

**VILLAGE OF LAWRENCETOWN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
June 3, 2010**

COMMISSION

Larry Powell – Chairman
Dave Spears – Vice Chair
Lynette Gilks
Dianne Moore

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

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

MINUTES:

Comm. Spears made a motion to adopt the minutes of the 2009 Annual General meeting as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Municipal Auditor, Lawrence Lake, of Morse Brewster & Lake Accounting presented the audited financial statements for the Village of Lawrencetown and the Village of Lawrencetown Water Utility.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2010/2011 BUDGET:

Clerk/Treasurer presented the 2010/2011 budgets for the Village of Lawrencetown and the Village of Lawrencetown Water Utility.

VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Chairman Powell reported, on behalf of the Village Commission, the following:

- work is progressing on a website for the Village
- new well came on line in September and the water quality has been very good also the water utility can now be monitored remotely
- fence compounds have been installed around the new well head area and around the Village's Public Works and Office building
- we have partnered with Peopleworx Society with their "On the Job" training program and have had two very successful temporary placements
- stabilized the sewer pipe in Barteaux Brook during the winter but it will require a permanent repair this summer
- was extremely impressed with the whole "Hockeyville" experience and it shows the civic pride in our Village

- had very successful Christmas and Canada Day events this year and we could not have done it without all the volunteers who came out to help
- reviewed and amended the Sewer Bylaw
- in the final stages of the Water Source Protection Plan for the new well

ANNUAL REPORTS:

1. Activities/Special Events Planning Committee

Comm. Spears submitted his report (see attached)

- Phil Milo presented documentation regarding the Village Circle Project.

2. Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- County's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan has been completed
- there will be several community meetings regarding Wind Turbines
- the official opening of a multi use trail in Lawrencetown took place
- Brenda Orchard hired as new CAO
- County is developing a Recreation Masterplan
- was very proud of the community and to be a part of the "Hockeyville" contest and thanked everyone who helped to make it the success that it was

3. Lawrencetown & District Recreation Committee

Lynn Roscoe presented her report (see attached).

4. Lawrencetown Pool Committee

Wanda Batson reported the following:

- hired 3 Lifeguards this season
- received summer student funding for 3 positions
- Canada Day event was a success
- incorporated January 2010
- 2010 season planned
- fundraising dinner a success
- applied to Annapolis County for a capital grant for repairs to the building

5. Lawrencetown & District Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Mike Stoddard presented his report (see attached).

6. Lawrencetown & Area Seniors Association

Dianne Moore presented her report (see attached).

COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS:

On behalf of the Village Commission, Chairman Powell presented cheques to the following groups to help offset some of their costs in providing programs and services to the Village residents.

Lawrencetown & District Recreation Committee
Lawrencetown Pool Committee
Exhibition Youth Arena
Annapolis Valley Exhibition
Lawrencetown & District Volunteer Fire Dept

DETAILS OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING SEWER TAXATION:

Chairman Powell announced a date for a public information session that will take place to explain to residents the changes regarding the way the sewer taxes are charged.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Powell stated that there were 2 – 3 year terms and 1 – 1 year term available on the Commission and he read the qualifications for Commissioner according to the Municipal Government Act.

Chairman Powell called for nominations for the first 3 year term. Phil Milo nominated Dianne Moore. Claude Lowe nominated Brian Reid. Phil Milo withdrew his nomination of Dianne Moore. Fred Healy seconded the nomination of Brian Reid. As there were no further nominations, Brian Reid was elected to the Commission by acclamation.

Chairman Powell called for nominations for the second 3 year term. Phil Milo nominated Dianne Moore. Dave Spears seconded the nomination of Dianne Moore. As there were no further nominations, Dianne Moore was elected to the Commission by acclamation.

Chairman Powell called for nominations for one 1 year term. Nancy Emmett nominated Jacki Fraser. Dave Spears seconded the nomination of Jaki Fraser. As there were no further nominations, Jaki Fraser was elected to the Commission by acclamation.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC:

- concerns expressed regarding an unsightly premise on Carleton Road; Commission stated that this property should get cleaned up as the Water Source Protection Plan area is expanded to include the Village's new production well
- concerns expressed regarding the exposed rebar on the bridge on Lawrencetown Lane and the Commission were asked to contact NS Dept. of Transportation to see if this issue will be repaired; also resident **B. Gesner made a motion for the Commission to send a letter to NS Dept. of Transportation to have all the roads in Lawrencetown repaired. Seconded by B. Reid. Motion Carried.**

- there were concerns from some of the organizations who have been charged a flat rate for their water but are now having their water metered; Commission explained that during the last water rate increase (2007), they were told by the Utility and Review Board that these customers were to have meters installed and their water consumption metered. The Commission also stated that the cheques that were just presented should help offset any additional costs the organizations will incur.
- it was asked where the revenue from the water utility was spent and the Commission stated that all revenues from the water utility were spent on the water utility
- it was stated that Prince Street should be upgraded in order to attract more people to this subdivision

As there was no further business to discuss, B. Gesner moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER