

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2010**

**COMMISSION**

David Spears – Vice Chair  
Lynette Gilks  
Dianne Moore

**STAFF**

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

VICE CHAIRMAN SPEARS called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

**MINUTES:**

Clerk/Treasurer read the minutes of the December 3, 2009 regular meeting of the Lawrencetown Village Commission. **Comm. Gilks moved the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

1. Comm. Gilks asked if the press release had been done regarding the lower arsenic levels in the Village's drinking water. Clerk/Treasurer stated there had been some mix-ups regarding the formal paper work from the test results but this should be resolved in a few days and the press release will go out with the water bills next week.
2. Comm. Gilks asked about the boil order that was issued over Christmas for the Village. Clerk/Treasurer stated she had contacted NS Dept. of Environment and was assured that the order was issued by mistake and that the Village was never under a boil order.
3. Comm. Spears asked why the convex mirror had not been installed. Clerk/Treasurer will pass this concern on to the Supt. of Public Works.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Well Project Update

Clerk/Treasurer read report on behalf of Supt. of Public Works:

- IMAC/MAC tests were completed on raw and blended water supplies
- arsenic levels remain at 5 ppm on the blended water supply
- sent results to NSDEL for approval

Public Works

Clerk/Treasurer read report on behalf of Supt. of Public Works:

- watermain break on Dec. 25,/09

- frozen & broken water pipes at Co-op Storage building; owner was notified and water was shut off
- a lot of problems with the snowblower after only 4 uses
- installed curb stop at 541 Main St. (house destroyed by fire before Christmas)
- read water meters
- replaced road culvert and curb stop at Reservoir
- received approval for sewer treatment plant; new testing required and SCADA System to be installed
- cleared snow from around hydrants
- Christmas event set-up and take-down

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Comm. Moore made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### Recreation

Martha Roberts reported that the Arena Committee is still trying to decide whether to repair the existing facility or proceed with a new one. They have registered Lawrencetown for the Kraft Hockeyville Contest and the winner receives \$100,000 for arena upgrades.

### Activities/Events Planning Committee

Comm. Spears reported the following:

- Village Circle Project is going ahead with the hopes of unveiling the monument in July 2010.
- Annapolis County Recreation has launched the “Community Winter Challenge” and encouraged everyone to become involved. Steve Young is the Team Captain for Lawrencetown and it was decided to include the challenge in the Village’s newsletter

### Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- new application forms are available for the County’s Grants to Organizations
- LifePlex meeting will be held on January 13, at 7:00PM in Bridgetown and this will be the last meeting concerning this issue
- Long-time Municipal Clerk, Jackie Farrows-Lawrence, is retiring at the end of January 2010

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **ALZHEIMER SOCIETY**

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from the Alzheimer Society requesting the Commission proclaim January as “Alzheimer Awareness Month”. **Comm. Gilks made a motion for the Village of Lawrencetown to recognize January 2010 as Alzheimer Awareness Month. Seconded by Comm. Spears. Motion Carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Village's Discussion Paper

After the Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed changes/amendments to the Village's Discussion Paper, they agreed to support all the proposed changes and requested the Clerk/Treasurer to submit their input to the Committee working on the paper.

Comm. Moore noted that although she supported the paper, she did not agree with the paragraph proposing that "the requirement to borrow funds should not require the approval of the residents of the Village".

### VON Seniors Expo Planning Committee

Clerk/Treasurer stated she had a request from the VON for a member of the Commission to sit on the Seniors Expo Planning Committee. Comm. Moore volunteered to represent the Commission and stated that the Expo will be held in Lawrencetown this year and she would like to see the Commission support the Expo and promote the event in the community.

### Guidelines Monitoring Public Drinking Water Supplies – Draft

Clerk/Treasurer stated that she had reviewed the document and has now asked the Supt. of Public Works to review it. The document will also be discussed at the next M/PJAG meeting which she will be attending. Once all the comments are gathered, she will present them to the Commission.

### Newsletter

Comm. Spears asked for items for the next newsletter, to be sent out in the middle of January. After a discussion on items to include, Comm. Spears will do a rough draft and then send it to Clerk/Treasurer to prepare the final newsletter.

### Winter Parking Regulations

Comm. Spears stated that he has seen a lot of vehicles parking on the streets and that they are interfering with the Village's snow removal equipment. Clerk/Treasurer stated she had been in contact with the NSDTIR regarding their restrictions and how they enforce them. They said they would send us some copies of letters they put on vehicles who park on the sides of the highways between 7:00PM and 7:00AM. If this does not work, they can have the vehicles towed away at the owner's expense.

## **ADDITIONS:**

1. Comm. Moore reported that the LASA Christmas Celebration attracted approximately 65 participants.
2. Comm. Spears stated that the LASA has set up a senior skate at the arena for every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00PM to 2:30PM and the cost is \$2.00 per person.
3. Comm. Gilks stated that she was made aware of a "Teen Texas Hold'Em Card Game" being advertised to be held at the Library. She sent an email to the Program Coordinator

requesting more information and voicing some concern that this could be perceived as promoting gambling with the youth. She received a reply from the Program Coordinator stating that because there would be no money involved, it was not considered as gambling. Comm. Gilks felt that it is still promoting a form of gambling and that it was not an appropriate program to be offered at the Library. After a lengthy discussion, **Comm. Moore made a motion to send a letter to Frances Newman, Annapolis Valley Regional Library, stating the Commission's disappointment in the choice of promoting the "Texas Hold'Em Card Game" at the Library. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. VOTE: 2 yes, 1 no. Motion Carried.**

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Gilks moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

---

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

---

CLERK/TREASURER