



**Village of Chester  
Regular Monthly Meeting –May 11, 2011  
Minutes**

**Present:**

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

**Regrets:** None

There were 3 members of the public present.

**Additions to the agenda.**

None.

**Minutes from the previous meeting:**

The minutes from **April 13, 2011** were circulated and reviewed. *Brenda Mulrooney moved to accept the minutes*, seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**2011-12 Budget**

Bill Zinck went through the budget items as follows:

Fire Department \$117852.00, Fire Boat (collected from residents on islands) \$10500, Fire Vehicles \$30,000, Building & General \$71063.79, Administration \$47794.60, Census \$3000, Salting Sidewalks \$3000 (a salt/sand-mostly sand mixture will be used this year), Streetlights \$52661.94, Beautification \$24600 (included summer weekly garbage), Jib Lot \$6300, Lido Pool \$60300, Litter Pick Up \$ 5500.00, Public Washroom \$10000, and EMC Building \$12800. The EMC Budget is covered by rent payments. Jo-Ann Grant asked questions about fuel usage for the Fire Vehicles as well as clarification on the weekly garbage pickup. Extra pick up is for green bins only. Mr. Zinck then announced the amount budgeted for Reserves to be Truck \$160000, Building \$50000 and Lido Pool \$10000. Total budget if \$652072.33 which allows the rate to remain the same as last year at 13.956 cents per \$100 of assessment. *Jo-Ann Grant motioned to approve the Budget as presented, seconded by Mike Heisler. All were in favor and the motion carried.*

**Policy Manual**

This item was tabled until the next monthly meeting.

**Public Washroom Opening**

Plans are to open the washrooms on the Victoria Day long weekend, hopefully by May 20, 2011. The hours daily will be posted as from 8am to 8 pm. The "Grand Opening" will be announced at a later date. Brenda Mulrooney announced that the de-salination system has been brought up to meet Canadian Standards and is being installed. She said fencing and roses will be installed and planted as soon as the weather clears. Tom Mulrooney asked if there plans to post signs not to drink the water. Although the water is filtered, it was decided to post "no drinking of the water" signage as a precautionary measure.

## **Lido Pool Opening**

The Red Cross Swim Program will begin on June 27, 2011. There will be wireless internet hooked up at the Lido which will allow for visitors at the pool to access the Internet.

## **AGM**

The Annual General Meeting for the Village of Chester Commission will be held on June 1, 2011 at 7:00pm. Location has changed this year to St. Stephen's Parish Community Centre. Notifications and advertisement has been done.

## **New Business: None**

## **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received since the last monthly meeting was read.

### **NS Municipal Finance Corp**

Notice of payment to come out of the EMC account on May 15, 2011.

Principal \$11000.00, Interest \$2358.13. (Bal \$4665.92)

### **Liberal Caucus Office**

Letter read

### **Municipality of the District of Chester**

Letter addressed to the Chair on Policing. (read)

### **Municipality of the District of Chester**

Letter from the Fire Inspector. (read)

## **Fire Chief's Report**

Since the last commission meeting on April 13/11, I have logged in 98 hours in callouts, meetings, training and fire department business. We have had a fairly quiet month callout wise with a total of 9, consisting of; 5 alarms, 2 MVA's and 2 practices. We have had a busy month with PR around the hall starting with our banquet which had the highest attendance in recent years. Then there was our annual meeting which had a few officer changes as follows: Bill Zinck moved to Captain of Training, Everett Hiltz moved to Captain of Rescue, Morgan Stevens moved up to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of Hose and Ladder and Emma DeMont became 2nd Lieutenant of Hose and Ladder.

We had a few cleanup sessions to prepare for our open house which was very well attended by the public. It was good to see Commission representation and we even had a retired firefighter helping out with the cooking. We would have liked to have more demos outside but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate. The only complaint we received was from an elderly lady in a wheel chair who had a difficult time when it was time to go to the bathroom, as your know these bathrooms are not wheelchair accessible. With a little help from the family she got through it. The lower bathroom could probably be modified to be wheelchair accessible without too much expense. While I am on the subject of the Fire Hall, the hardware on the entrance doors is getting worn out and soon needs to be upgraded, to possible a key fob system. This would be better than keys. Also the storage room in the upper hallway will be removed as per the Fire Inspectors request.

Everett has requested the use of Unit 542 at the Fire School again this year. As in previous years, he and Morgan will have care and control of this unit during the 24 hour training session. This unit returns a lot cleaner and more organized when they are done with it. With your

approval, this will take place on May 25 & 26.

Repairs to the float for the boat have been completed and now this float uses the same system as the Municipal floats. The float is in place now and as soon as the weather improves, the boat will be cleaned; a few maintenance items looked after and then launched.

Thank you.  
Duke Chafe  
Fire Chief

### **Truck Report**

Bill Zinck commented that the request to us Unit 542 should be considered. The truck has gone to Fire School in the past and is good training for those taking the course. *Brenda Mulrooney motioned to allow the use of this vehicle, seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor.* There was nothing else to report this month. .

### **Fire Advisory Report**

Bill Zinck announced the next meeting would be in two weeks.

### **Financial Report:**

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

### **Questions**

Kerry Keddy pointed out that items being discussed at the Planning Advisory Meetings are of concern to the residents of the Village of Chester and asked that a representative of the Commission be present at the meetings. The next PAC meeting will be May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4:15. Jo-Ann Grant was appointed as an alternate member to attend meetings when Michael Heisler was unable to.

Billy Zinck asked Duke Chafe to attend a Fire House meeting at the Municipal Council on May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm. The meeting will be between the Commission and the Counselors representing the surrounding areas covered by the CVFD. The meeting will be facilitated by Paul Wills, Municipal Advisor and will address the concern about the Outside Area Contract.

There was a question about the policing of the Islands which needs to be addressed to the Municipality.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

**Brenda Mulrooney**\_\_\_\_\_

**Iris Tolliver**\_\_\_\_\_

**Chair**

**Clerk/Treasurer**