

**Village of Chester
Regular Monthly Meeting –April 14, 2010**

Minutes

Present:

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

Regrets: Phil Ellwood

There were 3 members of the public present.

Additions to the agenda.

Add allocation of operating cash to New Business.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Jo-Ann Grant motioned to accept the minutes from March 10, 2010, seconded by Brenda Mulrooney. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Lido Pool/Public Washrooms update

Brenda Mulrooney announced we have now moved into another stage of the process. After April 22, we will be in a position to offer to purchase the property. From that point it will be sent to Executive Council (Cabinet) for review or approval. Once reviewed or approved by Executive Council, a conveyancing document is prepared for execution by the Minister and a Declaration or an Order in Council is recorded at the appropriate Registry of Deeds closing the public road. There is no way of knowing exactly how long that will take.

Logo Contest

Jo-Ann Grant announced that there are two residents from the Village who have volunteered to assist to judge the entries which will be done with-in the next couple of days.

New Business:

Census of the Village of Chester

It has come to the attention of the Commission that the exact total is not known for the population of the Village of Chester. The plan is to conduct a census this summer by sending the summer students door to door with a questionnaire designed to assist in knowing what residents may be in a position of need during a disaster. The census will provide the number of permanent residents as well as seasonal.

Allocation of Operating Cash

Brenda Mulrooney motioned to allocate the balance of 2009-10 budget to operating cash for the beginning of the 2010-11 fiscal year. The exact amount will not be known until all the expenses for the year are recorded. The exact amount will be announced at the next monthly meeting.

The motion was second by Michael Heisler. All were in favor.

Correspondence

A list of correspondence was read by the Clerk Treasurer.

Fire Chief's Report

“Since the last commission meeting on March 10/10, I have logged in 119 hours in callouts, meetings, practices and fire department business. We have had a fairly busy month with 15 callouts consisting of 3 grass fires, 3 mutual aid calls 3 practices, 2 chimney fires, 1 brush fire, 1 forest fire, 1 MVA and 1 medical assist. If this month is any indication on how busy we’re going to be this summer with hot, dry weather, we could have an extremely busy season.

The practice on March 28th which was named Operation Stevensville, was a large success. We had approximately 70 firefighters representing all 7 departments in the Municipality, including 23 from our department alone. The Sunday morning practice consisted of 1 hour setup time, 3 hours of practice, then a couple hours of cleanup, lunch and a critique at our hall. Several departments put a lot of time into organizing this practice and special thanks goes out to our Municipal Administrator, Bruce Blackwood, who was one of the main coordinators of this operation. While on the subject of training, we have had several fire fighters taking specialty courses at the Fire School this month, such as ice rescue and thermal imaging. The fire school now has a mobile burn unit for training in live fire and we are lucky to be the first department to have it on site for training. This unit will be here from the 21st to the 25th of this month and Everett Hiltz, our training officer captain will be one of the instructors. Everett has also requested the use of Unit 542 at the fire school for a 24 hour training session in which extra apparatus are needed. This will be the same scenario as last year when this unit was at the fire school. Everett will have complete care and control of this vehicle and the school will cover the expenses such as fuel. This event will be taking place in mid May and I hope we will be able to assist the fire school in their ongoing training. Thank you.”

Bill Zinck asked the Commission to address the issue of Unit 542. A unanimous decision was to allow Everett Hiltz to have use of the truck for the training session at the Fire School. It is understood that the vehicle will be in his possession for the complete time.

Truck Report

No report

Ladies Auxiliary Report:

Susan Surette, secretary, announced there is presently no operating Ladies Auxiliary. There has been no meeting since November 2004. She did endeavor to establish a new Ladies Auxilliary, but found no interest. The item will be removed from future agendas.

Fire Advisory Report:

Bill Zinck Jr announced the next meeting date.

Financial Report:

A financial report was presented to the Commission by the Clerk Treasurer. Brenda Mulrooney asked if any repairs have been done on the EMC building since it was built. There have not been. Brenda Mulrooney motioned to accept the reports as presented, second by Michael Heisler and all were in favor.

Questions

There were no questions that were not addressed in the Lido report. The concern expressed was that the Lido Pool project be completed in time to begin the Red Cross Swim program on schedule.

Jo-Ann Grant moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15.

William Zinck Jr
Chairperson

Iris Tolliver
Clerk/Treasurer