

**TOWN OF ORONO**  
**COUNCIL VIRTUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 AT 4:00PM**

**WATCH ONLINE AT**  
<https://zoom.us/j/94598011113>  
**(LINK AVAILABLE AT ORONO.ORG)**

*Comments can be submitted via email before the meeting at [info@orono.org](mailto:info@orono.org)  
and during the meeting by using Zoom comment features.*

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Council Chair Cindy Mehnert, Tom Perry, Laurie Osher, Meghan Gardner, Sam Kunz, Cheryl Robertson, Terry Greenier and Town Manager Sophie Wilson.

**2. FY21 Municipal Budget Discussion**

The Council and staff discussed the following proposed FY21 municipal budgets:

**Public Services**

- **Community Development**
  - Code Enforcement
  - Planning
  - Economic Development
- **Library**

Public Comment:

Tony Francis - Village Green Shade System, is there another area in the town that can be used in place of adding a system? i.e somewhere that has less sun? I agree Laurie, Thank you.

- **Parks and Recreation**
  - a. Municipal Pool

Public Comments:

Pamela Eckert Frace - I did not realize that a Parks and Rec program was supposed to “make” money.

Rachel Nichols - If the pool were to close, would Pushaw Lake be opening? For folks with young kids, swimming in the river is not an option. I just think folks going to other areas/ communities to use their swimming options are not exactly ideal either.

Pamela Eckert Frace - Just saying... how accessible is UMO going to be for children doing the summer program that is being suggested? I have watched the rec program change so much.

Heather Eddy - Agreed, Pamela. Orono used to have such a wonderful, vibrant rec program. It is extremely sad and a large loss for our community.

Ken-Cathy Hanscom - Will the pool open this summer? (No)

Jessica Witham - I agree, Heather. Very sad.

Jessica Witham - I apologize, I was late to the meeting. When the slide says "Leave Rec Coordinator Position Vacant"...when do you propose filling that position again? (Position was filled in June 2020)

Rachel Nichols - Same with the Circulation Manager position.

Pamela Eckert Frace - I am not saying it has gone downhill. I'm saying it has changed. I am sure it's about money but when the summer program was at Asa it was a totally different program.

Rachel Nichols - Does there need to be portable bathrooms? I have been traveling in other areas where they have public parks open with swimming holes and have closed their bathrooms and changing rooms.

- **Facilities**
  - a. General
  - b. Municipal and Public Safety Buildings
  - c. Keith Anderson Community House
  - d. Senior Center
  - e. Other Buildings & Town Owned Facilities

### **3. Brief Town Manager Report**

Ms. Wilson gave a brief Town Manager's update.

### **4. Adjourned at 6:06pm**

Minutes are not verbatim. A video-recorded version is available on the Town's website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy W. Ward,

Executive Assistant