

***Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2023***

**In Attendance**

Mayor Walter Keating

Councillor Wayne Kelly

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillor Lydia Burke

Councillor Gary Keating

*Absent: Councillor William Murphy*

*Absent: Councillor Barry Murphy*

Also, in attendance: Juanita Gosse, Town Clerk/Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Walter Keating called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION 11-16-23-01 Adopt Agenda**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald; seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

**In Favor:** Mayor Walter Keating  
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald  
**Councillors:** G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Councillor William Murphy took his seat at the council table and proceeded to videotape the council meeting.*

*Mayor Keating asked that Councillor William Murphy remove himself to the gallery as he is suspended from Council and cannot sit as a councillor or participate in this council meeting.*

*Councillor Murphy stated that he will not move to the gallery as Council do not have the authority to suspend him from council, nor do they have the authority to stop him from videotaping.*

***The Town Clerk/Manager stated for the record that she does not give her permission to be videotaped.***

***Mayor Walter Keating stated he does not give his permission to be videotaped.***

***Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald stated he does not give his permission to be videotaped.***

***Councillor Gary Keating stated he does not give his permission to be videotaped.***

***Councillor Lydia Burke stated she does not give her permission to be videotaped.***

***Councillor Wayne Kelly stated he does not give his permission to be videotaped.***

***Councillor Murphy reiterated that he has the right to videotape and will continue to do so.***

***As Councillor William Murphy took his council seat, the Town Clerk/Manager was asked to read the following:***

Before we begin this meeting, Council must remind Councillor William Murphy that he is suspended from Council for three months pursuant to Section 15 (1)(d) of the Municipal Conduct Act. This action was taken by Council under Motion 10-19-23-06 passed at the Regular Council meeting held October 19, 2023.

As a suspended councillor, councillor William Murphy must sit in the gallery as a spectator and not participate in this council meeting.

***Councillor Murphy said he will not move to the gallery, therefore; the Town Clerk/Manager continued:***

Councillor Murphy, Council reminds you of Section 15(c)(iii) of the Municipal Conduct Act – Under, Penalties for Contravention of Code of Conduct for Councillors:

Section 15(c) (iii) states: Where a council determines that a councillor has contravened the code of conduct more than once and has refused to comply with the penalties imposed, Council may make an application to court seeking that the councillor vacate the councillor's seat and that the councillor not be eligible to be nominated as a candidate until the nomination period for the next general election.

Councillor William Murphy, you have contravened the code of conduct more than once. If you refuse to comply with the penalties imposed by this council, you risk having your seat vacated under Section 15(c)(iii) of the Municipal Conduct Act.

Again, as you are suspended by Council, you must sit in the gallery as a spectator and not participate in this council meeting.

*Throughout the reading, Councillor Murphy repeatedly interrupted the Town Clerk/Manager taunting Council and urging Council to move forward and try to vacate his seat. He let Council know that he will not comply with the penalties imposed by Council, therefore the Town Clerk/Manager continued with the following:*

Council will attempt to continue with this Council meeting so we can carry out the business of the Town. I would ask that acting councillors dismiss any verbal input from Councillor Murphy, and I, as the Town Clerk/Manager will not document Councillor Murphy's vote as this would invalidate the decisions of Council. If this meeting becomes unruly, Council will be forced to adjourn.

*Councillor William Murphy continued to interrupt the speakers and argue with members of Council. The meeting became unruly, and Council was forced to make the following motion:*

**MOTION 11-16-23-02 Adjournment**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**In Favor:** Mayor Walter Keating  
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald  
**Councillors:** G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke

**MOTION CARRIED**



Walter Keating  
Mayor



Juanita Gosse  
Town Clerk/Manager