

**Village of Chester
Regular Monthly Meeting –Sept 8, 2010**

Minutes

Present:

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

Regrets: None

There were 2 members of the public present.

Additions to the agenda.

A report from the Planning Advisory Committee will be added to the agenda. It will be a regular agenda item.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Brenda Mulrooney moved to accept the minutes as presented from June 9, 2010 meeting. Tom Mulrooney seconded and all were in favor.

Old Business:

Lido Pool / Public Washroom Update

Brenda Mulrooney announced that the desalination system has arrived and the installation and training will take place as soon as possible. All the toilets and sinks are installed waiting for the water to be hooked up. The petitions are nearly ready to be installed. The change table for the family washroom as well as the toilet paper dispensers, air hand dryers and mirrors are still to be installed. The awning has been installed on the pool level of the building. There is no power to the awning, but that will take place shortly. A winter cover is to be delivered when the awning operation is demonstrated.

The clerk treasurer mentioned a problem with the pumps caused by the power outage during the weekend storm. Bill Zinck has asked the electrician to install a preventative switch to avoid this in future.

Census

Jo-Ann Grant has contacted a consulting firm to put together and or recommend a company to assist us with this project. The first step is to establish a privacy policy and then see if there is a data base with the Municipality that can be accessed to provide the address of the residents within the village boundaries. She stressed that the census was completely voluntary and would be confidential.

Jib Lot Project

The benches have been repaired. Brenda Mulrooney has requested pricing from two companies to remove the old brush and shrubbery adjacent to the fence. Bill Zinck said the new fence has been delivered to Halifax and expects it will begin to be erected in the next week or so.

Weekly Garbage Collection

This was the final week for the weekly garbage collection project. While there were some glitches, most were handled well by the Municipality and the staff at GE Trucking. All are interested in resolving the problems for a long trial run next summer. There are presently 51 households in the village that have a regular Wednesday bi-weekly collection day. Much of the difficulties encountered would be addressed by

switching their collection day to Tuesday. All residents who had any concerns seemed to have a clear understanding of when the weekly organics were being collected. Bruce Forrest, who was in the audience said the Municipality received around 71 calls. Most people were very accommodating and so there were no big problems. He recommended the Commission meet soon with the Municipality to discuss a plan of action for next year.

Winter Wreaths

A decision was made that the Clerk Treasurer call for prices from three or four of the companies who have submitted prices for the wreaths in the past. There will be no ad placed in the local paper.

New Business: None

Correspondence

A list of correspondence was read by the Clerk Treasurer.

Fire Chief's Report

Since the last commission meeting on June 9/10, I have logged in 315 hours in meetings, callouts, practices and fire department business. We had a fairly busy summer with 39 callouts consisting of 15 alarms, 6 practices, 6 storm related callouts, 3 vehicle fires, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 mutual aid calls, 1 medical assist, 1 electrical fire, 1 grass fire and 1 water rescue. Fortunately none of these callouts (other than the vehicles which were total losses) had any serious injuries or property losses.

As I reported in June, we were expecting a visit from the Fire Inspector and after correcting a few deficiencies a second visit gave us a good inspection report.

This summer we had the opportunity to work with the Haven movie crew on a scene at the middle school. Our crew was doing fire control only and did not get a part in the TV show. They did get lunch and were paid for their time. The Haven crew made a donation to the Fire Department which was split equally among the participating members after expenses were covered. Included in the expenses was an amount for the use of Unit 543 and that money I have turned over to the Clerk Treasurer.

Due to renovations at Premiere Storage we will not be storing the boat there this winter, so the membership decided to purchase a temporary storage building to be erected over our paved parking area behind the fire hall. The fire department has \$2800 to put towards this project which will almost cover the cost of the building. The rest of the expense will come from the rescue boat bank account. The boat was hauled out for Hurricane Earle and put back in on Sunday morning. An hour later it was needed on Gooseberry Island and again I am pleased to say there are some good pictures of us responding on the ChesterNS web site.

Thanks you,
Leo Chafe
Chester Fire Chief

Truck Report

Blake Corkum was not available, so Fire Chief Chafe gave the truck report. He reported there will be a truck committee set up again in the next week.

Fire Advisory Report:

Bill Zinck Jr announced they are working on a Personal Accountability System. The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

Financial Report:

A financial report was presented to the Commission by the Clerk Treasurer. There were no questions. **Tom Mulrooney motioned to accept the report as presented, seconded by Brenda Mulrooney. All were in favor.**

Questions

Kerry Keddy asked for some clarification of the amount of money received from Haven Productions and concerning a letter from the Planning Department in Correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

William Zinck Jr
Chairperson

Iris Tolliver
Clerk/Treasurer