



**Village of Chester  
Regular Monthly Meeting –April 13, 2011  
Minutes**

**Present:**

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

**Regrets:** Brenda Mulrooney

There were 1 member of the public present.

**Additions to the agenda.**

None.

**Minutes from the previous meeting:**

The minutes from **Mar 9, 2011** were circulated and reviewed. *Mike Heisler moved to accept the minutes*, seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Census**

The Clerk Treasurer has sent 2 requests for prices. A third firm that was chosen to submit a price was not reachable and seems to be no longer in business. Jo-Ann Grant asked the Clerk to request a dead line of 2 weeks to receive the prices from the other two firms.

**Allocation of Funds to Reserves**

*Jo-Ann Grant moved to transfer \$18000. From the Lido Reserve Fund to our current checking account to cover the costs of renovations to the Lido Pool/ Public Washroom as well as to cover the Lido Pool operation cost overruns for the 2010-11 Budget Year. The cost overruns have reduced the amount for the Lido Reserve for the 2010/11 Fiscal Year from \$30,000 (as budgeted) to \$9000.00. This motion will also include a motion to move \$100,000 that was transferred on June 24, 2010 from the existing GIC to the Current checking account (as already done by Brenda Mulrooney and Bill Zinck). Motion was seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor and the motion carried.*

**Budget Meeting**

Bill Zinck Jr asked Fire Chief Chafe when his department will be able to submit their budget. It was expected that it could be submitted by next week. A final budget committee meeting was scheduled for April 29, 2011 when the rate will also be set.

**New Business:**

**Policy Manual Draft**

A draft copy of the revised policy manual was passed out to the Commissioners. Bill Zinck asked the Commissioners to review the manual and report any clarifications that should be made to the Clerk Treasurer who will then forward the suggestions on the the Policy Manual Committee. It is hoped that the Manual will be approved at the next monthly meeting.

## **Correspondence:**

### **Nova Scotia Firefighters School**

Mobile Burn Unit Schedule for 2011. (Was in Chester last week)

### **Statistics Canada**

Communications Advisor sent an email asking for additional support to help ensure that our community is well informed of the 2011 Census and National Household Survey. She attached a Mayor's proclamation and resolution which may be issued at our meeting tonight.

### **Health and Wellness Nova Scotia**

Letter from Dave Molloy, Coordinator of Facility Development, advising of the final payment of the Recreation Facility Development Grant Program will be mailed to us within the next four weeks.

### **NS Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

Invitation to the Sgt Mark Gallagher Charity Ball which will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the WTCC in Halifax. It is in support of the Sgt. Mark Gallagher Vocational School in Riviere Froide, Haiti. Individual tickets are \$85, but you can also purchase select tables. RSVP by April 15, 2011.

### **Email from Dave Foley**

Question on LED Streetlights

## **Fire Chief's Report**

Since the last commission meeting on March 9/11, I have logged in 111 hours in callouts, meetings, training and fire department business. We have had a fairly busy month with 9 callouts consisting of 3 practices, 2 grass fires, 1 MVA, 1 alarm, 1 unattended burn and 1 Structure fire caused by an out of control grass fire in Cannan. By the time we arrived on scene the homeowner had lost 2 out buildings. One of the grass fires in Robinsons Corner could have been a lot worse if firefighters from Chester Basin, Western Shore, Dept of Natural Resources and assistance from RCMO hadn't got it knocked down. This fire had the potential to be a very serious fire once it got into a burn and then headed for the woods below Wakeup Hill.

Once again we have had a very successful training weekend with the Mobile Burn Unit from the Fire School with members from all departments within our municipality participating in their fire control certification. We were lucky to have members who weren't enrolled in the Fire Control to have the opportunity to go through the unit and receive some excellent training.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this department with an open house. This will run from 1-4 pm with displays, BBQ, Chinese Auction and door prizes. All commissioners are welcome to participate and if you would like to set up an information booth, we can certainly accommodate you.

Thank you.

Duke Chafe

Fire Chief

Tom Mulrooney asked what the unattended burn was about. The Fire Chief advised him that it was a resident of Walker Cut who had hired a firm to do some burning. A burn permit was obtained and the crew was on site until approximately 9 pm. The fire was pretty much burned out when the crew left, but obviously someone was watching and call 911 to report and unattended burn so the Department was dispatched to ensure the fire was out. The home owner was informed that in future the fire must be completely out before the hired staff could leave. Mr. Mulrooney asked about the other grass fires and there was some discussion about the increase of grass fires that occur around the time just prior to fire permits being required.

## **Truck Report**

There was nothing to report this month. Blake Corkum is still working on quotes for a new fire truck.

**Fire Advisory Report**

Ed Nix from Alfred J Bell and Grant will be giving a Risk Management report at the next Fire Advisory Meeting on Wednesday April 20. There will also be a presentation by Sam Lamey on the role of the Fire Commissioners.

**Financial Report:**

A financial report was presented by the Clerk Treasurer. *Tom Mulrooney moved to accept the financial report as presented*, seconded by Mike Heisler. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Questions**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

**William Zinck Jr** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Iris Tolliver** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Treasurer**