

October 03, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting
City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
265 Main Street, Old Town, Maine
Agenda

I. Call to Order

I call to order the October 03, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.
Please turn off or silence cell phones.

(President Folster)

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of the Minutes

September 19, 2022, Financial Services, and Special Council Meetings.

V. Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests

VI. Reports

A. Council President

B. Standing Committees

Administrative, Economic, Finance and Public Services

C. City Councilors

D. City Attorney

E. Special Committees

F. City Manager

VII. Consent Agenda

VIII. Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

1. The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on a proposal to amend Chapter 21, titled Welfare, Appendices A, B & C (Food, Housing & Heat Assistance Limits) of the General Assistance Maximum Amounts for the period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. This amendment is a requirement of the Department of Human Services in compliance with Title 22, M.R.S.A. §4305(4).
- 1a. The City Council will consider scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on a proposal to amend Chapter 21, Titled Welfare, Appendices A, B, C & D of the General Assistance Maximum Amounts.

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on October 17, 2022, on a proposal to amend Chapter 21, titled Welfare, Appendices A, B & C (Food, Housing & Heating Assistance Limits) of the General Assistance Maximum Amounts for the period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, as presented in Attachment #1.

(Councilor McLeod)

2. The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on a proposal to amend the current ordinance under Chapter 20 labeled, for Taxi and Livery Vehicles. The proposed amendments are as follows:
 - Under Section 20-9 Subsection (A)
 - For the first 1/6 of a mile a fraction therefor: \$2.50 will be increased to \$3.60
 - For each 1/6 of a mile fraction thereafter \$0.35 will increase to \$0.60
 - Under Section 20-9 subsection (E)
 - Maximum rate would increase from \$21.00 an hour \$36.00 an hour.
- 2a. The City Council will consider scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on the proposal to amend the current ordinance under Chapter 20 labeled, for Taxi and Livery Vehicles.

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on October 17, 2022, on the proposal to amend the current ordinance under Chapter 20 labeled, for Taxi and Livery Vehicles. The proposed amendments are as follows:

- Under Section 20-9 Subsection (A)
 - For the first 1/6 of a mile a fraction therefor: \$2.50 will be increased to \$3.60
 - For each 1/6 of a mile fraction thereafter \$0.35 will increase to \$0.60
- Under Section 20-9 subsection (E)
 - Maximum rate would increase from \$21.00 an hour \$36.00 an hour.

(Councilor Wight)

IX. Old Business

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1. The City Council will consider issuance of Municipal Warrants for the November 8, 2022, Regular Municipal Election.

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves issuance of Municipal Warrants for the November 8, 2022, Regular Municipal Election. (Warrant attached)

(Councilor Carol May)

2. The City Council will consider setting hours for the Registrar of Voters for the November 8, 2022, State General & Regular Municipal Election.

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the Registrar of Voters hours for the November 8, 2022, State General & Regular Municipal Election, pursuant to Title 21A, M.R.S.A. §101(6) as presented in attachment #2 and recommended by the City Clerk.

(Councilor Pushor)

3. The City Council will consider appointing Cody Anderson for a 2-year term, expiring 12/31/2024 to the Dewitt Airport Advisory Committee.

Suggested motion: The Old Town City Council appoints Cody Anderson to the Dewitt Airport Advisory Committee for a two – year term, expiring 12/31/2024. This appointment replaces Tim Letourneau’s, as he has resigned from the Committee.

(Councilor Wight)

4. The City Council will consider accepting an abatement of taxes for FY 2022 in the amount of \$542.50 for Clair & Daniel Trembley, located at 28 Sewall Drive.

Suggested motion: Resolved, The Old Town City Council approves the abatement \$542.50 of taxes for the FY 2022, for Clair & Daniel Trembley, located at 28 Sewall Drive.

Reason for Abatement: Homestead Exemption application received/dated 02/13/2021 was not processed in the system correctly. Abatement is for the difference in assesses value after Homestead Exemption applied.
(Details for abatement included in attachment # 3)

(Councilor Mike May)

5. The City Council will consider approving a credit card for Travis Roy, Assistant Manager, from Katahdin Trust on the existing credit line for the City of Old Town. Katahdin Trust has requested from the City Council an approval to increase the credit limit to \$15,000 and authorization to add Travis Roy as a cardholder.

Suggested motion: Resolved, The Old Town City Council approves a credit card for Travis Roy, Assistant Manager, from Katahdin Trust on the existing credit line for the City of Old Town. Furthermore, the City Council approves the request from Katahdin Trust to increase the credit limit up to \$15,000 and authorizes adding Travis Roy as a cardholder.

(Councilor Peterson)

6. The City Council will consider going into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Contract on the Herbert Sargent Building.

Suggested motion: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(D) for the purpose of discussing the Contract on the Herbert Sargent Building between the City of Old Town and the Rec. Department.

(Councilor Pushor)

Adjournment: Do I have a motion to adjourn, _____, Second

Warrant for Municipal Election State of Maine

County of Penobscot, ss.

To Scott Wilcox a Constable [or resident] of Old Town:
(Name of Constable or Resident)

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of Old Town of the election described in this warrant.

To the voters of Old Town: **WARD ONE**

You are hereby notified that the Municipal Election in this municipality will be held at The Elks Lodge, 37 Fourth Street on the second Tuesday of November, the same being the 8th day, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two (2022) for the purpose of effecting the election to the following office:

All Elected at Large

- **TWO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS**
- **TWO MEMBERS OF THE RSU #34 BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS**
- **ONE WARDEN & ONE WARD CLERK FOR WARD ONE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS**

The polls shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person who becomes 18 years of age on election day, or after the close of registration prior to it; and to accept new enrollments. A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands in Old Town this 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty – two (2022).

Majority of Municipal Officers of Old Town

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election.

Attest: _____
Laura Engstrom-Old Town City Clerk

State of Maine

OFFICER'S RETURN

County of Penobscot, ss.

I certify that I have notified the voters of Old Town in Ward One of the time and place of the Municipal Election by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at:

The Elks Lodge, 37 Fourth Street Old Town Maine

(Place of Posting)

a conspicuous, public place within Old Town and ward One

on _____ which is at least 10 days prior to election day.

(Date of posting)

Dated at Old Town this _____ day of **October**, 2022

Attest:

Constable or Resident of Old Town

Oct 1, 2022 to Sept 30, 2023

OVERALL MAXIMUMS

Persons in Household

1	2	3	4	5
\$826	\$955	\$1,219	\$1,515	\$2,071

Household of 6 = \$2,146

* Add \$75 for each additional person

FOOD MAXIMUMS

Persons	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$65.35	\$281
2	\$120.00	\$516
3	\$172.09	\$740
4	\$218.37	\$939
5	\$259.53	\$1,116
6	\$311.40	\$1,339
7	\$344.19	\$1,480
8	\$393.26	\$1,691

Add \$211 per month for each + person

HEATING FUEL

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

HOUSING MAXIMUMS

BEDROOM	UNHEATED		HEATED	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	\$161	\$691	\$189	\$811
1	\$181	\$780	\$218	\$938
2	\$231	\$992	\$279	\$1,198
3	\$288	\$1,238	\$347	\$1,491
4	\$402	\$1,729	\$475	\$2,042

PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

Number in Household	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

Number of Children	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

***New - Appendix H Revisions

Burial Maximum: \$1,475
Cremation Maximum: \$1,025

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is not automatically entitled to the "maximums" established applicants must demonstrate need.

1) Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$19.95	\$60.00
2	\$22.52	\$96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) Electricity Maximums for Households With Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

1-800-442-6003

Revised 09/06/2022



CITY OF OLD TOWN
VOTER REGISTRATION HOURS
265 MAIN STREET

The Registrar of Voters and deputy registrars will be at the following locations to register new voters and correct the voting list. The dates are as follows:

During Business Hours October 28th – November 7th, 2022
City of Old Town, 265 Main Street

7:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

November 08, 2022 - ELECTION DAY-Deputy Registrars will be at the polls,
Elks Lodge, 37 Fourth Street

7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:	Laura Engstrom
DEPUTY REGISTRAR:	Mike Hodgkins
DEP UTY REGISTRAR:	Kelly Moody
DEPUTY REGISTRAR:	Kadie Striefner

COUNCIL TO ABATE

September 16, 2022

Real Estate: Claire & Daniel Trembley - Account 728 - 28 Sewall Dr
28 Sewall Dr
Old Town, ME 04468

FY2022

Assessment Date:	4/1/2021
Assessed Amount:	\$141,800
Homestead Exemption	\$25,000
Assessment subject to Property Tax:	\$116,800
Assessment to be rebated:	\$25,000
Tax Rebate at a mil rate of 21.70	\$542.50

Total Amount to Abate \$542.50

Reason For Abatement: Homestead Exemption application received/dated 2/13/2021 was not processed in the system correctly. Abatement is for the difference in assessed value after Homestead Exemption applied.

Reason For Denial by Assessor: Maine Tax Law gives the Assessor one year from date of commitment to issue an abatement for an illegal assessment. This is beyond that window of time.

Reason For Approval by City Council: Maine Tax Law Section 841 allows the City Council up to 3 years to issues an abatement to correct an illegal assessment.