

Town of Ashland
Regular Town Council Meeting
~~September~~ August 14, 2021

Present: Chairman David Milligan, Councilors Gerard Raymond and Janet Jandreau.

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

- II. Public Comments:

Charles Tucker asked how Manager Martin could cover both jobs of Town Manager and Chief of Police when it used to need two People. Also, since Manager Martin didn't live in Ashland how could he respond to an emergency when he would be 30 minutes away? Manager Martin explained that there is always an officer on duty in Ashland and they can call him anytime to make decisions and he will come. Manager Martin went on to say that the council gave him permission years ago to live in Eagle Lake. Also when he took responsibility of both jobs it was under review of the Council after one year to see if it was working and it has been successful and also saved the town money.

- III. Consent Items:

Review, approve and sign treasurer warrants #117P, #118V, #119V, #120P, #121V, #122P, #123V, #124V, #125P, and #126V. Councilor Raymond made a motion to accept the Treasurer warrants. Janet Jandreau seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- IV. New Business:

Manager Martin said there is a \$3305.67 error in the Tax Assessment that needs to be abated. Town will need to pay this and citizens who were assessed wrong will be billed on the correct amount. Councilor Raymond made a motion to pay the Abatement. Councilor Jandreau seconded. Motion Carried.

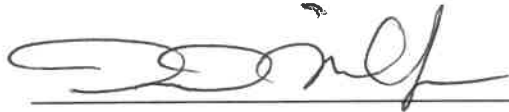
County Tax bill went up \$14,000 to \$126,434.70. Councilor Raymond made a motion to pay the bill. Councilor Jandreau seconded. Motion Carried.

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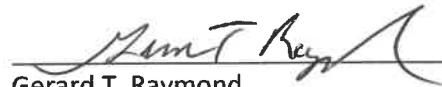
1. Waiting on Bill Hersey to finish soil test on the 20 Town Lots on Wrightville Road. Bev Labelle and Rodney Allen want to buy six lots across the road from their property, plus land behind them to the river. Manager Martin said as of not there are 20 people who are on the list and asking for a lot or 2 each. Chairman Milligan mentioned that the town gets more tax revenue if each lot has a building on it. Councilor Jandreau made a motion that the town manager contact the list of people who want lots after the soil tests come back to see if they still want them. Buyers will have 45 days to pay for the lots. If there are any left after the 45 days from contact, Bev and Rodney can get up to 6 lots across from their property. Councilor Raymond seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2. Grass Drags will be happening this weekend. There will be a beer tent. Manager Martin said they requested a Police Officer on site. Big Woods Grass Drags will be paying the officer.
- VI. Manager's Report: Manager Martin said the office is going well. Tammy is working on direct deposit, getting fuel tax back, workers comp, MMA credit for overtime. Sarah is doing an excellent job with the website. Looking at the possibility of outsourcing Payroll which will save money on Trio costs and free up time.
- VII. Adjournment: Councilor Raymond motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. Councilor Jandreau seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Submitted by
Lendell Tarr
Substitute Recording Secretary



David M. Milligan, Chairman



Gerard T. Raymond

Michael Monpetit



Janet Jandreau



Sherri Calhoun