



Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
Video Conference
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Attendance: Nancy Hatch, Commission Vice Chair; Jo-Ann Grant, Commissioner; Michael Heisler, Commissioner; Martin Hiltz, Commissioner; Dennis Egyedy, Clerk Treasurer; Maxine Veinot, Recording Secretary; Everett Hiltz, Fire Chief

Regrets: Bill Nauss, Commission Chair

Public Gallery: Five residents

1.0 Call to Order

Vice Chair, Hatch called the December 9, 2020, regular monthly meeting, via Zoom video conference, of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Public Forum

Sara Filbee, VOCTADA – Sarah stated VOCTADA's concerns over the Village possibly buying the Wind Jammer Motel for new firehall. They are not opposed to a new fire hall but are concerned as it would be a loss of fourteen rooms for tourists. This would be a huge loss for tourism in Chester.

VOCTADA will forward a letter to the Commission with their concerns.

3.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Addition - Business arising – 5(b) Christmas Expenses – Commissioner Hatch

MOTION #20-302: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

The approval of the agenda with the addition of 5(b) Christmas Expenses.

Unanimously Carried

4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Commissioner Grant, page 3 of minutes – first paragraph, last sentence – “... *only one member of the negotiating team was on the ~~committee~~ commission.*”

MOTION #20-303: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

The approval of the Minutes of November 10, 2020 Regular Monthly meeting as amended.

Unanimously Carried

b) Special Meeting: Wednesday December 2, 2020

Commissioner Hatch stated, first page, New Business, second paragraph,
“... ~~with the OHS property~~ with the property next to the OHC.”

MOTION #20-304: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

The approval of the Minutes of December 2, 2020 Special meeting as amended.

Unanimously Carried

5.0 **Business Arising**

a) Halloween Expenses

Commissioner Hatch stated the expenses for the event were \$820.75, which was under the \$1000.00 budget allowed.

b) Christmas Expenses

Commissioner Hatch reported there was no Gingerbread Chase so no expenditure.

6.0 **Correspondence**

a) Lido Pool – Fire Inspection

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy stated the inspection went well and will be inspected again in three years.

MOTION: #20-305: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

To accept the Fire Inspector’s correspondence as presented.

Unanimously Carried

7.0 **Reports**

a) Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reported that he attended the ANSV on Saturday, November 21st, 2020 at 10:30am. The next AGM will be in New Minas on September 18, 19, 2021. The villages’ website will see some improvement with a dropdown box for village news and a message from the Chair. Each commissioner will be asked to provide a picture and personal profile to add on our website.

MOTION #20-306: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

The approval of the Clerk Treasurer’s report as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) Financial Statement/Bank Transactions – November 2020

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reviewed the financial statements, cheque log and bank transactions for November 2020.

MOTION #20-307: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To approve the Financial Statements and Cheque Log for November 2020 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Chief

Chief Hiltz reported three emergency dispatches: one Mutual Aid structure fire, one motor vehicle collision, and one missing person. Fire Rescue boat has been removed from water, cleaned, winterized, and will be wrapped and kept behind the station for the winter.

MOTION #20-308: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
To approve the Fire Chief's verbal report.

Unanimously Carried

8.0 New/Other Business

a) Video Conferencing Policy

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy prepared this policy from Municipal Affairs sample policy.

MOTION #20-309: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
To approve the Video Conferencing policy as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) By-Law 02-2020 - Alternative Voting

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reviewed the By-Law and stated he needs this by-law approved this evening. He would like to advertise the by-law in the newspaper before second reading. It will be sent to the Minister for approval in January. If approved, we will be able to offer on-line voting and mail-in ballots.

MOTION# 20-310: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
To approve First Reading of By-Law #02-2020 – Alternative Voting.

Unanimously Carried

9.0 Adjournment

Next Regular Monthly Meeting – January 13, 2020 – 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the December 9, 2020 meeting at 7:34 pm.

Nancy Hatch
Commission Vice Chair

Dennis Egyedy, BPA, AMCT
Clerk Treasurer