

Town of Ashland
Regular Town Council Meeting
July 13, 2021

Present: Chairman David Milligan, Councilors Sherri Calhoun, Janet Jandreau, Michael Montpetit, Gerard Raymond.

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman David Milligan.

- II. **Public Comments (5 minutes per person)**
 1. **Lisa Basley Address dog issue with neighbor.** Mrs. Basley made a complaint but what she was referring to did not meet any action that could be taken by the council. If the dog had gone on her property, barked at night or any other issue other than her being afraid of dog it could be looked into.

John Devoe was also present explained the pros and cons of being a sanctuary town for not allowing our right to bear arms to be taken away by a political party that controls the house and senate. He also verified that we would basically be going against the federal government which could affect any grants or federal aid being given to the town.

- III. **Consent Items:**
 1. **Review, approve and sign minutes from the June 8, 2021 regular Town Council Meeting.** A motion was made by Mike Montpetit, seconded by Janet Jandreau, to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried with one abstention from Sherri Calhoun.

 2. **Review, approve and sign treasurer warrants #94P, #95P, #96V, #97P, #98P, #99V, #100P, #101P, #102V, #103V, #104P, #105V, #106V and #107P.** A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Mike Montpetit, to approve the noted warrants. Motion carried.

- IV. **New Business:**
 1. **Review, discuss and sign off on Maine Workers Compensation Safety Incentive.** Manager Martin reviewed the Resolve Form with the council indicating the town's participation in the MMA Worker's Compensation Safety Incentive Program. A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Mike Montpetit, to approve the Worker's Compensation Fund Resolve Form. Motion carried.

 2. **Review, discuss and sign off County of Aroostook ARPA Program Administrator.** The Aroostook County government is slated to receive \$13 Million for every community for the American Rescue Plan Funds. Manager Martin indicated what he would like to do with the monies. Other communities in Aroostook County are coming together in partnership with the County to manage and administer these funds. The program will last for approximately 5 years and the one-time investment of 2% of the town's allocation will support our participation during the entire period of time. A motion was

made by Mike Montpetit, seconded by Janet Jandreau, to approve the Town of Ashland's participation. Motion carried.

3. Review, discuss and sign off on LRAP allocation and what we intend to do with it. LRAP (Local Road Assistance Program) Manager Martin informed the council it is estimated that the municipality of Ashland will receive by December 1, 2021, one payment of \$35,364.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. Municipalities must certify that the funds will be used in a manner consistent with Chapter 19 of Title 23. A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Janet Jandreau, to approve and complete the certification form and how the funds will be expended. Motion carried.

V. **Old Business:**

1. Update on lots for sale on the Wrightville Road. Manager Martin indicated there are 20 lots and the Planning Board will be meeting to approve the subdivision of property as well as soil testing.
2. Update on Revaluation status. Manager Martin informed the council he met with Mr. Duplissey last week and will also be meeting with Dr. Johnson and Charlie Anderson. He will report back to the council at the next meeting.

VI. **Manager's Report:**

In recognition of their years of service in the office, plaques will be given to Debbie Carney and Kathi Beaulieu on their retirement. Gathering will take place July 23. A MSAD #32 student will be shadowing the police department for community service credit.

VII. **Council Items:**

Chairman David Milligan talked about having camper sites at the trotting park. Council members agreed it would be a good idea and asked Manager Martin to research. A motion was made by Mike Montpetit, seconded by Sherri Calhoun, for Manager Martin to check on guidelines, insurance, as well as costs. Motion carried.

- VIII. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Tom Raymond, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by
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Recording Secretary

David M. Milligan, Chairman

Gerard T. Raymond

Michael Montpetit

Janet Jandreau

Sherri Calhoun