



Minutes

Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting – June 13th, 2012

Present: Brenda Mulrooney, Dutch Baerken, Tom Mulrooney, Michael Heisler and Pauline Armstrong. Three members of the Fire Department and three members of the public.

Regrets: Iris Tolliver, Bill Zinck Jr.

Additions to the Agenda

None

Minutes from the previous meetings:

The minutes from **May 9th, 2012** were circulated and reviewed. Tom Mulrooney ***moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Dutch Baerken***

Old Business

- **EMC Renovations** Last month there were tenders for Paving and Construction on the inside. It was decided that everyone involved be notified and the project be put on hold until Iris got back to work.

Reports:

- **Fire Chief's Report**

Congratulations to Brenda on her re-election and Wynand on his election to the commission.

Since the last commission meeting on May 9th, I have logged in 122 hours in callouts, meetings, practices and fire Dept. business. We have had 13 callouts this month consisting of 3 practices, 2 car fires, 2 MVA's, 1 tractor fire, 1 medical assist and 1 structure fire which was the garage fire at Haddon Hall. As your callout report shows we had all 6 units in use on the 4.5 hr fire and were assisted by Chester Basin, Western Shore, Hubbards and Blandford. We had one unit and 6 members remain on scene all night and they also assisted the Fire Marshall in the morning so those members had an 11 hour callout.

Questions were raised at our officers meeting this month on the budget cuts. Previous budgets were always reviewed by the commission and then usually Chief and Deputy Chief met with the commission and discussed what needed to be adjusted or removed. This year the process was bypassed and cuts were made without any consultation with the Fire Department which seems rather odd to us.

There also is a lot of confusion on fundraising events and how functions like annual banquet will continue if we weren't allotted any operating expenses as discussed when Davey and I met with most of the commissioners last June concerning the water hauling and fund raising cancellations, I would appreciate clarification on this matter.

Thank you, Duke Chafe, Chester Fire Chief

- **Truck Report**

Duke had a meeting with Fort Gary along with 2 Reps, 2 from the Commission and a couple from the Fire Department. They met for 6 hours. They also met with Dave Kennedy. They are in the process of doing a drawing and will meet when it is finalized.

- **Fire Advisory Report**

Bill Zinck was not present.

- **Clerk Treasurer Report/ Financial Report**

- The flower baskets are ready for pick up and will be installed soon.
- The Lido opens on June 25th/2012. There is a hole that needs fixing and then the pooled filled and shocked.
- There has been a good response to the litter jobs and interviews are being set up.

New Business:

- **Summer Meetings**
The commissioners were all in agreement that there would be no further meetings, unless necessary until September 12, 2012. All were in favor.
- **Firefighters Service Agreement**
This was discussed by the commissioners, The Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. It was noted that they would sign the agreement and would meet on the Island in June for the formal signage.
- **Quote from Pennecon**
Ron Dafoe gave a presentation on the quote of the Tank level control system for the water maker. Currently there is a problem with storing enough water and when to know when to make more. Mr. Dafoe met several times with Paul Mulrooney and they came up with a plan to turn a system on with a timer at 9 pm, and then it would turn itself on again when necessary. There is going to be a revised quote and should be done in a few days.
- **Water Shed and PAC Appointment**
Tom Mulrooney accepted the Pac appointment. Dutch Baerken accepted the Water Shed appointment. Pam at the Municipal office would be notified.
- **Garbage**
To be discussed in September 2012.
- **Fire Fund Raising**
The term "fund raising" was discussed. An issue was raised concerning Insurance and the liability part of the insurance. The firemen when performing their duties are covered by insurance 24/7. The issue in regard to fundraising and liability coverage, as to whether the firemen would be covered under the umbrella of the Village Commissions insurance is the question.
It was agreed that the insurance would be investigated and specific questions would be asked concerning fryers and site projects such as the Mackerels Picnic and the Car Show and what the firemen did at these functions.

Correspondence

Le Have Paving has offered their services if the Village is in need of any paving.

Samuel Lamey confirmed that there no claims in connection with his firm outstanding to the Village Of Chester up to and including June 6/2012.

Questions

Duke asked if the Fire Hall yard could be graded when the equipment was there doing the EMC yard and the commissioners said they would get Iris to get a quote.

Kerry Keddy asked if there may be a way, be it, an open house or something to bring more awareness to groups such as the Village Commission, VOCTADA, and Chamber of Commerce.

Kerry also brought attention to the tour of Kaizer Meadows and that the Commissioners were invited.

There were no more questions or concerns and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Brenda Mulrooney _____ **Iris Tolliver** _____
Chair _____ **Clerk/Treasurer** _____