



Minutes

Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting – January 16, 2013

Present: Brenda Mulrooney, Bill Zinck, Michael Heisler, Wynand Baerken, Tom Mulrooney and Iris Tolliver

Regrets: None

Additions to the Agenda A new item will be added to the agenda titled Housekeeping. Issues of concern that need discussion will be added to this item.

Minutes from the previous meetings:

The minutes from **Dec 12th, 2012** were circulated and reviewed. **Bill Zinck moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Mulrooney.**

Old Business

a) **New Fire Truck**

The Village Commission is under advisement on how to proceed with the new truck and we are still in that process. The hope for a Feb. 1 decision is highly unlikely as the further we looked into the matter, the more legal and safety issues we have uncovered. After discussion with John (Terry) Redden of FUS, he has advised us not to purchase any of the trucks we are currently looking at as they now are and will be assisting us to comply with the necessary provincial requirements for tendering. He has granted us an extension of 5-6 months to purchase a new truck due to this delay. This will retain our present rating.

Reports:

- **Fire Chief's Report**
Since the last commission meeting on December 12/12, we have had 7 callouts consisting of 2 mutual aid calls to Hubbards, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 false alarm, 1 water rescue on Quaker Island and 1 practice.
- **Fire Advisory Report**
Bill Zinck reported that the Fire Commissions are working on By-laws for which the Village Commission would be exempt, due to being governed by the Municipal Government Act. The FAC is also finalizing insurance packages for the Fire Commissions, who previous to this had no coverage. Also they are working on the Superior Tanker Shuttle Acclamation which is due in 2016.
- The Clerk presented a quote from Black and MacDonald to supply and install two new LED Streetlights, one for Main St and one for Westwind St on Hadden Hill. Also to supply and install 16 new banner arms on the decorative lights along Water St and a new flood light behind the Fire Hall. The quote was for \$7970. HST in. **Michael Heisler moved to have the Clerk issue Black and MacDonald a purchase order number for this work, seconded by Bill Zinck. All were in favor.**

Bank Reconciliation The Clerk passed out to the Commissioners the bank activity and reconciliation for December.

New Business:

Housekeeping

Brenda Mulrooney explained that this new category will be added to the agenda to deal with last minute items that need to be discussed. No motions will be made on these topics.

- 1) She asked the Clerk to add in the next newsletter a thank you to Elaine Collicutt for providing and planting some burning bushes at the LidoPool.
- 2) She asked that a motion be made to address the renovations recommended in the survey done on the Fire Hall. **Tom Mulrooney moved to have the Clerk Treasurer get prices and issue Purchase Orders to have the necessary work done on the Fire hall. The**

motion was seconded by Wynand Baerken, all were in favor.

- 3) April 1 was set as the date to have all submissions for the 2013-14 budget in to the Clerk.
- 4) There are 3 Commissioners and the Clerk on vacation in February. It was decided to cancel February's monthly meeting. The next meeting will be held on March 13.

Correspondence

Statistics Canada

Email with a link to the Dec 2012 edition of the Newsletter for Communities.

Email from Joanne MacDonald

Mrs. MacDonald is a resident of Robinson Corner and has expressed her concern of the fire tax and feels she should have some say in how it is spent. She would also like to opportunity to get answers she might have as to how the fire tax funds are spent. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mrs. MacDonald's letter explaining that her taxes pay for the cost of the Service Contract with the Municipality advising her to contact her Municipal Councilor.

Questions

- There was a question and clarification on the blanket insurance coverage for Fire Commissions. It was explained that the Village Commission also has additional coverage.
- The question of whether any of the trucks being considered will be purchased was asked and the Chair repeated that none of the trucks, as they now are, will be considered. There has been no trip to view any truck that may be considered and the question of warrantee was discussed.
- Blake Corkum asked if the Commission was intending to adhere to the recommendations of FUS. He was informed that it is the goal of the Commission to do so.
- Brad Armstrong asked about the issues with the trucks being considered. It was explained that there are safety and mechanical issues.
- There was much discussion about an aerial truck for the Municipality. It was not a topic on the agenda, but the Chair did give consideration to the questions and comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Brenda Mulrooney _____
Chair

Iris Tolliver _____
Clerk/Treasurer