



SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER – MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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MINUTES

1. Swearing In of Newly Elected Town Council Members (*Video record time 0:00:10 - 0:01:32*)

Town Clerk Shelly Crosby swore in Town Councilors Elect Sonja Birthisel and Leo Kenney (for 3-year terms) and Robert Laraway (for a 2-year term) to the faithful discharge of their duties.

2. Swearing In of Newly Elected School Board Members (*Video record time 0:01:35 - 0:02:46*)

Town Clerk Shelly Crosby swore in RSU#26 School Board Members Noah Charney (for a 3-year term) and Kevin Roberge (for a 1-year term) to the faithful discharge of their duties.

3. Roll Call (*Video record time 0:02:37 - 0:03:33*)

Present: (In person) Acting Council Chair Meghan Gardner, Geoffrey Wingard, Cheryl Robertson, Sonja Birthisel, Leo Kenny, and Robert Laraway. (Remote) Council Chair Thomas Perry.

4. Acknowledgements (*Video record time 0:03:34 - 0:06:09*)

Leo Kenney acknowledged the Election crew and volunteers.

Geoffrey Wingard acknowledged the work that is being done on the roads by the Public Works crew and he encouraged people to drive safely.

Tom Perry welcomed the new Council members and looks forward to meeting them in person.

Meghan Gardner acknowledged the Orono Chess Club for winning the State Championship for the third year in a row, and for two of the members winning individual awards.

5. Annual Stormwater Training for Elected Officials *(Video record time 0:06:10 - 0:22:55)*

Environmental Services Coordinator Megan Hess conducted the Annual Stormwater Training for the Council members.

6. Town Council Internal Planning Discussion *(Video record time 0:22:57 - 1:25:05)*

Town Manager Sophie Wilson and Councilors reviewed the list of holidays for 2022. They also reviewed the draft Council and Council Committee Meeting schedule for April-June 2022 and the additional Council Budget Workshops for May and June 2022.

Ms. Wilson reviewed the budget document and process of reviewing the budget. She also reviewed the Freedom of Access Act information that is available for Councilors to review.

7. Brief Town Manager's Update *(Video record time 1:25:08 - 1:52:48)*

Ms. Wilson reported on the following items:

- April 11th Meeting with Craig Freshley, Council Policies and Procedures
- State Legislature's LD2003, increase housing opportunities bill. Ms. Wilson noted problems with how the bill is written. Mr. Perry noted that the Legislative Policy Committee does not support the bill as written.
- LaPointe property legal issue. Town's writ of execution due to a violation.
- Main Street Sidewalk Project - seeking federal funding on the \$1M project.
- Juneteenth and Pride Month Resolutions to Council Committee.
- Remote Meeting Policy.

8. Adjournment

At 7:41 p.m., Terry Greenier moved and Cheryl Robertson seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor, 6-0.

Minutes are not verbatim. A video recording is available on the Town's website at www.orono.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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