

**Village of Chester
Regular Monthly Meeting –June 9, 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.

Operating cash allocation was added to old business.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Brenda Mulrooney moved to accept the minutes as presented from May 12, 2010 meeting. Tom Mulrooney seconded and all were in favor.

Old Business:

Lido Pool / Public Washroom Update

Brenda Mulrooney announced the construction project has begun and that the pool will be ready for the 1st week of the swim program. The upstairs portion will be finished as soon as it can be after the pool house is completed. There has been some controversy over the location and change in size of the building. The location was affected by the power pole on Freda Beach end of the building belonging to Aliant and it could not be moved. So the only option was to move the building since the cost of running the electrical underground was too high. The shape of the building was modified from a square to an L shape to accommodate the required 10 foot set back from the overhead power lines. Portion of the pool house is underground due to the same set back.

She announced that the Commission had received word that we were awarded a Recreation Grant of 88 thousand dollars. There had been some concern about being ineligible due to not having clear title to the land as of the application cut-off date. Thanks in part to the Municipality and Department of Transportation interceding on our behalf, our application was accepted and we were awarded the grant.

The water at the Public Washroom is environmentally appealing due to the waterless urinals, salt water flush toilets and fresh water for hand washing from a desalination system being put in. Jo-Ann Grant raised concern over the urinals and Brenda informed the group that the urinals will be flushed once a week and then topped up with a solution that traps the odor, in much the same way as a sink trap works. Jo-Ann asked about potable water, and she was advised there would be no drinking water available at the washrooms. Bill Zinck added that the desalination system is cheaper than putting in a well.

Census and Garbage Collection Notice

Bill Zinck announced there would be a mail out outlining the dates for the extra organic waste pick up in the Village. It would also address the Census to be conducted. It will provide non-identifying information on such things as mobility issues, age and other assistance related concerns. It will be helpful to know the demographics of the Village to help with services that may be needed.

Operating Cash Allocation

Brenda Mulrooney motioned to allocate \$29569.22 to operating cash. This motion is to replace the motion made in April's meeting and then rescinded in May's meeting for lack of a specific figure to allocate. The motion was seconded by Jo-Ann Grant.

New Business:

Summer Employees

All the required employees for the summer season have been hired. Two are returning employees from last season. They are Katie Dufresne (lifeguard) and Lindsay Schnare (full time litter picker). Our weekend litter picker is Andrew Heisler. All the staff has been informed the Lido Pool will remain open until the Labor Day weekend.

Jib Lot

Bill Zinck has a meeting scheduled with Eastern Fence on Friday to finalize the details on the new fence. The fence will be made of PVC or vinyl and will match the existing style fencing currently at the lot.

Correspondence

A list of correspondence was read by the Clerk Treasurer.

Fire Chief's Report

First, on behalf of the fire department, I would like to congratulate our new commissioner, Tom Mulrooney and returning commissioner, Mike Heisler. We are looking forward to working as a team with both new and previous commissioners.

Since the last commission meeting on May 12th, I have logged in 115 hours in fire dept. business, callouts, meetings and training. We have had a fairly quiet month, with only 6 callouts, consisting of 1 alarm, 1 practice, 1 mutual aid call to Windsor Station 2, 1 car fire, 1 house full of smoke and 1 pole fire. Other than the car being a total loss there was nothing too serious. There are food picture on the Chesterns web site of the fire department in action at the scene of the car fire.

This past weekend, 5 members of our department attended the very successful FDIC conference at Acadia. This conference was completely sold out again this year with 490 firefighters attending from all over the Maritimes.

I received a call from the fire inspector's office regarding a fire inspection due her at the fire hall. We have one scheduled for Thursday, July 8 @ 1:30 pm.

Thanks you,

Leo Chafe

Chester Fire Chief

Truck Report

Blake Corkum was not available, so Fire Chief Chafe gave the truck report. He reported that 3 trucks that were due for inspection have all been inspected and passed. He mentioned a FDIC course that was given by Dave Kennedy who does our truck repairs. He relayed an experience from the Shubenacadie Fire Department that was spared an extra \$35k expense because of a contract that was recommended to them

by Mr. Kennedy. The point Duke wanted to make was that when future equipment purchases are being considered, he feels the cost of employing Mr. Kennedy, or someone with his expertise, to sit on the Truck Committee would be well spent.

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. There were no questions. Mike Heisler motioned to accept the report as presented, seconded by Brenda Mulrooney.

Questions

Kerry Keddy asked about the Fire Advisory Committee and whether it was something the general public would be interested in. Bill Zinck advised him is generally a Fire Department Report. It is a meeting between the Village Commissions, Fire Commissions and the Fire Departments. He agreed to include comments on the meetings or the agendas in future rather than just announcing the date of the next meeting. Brenda Mulrooney raised the possibility of adding the highlights from the Planning Advisory Committee meetings that are attended by Mike Heisler.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28.

William Zinck Jr
Chairperson

Iris Tolliver
Clerk/Treasurer