

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
July 14, 2022**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Charles Ellms, Andrew Bermudez, Peter Haskell, Adam Briggs, Levi Ladd (via zoom), and Heidi Kinney

**EXCUSED ABSCENSE:** David Palmer

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Resolution B2022-2023-2 Municipal Budget*

NO COMMENTS

*2. Ordinance C2022-2 Change to Tax Acquired Property Ordinance*

NO COMMENTS

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of June 9, 2022*

Motion to approve: **Peter Haskell**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS**

*NONE*

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** stated that it has been a busy week. The Work Camp is in Town, and they had 40 projects with approximately 230 kids and 20 adults. They had a great afternoon at the beach on Wednesday. Kiwanis hosted a cookout and provided kayaks and games for them. **Mr. King** stated that the Airport has received another grant in the amount of \$760,000 for a new arrival building. They would like to construct a 24 x 32 building and tear down the existing one. It is the first building on the right as you drive in. The airport currently gets \$150,000 every year and for the last two years they have gotten an extra \$159,000. **Mr. King** reported that the Public Works department is busy prepping roads to get ready for the paving. The paving company has stated they will be here in the next two to three weeks. The VFW will be hosting the Hotrods for Heroes car show on Saturday in the municipal parking lot. Kiwanis will be partnering with Jim Crane for the first annual Wheels & Wings Cruise and Fly in to be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the airport. The Red Hotdog Festival planning is in full swing and will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

*2. Departmental Reports*

No Comments

*3. Resolution B2022-2023-3 Municipal Budget*

**BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS** the sum of \$4,696,625, which sum constitutes the estimated requirements of the Town of Dexter for the year 2022-2023 based upon the budget submitted by the Town Manager as provided by the Town Charter, be raised by assessments upon the estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dexter and upon the estates of the non-resident proprietors within the Town for the present municipal year and the sum is hereby appropriated in addition to the sum otherwise provided. The amount for each purpose being specified in the schedule is as follows:

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<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>REVENUES</b>
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 58,000	
General Government	\$1,067,716	
Public Works	\$1,094,191	
Airport	\$ 28,450	
Public Safety	\$ 724,887	
Health & Welfare	\$ 72,090	
Solid Waste Mgt/Lakes & Dam	\$ 312,470	
Culture & Recreation	\$ 221,218	
Facilities & Parks	\$ 443,430	
Cemetery	\$ 132,952	
Economic Development	\$ 15,000	
Debt Service	\$ 212,000	
Contributions to Reserve Accts	\$ 260,500	
County Tax	\$ 375,396	
Education	\$1,895,618	
Subtotal	\$6,913,918	

Increase from 2021-2022 ----- \$148,804

General Government Revenue		\$ 60,400
Cemetery Revenue		\$ -0-
Culture & Recreation Revenue		\$ 8,850
Excise Tax Revenue		\$ 600,000
Facilities & Parks Revenue		\$ 5,425
Health & Welfare Revenue		\$ 12,810
Public Safety Revenue		\$ 52,000
Public Works Revenue		\$ 63,500
MMSWA Revenue		\$ 2,000
Airport Revenue		\$ 3,200
Economic Development		\$ -0-
Undesignated Revenue		\$ 921,300
General Fund Transfers		\$ -0-
Capital Projects Revenue		\$ 129,808
Special Revenue Funds		\$ 58,000
Bonds Issued		\$ 300,000
Subtotal		\$ 2,217,293

Increase from 2021-2022 ----- \$6,722

NET BUDGET ----- \$4,696,625  
NET INCREASE FROM 2021-2022 ----- \$142,082

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**DAVID PALMER**

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Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Ordinance C2022-2 Change to Tax Acquired Property Ordinance*

**BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends the Dexter Town Code Article VII, Management of Town-Owned Property, Sec. 2-197. Property to be sold by adding the following:

(d) The town manager shall review all bids and make recommendations to the town council. The council shall determine the successful bidder at the council meeting subsequent to the bid opening date. *Any bidder owing delinquent taxes to the town of Dexter shall not have their bid considered. This doesn't include owners bidding to reclaim their property acquired by the Town.*

Filed July 14, 2022

**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Resolution B2022-2023-3 Tax Due Date and Interest Rate*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2022-2023 property taxes shall be due and payable on or before October 14, 2022; and furthermore, that the interest rate for the outstanding balance paid after that date shall be at the rate of 4% per annum.

Filed July 14, 2022

**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

**Peter Haskell** asked if that was as high as we could go on the interest rate and the answer was yes.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*2. Resolution B2022-2023-4 Mil Rate*

**BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS**; the sum of \$4,696,625 is required to be raised through taxation to support municipal operations, as well as the Town's contribution to School Administrative District #46 and payment to Penobscot County for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, that a mil rate not to exceed 20.0 mils be hereby adopted for the 2022-2023 tax year.

Filed July 14, 2022

**HEIDI KINNEY**

Second: **Peter Haskell**

The comment was made that the mil rate wouldn't have gone up if the fuel, oil, and salt prices hadn't increased so much.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*3. Resolution B2022-2023-5 Tax Club*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the continuation of the Tax Club for the collection of property taxes for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

**Trampas King** stated that this is a good program and not very many Towns offer it. It spreads the payments over six months, interest free.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2022- 52 Liquor License Renewal for Ryan Wilks dba Dexter Municipal Golf Course*  
**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the renewal of the Malt Liquor License for Ryan Wilks doing business as the Dexter Municipal Golf Course.

Filed July 14, 2022  
**PETER HASKELL**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*5. Order A2022-53 Appointment to the Legislative Policy Committee*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby vote for David B. Pearson to serve on the 2022-2024 Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee.

Filed July 14, 2022  
**PETER HASKELL**

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

**Trampas King** stated that this puts him on the ballot and now we have to vote for him. There are three candidates, and we need to vote for two. The Council decided to vote for David Pearson and Lois Jones from Corinna.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Order A2022- 54 Accept Bid for Paving*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid submitted by B & B Paving in the amount of \$302,775.00 for the paving of Cleveland Avenue, Jackson Street, Goff Road, Highland Avenue, and a portion of Shore Road.

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**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

B & B Paving was about \$58,000 less than the next bid. **Mr. King** stated that you also have to look at quality and reliability. The bids are truly estimates because it is by the liquid ton. They will also be doing grinding on the roads. **Heidi Kinney** asked if all the bids included the grinding. **Mr. King** stated that they did. **Mr. King** pointed out that we need to look at the per ton prices and mentioned that B & B bailed us out last year. **Peter Haskell** asked how much we have in the paving account. **Mr. King** stated that we have \$300,000 but there is also money in the

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reserve. **Heidi Kinney** asked if Sunrise Avenue was going to be paved at the same time. **Mr. King** stated that it will be and that that portion will be paid for with AARPA funds.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

7. *Approve/Sign Quit Claim Deeds for the following:*

Harlan & Rita Akerson

Kolby Dunsmore

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Mr. King** thanked the Council for all their work on the budget. He feels that it is fair and looks toward the future. **Mr. King** informed the Council that Mark Tasker, who heads a group called All In that helps people with addictions, is having a fundraiser on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He thinks there will be a lot of people there and asked if he could hold the event in the municipal parking lot. **Mr. King** stated that they can think about it and it will possibly be on the August agenda.

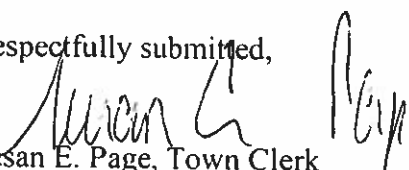
**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Peter Haskell** made a motion to adjourn at 7:30

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan E. Page, Town Clerk