



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Building

June 11, 2020

Town Council Meeting

7:00 PM

MINUTES

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ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Reynolds led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Snyder III, Douglas Sinclair Sr., Donna Ellis, Anthony “Tony” Reynolds, Charles Lever IV, Steve Thomas and Timothy McCluskey arrived at 7:30PM

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Micah Grant and Gary Gonyar

IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. –APPROVE 5/28/2020 Special Town Meeting, 5/28/2020 Special Council Meeting

WARRANTS. –SIGN 6/12/2020

RESOLVES. –SIGN

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.



V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS: *(Items Not Already on Agenda)*

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Hold Public Hearing – 2020-2021 FY Municipal Budget

Vice Chair Reynolds opened the public hearing at 7:11PM. The hearing closed at 7:23PM.

Manager Kroll gave an overview of the proposed Municipal Budget FY 20-21.

Councilor Sinclair asked how much will be left in reserve accounts and is this something that will catch up with us?

Manager Kroll stated we are increasing the highway reserve to \$250,000.00 because of Billings Rd to Union St. being a two part project with DOT for approximately \$6000,000.00 with the town portion being half of this amount. Other projects include reclaiming the Blackstream Road, redoing intersection of Fuller, Annis and Wing Rd and a number of other projects. The reserve account we try to keep \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00 balance. Total reserves accounts have approximately \$4,000,000.00

Councilor Thomas asked about new valuation created over the past year and what the mill rate will be?

Josh Berry stated personal property is still in the working stages but real estate will see at least the same amount of growth as in past years. This will be approximately 10 to 15 million in value.

Hold Public Hearing – 2020-2021 FY School Budget

Vice Chair Reynolds opened the public hearing at 7:23PM. The hearing closed at 7:48PM.

Gary Gonyar gave an overview of the proposed School Budget FY 20-21. School has applied to the CARES ACT for up to \$100,000.00 to help with cost of personal protective equipment.

Councilor Thomas asked how this budget possibly change the schools do not open in the fall?

Gary Gonyar stated we do not know at this time. What we have done is planned for three different scenarios and they are: 1. Open schools as usual in the fall, 2. Hybrid days where you attend in person and remotely and 3. Completely remote learning. Department of Education will not make a recommendation until 8/1/2020.

Councilor Thomas asked if there is a plan in place if the State of Maine cuts some funding later during the school year?



Gary Gonyar stated a six step plan to help the School Department manage a loss of funding.

1. **Refinance a loan for Patricia A. Duran School to a lower interest rate.**
2. **Delay purchasing of non essential items and a spending freeze on 7/1/2020.**
3. **Pull funds from reserves**
4. **Ask for additional funding from the Town**
5. **Furlough days for employees (35,000 per day for wages)**
6. **Lay off employees.**

Chair McCluskey arrived at 7:30PM. Chair McCluskey was given control of the meeting from Vice Chair Reynolds at approximately 7:37PM.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

FR19-20-40 Consider approving FY2021 Municipal Budget

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve FR19-20-40. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

FR19-20-41 Consider approving FY2021 School Budget

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR19-20-41. Councilor Lever seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

R19-20-58 Consider approving a Qualified Catering Event application to be held at Bangor Drive In for the Bob Marley comedian shows on June 17, 2020 from 3:30PM to 7:30PM and catered by Morgan Hill Event Center.

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R19-20-58. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

R19-20-59 Consider Authorizing the Town Clerk to sign future Catering Event Applications

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R19-20-59. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion was accepted unless doubted.



FR19-20-42 Consider approving MDOT Invoice for Coldbrook Road Project (final payment)

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR19-20-42. Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

C. WORKSHOPS:

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Manager Kroll stated the office has been open for two weeks with at great volume of transactions. Mr. Kroll thanked the Council for working with him on the budget. Best wishes to Gary Gonyar and his retirement.

XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT: (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

All of the councilors wished Superintendent Gary Gonyar the best on his retirement. Gary will be missed and thanked him for his support with the school system.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57PM. Councilor Lever gave seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cushman
Town Clerk**

Explanatory note #1: All items in the CONSENT CALENDAR are considered routine and are proposed for adoption by the Town Council with one motion without DISCUSSION or deliberation. If DISCUSSION on any item is desired, any member of the Council or public may request the removal of an item for it to be placed in the regular agenda prior to the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Explanatory Note #2: In the interest of effect decision-making: At 10:00 p.m., the Chairman shall poll the Council and Town Manager to identify remaining items which shall be carried forward to the next Regular Meeting.

Explanatory Note #3: A Councilor who feels the need for the Council excusing his/her absence will make the request to the Town Manager or the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.