

**Town of Orono
Council Committee Meeting**

**Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chamber – Municipal Building**

Minutes

1. Roll Call

Present: Sam Kunz (Operations Chair), Tom Perry (Finance Chair), Council Chairman Cindy Mehnert, Tom Spitz, Mark Haggerty, Judy Sullivan, Town Manager Sophie Wilson, Assistant Town Manager Belle Ryder, Police Chief Josh Ewing, School Resource Officer Ed Leskey, RSU#26 Superintendent Joanne Harriman and WPCF Superintendent Joe Madigan.

Community Development

2. OPD/RSU #26 School Resource Officer Program

Police Officer Ed Leskey described his daily schedule and role as the RSU#26 School Resource Officer. Police Chief Josh Ewing noted the long standing partnership between the Town and RSU#26 to provide and host a School Resource Officer in the Orono Schools.

Mr. Perry commented that it is important to not have the Resource Officer be a disciplinarian. Officer Leskey agreed and noted that doing so would violate the school policy.

Police Chief Ewing spoke of the positive presence of School Resource Officer Leskey in the schools: providing safety, mitigating the need for other officers and cultivating a positive relationship between the students and police department. Ms. Wilson spoke of the community policing methodology which creates a proactive positive environment.

Chief Ewing spoke of updating the policies for a future School Resource Officer transition.

RSU#26 Superintendent Joanne Harriman spoke of the positive relationship that exists between the School Resource Officer and students/staff. She commented it is another layer that makes Orono a great community.

3. Law Enforcement Training Related to Responding to Active Shooter

Police Chief Ewing reviewed the training efforts of Orono personnel, law enforcement and regional responders related to responding to an active shoot. He spoke of scenario based active shooter training as well as incident command training.

Mr. Perry asked about responding to a University of Maine incident. Chief Ewing confirmed that training with the University and how coordination is handled between agencies.

Ms. Mehnert asked what would be Council's role during an active shoot incident. Chief Ewing stated that Council's role would be one of support and assistance after an incident.

Tom Spitz encouraged Councilors to view FEMA videos on law enforcement's current protocol for responding to an active shooter.

Finance

4. WPCF Capital Infrastructure Projects: Stillwater Interceptor & Charles Street Rehabilitation

WPCF Superintendent Joe Madigan identified a section approximately 600 ft. long of the Stillwater Interceptor between Noyes Drive and Main Street as well as the main on Charles Street that need to be rehabilitated (relined). Working with Olver Associates, staff has developed design, contract administration, and inspection budgets and agreements for both the projects.

Ms. Wilson stated that staff brings this item forward for the Committee's consideration of funding design and contract development (bidding and bid award) in FY16 from the Sewer Infrastructure Reserve for FY17 construction.

Judy Sullivan asked about receiving other bids. Ms. Wilson explained the nature of this project and the relationship with the engineering firm. She suggested putting together a Request for Qualification for future projects.

The Committee agreed to move the WPCF Capital Infrastructure Projects: Stillwater Interceptor & Charles Street Rehabilitation design work with Olver Associates in the amount of \$30,00 forward to the Council Agenda.

5. Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Master Plan Implementation Proposal

Ms. Wilson stated that the Town's CSO Master Plan speaks to the Town is making efforts to avoid combined sewer overflows (CSOs). The first approach would be to address illegal sewer connections of sump pumps, garage drains and roof drains (ordinance requirements). Mr. Madigan stated that each year DEP asks whether the Town has started a cellar inspection program.

Ms. Wilson spoke of developing an implementation plan for further reducing infiltration from non-Town owned sources and wanted to make sure the Council was in support of it. She commented on starting with a significant education campaign and tackling the issue of reducing infiltration in a variety of ways. Flow data would help staff begin prioritizing neighborhoods/areas that should be addressed first. The Committee discussed the issue, including possible funding sources and ways to combine efforts to reduce costs.

The Committee supported moving forward with further discussion of a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Master Plan Implementation Proposal. Ms. Wilson stated she would present more data and information at a later date. She suggested starting with an

educational piece to residents. She also stated that she would also investigate having inspection requirements when selling a property.

Operations

6. Brief Town Manager's Update

Ms. Wilson provided a brief Town Manager's update which included:

- Recent research on properly addressing a dead body
- Tax abatement request to be moved to the February Council agenda
- Community Events Meeting to be held January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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