

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2009**

COMMISSION

Troy Emmett – Chairman
Larry Powell – Deputy Chairman
Lynette Gilks
Dianne Moore
David Spears

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

CHAIRMAN EMMETT called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

MINUTES:

Clerk/Treasurer read the minutes of the March 5, 2009 regular meeting of the Lawrencetown Village Commission. **Comm. Powell moved the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Lynn Roscoe stated that Lawrencetown Library broke the record on “Family Literacy Day” and she also showed the Commission a map outlining the “green upgrades” proposed for the school.

OLD BUSINESS:

Well Project Update

Clerk/Treasurer gave an update on the new well project:

- still experiencing problems with water in the manhole
- engineer did an inspection on April 1, and then met with the contractor regarding this problem
- the electrical is completed until the water withdraw permit is received from NSDEL
- the water withdraw permit is being processed and should be issued by NSDEL within the next 2 weeks
- there has been new guidelines issued from NSDEL with regards to the testing of Haloacetic Acids

Public Works Update

Clerk/Treasurer gave an update on the Public Works activities for the month:

- fixed water leak east end of Hwy.# 1 March 2nd
- removed old telephone poles at the Reservoir
- sewer backed up on Lawrencetown Lane caused by a plugged pipe
- started working on year end inventory

- NS Power replaced a pole on Main St.
- set up a meeting with Fosters Fire & Safety for upgrading of all fire extinguishers in the Village
- replaced dome building windows with lexon to prevent further vandalism
- met with engineer regarding the possibility of replacing the water and sewer lines on Lawrencetown Lane and part of Trout Lake Rd.
- read water meters

Prince St. – Dedication for Public Use

Comm. Powell moved to accept the motion as prepared by Bruce Gillis, Q.C. (attached) Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.

Village Website

Comm. Spears stated that he had some ideas for the website that included a section for visitors and also promoting the Annapolis Valley Exhibition. After a discussion, Comm. Spears will work with Clerk/Treasurer and the website designers to have these things included on the website.

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Spears reported that he had attended the Recreation Committee’s meeting on March 29, 2009.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Comm. Gilks made a motion to accept the Financial Report for February 2009 as presented. Seconded by Comm. Spears. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation

Lynn Roscoe reported the following:

- Recreation Committee met March 29th
- all funds from the County have been dispersed with the exception of minor baseball
- the Committee nominated Angie Cress for the Volunteer of the Year for Annapolis County
- Betty Ilsley Memorial Skate was held this year
- Committee sent a letter of support for the literacy program being launched
- Committee is supporting the “Evergreen Project” at the school
- meeting with NSHPP, Mike Trinacty, and Annapolis County Recreation Dept. on Apr. 23rd
- still waiting to hear regarding the student summer grants
- received \$8,000 funding from Annapolis County

Activities/Events Planning Committee

Comm. Spears reported they are forming a Historical Society and the initial meeting will be held by David Spears, Dave Whitman, Phil Milo and Larry Powell. The date has not yet been set for the meeting.

Planning is beginning for the Seniors Fitness classes and the Committee will be holding a meeting with seniors interested in forming a Seniors Association in the Village.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported on the following:

- also attending the meeting with NSHPP, however, before that meeting she will be meeting with Annapolis County Recreation Director to obtain some background information
- at the meeting with NSHPP she will be discussing infrastructure funding for the arena.
- there is a meeting at COGS on April 16th regarding the “New Horizons” program

Pool Committee Report

Comm. Spears reported:

- the Committee is strong and they are a great group to work with
- they are planning the opening of the pool and the Annual Fundraising Supper is planned for May 2, at the Firehall, with the tickets selling for \$8.00 each
- application for Canada Day funding has been sent and plans are underway for the event

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Michael Gillespie

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from Michael Gillespie requesting possible funding from the Village for his post-secondary education. After a discussion, the Commission asked Clerk/Treasurer to send a letter to Mr. Gillespie stating that the Village does not have a bursary program but also inform him of other avenues where he may be able to secure a bursary.

Letter from Mrs. Gladys Taylor

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from Mrs. Gladys Taylor regarding the sidewalks and the amount of sand that was on them. After a discussion, the Commission asked Clerk/Treasurer to send a letter to Mrs. Taylor stating that it was too early to sweep the sand off the sidewalks, for safety reasons.

AVRSB Furnace/Diesel Purchasing Program

Clerk/Treasurer stated she had a letter from the AVRSB Procurement Office asking if the Village was going to participate in this year’s Furnace Oil & Diesel Fuel Purchasing Program. After a discussion, the Commission decided to continue purchasing the required furnace and diesel fuel locally.

CARP Annual Report

Clerk/Treasurer stated that all Commissioners had received a copy of the annual CARP Report and there was a copy available in the office for the public to view.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANSV Meeting Report

Comm. Powell stated that he and Clerk/Treasurer had attended the ANSV Board of Directors meeting in Bible Hill on March 27th. The following are items that were discussed by the Board:

- the Board discussed the lack of response to the Villages Discussion Paper by SNSMR and they will be contacting the Minister responsible to check on the status of the Discussion Paper
- the Board decided to ask for a meeting with the Minister to discuss the possible changes to the HST Offset Program and how that will impact the Villages and to confirm that there will be no changes to the Gas Tax Agreement that will negatively affect Villages
- the Board Chairman will be contacting the President of the UNSM to set up a meeting to discuss items of mutual concern and to promote the ANSV with the UNSM
- it was brought to the Boards attention that the Natural Gas Distribution Tax Act does not give the Villages the authority to tax this utility, which is in direct conflict with the Villages authority to levy taxes under the MGA; this will be discussed at the meeting with the Minister
- because of a resignation, the Board is down one member and a Commissioner from Port Williams has volunteered to sit on the Board until the AGM in September
- the Board has started planning the 2009 AGM
- ANSV Website is going to be updated and promoted with more information available to the Villages through the website
- Board of Directors meetings are going to be opened to all Commissions to attend as observers
- the Board is going to contact SNSMR to ask them to start holding the yearly orientation sessions for new Commissioners as they did in the past

Water & Sewer Line Replacement – Lawrencetown Lane

Clerk/Treasurer presented a proposal from Dillon Consulting to prepare a work plan report for the replacement of water & sewer lines on Lawrencetown Lane, part of Trout Lake Rd. and to the Reservoir. After a discussion, **Comm. Gilks made a motion to go forward and complete the work plan report at a cost of \$ 4,950.00 plus HST. Seconded by Comm. Powell. Motion Carried.**

“New Horizons for Seniors” Workshop

Clerk/Treasurer stated she had received a memo from Annapolis County Recreation Dept. informing the Village of a workshop being held regarding the “New Horizons for Seniors” Program. After a discussion, Clerk/Treasurer will attend this workshop.

Annapolis County Community Guide

Clerk/Treasurer stated that the Annapolis County Community Guide would be published again this year and asked the Commission if they wanted to participate this year. After a discussion, **Comm. Gilks made a motion to take a ½ page ad in the Annapolis County Community Guide at a cost of \$ 381.00. Seconded by Comm. Spears. Motion Carried.** Clerk /Treasurer will prepare the ad and email it to the Commission for their approval.

ADDITIONS:

Future Use of Schools Review

Comm. Powell stated that the deadline for submissions to AVRSB for the Future Use of Schools Review is April 1st. Lawrencetown has submitted their comments and Bridgetown SAC also submitted a very large document which included a number of ideas to keep the schools open and viable. It is the consensus of all the communities to keep their schools open with only some modifications or renovations.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Mr. Berend Pietersma stated that 455 Main St. is becoming unsightly and would like the Commission to contact the owner to clean it up.
2. Mr Berend Pietersma also asked the Village Commission to pave the area between the curb he installed and Prince St. Chairman Emmett stated that there was a problem there with water running from his downspouts out onto the street. After a discussion, the Commission will look at this request and make a decision at a later date.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Gilks moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER