MECHANIC FALLS TOWN COUNCIL

April 4, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair

Stephen Bolduc

Cathy Fifield

Nick Konstantoulakis

Wayne Hackett

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Koriene Low – Town Manager

Shirley Marquis – Town Clerk

Stephen French – Water Department

Anthony Corey – Water Department

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Win Durgin, Sun Journal

Brian Bosse with son

Jay Bryant

Aaron Ouellette

Matt Gary

Ken Lawrence

Justin Starbird

Darryl Gibson

Ben Bryant

Craig Smith

Jason Boenig

Scott Lessard

Lou Annance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with all Council present. We stood and saluted the flag.

**Reports:**

**1.01 Council Meeting Minutes** March 7, 2016, **1.02 Municipal Financial Reports 1.03 Departmental Reports Submitted**

Wayne Hackett made a motion to accept the reports as submitted. Seconded by Cathy Fifield. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

None at this time.

**Reports of the Town Manager:**

**Old Business**

**3.01 Nomination Papers May 4th –** Koriene let the Council know that nomination papers are available and due back in the Clerk’s office by May 4th.

**3.02 Spirit of America Award –** Koriene told the Council she had 2 recommendations,

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Jacques Wiseman and Scott Penney and asked if the Council had a preference. Nick said he did not know who Jacques Wiseman is. Wayne Hackett said that Scott works very hard for this community, and he deserves this. Wayne made a motion to nominate Scott Penney for the Spirit of America Award. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. No further discussion. All in favor. So voted. Unanimous.

**3.03 Summer Rec Bus Update –** Koriene said the Summer Recreation Program will run for 9 weeks from June 20 to August 19th. Hudson Bus will be doing the transportation. She has not heard back from the RSU.

**3.04 Solar Update –** Koriene explained that the Revenue Enhancement Committee is reaching out to another Solar Company so that they can compare. There has been talk of having a charger (for electric cars) in Mechanic Falls because we are between Lewiston and South Paris.

**3.05 Community Day Update–** Koriene stated that there will be 3 units from the Kora Shriners in the Horribles parade. She asked Lou to talk about Community Day. Lou said it is coming along well; there is a lot of interest. Napa will be holding a bean bag toss competition; there will be a yard sale/flea market. The children’s programs are coming along well. Nicholas Konstantoulakis stated that the Historical Society wants to crank up the organ and play rock and roll music.

**3.06 5 Corners DOT Project–** Koriene stated that the State would be putting in Rumble Strips.

**3.07 Back Hoe Bid Water Department - Koriene** explained that the first time this went to bid; they came in too high, so the Water Department sent it out again. Koriene asked Steve French to discuss this with the Council. He explained that we received two bids, the John Deere was lower than the Case, but they bid out a lower machine. Case was $2,800 higher, but because Public Works uses this, they are willing to help with the price. We would like to spend a little more and get a good machine. We keep these machines about 3 years. The prices went up dramatically. Wayne Hackett made a motion to award the bid for the Case backhoe. Seconded by Stephen Bolduc. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**New Business**

**4.05 Recreation Committee –** This item was taken out of order. Lou Annance told Scott Lessard, the Recreation Chairman, that there were changes going on down back at the fields and the Council needs to know about it. There was discussion of moving the softball field closer to the bathrooms and snack shack. It is still in the discussion phase. They currently have 4 softball teams and 3 baseball teams. 100 enrolled as of today. Recs goal is to make the fields the best and safest they can. Jay Bryant asked why Recreation was asked to attend this

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meeting. The Council has been notified by some people that Rec was going to turn the Ron Pratt Field into a softball field. Rec answered back that they are not making a softball field; they are looking into making a multi-purpose field, and getting a $2,800 portable mound. The Recreation meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month. The Council thanked the Recreation members for coming to the meeting.

**4.01 Sawyer Bridge Closure–** DOT will be repairing the bridge and it will be closed approximately 8 to 10 weeks, starting next Monday. We have asked for excessive signage. The buses already know of this, and we will make sure Fire and Rescue also know. We will put it on the sign.

**4.02 General Assistance Maximums Vote to Adopt –** Stephen Bolduc made a motion to adopt the General Assistance Maximums. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

**4.03. Recognition for Carl Beckett –** Koriene explained that Carl was nominated for the Governor’s Award for Outstanding Public Sector Volunteer. He will be honored at the Hall of Flags at the State House on April 12th.

**4.04 2016 IRS regulations for Fringe Benefits Town Vehicles–** Koriene explained that there have been changes in the IRS rulings that will affect the PW and the Water Department. The Water Department is open to the idea of being charged $1.50 per one way home and back which would be $3.00 a day charged to the employee. Tony Corey is the second man. We don’t need a vote. They will pay the $3.00 a day.

**Ordinances, Resolves, & Licenses**

**5.01 Resignation of Jeff Martin from Recreation Committee**

**5.02 Resignation of Dave Griffiths from the Planning Board**

**5.03 Jackie Preston was selected at the Republican Caucus to be the new election clerk for the Republican Party. Need council vote of approval**

Wayne Hackett made a motion to a consent agenda for the resignations of Jeff Martin and Dave Griffiths and the appointment of Jackie Preston as election clerk as presented to the Council. Seconded by Cathy Fifield. No further discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

Wayne Hackett made a motion to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter 1 M.R.S.A. SS 405(6) (a). Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. So voted. Unanimous.

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**Executive Session – Personnel Matters**

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to go into regular session. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

Stephen Bolduc made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nicholas Konstantoulakis. No discussion. So voted. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Marquis

Town Clerk