

**Town of Ashland**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**

**October 8, 2024**

**Present:** Chairman Tyler Michaud, Sherri Calhoun, Christopher Bessey, Gerard Raymond, Gayle Burby and Interim Town Manager Kevin Bushey.

**Absent:** None

- I. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Michaud.
  
- II. **Public comments:** Josh Fisher, Superintendent of Ashland Water and Sewer, brought a letter from The Board of Trustees stating The Water District is not a proponent of continuing the practice of fluoridation of its public water supply. Furthermore, the Board of Trustees of the District authorizes its Superintendent to voice the district's position and to support efforts to bring the topic of the district's fluoridation of its public water supply to a public vote in the March 2025 General election. This will be on November's Town council meeting agenda for a council vote.
  
- III. **Consent items:**
  1. Review, approve and sign minutes from September 10, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting. Sherri Calhoun motioned to approve the September 10, 2024, Regular Town Council Minutes. Chris Bessey seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
  
  2. Review, approve and sign treasurer warrants #36V, 36P, 37V, #37P, #38V, 38P, #39V, and #39P. 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 Approve 4 Quick claim Deeds. Back Taxes were paid for Map 44 Lot 136B, Map 44 Lot 137, Map 44 Lot 138 and a corrected Quick Claim Deed for Map 13 Lot 23. Sherri Calhoun made a motion to approve the Quick Claim Deeds for Map 44 Lot 136B, Map 44 Lot 137 Map 44 Lot 138 and the corrected Quick Claim Deed for Map 13 Lot 23. Chris Bessey seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
  
  2. Add new Interim Town Manager Kevin Bushey and remove Chelsea Stratton from all banking information. The council decided instead of adding Interim Town Manager Kevin Bushey to the Bank Accounts they would add Councilor Sherri Calhoun to all bank accounts. Gerard Raymond motioned adding Sherri Calhoun to all Town Bank Accounts. Chris Bessey seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. Chelsea Stratton was already removed from all accounts.
  
- V. **Old Business:**

Interim Town Manager Kevin Bushey informed the council that he would follow up with the Fire Dept Chief on obtaining quotes to install a water backflow preventor identified by the Water Sewer District as needing replacement.

Motion was made by Sherri Calhoun to go into Executive Session to discuss personal issue per Maine State Law Title (1M.R.S.A Section 405-6A). Chris Bessey seconded. Motion Passed. Executive Session started at 7:20 PM.

A Motion was made by Sherri Calhoun to end The Executive Session, Chris Bessey seconded. Motion Passed. The Executive Session ended at 7:39.

VI. **Manager's Report:**

- 1.** Interim Town Manager Kevin Bushey thanked the council for letting him fill in and help out the town.
- 2.** Ron Beaulier will sign a contract with the Town of Ashland to do the town's audit.
- 3.** Sale of equipment at the Town Garage. Town will be taking bids until October 16. Sherri Calhoun made a motion to look at the bids at the November Town Council Meeting. Chris Bessey seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 4.** Arpa Grant-Packets are in hand. Kevin Bushey reached out to Margaret Pierce to coordinate a contract to review the packet and present it to the planning board. Plan to close out the grant in the next 3 weeks.
- 5.** Kevin Bushey will get some quotes to repair or replace the fence around the trotting park.
- 6.** Kevin Bushey mentioned the town may start conducting annual reviews of the Towns personnel.
- 7.** Kevin Bushey will get quotes to get the cracks repaired on the tennis courts. He will first talk to Tim Tarr to see if he has any quotes.

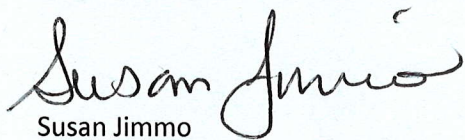
VII. **Council items:**

Chris Bessey stated there aren't as many speeders by the school as there had been since the police had been patrolling the school in the morning.

Chair Tyler Michaud said they will be conducting interviews for the Town Manager position Thursday night.

- VIII. **Adjournment:** Sherri Calhoun motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chris Bessey Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

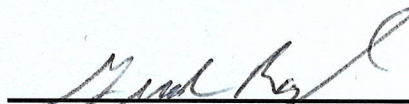
Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Jimmo

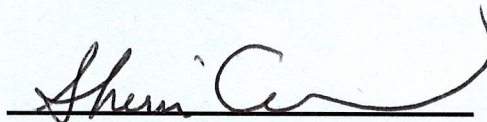
Recording Secretary



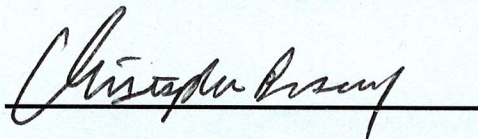
Tyler Michaud, Chairman



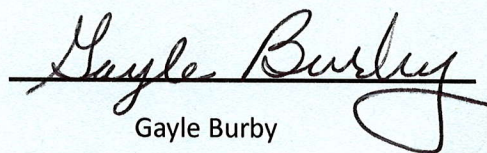
Gerard Raymond



Sherri Calhoun



Christopher Bessey



Gayle Burby