



Minutes

Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting –April 24th, 2012

Present:

Bill Zinck Jr, Jo-Ann Grant, Michael Heisler, Tom Mulrooney and Iris Tolliver.
There were 3 members of the public present.

Regrets: Brenda Mulrooney

Additions to the Agenda

Tom Mulrooney asked that the existing Fire Hall be added to Old Business.

Old Business

Wi-Fi in Village Core

The Merchants of the Village of Chester had been asked to come to the meeting to voice their views on the proposed plan for Wi-Fi in the Village core. One member of the audience was concerned and questioned the benefits of such a plan. There was an email read that was in favor and applauded the initiative. As explained by Jo-Ann Grant, this is something the Commission is considering at this time and before any definite plans are made there would be much more public notification and involvement. It was also suggested that because of time constraints, there was no possibility of this being on the budget for this fiscal year.

Budget Meeting

The Clerk Treasurer advised the Commissioners that the cost for the 73 flower baskets, including watering and care, would be \$15,059.56. The completed budget will be presented and approved at the May 22nd meeting.

Jo-Ann Grant asked that the Commission consider setting up a reserve that would allow for a water feasibility study to be done in the future for the Village. The estimated cost for such a study would be \$25K. The idea of a Utility Reserve has been under serious consideration due to the shortage of water within the Village.

Ms Grant also suggested forming a Committee or Commission to preserve the trees in the Village, with perhaps include a reserve to eventually bury the power lines in the Village. An email from Municipal Advisor Paul Wills informed that as per the MGA the section pertaining to trees give power to the Municipality and not to the Village Commission. The discussion was dropped.

Green Bins

The weekly schedule for green bin pick up will begin the week of June 11 and end September 11 for this year. The cost of the weekly pick up will be \$11014.49.

Fire Hall

Tom Mulrooney asked that we hire an engineering firm to do a construction and energy audit on the existing Fire Hall. He feels the problem with the shingles coming off may be due to inadequate ventilation in the attic. It was unanimously agreed to get this done as quickly as possible. There are reserves for the building.

New Business:

There was no new business

Clerk Treasurer Report

The Clerk Treasurer is working on the quarterly news letter and asked for suggestions from the Commissioners for content.

Correspondence

The list of correspondence included:

Municipality of the District of Chester : Agenda for April 26 meeting which will include notification of Registration of heritage Property as a Provincial Heritage Property, Old Stone Bridge, Victoria Street, Chester.

Municipality of the District of Chester: Letter from Pam Myra advising that the request for funding for the Lido Pool has been referred to the Grants Process.

Wells, Lamey, Mailman & Bryson: Original deed for the migrated lands at South Street, Chester. (Lido Pool/Public Washrooms)

Questions

There were several comments from the audience. One question about the safety of the residents who lived in the zone of the wireless internet was addressed. The frequency of the device used is 2.4 GHz. which is the equivalent of a microwave, cordless phone or a home router. Given that the devices are not inside any homes, the danger from the waves is minute.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Billy Zinck _____
Vice Chair

Iris Tolliver _____
Clerk/Treasurer