



**Village of Chester Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 13, 2017**

Present: Dave Foley, Commission Chair; Nancy Hatch, Commissioner; Tom Mulrooney, Commissioner; Bill Nauss, Commission Vice-Chair; Michael Heisler, Commissioner; Forrest McWade, Clerk Treasurer; Maxine Veinot, Recording Secretary; Dave Richardson, Chief CVFD

Regrets: Nil

Absence: Nil

Public Gallery: There were no members of the public in attendance

1.0 Call to Order

Commission Chair Foley called the September 13, 2017, regular monthly meeting of the Village of Chester to order at 5:30 pm.

2.0 Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

August 9, 2017 Regular Monthly VOC

No errors or omissions were noted.

Chair Foley asked for all in favour of the August 9, 2017 minutes as presented – unanimously passed.

August 9/17 minutes approved

September 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole (COW)

No errors or omissions were noted.

Commissioner Mulrooney asked if the work at the Lido Pool will be carried out this fall. Clerk Treasurer McWade said the Request for Proposal will go out soon and it is not known when the work will be carried out.

Chair Foley asked for all in favour of the September 6, 2017 minutes as presented – unanimously passed.

September 6/17 minutes approved

4.0 Approval of Agenda

Chair Foley asked for all in favour of the approval of the agenda – unanimously approved.

Agenda approved

5.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Operating Reserve Policy – Clerk Treasurer McWade presented the policy, which was discussed at several meetings. Changes were made as discussed, and now a motion to adopt this policy would allow for the start of the Operating Reserve.

MOTION: Commissioner Hatch moved, Commissioner Mulrooney seconded, the Operating Reserve policy be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Correspondence

Clerk Treasurer McWade stated that all Municipal units have received the MGA (Municipal Government Act) review update as there is a new team continuing with this review.

Commissioner Hatch asked what the four items were that they would be looking at. The Clerk Treasurer stated, 1 – Accountability; 2 – Transparency; 3 – Mandatory Planning; 4 – Economic Development.

A discussion was held on this issue.

7.0 Reports

a) **Clerk's Report**

Clerk Treasurer McWade reported that at last week's MODC Council meeting, direction was given to staff on moving forward to develop a scope of work for the socio-economic study. Once the scope is brought forward it will be shared with MODC and the Village Commission. At that point, a request will be received for cost sharing of the study.

Discussion was held.

Clerk Treasurer McWade stated that he and Commissioner Mulrooney will be attending the Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference in Baddeck this week.

b) **Financial Report**

Clerk Treasurer McWade discussed the Financial report ending August 31, 2017. The main item is the wrap-up of the Lido Pool, which is overbudgeted for Lifeguards by approximately \$3000.00. Approximately \$2000.00 is expected from the Summer Grant, leaving \$1000.00 over budget. This was expected as we had 3 lifeguards this year and the lifeguarding hours were extended to be on duty, all hours, while the pool was open.

c) **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Richardson reported that Clerk Treasurer McWade and Commissioner Hatch attended the Mobile Burn Unit (MBU) when it was here. A large number of fire fighters from the Municipality took part in the training exercise. A member of CVFD is well into completing his level 2 training.

The CVFD has a few functions coming up, with the first one this weekend when they will be hosting the MFFA (Maritime Fire Fighters Association) Golf Tournament at the Sherwood Golf & Country Club, with departments from across the Maritimes taking part.

The next event will be a fun day at the Chester Golf Course on Oct 14/17.

This past weekend, September 2 & 3, 2017, CVFD held a fun day with food and games for the whole family at Jon Waddell's property in East Chester.

The CVFD will be having a training session on the new 'Hurst eDraulics' spreaders when Code 4 can come to provide the training.

October 1st CVFD will be presenting Rev. Dan Green with a helmet to bring him into the CVFD family as an honorary member of the Department. This will take place at the Baptist Church during his last gathering with his congregation starting at 10:30 am, and all are welcomed to attend.

The CVFD has made the switch from Scotia Business Centre to Valley Communications. The switch over went well without any problems. The run sheets go the Village Clerk Treasurer.

7.0 Reports

c) Fire Chief's Report

CVFD would like to know when the Commission would like the fireboat to come out of the water for the year. The boat will need to be winterized and should be surveyed before it is put away for the year.

The department members would like to know the progress of the tanker.

8.0 Any Other Business

a) Fire Siren

Commissioner Hatch asked about the Fire Siren. Clerk Treasurer McWade stated he spoke to the technician this week and by next week he is hoping to have a timeline for moving forward with this issue.

b) Update on Tanker

Clerk Treasurer McWade spoke with Mr. Redden, who is waiting on some information to complete several build options.

9.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Heisler moved the meeting adjourn at 5:53 pm.

Motion

Dave Foley
Commission Chair

Maxine Veinot
Recording Secretary