

**TOWN OF ORONO
COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Pro Tem Lianne Harris, Cindy Mehnert, Tom Spitz, Mark Haggerty, Tom Perry, and Town Manager Catherine Conlow. Absent: Council Chair Geoff Gordon and Judy Sullivan.

2. Presentation by Superintendent Paul Wintle of the Wastewater Treatment Plant

WPCF Superintendent Paul Wintle gave a presentation of the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility. He spoke of the upgrades that have been done to the plant, pump stations and sewer system. Mr. Wintle highlighted the enhancements that have been made to the plant, which include a step screen trash removal and press, aeration basin, aerobic digester, UV disinfection process and SCADA computer system. He noted that the maintenance garage is using recycled oil in an effort to be energy conscious. Mr. Wintle summarized that Orono is a leader in wastewater treatment and is doing its part to be good stewards of the Penobscot River.

Tom Perry thanked Mr. Wintle for his leadership throughout the plant upgrade project.

Mark Haggerty questioned how rain events affect a closed sewer system. Mr. Wintle explained that stormwater infiltrates the system through old foundation drains, roof drains and through groundwater in old clay pipes. He noted that each year they continue to focus on improvements to the system.

3. Approval of minutes of June 7, 2010 and June 14, 2010

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cindy Mehnert to approve the minutes. All voted in favor, 5-0.

4. Public Hearings

a. To consider To consider a Victualer's License for Irena Bazhba, d/b/a Orono House of Pizza, 154 Park Street.

Public hearing a. opened at 7:25 p.m. No public comments were made. Ms. Conlow reported that the Code Officer and the Fire Marshal inspected the property and the business meets all the requirements. Public hearing a. closed at 7:27 p.m.

Order 10-145 Order, approving a Victualer's License for Irena Bazhba, d/b/a Orono House of Pizza, 154 Park Street.

Moved by Cindy Mehnert and seconded by Tom Perry. All voted in favor, 5-0.

b. To consider a Victualer's License for CAMREP, Inc. d/b/a Spotlight Cinemas, 6 Stillwater Avenue.

Public hearing b. opened at 7:28 p.m. No public comments were made. Public hearing b. closed at 7:30 p.m.

Order 10-146 Order, approving a Victualer's License for CAMREP, Inc. d/b/a Spotlight Cinemas, 6 Stillwater Avenue.

Moved by Cindy Mehnert and seconded by Tom Perry. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Ms. Conlow reported that the taxes have been paid and the staff recommends approval of the license.

c. To consider a Victualer's License for Hospi Food Service, d/b/a Subway, 10 Stillwater Avenue.

Public hearing c. opened at 7:31 p.m. No public comments were made. Public hearing c. closed at 7:32 p.m.

Order 10-147 Order, approving a Victualer's License for Hospi Food Service, d/b/a Subway, 10 Stillwater Avenue.

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cindy Mehnert. All voted in favor, 5-0.

d. To consider a Victualer's License for Circle K #7021, 2 Stillwater Avenue.

Public hearing d. opened at 7:33 p.m. No public comments were made. Public hearing d. closed at 7:34 p.m.

Order 10-148 Order, approving a Victualer's License for Circle K #7021, 2 Stillwater Avenue.

Moved by Cindy Mehnert and seconded by Tom Perry. All voted in favor, 5-0.

5. Acknowledgments by Council Members

Cindy Mehnert thanked Paul Wintle for his presentation on the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility. She commented that she's glad to see Mr. Wintle healthy, well and back to work.

Tom Perry recognized Sgt. Brandon Silk, who died tragically during duty in Afghanistan this month.

Mark Haggerty acknowledged that the Orono municipal pool is open and has been in high use by residents during these hot humid days.

Lianne Harris also acknowledged the passing of Sgt. Brandon Silk. She noted that town representatives were present during his motorcade through Orono and attended his funeral.

Ms. Harris acknowledged the beautiful flowers in the downtown area and the traffic islands. She also acknowledged the hanging baskets in the downtown.

Ms. Harris acknowledged the gold rating that the Orono Public Library received for their LEEDS building.

6. Unfinished Business - None

7. Consent Agenda

Order 10-149 Order, setting August 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Ordinances of the Town of Orono, Chapter 28 Personnel, Sec. 28-81(a) (9) Waiving of vacation leave, to include a Vacation Leave Cash Out Policy.

Order 10-150 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to extend the Agreement with the Town of Milford to provide Assessment Services for FY2010-2011.

Order 10-151 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement for Animal Control Services with Town of Milford for FY2010-2011.

Order 10-152 Order, committing a true list of sewerage service assessments to Wanda J. Thomas, Treasurer, in the amount of \$142,302.00.

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cindy Mehnert to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor, 5-0.

8. New Business

Order 10-153 Order, awarding the bid for one police cruiser to Quirk Ford of Augusta for the purchase of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$22,851; plus equipment changeover through Whitten's 2-Way Service in Brewer for \$2,000 and graphics work done through Graphix Design of Old Town for \$400.

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cindy Mehnert. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Ms. Conlow stated that there were four bids received and Quirk Ford of Augusta was the low bidder. She noted that the bid is under the budgeted amount. Mr. Perry asked if the Bangor Ford dealer submitted a bid. Ms. Conlow confirmed that they did not.

Order 10-154 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to execute an Escrow Agreement by and between the Town of Orono, Robert L. Davee, Burnett C. Goodrich, Janet L. Goodrich and Eaton Peabody.

Moved by Cindy Mehnert and seconded by Tom Perry. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Evan Richert commented that Orders 10-154, 155 and 156 are all related to the town's acceptance of

the right-of-way off Kelley Road to serve a future professional business park and help meet future circulation needs of the Town. The proposed right-of-way connects Kelley Road to the property of the Katahdin Council of the Boy Scouts. The right-of-way crosses the properties of Burnett and Janet Goodrich and Robert Davee and will benefit all of the owners.

The Goodriches and Mr. Davee have signed an "Escrow Agreement" by which they will convey the right-of-way as a gift to the town, if the town accepts it. Town ownership of the right-of-way will enable the Town to seek construction funding. A key term of the deeds to the right-of-way is that construction must commence within 10 years.

Mark Haggerty asked if the right-of-way has been established. Mr. Richert confirmed that the right-of-way is right where it was expected to be, the trees have been cut and there is minimal ledge.

Mr. Richert commented that the next step of engineering design will involve a public process. He noted that the development phase will also involve public input.

Order 10-155 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to accept delivery of a Warranty Deed from Burnett C. Goodrich and Janet L. Goodrich conveying to the Town of Orono a strip of land running from Kelley Road to the northeasterly boundary line of Tax Map 30, Lot 17.

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cindy Mehnert. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Order 10-156 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to accept delivery of a Warranty Deed from Robert L. Davee conveying to the Town of Orono a strip of land running from the northeasterly boundary line of Tax Map 30, Lot 17 to the northerly boundary line of Map 30, Lot 18.

Moved by Cindy Mehnert and seconded by Tom Perry. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Order 10-157 Order, authorizing the use of the State of Maine Rapid Renewal Vehicle Program for the purpose of online vehicle re-registrations.

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cindy Mehnert. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Ms. Conlow stated that this program will allow residents to re-register their vehicles online by using an echeck. She noted that the town will lose three dollars per re-registration, with an estimate of \$2,200 per year. Ms. Conlow noted that the reason to take part in the Rapid Renewal program is because it is a convenience to residents.

Order 10-158 Order, ratifying the agreement between the Town of Orono and the Maine Association of Police for the Orono Police Unit from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013, and authorizing the Council Chair and Town Manager to sign.

Moved by Tom Perry and seconded by Cindy Mehnert. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Ms. Weinberger stated that the negotiations with the Police Union were successfully negotiated. She noted the following specific changes that were made: the 2-year special assignment of detective may be extended; an additional week of vacation will be earned after 15 years of service instead of 20 years; up

to 3 weeks of sick leave can be used for paternity leave; health insurance plan C versus A will go into effect January 1, 2011; and no COLA was given in the first year with an automatic reopener for wage increase negotiations in years 2 and 3 of the contract.

9. Future Agenda Items/Items of Concern

Mark Haggerty asked why the anticipated revenues were down \$680,000. Ms. Conlow commented that State Revenue Sharing was down and there has been a delay in receiving ambulance reimbursements. She noted that expenditures were also down at year's end, so from an overall budget sense the town is fine. She stated that she will be reporting on the town's fiscal year-end at an upcoming committee meeting.

10. Public Petitions - None

11. Public Comments – None

12. Adjournment

At 8:06 p.m., Tom Perry moved and Cindy Mehnert seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Minutes are not verbatim. A tape-recorded version is available in the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy W. Ward
Administrative Assistant