

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2011**

COMMISSION

Jaki Fraser – Chairperson
Dave Spears – Vice Chair
Lynette Gilks
Brian Reid
Dianne Moore

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer
Dave Allen – Supt. Public Works

CHAIRPERSON FRASER called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES:

Comm. Reid made a motion to accept the minutes of May 5, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.

Comm. Moore made a motion to accept the minutes of June 1, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Comm. Reid. Motion Carried.

Comm. Spears made a motion to accept the minutes of July 4, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Rate Study

Clerk/Treasurer stated that the final decision had been received from the NS Utility & Review Board and the first increases are effective July 1, 2011. Printed copies of the decision and order are available at the office.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Municipal Auditor, Lawrence Lake, presented the audited financial statements for March 31, 2011.

Comm. Moore made a motion to accept the monthly financial statement as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works

Supt. of Public Works gave monthly report (see attached).

Recreation

Lynn Roscoe reported the following:

- Header Replacement project is ongoing at the arena and Valley Industries was awarded the contract for this work.
- received a \$5,000 grant from NSHW
- pool received 2 capital grants this year, County and NSHW, for a total amount of \$28,000
- pool is open for business however, they only received funding for 1 summer student this year.
- summer recreation programs are underway and the Recreation Committee appealed the allocation of only one summer student and won their appeal for another student.
- Lions Club donated \$500 to the summer programs and the County approved some funding if necessary
- there are lots of activities planned for the students this summer

Activities/Events Planning Committee

On behalf of the Canada Day Celebrations Committee, the Clerk/Treasurer report this year's event was a huge success and is growing every year. Plans are underway to set up a joint planning committee for next year made up of the different organizations in the Village that wish to participate in the event.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Not available.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Bus Shelters

Clerk/Treasurer stated she had received a request to have some bus shelters installed in the Village on Main St. at Fitch Rd., and Main St. in front of the Fire Dept. After a discussion, the Commission asked Clerk/Treasurer to do some research on costs and possible funding sources and bring the information back to the Commission for the next meeting.

Pool Top Ups Subject to Sewer Surcharge

Clerk/Treasurer reported she had received a request to waive the sewer surcharge for customers who top up their pools causing their water consumption exceeds 35 cubic meters. After a discussion the Commission decided that this would be too difficult to monitor and the water usage would not be any different than for customers who use the smaller pools that are filled daily or to customers who water vegetable gardens. The request was denied.

August Commission Meeting

Comm. Reid made a motion to cancel the August Regular Meeting of the Village Commission. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.

ADDITONS:

1. Comm. Moore stated that the Public Works report is a very good indication as to the amount of work accomplished by the employees and that the Commission appreciates everything they do.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk/Treasurer read the following letters into the minutes:

1. Health Association of Nova Scotia is requesting the Commission declare September as Continuing Care Month in the Village of Lawrencetown. **Comm. Gilks made a motion for the declaration. Seconded by Comm. Spears. Motion Carried.**
2. Letter from Roger and Lana Walsh.
3. Letter from Earl Acker.
4. Letter from Shawna Cromwell.
5. Letter from Iris Almeida, Canada World Youth – to be actioned at a later date.
6. Letter from Melony M. Robinson, CMA

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Diana Ackroyd reported on the CWF Backyard Habitat Certification Project and she was happy to report that to date, 11 properties have been certified, 22 applications have been sent and are pending and she has 23 appointments for more applications. The Commission thanked Diana for all her hard work and dedication to this project.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Reid moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

COMMISSION CHAIR

CLERK/TREASURER