



## Minutes

### Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting – June 12, 2013

**Present:** Brenda Mulrooney, Bill Zinck, Michael Heisler, Bill Nauss, Iris Tolliver and Maxine Veinot

**Regrets:** Wynand Baerken

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Brenda Mulrooney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

#### **2. Minutes from the previous meetings:**

The minutes from **May 8th, 2013** were circulated and reviewed.

**MOTION: Bill Zinck moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike Heisler. Motion Carried.**

#### **3. Old Business**

Chair Brenda Mulrooney welcomed the new commissioner, Bill Nauss, and the returning commissioner Mike Heisler.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **a) Fire Chief Report**

Well congratulations are in order for Bill Nauss on his election to the Village Commission and also to Mike Heisler on his re-election at the AGM last week.

Since the last commission meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, we have had 3 practices and 8 callouts consisting of 3 alarms, 2 mutual aid calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 1 medical assist.

Since there has been a change in commissioners I feel I should bring up the issue of firefighters filling their own pools again to see if there is any change in how the commission feels on this issue.

Not only does it get the trucks used once in a while it also good training for the younger operators

##### **b) Report on Trucks**

Fire Chief Duke Chafe asked where things were on the truck as he hadn't received any emails/correspondence on where things stood. Chair Brenda Mulrooney received an email stating that Dave had wrapped up the information and forwarded the information onto Fort Gary.

##### **c) Fire Advisory**

Bill Zinck reported that Critical Illness Stress Management training is being looked into by Hubbard's Department.

Commission Bill Nauss asked if debriefing is carried out with Chester Fire Department and Fire Chief Duke Chafe said there is a Debriefing Committee does happen with a professional team carrying out the debriefing.

##### **d) Clerk Treasurer Report**

Iris Tolliver reported that on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations is hosting a Village Commissioners Training Seminar. The presenters will be Paul Wills and Mark Beck. Any who are interested in attended, please see Clerk.

Lido Pool has been cleaned out and is on schedule to open on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Election Day by law has been completed and sent to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, Hon. John MacDonnell. Copy of by law for each Commissioner was provided.

Web Site – a rainy day allowed an opportunity for staff from the Lido to work on tweaking our web site. Hopefully, it will be easier to find things. The Budget has been posted on the site.

New Fire Truck - In April of this year there was an amended motion to purchase a new Fire Truck from Fort Gary, Winnipeg. The truck was an 800 gal pumper/tanker with a total price of \$520,000.00 plus HST. (variable exchange rate). I was asked to facilitate the purchase of this truck and Dave Kennedy was brought back on as technical support. On May 22, Commissioner Baerken was put in sole charge of the project and I was removed. Since this action should have been done at a public meeting, I would like to address the whole commission to make sure everyone is in favor of this decision.

Discussion was held on the \$8000 needed for the nozzle and a motion would be needed for this change.

**MOTION: Bill Zinck moved to allocate to general funds the surplus of \$68,712.09 from the 2012 fiscal budget, seconded by Bill Nauss. Motion carried.**

**MOTION: Bill Zinck moved to take the cost of the installation and testing of the remote watering gun/nozzle on the new truck, out of general funds, Mike Heisler seconded. Motion carried.**

Chair Brenda Mulrooney will have Wynand Baerken ensure the correspondence come through the business office.

e) **Financial Report**

Iris Tolliver gave the financial report for the month of May.  
There were no questions on the report.

**MOTION: Bill Zinck moved the acceptance of the financial report, Mike Heisler seconded. Motion Carried.**

5) **New Business**

a) **Fire Hall Parking Lot (unauthorized usage)**

Discussion was held on the issue of there being no parking for the firemen, had there been an emergency, when there was a recent funeral. This issue arises when there is a big funeral, special church services, such as Easter Sunday, and attendee's park in front of the fire hall.

Chair Brenda Mulrooney asked if there was anyone interested in looking into this issue.

Bill Zinck and Duke Chafe will talk to the firemen to see if they have any recommendations and bring back to the next monthly meeting.

b) **Light for Fire Boat Dock**

Chair Brenda Mulrooney asked when will the fire boat be going in. Fire Chief Duke Chafe said the Fire Boat will be going in this Sunday, June 9, 2013, if the weather is fit.

Chair Brenda Mulrooney asked if an LED light for the fire boat dock. Fire Chief Duke Chafe said the more light the better it would be, so if one can be installed it would be good.

**MOTION: Bill Nauss moved to install appropriate lighting for the fire boat dock, Mike Heisler seconded. Motion Carried.**

c) **Jib Lot Maintenance**

Chair Brenda Mulrooney stated that the Municipality moved the wild rhubarb from the lifting station. The wild rhubarb is now starting to grow back. It could be sodded or seeded and then continuously mowing would keep it under control. Discussion was held on this issue.

Chair Brenda Mulrooney will take care of this issue.

d) **RCMP Advisory Committee**

One of Village Commissioners is on the Water Shed Committee, PAC, Fire Advisory Committee, however they never asked for a commissioner on the RCMP Advisory Committee.

**MOTION: Bill Zinck moved to have a letter sent to the Municipality requesting a Village Commission be on the RCMP Advisory Committee, Mike Heisler seconded. Motion Carried.**

e) **Strike New Committees**

Chair Brenda Mulrooney asked for this item postponed until all Commission members are present.

6) **Correspondence**

Iris Tolliver stated that the only correspondence is that there are 17 letters on the sirens, and phone calls are taken as well. These people will remain anonymous. There is a majority consensus is the desire to eliminate the siren.

Chair Brenda Mulrooney stated we should continue to take letters/calls with their reason for or against the elimination.

An audiologist should be brought in to evaluate the siren; RCMP should be consulted as well.

By September all the information should be collected and then a decision should be made.

7) **Questions from electors pertaining to the agenda**

- Suggestion for the fire department to paint yellow stripes where public is not to park; Fire Chief Duke Chafe reminded that the lot is gravel and not paved.  
An offer was made of six 4 foot jersey barriers that could be moved easily with a small machine. If the Village would want to try for a couple of months they are welcomed to use them.  
Discussion was held on signage.  
Chair Brenda Mulrooney will check on the signage requirements.
- The special meeting that was held for the fire truck, how was the residents notified. Chair Brenda Mulrooney stated that it wasn't a special meeting, it was a committee meeting.
- Kerry Keddy notified the commission that the flower baskets are starting to go up.

**Bill Zinck moved the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.**

Brenda Mulrooney \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Iris Tolliver \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Treasurer