

LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2008

COMMISSION

Larry Powell – Deputy Chair
Lynette Gilks
Dianne Moore
David Spears

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer
David Leonard – Superintendent Public Works

COMM. POWELL called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

MINUTES:

Clerk/Treasurer read the minutes of the July 7, 2008 regular meeting of the Lawrencetown Village Commission. **Comm. Spears moved the minutes be accepted as amended. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

School Use Committee Update

Comm. Powell stated that there were approximately 30 people in attendance at the meeting and Comm. Moore had supplied the Commission with a transcript of the meeting. (attached) The Commission intends to submit their comments in writing as soon as they have received some feedback from the other groups involved.

Well Project Update

Superintendent of Public Works reported that the well had been back-filled from 360ft. to 297ft. and then to 250 ft. but the arsenic concentration was still too high at 12 ppm. He advised the well drilling company to back-fill the test well to 175 ft. and is expecting the test results within the next 5 days. Hopefully, the results will be under 10 ppm. The back-filling and additional testing is causing some delays in the project.

After a lengthy discussion, Clerk/Treasurer stated that she has requested a meeting with Doug Seamone of Hiltz & Seamone, to be brought up to date on this project and she will inform the Commissioners when the date has been set for the meeting in case they would like to attend. The Commissioners agreed to attend the meeting.

Public Works Update

Superintendent of Public Works reported the following

- the new office renovations are almost finished but there is still some work to do with regards to the parking area and sidewalk
- spent last week flushing fire hydrants
- preparations for the Exhibition are in full swing
- started the lift station prevention program

The Commissioners requested a report on the total cost of the new office.

New Office Furniture

Clerk/Treasurer presented costs for new furniture for the Village Office. After a discussion of the pricing, the Commission decided to purchase the chair right away and review the budget before making a final decision on the other pieces.

Comm. Spears made a motion to purchase the chair for the office. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.

Retirement Gift for Former Clerk

Comm. Gilks asked the Commission what type of gift they would like to present to the former Clerk, Dene Marshall, for her retirement. After a discussion, **Comm. Spears made a motion to present former Clerk, Dene Marshall, with a cheque for \$ 500.00 (five hundred dollars). Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION

Lynn Roscoe gave a report on the activities of the Lawrencetown Recreation Commission and also presented a letter to the Commission requesting funding to help offset some of their costs incurred by these programs. They have also requested funding from the Province, but have not received any confirmation to date. After a discussion, the Commission requested the Clerk/Treasurer to look at possible funds available and they will also refer this letter to next year's budget deliberations.

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Comm. Spears stated that there were plans to organize an "Open House" at the new Village Office. A date will be announced at the September Commission Meeting.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Mr. Phil Milo reported the following:

- Met with Annapolis RCMP regarding crime statistics for the Village. On the whole, the crime rate has shown a decrease in the Village but domestic disputes still make up the majority of the calls.
- The Commission had asked if, under the County's bylaw, they were required to provide recyclable containers for public use in the Village. The answer is no, however, the Commission should contact Valley Waste Resources for more information.

- Annapolis County CAO, Keith Robicheau, is leaving his position with the County on September 15th and will be greatly missed. The Commission requested that a card be sent to Mr. Robicheau thanking him for his help in the past and wishing him all the best for the future.
- The Commission had a concern regarding the County's swimming pool bylaw with one concern in particular. The Enforcement Office did check on this concern and the pool in question was in compliance with the bylaw. The bylaw states that a pool cannot hold more than 2 ft. of water or it must be fenced.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Not Available

NEW BUSINESS:

Chlorine Containment Vessel

Superintendent of Public Works reported that after the last inspection of the Water Treatment Plant by the Nova Scotia Dept. of Environment and Labour (NSDEL), he was informed that a Chlorine Containment Vessel was required for the chlorine cylinders. He presented the costs to purchase the containment vessel. After a discussion, the Commission decided to write the NSDEL to ask if this project could be delayed until next year's budget and in the meantime, some sort of protective cover be installed around the spigots on the chlorine containers.

Village Website

Comm. Powell stated that the Village should have a website to promote the Village to residents as well as outside the area. After a discussion, the Commission asked the Clerk/Treasurer to do some research on getting a website in place.

ANSV Nominating Committee and AGM

Comm. Powell stated that the current Board of Directors for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) is looking for 3 members to sit on their Nominating Committee for this year's election of Officers. There are 3 executive positions that need to be filled. After a discussion, Comm. Spears offered to sit on this committee. Clerk/Treasurer will submit his name to the current Board of Directors.

Lift Station Upgrades

Superintendent of Public Works stated that the lift stations are coming to a time when they will need to be upgraded and he would like to start costing these upgrades in preparation for next years budget planning. The Commission agreed.

"New Balance" Arsenic Removal Product

Superintendent of Public Works gave a report on a new "green" product that is available in Yarmouth that is used to lower or eliminate arsenic in wells. He would like to do some more research on the product and report back to the Commission at their next meeting. The Commission agreed.

Lawrencetown Fire Dept. Fire Siren

Comm. Spears stated that he had not heard the fire siren lately and was wondering if there was a problem with the siren or if the Fire Dept had gone to a silent alarm. Some thought that the siren needed repairs but it was suggested that the Commission Chairman could contact the Fire Dept for more information.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Gilks moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Spears. The meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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CLERK/TREASURER