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Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2024

I, Tim Fleury, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of 13 pages is a copy of the original minutes from the regular meeting of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council held on 10/1/2024.

Prepared By:	Tim Fleury
Approved By:	Old Orchard Beach Town Council
Approval Date:	10/15/2024

Respectfully
Submitted,

Tim Fleury
Town Council
Secretary



Town Council - Meeting Agenda

October 1st, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Council Chambers - 1 Portland Avenue

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Motion to elect Fran Beaulieu as Council Secretary: Vice Chair Blow
Second: Councilor Tousignant
Vote: 5-0

ROLL CALL: Fran Beaulieu called roll. All councilors were present. Town Manager Asanza had an excused absence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

GOOD & WELFARE:

Eileen Carboneau – Gables Way – granite curb at Dunkin Donuts – damage taking turn

Val Philbrick – Goosefare Drive – individual left food and other items at the silver bullet recycling center in Town – being used as a dumping ground – left message with police chief – Mobile Home stabilization – Bailey and Gramlich bringing it to state level when reconvenes in January – Ms. Philbrick gave her opinion on the housing market in Maine and Old Orchard Beach – thanked Councilor Blow and Town Manager Asanza for attending meetings in the fall and the entire Council on their efforts with this item.

Nancy Frisco – Graham Street - Ms. Frisco gave her opinion on the beach cleaning and management

Councilor Tousignant asked about the beach cleaning schedule

Chris White – Public Works Director - beach cleaning reduced in August and September – stops in October.

PRESENTATION:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Accept the minutes from the 9/17/2024 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Motion to accept: Vice Chair Blow

Second: Councilor Reid

Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING – BUSINESS LICENSE & APPROVALS:

Lisa Young, Coastal Craft Workshops, (206-35-4), 126 Saco Avenue Unit D, personal services.

Andrew Baxter, (304-7-1), 78 East Grand Avenue Unit 110, one (1) year-round short-term rental.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Chairman O'Neill opened the hearing at: 6:42 pm

Motion to accept: Councilor Rague

Second: Councilor Tousignant

Vote: 5-0

Chairman O'Neill closed the hearing at: 6:43 pm

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMITS & APPROVALS:

Kenia Tovar, Patron Mexican Restaurant, (206-27-13), 8 Heath Street Unit D, DJ and live music, inside only, Sun-Fri 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Sat 11:00 am to 1:00 am.

John Cloutier, The Beechwood, (307-1-4), 29 West Grand Avenue, DJ, guitar, karaoke, outside only, Sun through Sat 11:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Chairman O'Neill opened the hearing at: 6:44 pm

David Schwanke –Heath Street – music does not stop at 1:00 am on Saturday nights, continues to 2:00 am in parking lot – would like to see more police presence on Saturday nights – would like to see consideration on granting this license

Elise Chard – Police Chief – have not had substantiated complaints over the summer – PD has been monitoring and watching parking lot at night – difficult to deny license without complaints –

Chairman O'Neill – encouraged all residents affected by this to contact the PD – 3 legitimate complaints starts Administrative Review board process –

Vice Chairman Blow – last year was 12:30 pm, was not on board with 1:00 am – last year was Fri-Sat 9am -12:30 am – Councilor Tousignant – if they've been going past 12:30 am they will be investigated – entertainment moving outside of downtown area and affecting residential neighborhoods – ongoing issue in Town with the Downtown area being filled – no later than 12:30 am – maybe should be 12:00 am – should never have been 1:00 am – Vice Chair Blow – in favor of leaving it no later than 12:30 or 12:00 on Fri Sat only – Dave Schwanke

- not sure if it can be a seasonal thing - summer time it blends in with the rest of the entertainment, fall and winter it stands out more -

Councilor Tousignant - can we do seasonal? - Chairman O'Neill - complaints received all summer long in the parking lot area - supports midnight and Thurs - Sat - 11 am -12 am.

Motion to amend the Patron item to Thurs-Sat - 11 am to 12:00 am

Second: Councilor Reid

Vote: 5-0

Motion to approve Patrons Thurs-Sat 11 am to 12:00 am

Second: Councilor Reid

Vote: 5-0

Motion to accept Beechwood: Vice Chair Blow

Second: Councilor Reid

Vote: 5-0

Chairman O'Neill closed the hearing at: 7:02PM

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM #8624

Discussion with Action: Re-appoint Patrick Surette as Election Warden, and Martha Conlan and Sandra Jones as Deputy Election Wardens, terms to expire 10/1/2025.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Motion to accept: Vice Chair Blow

Second: Councilor Reid

Vote: 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #8625

Discussion with Action: Approve the quote from Huber Technology in the amount of \$12,511.36 for the Service and Inspection of the Huber Dewatering Screw Press including installation of new parts from account # 20161 – 50330 Equipment Replacement with a balance of \$17,199.86.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

The dewatering system at the Wastewater Facility is the most crucial part of the process. With the 1996 dewatering unit removed the Town no longer has redundancy. The Huber screw press which was installed in 2017 will be the sole unit in operation until the second Huber can be installed and operational. Any long-term failure of the dewatering system would essentially shut down the wastewater treatment process. This request is for Huber to come out and replace the wiper on the screw press. The wiper is the one wear part that Huber recommends for replacement. The quote provides for two days to replace the wiper and one day to inspect the machine. The second unit which was prepurchased and now is being set in the building will also be inspected. The second unit is expected to be operational by the spring of 2026.

Motion to approve: Councilor Tousignant

Second: Councilor Rague

Vote: 5-0

Chris White – DPW director – not budget item

AGENDA ITEM #8626

Discussion with Action: Set Public Hearing date of October 15, 2024, to Amend the General Assistance Ordinance, including 6.8 Basic Necessities, Overall Maximum Levels of Assistance; 6.8 Basic Necessities, Housing Maximums; C. Utilities, Electricity Maximums; and re-adopt without changes, 6.8a Food; D. Fuel; and E. Personal Care and Household Supplies.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

This item increases the maximum assistance available to residents in the General Assistance program. These levels are based on the recommendation of the Maine Municipal Association.

Motion to set date: Councilor Rague

Second: Vice Chair Blow

Vote: 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #8627

Discussion with Action: Authorize the Town Manager to sign the Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement for York County between the municipalities of Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Berwick, Biddeford, Buxton, Cornish, Dayton, Eliot, Hollis, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Kittery, Lebanon, Limerick, Limington, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Old Orchard Beach, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, South Berwick, Waterboro, Wells, York , the participant municipalities hereinafter referred to, all being bodies politic and corporate located in the County of York and State of Maine and also including the York County Emergency Management Agency (YCEMA).

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

This is a new agreement to establish a more formal agreement for mutual disaster aid, since it is apparent that this is occurring more each year

Motion to approve: Councilor Rague

Second: Councilor Reid

Vote: 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #8628

Discussion with Action: Renew the liquor license for Kenia Tovar, Patron Mexican Restaurant, (206-27-13), 8 Heath Street Unit D, m-s-v in a class A restaurant/lounge.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Motion to accept: Councilor Tousignant

Second: Councilor Rague

Vote: 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #8629

Discussion with Action: John Cloutier, The Beechwood, (307-1-4), 29 West Grand Avenue, m-s-v in a hotel-food optional.

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Motion to accept: Councilor Rague

Second: Councilor Tousignant

Vote: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm: Councilor Tousignant

Second: Councilor Rague

Vote: 5-0