

Presque Isle Municipal Ordinance Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 9:30am
Presque Isle Community Center

Attendees: Eric Benn (Acting Secretary), Bob Berdan (Acting Chairman), Mike Brandt, Kelly Dyre, Phil Harris, Tom Preston & Carl Wolter (Town liaison). Carl Watras was absent with notification. Also present, Town Board Chairman John MacLean.

Call to order: Acting Chairman Bob Berdan called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

Reading/approval of minutes: A motion to approve the February meeting minutes was unanimously approved, upon the motion of Eric Benn and the second of Phil Harris. [Note: this action was taken out-of-order from the posted Agenda and was conducted after Old Business.]

Old Business: Acting Chairman Bob Berdan summarized recent actions taken by the Town Board related to ordinances. These included:

- approval of the renumbering of Municipal Judge Ordinance to SC 106 (**agenda item a.**)
- adoption of a newly drafted Citation Ordinance (SC 117) (**agenda item b.**)
- adoption of an updated Town Parks and Other Town Properties Ordinance (SC 402)

Committee discussed the procedures by which new or significantly revised ordinances come before the Town Board for review and adoption and took no action.

Acting Chairman Bob Berdan summarized the status of **agenda Item c. Forfeitures Table**. Work by Chairman Watras and Bob Berdan to review current ordinances and develop a single forfeiture table is continuing, and the committee took no action.

New Business:

a. Recycling Ordinance (SC 108); Discussion. Acting Chairman Bob Berdan reported that the committee had been tasked by the Town Board to update this ordinance and that an update had been not been completed. The committee unanimously voted to table work on this topic, pending direction from the Town Board, with the motion introduced by Phil Harris and seconded by Kelly Dyre.

b. Public Peace, Order and other Interests (SC 401); Discussion. Acting Chairman Bob Berdan reported the committee had been tasked by the Town Board to update this ordinance and that an update had been not been completed. The committee determined that in the absence of updated guidance from the Board it would not undertake a revision of SC 401; no action was taken.

c. Hazardous Wake Ordinance modification; Discussion. Phil Harris moved that the committee table work on this issue and refer it to the Town Board for direction; the motion was seconded by Eric Benn. Motion to table passed 5-1 (Tom Preston opposed).

Summarizing the findings of topics a. – c. Having established that the committee should solicit guidance &/or direction from the Town Board, the committee discussed how it can help the Town Board formulate guidance in a manner that gives a clear sense of priorities and objectives. Phil Harris volunteered to build a draft Town Board referral sheet / SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for committee review at its April 2022 meeting.

Comments from the Public / Other Discussion: Mike Brandt observed that because the committee works in response to requirements and priorities of the Town Board, there was no reason why the committee should schedule or entertain comments from the public; the direction and interests of members of the public cannot change the requirements outlined by the board. No action was taken.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairman Berdan at 10:50 am.

Minutes prepared by acting secretary Eric Benn, 10 March 2022.

Approved by unanimous committee vote, 11 May 11, 2022.