

**Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Video Conference
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

Attendance in Person: Bill Nauss, Commission Chair; Nancy Hatch, Commission Vice Chair; Jo-Ann Grant, Commissioner; Martin Hiltz, Commissioner; Dennis Egyedy, Clerk Treasurer;
Attendance Via Zoom: Michael Heisler, Commissioner; Maxine Veinot, Recording Secretary; Everett Hiltz, Fire Chief; Deputy Chief Bill Zinck; and Deputy Chief Cody Stevens.

Public Gallery: three residents via Zoom Video

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Nauss called the April 7, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting , via video conference, of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:01 pm.

2.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

- 4b - Correspondence – Chester Heritage Society
- 4c - Correspondence from Chester Playhouse
- 4d - Correspondence from Chester Arts Centre
- 4e - Committee formation for New Fire Hall

MOTION #21-036: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of the agenda with the additions of 4b, 4 c, 4d, and 4e.

Unanimously Carried

3.0 Budget 2021/22

Commissioner Hatch stated that the proposed budget will require a tax increase, which she will oppose.

Chair Nauss agreed that he does not want an increase in taxes and we should meet to discuss the budget only. It was agreed to discuss the budget at the Chester Fire Hall to enable social distancing and the attendance of Fire Department management. Everyone agreed to meet on April 13th at 7:00 pm.

4.0 a) Lobster Made Easy

Commissioner Grant stated that we need an agreement identifying the type of building being placed in the area and other conditions such as garbage, employment, insurance, permits, etc.

Commissioner Hatch spoke to residents in the area about the possibility of the ice cream shack by the Lido pool. The commission must consider the benefits and risks associated with the ice cream stand. There will be an increase of traffic which poses a risk for children at the Yacht Club and Lido pool. Secondly, there is direct competition for village tax paying merchants in the downtown. Hatch suggested placing the shack up by the Train Station where there is ample parking.

Commissioner Heisler has no concerns with the location as long as it goes in the Village.

Chair Nauss stated that the customers are going to be from the swimming pool which makes the location ideal. He stated that the ice cream shack will not affect the businesses in the downtown and he believes that it is a good asset for the area. Chair Nauss suggested that commissioners should think about this and be prepared to decide at the April 14th meeting.

It was suggested to have an agreement prepared for signature by the owner; Clerk Treasurer Egyedy requested clarification on items to be in the agreement.

b) Heritage Society Correspondence

The society is requesting \$10,000 for July 1st celebrations. Their plans include a pre-paid take-away, pig roast supper, fireworks, and construction of more vendor booths. A decision will be made at the next regular meeting.

c) Chester Art Centre Correspondence

The centre is requesting monetary donation of \$500.00 to assist with a large-scale arts event from Union to Pleasant Street. A decision will be made at the next regular meeting.

d) Chester Playhouse

The Chester Playhouse is requesting a monetary donation to assist with increase costs of renovation to the playhouse. Chair Nauss stated this request as well as the others, will be dealt with at regular meeting.

e) Firehall Design Committee

Chair Nauss stated Bob Youden requested a committee be struck to design a new firehall. The design will be approved by the commission and Youden will meet with companies to have construction proposals submitted on the firehall design. Youden suggested the committee members include himself, Jane Raeburn, Commissioner Hatch, and Fire Chief Hiltz.

5.0 In Camera

MOTION #21-037 : Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
To move In Camera at 8:03 pm in reference to the Fire Services Contract and the acquisition, sale, lease, and security of village property with the following invites: Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy; Chief Everett Hiltz; Deputy Chief Bill Zinck; and Deputy Chief Cody Stevens.

Unanimously Carried

A five-minute break was declared before starting the In Camera.

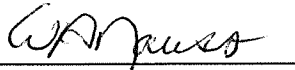
MOTION #21-038 : Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
To move Out of In Camera at 8:57 pm.

Unanimously Carried

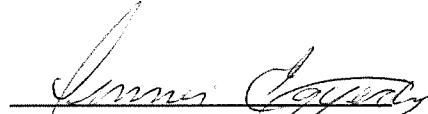
6.0 Adjournment

Next Regular Monthly Meeting – April 14, 2021 – 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the April 7, 2021 COW meeting at 8:58 pm.



Bill Nauss
Commission Chair



Dennis Egyedy, BPA, AMCT
Clerk Treasurer