

Village of Chester
Regular Monthly Meeting –Oct 14, 2009

Minutes

Present:

Bill Zinck Jr., Mike Heisler, Brenda Mulrooney, Jo-Ann Grant and Iris Tolliver

Regrets: Phil Ellwood

There were 2 members of the public present.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Zinck at 7:30.

Additions to the agenda.

Web site was added to Old Business as well as new monthly meeting times.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Mike Heisler moved the adoption of the minutes from Sept 9, 2009, seconded by Jo-Ann Grant. All in favor.

Old Business:

1 Allocation of HST rebate

Mike Heisler motioned to allocate the HST rebate in the amount of \$28103.42 to the Lido Pool funds. Seconded by Brenda Mulrooney, all in favor. Brenda Mulrooney to move \$213,000.00 reserved for the Lido Pool to a GIC. The motion was seconded by Jo-Ann Grant and all were in favor.

2 Lido Pool/Public Washrooms

Bill Zinck reported that the plans that have been drawn up are going to be looked at in the hopes of making the building a little smaller and ensure the structure is in keeping with the theme of the Village. The Commission is moving ahead with the project and he announced a special meeting will be held on October 27, 2009 with the rate payers in the Village. Partly the purpose of the meeting will be to ask permission to possibly borrow a portion of the funds needed to complete the project. A notice has been sent to all the post office boxes in the Village.

3. Wreath Tender

Only one tender was received to provide, install and remove wreaths in the Village, from Elaine Collicutt for the amount of \$1495.00. Brenda Mulrooney motioned to accept the tender, seconded by Jo-Ann Grant. All were in favor.

4. Web site

Bill Zinck addressed Kerry Keddy, manager of chesterns.ca website, who was present in the audience. He asked that the Commission site be updated with the current commissioners. Mr. Keddy recommended the Clerk Treasurer contact Ben Wiper for assistance. There was discussion about the ability to post minutes to the website as well as agendas prior to the meetings. It was decided that unapproved minutes could be posted if they are clearly identified as such.

5. New monthly meeting times

Jo-Ann Grant motioned that the regular monthly meetings be held at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Brenda Mulrooney and all were in favor.

New Business:

Vandalism to streetlights on Water St

Bill Zinck informed the commission of damage to the service for the decorative lights on Water Street. In a successful attempt to remove a 250th Anniversary sign, the power box to the streetlights was damaged and power needed to be disconnected. The Municipality was asked to do the necessary repairs and inspections. There was no damage to the actual lights.

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received since the last meeting was presented by Iris Tolliver.

4) Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief Chafe read his report to the audience. Report is attached

5) Truck Report:

An exhaust system has been replaced on 521. Truck 551 is waiting for an exhaust system to arrive and so it could also be replaced. All the trucks are in need of yearly regular service. Metalfab has done additional repairs on the lights on the new truck. The work was covered under warranty.

6) Ladies Auxiliary Report:

No report.

7) Fire Advisory Report:

Bill Zinck Jr announced the next meeting date.

8) Financial Report:

No report due to computer problems. September's report will be included in next month's meeting.

9) Questions:

Joy Calkin asked if she could receive an update after the special Lido meeting, since she will be unable to attend. She asked about being able to vote by proxy, which is not an option as per the Municipal Government Act.

She asked about what investments the Commission is considering. Bill told her the Commission had a meeting with Scotia bank the following morning to discuss options. The intention of the Commission is to invest funds in a safe portfolio while still earning interest.

She asked Fire Chief Chafe who would be doing the work on the trucks. She was informed that local businesses are given priority. Chester Service Centre does most of the servicing while Bill Bond does all the MVI. Work is sourced outside of Chester only when necessary.

She asked about the effectiveness of the new Fire Commissioner and was advised that the Fire Department is satisfied with the results to date.

She then thanked the Fire Department for the efforts during Fire Prevention Week.

Kerry Keddy asked if the HST rebate was factored into the budget. He was advised that when the budget is set, it is with HST in, so the rebate is viewed as revenue and must be allocated either to a

reserve or to be used as operating funds. Joy Calkin then asked about the Lido Reserve Funds. She was advised that due to the repairs done to the pipes under the sidewalk this past season along with the floor of the pool; the previous funds have been used. The Commission will continue to budget reserves for the Lido pool in future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

William Zinck Jr
Chairperson

Iris Tolliver
Clerk/Treasurer