

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2011**

COMMISSION

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

STAFF

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

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

MINUTES:

Comm. Fraser moved the minutes of December 2, 2010 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Comm. Spears. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Rate Study

The Consultant reviewed the water rate study with the Commission and after a detailed discussion, **Comm. Gilks made a motion to accept the water rate study as presented with the change to the “Notes to Schedules” as discussed; and BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Commission of the Village of Lawrencetown approves the application to the NSUARB on behalf of its water Utility, for an order authorizing a new schedule of rates and charges for the water supply and service and schedule of rules and regulations, as set out in the schedules as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.**

Purchase of Truck

Comm. Moore made a motion to purchase a truck for the water utility for the price of \$24,076.00. Seconded by Comm. Fraser. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works

Supt. of Public Works reported the following:

- benches and signs removed for the winter
- old chlorine pump was re-fitted at the treatment plant
- curb stop installed at the Federation of Agriculture building
- more repairs done on the tractor
- snow and ice removal continues
- reading water meters
- coldpatch repair done on valve on Hwy # 1 outside Fire Dept.

Recreation

No report.

Activities/Events Planning Committee

Comm Spears reported the "Wall of Honour" was being launched in January 2011 with information being distributed in the water bills. The awards will be presented during "Volunteer Week" which is April 17 – 23. Closing date for nominations will be the end of February and applications will be available at the Village Office and the Library.

A discussion took place regarding the Village's Christmas event and what could be done to generate more interest from the local businesses and also how the event could be scheduled to have maximum participation from the residents. Also, the home decorating contest was discussed and it was decided to make a few changes for next year:

- no registration, just judge all the decorated properties in the Village
- have some different categories to judge the decorations by

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- Council is just finishing up setting up the different Committees of Council
- Volunteer nominations for the County will take place in February
- launched the Winter Activity Challenge program
- Fundy YMCA received funding from the Federal Government
- County Director of Public Works and Engineering, Laurie Emms, is retiring in March

NEW BUSINESS:

Subdivision of Land Plan Approval

Clerk/Treasurer presented a small plan for the sale and purchase of a parcel of land on Station Rd. The transaction is to increase the size of one of the properties and is not a piece of land that can be developed separately. The Commission reviewed the proposal and agreed with the plans.

Annapolis County Community Winter Activity Challenge

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from the Lawrencetown Community representative, Cathy Lowe, asking for community support in promoting this challenge. The Commission encouraged everyone to become involved and will include all the information in the January Newsletter.

Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Annual Tourism Guide

Clerk/Treasurer asked the Commission if they wished to participate again this year by putting an ad in the guide. After a discussion, **Comm. Fraser made a motion to take out an ad in this year's guide for a cost of \$500.00. Seconded by Comm. Spears. Motion Carried.**

Snow Removal Equipment

Chairman Reid gave an update explaining all the problems that the Village was having with its aging snow removal equipment. The Supt. of Public Works submitted 3 quotes for new equipment to replace the existing equipment. After the Commission reviewed all the information and quotes, **Comm. Gilks made a motion to purchase the John Deere equipment as quoted. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.**

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Fraser stated that the Annapolis Valley Regional Library is doing a monthly feature on all of their facilities and Lawrencetown will be featured in August.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Reid stated he had received a letter from the Warden at Annapolis County asking for a Commission representative for the Lawrencetown Water Source Protection Plan Committee. After a discussion, it was decided the Commission representative would be Comm. Gilks and the Clerk/Treasurer will attend the meetings as the Village staff member.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. There was some concern that the flashing amber light at the intersection of Lawrencetown Lane and Hwy. # 1 had not been replaced. Chairman Reid explained that this was in the hands of the Dept of Transportation but that staff would contact them for an update.
2. There were reports of street lights out; staff will report these to NS Power.
3. If was asked that if the Commission were considering decommissioning the three fire hydrants that were placed outside of the Village in the County, that they talk to the Fire Dept. first. The Commission assured everyone that they had no intention of decommissioning these fire hydrants.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Spears moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER