



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2008

Fern Larochelle, Jr., At Large 2010
Charles Smith, At Large 2008
Michael Bowie, At Large 2009
Gina Mason, District 1 2010
Janet Henry, District 1 2009
Dale Crafts, District 2 2010
Norma Wells, District 2 2009

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Vice Chairman, Michael Bowie, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Smith, Bowie, Mason, Crafts, Henry, and Larochelle. Councilor Wells was excused. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; Wayne Ricker, Solid Waste Director; Sean Galipeau, Fire Chief; Elwood Beals, Public Works Director; Cathy Ricker, Finance Director; and approximately two citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

VICTUALERS LICENSE - RAILROAD RESTAURANT AND PUB

The Vice Chairman opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2008-18) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Larochelle moved to adopt the following consent items: a) Minutes of February 5, 2008 and b) the Victualer's License for the Railroad Restaurant & Pub. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

VOTE (2008-19) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to approve a 3-year contract with Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation for disposal services.

Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved Amendment #1 to approve a 5-year contract with Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation for disposal services.

Mr. Ricker said Lisbon could save about \$2,000 per year under the 5-year contract; the disposal rate would remain the same at \$74.34 per ton this year. **Amendment #1 Vote - 6-0. Order passed as amended - Vote 6-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS

A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Ricker said the Gas House Mill project's escrow account was closed; this revenue went into the undesignated fund. She said our interest rate went from 4% to 2.75% on our checking account and the sweep account went from 3.13% to 2.3%. She pointed out that the tax bills went out earlier this quarter; however there is no guarantee Lisbon will experience quicker collections.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Eldridge said he was making some changes in staffing and looking at each department as budgets were being developed. He indicated he would be going back over department budgets

this week and next. He said the revenue side was still up in the air because the state is uncertain about their contribution amount.

Mr. Eldridge interviewed three candidates and one has been chosen. He said he planned to discuss this with the Council in executive session following the budget workshop tonight. He said he was still working with the local businessman interested in the Teen Center. Mr. Eldridge met with the realtor and toured the Teen Center and Campus Street School. He informed the Council the technology Committee reviewed the proposal for our computer infrastructure.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Eldridge mentioned that he had three applicants for the Advisory board and that he wanted to fill these vacancies. Councilor Bowie recommended the entire Council review and appoints these positions because they are elected by the people so the entire Council representing all the people should make these appointments.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Crafts pointed out how well our Public Works crew takes care of Lisbon's road; he said there was no comparison.

Councilor Mason commended the Fire Department for their quick response to a fire on the corner of Route 9 and Webster Road recently. Mr. Galipeau said he was disappointed with how the call got routed and felt their response time could have been even better.

WORKSHOP

2008-09 MUNICIPAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Eldridge went through several budgets highlighting the changes and answering questions. He said supply and operating supply lines would be merged where ever possible. Mr. Ricker pointed out that the Solid Waste budget should now reflect the Council's decision to enter into a five year contract with Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation at \$74.43 per ton which would now be \$237,888 instead.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2008-20) Councilor Mason, seconded by Councilor Smith moved at 8:45 PM to enter into executive per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) Personnel for Town Manager Goals & Objectives. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.** The Council Secretary was dismissed. The Council came out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-21) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Larochelle moved to adjourn at 9:53 PM. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

These minutes are not verbatim. Cassette tapes are filed in the Town Clerk's Office.