda prior to the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Explanatory Note #2: In the interest of effect decision-making: At 10:00 p.m., the Chairman shall poll the Council and Town Manager to identify remaining items which shall be carried forward to the next Regular Meeting.

Explanatory Note #3: A Councilor who feels the need for the Council excusing his/her absence will make the request to the Town Manager or the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.