



Minutes

Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting – April 10, 2013

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

Regrets: None

Additions to the Agenda

The minutes from **March 13, 2013** were circulated and reviewed. **Billy Zinck moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Mulrooney.**

Old Business

Motion to Purchase New Fire Truck

Because the motion to purchase the new fire truck was made during question period at the last monthly meeting, it did not allow opportunity for discussion from the Commissioners. The Chair asked if there were any discussion or questions from the Commissioners. There were none. She then rescinded the previous motion and asked that a new motion be put forth, **Bill Zinck motioned that the 800 gal pumper from Fort Gary with all the necessary adjustments be purchased. Motion was seconded by Mike Heisler and all were in favor.**

Fire Boat GOG's

The draft copy of the General Operating Guidelines was discussed and given approval from the Fire Chief. A final copy will be provided to the Fire Department. **Bill Zinck motioned that the GOG's be approved as written, seconded by Wynand Baerken. All were in favor.**

Reports:

➤ Fire Chief's Report

Since the last commission meeting on March 13, we have had 2 practices and 6 callouts consisting of 1 call to a possible structure fire, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 out of control grass fire and 3 controlled burns.

Your letter addressing the fundraising issue was read at the regular meeting and after a discussion period, the fire fighters would like to know where they stand in regards to filling their own swimming pools and also they felt liability insurance was a key issue in the fundraising problem but was not mentioned in the letter. Finally, the Haven movie crew are back for another season and we were wondering if the Fire Department should get involved if they have requests or should we tell them up front that it is not an option this year.

Thank You,

Duke Chief

Chester Fire Chief

➤ Truck Report

Nothing to report.

➤ Fire Advisory Report

Nothing to report.

➤ Clerk Treasurer Report

- Lido Wharf
- False Alarms
- Restorative Justice
- AGM Update

Financial Report

A report of the activity since the last meeting was given by the Clerk/Treasurer. A balance of the bank accounts was read. There were no questions. *Wynand Baerken motioned to accept the report as given, seconded by Mike Heisler. All were in favor.*

New Business

a) Former Liquor store location

Commissioner Mike Heisler opened the discussion with the possibility of acquiring the old Liquor Store location for VOC to use for an office location. Ample parking is one of the benefits. Commission Wynand Baerken suggested it may be a good location for indoor recreational activities or a winter Farmers Market. The Clerk was asked to obtain information about the cost.

b) Electric charge points in Village for electric vehicles

Commissioner Wynand Baerken brought forward the idea of obtaining a subsidy for a charging station for electric cars and Segways. There is presently a government initiative to start a pilot project. Commissioner Baerken will get more information on the subsidy.

c) Harbor master position

Commission Wynand Baerken would like to get information on pursuing a Harbour Master for the Village. He recommended forming a Committee to look into the matter.

d) Short and long term planning

Chair Brenda Mulrooney opened the opportunity to discuss short and long term planning. She recommended pursuing an ISO program to develop procedures to address some of the issues and questions on who does what. It is a program that requires 100% co-operation that would benefit the operation of the Village and allow for complete transparency and accountability. It was decided to investigate the project and get back to the Commission on cost and implementation. A meeting with a representative will be scheduled.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be read. Leah Moon spoke up to say she had hand delivered a letter concerning the crossing guard. It was explained that the crossing guard was a budget item and would not happen if approved until the next school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:010.

Brenda Mulrooney _____
Chair

Iris Tolliver _____
Clerk/Treasurer