



**Village of Chester
Regular Monthly Meeting –Mar 9, 2011
Minutes**

Present:

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

Regrets: Brenda Mulrooney

There were 2 members of the public present.

Additions to the agenda.

None.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

The minutes from **Feb 9, 2011** were circulated and reviewed. *Jo-Ann Grant moved to accept the minutes*, seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Census

Jo-Ann Grant passed around the possible parameters for obtaining prices from 3 different companies. This would allow the quotes to be based on the same criteria. She recommended that a clear privacy policy be in place prior to the census being recorded. It was decided that the firm hired to conduct the census would also process the data in keeping with strict privacy guidelines. Jo-Ann will provide the Clerk with the names of 3 companies to go forward and ask for prices. This will be discussed in the budget for next year.

Village Roads

Tom Mulrooney advised that he has spoken with the Municipal Advisor and he clarified that the Municipal Government Act does not allow villages to own or to maintain roads. The roads are presently owned by the Province, and the Municipality has no known intention of taking over ownership of the roads.

Allocation of Funds to Reserves

Tom Mulrooney moved that the Clerk Treasurer allocate \$200,000 of the current budget to reserve. As per the budget, the reserves are \$150,000 to the truck reserve and \$50,000 to the building reserve. The budgeted reserve of \$30,000 to go to the Lido has been used up in the renovations. The motion was seconded by Mike Heisler, motion carried.

Farmer's Market and Parade Square

Jon Pece stood and addressed the commission. He reported a successful year in 2010 for the Farmer's Market with good public gain. Much positive feedback has been received from the public. He thanked the commission for their support.

The Farmer's Market may be in jeopardy this year due to the road where the market sets up being considered surplus by TIR, who wish that part of the road to be passed one. Given that the Village of

Chester cannot take the road directly, he wanted the Commission's feedback on the possibility of the Municipality taking it over and then passing it over to the Commission. Mr. Pece was seeking support for this. He highlighted several benefits to this idea, including some cost analysis. It would be a great asset to the Village of Chester and also to the Lido Pool, in his opinion. He requested that the Commission support this by way of a letter to the Municipality. Jo-Ann Grant questioned what support was being sought. Mr. Pece advised that part of the proposal was that section be de-commissioned and, as a possibility, turned into a green space. Mike Heisler asked Fire Chief Chafe if he had any concerns. After clarifying what part of the road was actually in question, Mr. Chafe said there would be no concern since the department goes straight through from the bottom of Central Street and would rarely use that section of road. Tom Mulrooney expressed concern that the Yacht Club and people living on the Peninsula have a voice in the matter, and Mr. Pece said there were no complaints from the Peninsula last year and the minor parking problems encountered with the Yacht Club were quickly and satisfactorily resolved.

Billy Zinck asked that Jon contact council and first get their position on the matter before the Commission would act. While there seems to be support for the concept, the Commission would want to know which way that Council is leaning, in order to offer the best support in the right way. Certainly, the Commission will continue to support the Farmer's Market. Jon said he had a meeting with council and would report back. He thanked the Commissioners for their listening ear.

New Business:

There was no new business discussed.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be read.

Fire Chief's Report

Since the last commission meeting on Feb 9/11, I have logged in 69 hours in callouts, meetings, training and fire department business. We have had a fairly quiet month with 8 callouts consisting of 3 chimney fires, 2 practices, 2 alarms and 1 medical assist.

During the past month we had 13 members complete the MEDA3 course through Survival Systems. We have applied for a summer student again this year, but decisions on acceptance have not been released yet.

Thank you.

Duke Chafe

Fire Chief

Jo-Ann Grant asked the Chief what the student would do at the Fire Hall. Duke advised that the previous year's student, who was a probationary fire fighter, did the data entry, cleaned the trucks and had the doors open and things ready to go when there was a call.

Truck Report

Duke reported that they are receiving quotes and that the Fire Department would be scheduling a meeting with the Commission before the AGM.

Fire Advisory Report

The Fire Chief reported on the changes recently made to the Fire Advisory by the Municipality. The Commission and Chief Officers no longer meet together. The Fire Chief has requested a meeting with the Commissioners, Council and Chief Officer's on March 16. The Chiefs feel that they have been left

out of the process and that it is making twice as much work for everyone.

Financial Report:

A financial report for the past two months was presented by the Clerk Treasurer. Bill Zinck asked what amount was in the reserves for the Fire Boat and suggested that perhaps more could be put into a GIC. He was advised that there was \$15k in reserves. Fire Chief Chafe recommended that the decision to move funds be deferred until next month, since there will be no more draws until late fall. Mr. Zinck agreed. *Tom Mulrooney moved to accept the financial report as presented*, seconded by Jo-Ann Grant. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Questions

Kerry Keddy asked if the Commission was still considering LED streetlights for the Village and whether there were still grants available. Mr. Zinck advised him that it is a budget item and will be considered for the coming fiscal year. Mr. Mulrooney said the grant was no longer available. There were no further questions.

Tom Mulrooney moved that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned to an in Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole. Seconded by Mike Heisler, motion carried. At 7:55 the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

William Zinck Jr
Chairperson

Iris Tolliver
Clerk/Treasurer