

Town of Ashland
Regular Town Council Meeting
June 12, 2024

Present: Chairman Tyler Michaud, Sherri Calhoun, Christopher Bessey, Gerard Raymond, Gayle Burby and Manager Cyr Martin.

Absent: None

I. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Chairman Michaud.

II. **Public comments:** No Public comments

III. **Consent items:**

1. **Review, approve and sign minutes from the May 14,2024 Regular Town Council Meeting**
Sherri Calhoun motions to review, approve and sign minutes from May 14,2024 Regular Town Council Meeting Christopher Bessey seconded., No discussion. Motion carried.

2. **Review, approve and sign treasurer warrants #19V, #19P, #20V, #20 P, #21V, #21P, #22V, and #22P.** A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun to approve the noted warrants, seconded by Chris Bessey. No discussion. Motion carried.

IV. **New Business:**

1. Review and discuss decision of Special Town Meeting for Ashland Trotting Park. Gerard Raymond makes a motion to accept the town's vote pending all legalities are in order. Gayle Burby seconded. Sherri Calhoun comments and says she would like to see the town's legalities taken care of first. She would like to see the motion turned down. Sherri Calhoun votes no. Chris Bessey abstained. Gerard Raymond, Gayle Burby and Tyler Michaud voted yes. Motion passed.

2. Sign off on County of Aroostook Tax Bill that will be paid after we commit for taxes but no later than November 1,2024. Sherri Calhoun makes a motion to split the tax bill in 2 payments Chris Bessey seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed.

V. **Manager's Report:**

1. Manager Martin received a letter from the Town of Masardis regarding their subsidies. The town passed the subsidies for the ambulance and the Rec Department. The subsidy for the library was voted down and amended they would pay the amount of \$5,000.00 and discussed that if there were special projects the library would need, they could assist in the cost. Or be charged a per person fee. Chris Bessey said it's a fair bill and we shouldn't accept their offer. Chairman Michaud said We gave them everything they asked for. He also stated I wouldn't accept it. They should have either approved it or not. Sherri Calhoun made a

motion to refuse the Town of Masardis offer for the library. Chris Bessey seconded. Motion Carried.

VI. Council items:

1. Gerard Raymond mentioned the council voted to start the Town Meetings at 6:30 and he was wondering why they were starting earlier. Manager Martin explained because of the Public Hearing and the Special Town Meeting they had started earlier but now the town meetings will start at 6:30.
2. Gerard Raymond thanked Buddy Collins for cleaning up the Tennis Courts. Buddy said that Vinnie Ouellette did most of the work. Lance Michaud said because he lives right next door to the Tennis Courts that he would maintain them. Mr Michaud doesn't want the town to have to pay for it.
3. Christopher Bessey asked if the town had any money to seal the tennis courts. Manager Martin will look into it.
4. Sherri Calhoun is concerned that the town of Masardis only wants to pay a certain amount of the Library Subsidy. She is grateful for the town of Portage for paying for the whole thing and keeping their word.

VII Adjournment Chris Bessey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sherri Calhoun seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Jimmo

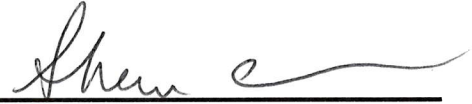
Recording Secretary



Tyler Michaud, Chairman



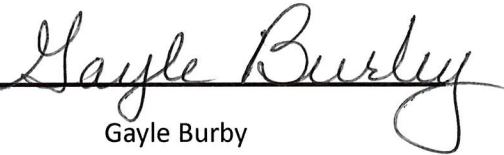
Gerard Raymond



Sherri Calhoun



Christopher Bessey



Gayle Burby