

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2011**

COMMISSION

Brian Reid – Chairman
David Spears – Vice Chair
Lynette Gilks
Dianne Moore
Jaki Fraser

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

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

MINUTES:

Comm. Fraser moved the minutes of January 6, 2011 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Rate Study

Clerk/Treasurer reported the date for the Public Hearing has been set by the Utility & Review Board for April 27th at 11:00AM in the Boardroom at COGS. The advertisement for the hearing appeared in the Feb. 3rd edition of the Spectator and will also be in the next two consecutive editions. She also has copies of the ad available for the public to pick up at the Village office. Comm. Reid gave a brief overview of the process the UARB will go through to determine the final rate increases.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works

Clerk/Treasurer read the report on behalf of the Supt. of Public Works, reporting the following:

- quarterly water tests sent to Dept. of Environment
- serviced blower at STP
- re-welded snow blower frame
- started repairing water meters
- snow and ice removal continues
- repaired snow blower auger

- repaired sidewalk sander
- new sidewalk tractor was delivered and worked well in the first snow storm

Recreation

No Report.

Activities/Events Planning Committee

Comm. Spears reported the deadline for submission for the “Wall of Honour” is February 28th and he is looking forward to receiving many submissions. He also gave a brief review of the nomination criteria.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- Council continues to work on bylaws
- as part of the County’s recreation review there will be a meeting held in Lawrencetown on February 17th to gather input from the public as to what types of recreation they would like to see in this area
- deadline for grants for non-profit organizations is March 1st
- there is a property tax rebate available from the County for low income families and the information is available by contacting the municipal office

NEW BUSINESS:

NS Water Resource Management Strategy

Clerk/Treasurer stated copies of the new provincial strategy are available at the office for anyone interested.

Vandalism Concerns in the Village

Comm. Reid read a follow-up correspondence from the RCMP Community Program Officer, with regards to the vandalism concerns and problem being experienced in the Village. He emphasized how important it is for people to report any type of suspicious activity they see to either the Village or the RCMP.

March Commission Meeting

Comm. Reid stated that the Clerk/Treasurer will be away for the next meeting and asked if Comm. Moore would be willing to take the minutes for this meeting. Comm. Moore agreed and the meeting will not need to be re-scheduled.

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Reid stated that the Lawrencetown and Area Water Source Protection Plan Committee has been formed and the members are:

Martha Roberts – County Councilor
Lynette Gilks – Village Commissioner
Brian Reid – Resident
Phil Milo – Resident
Anne Taylor – Resident

CORRESPONDENCE:

Statistics Canada – Requesting the Commission help encourage all residents to complete the National Household Survey taking place in May 2011.

ANSV Board of Directors – Invitation to all Commissioners to attend the next ANSV Board of Directors meeting on Feb. 11, 2011 in Bible Hill, NS.

Lawrencetown & Area Swimming Pool Society – Requesting a letter of support from the Commission to include in their funding request to the Province for capital maintenance and repairs at the pool as well as a request for future funding from the Commission for the pool. The Commission gladly agreed to support the pool society with a letter of support and they will also look at funding options during the Village's budget deliberations.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Fire Dept had some concerns that the fire hydrants were not shoveled out
- Comm. Moore commended the Public Works Staff on a job well done clearing all the snow over the past 24 hrs. after the storm
- was some concerns expressed about the size of the new tractor purchased
- Eric Bent of Valley Industries had some concerns regarding the purchase of the new tractor. The Commission will meet with Mr. Bent in the near future to review the process.
- comments that website is not as current as it should be
- request to blow snow away from the church sign when clearing the sidewalks; flying snow could cause damage to the sign

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Spears moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER