

LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2009

COMMISSION

Larry Powell – Deputy Chair
Dianne Moore
David Spears

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer
David Leonard – Superintendent of Public Works

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN POWELL called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

MINUTES:

Clerk/Treasurer read the minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting of the Lawrencetown Village Commission. **Comm. Spears moved the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Comm. Spears shared some information he had regarding the “Conflict of Interest” Act.
2. Comm. Spears asked if the potholes at the entrance to Prince St. could be repaired. Supt. of Public Works stated that they were just waiting for the area to dry up before they can patch it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Well Project Update

Supt. of Public Works reported on the following:

- dug up and re-glued the conduit that runs between the well and manhole; frost and heavy dirt broke the pipe
- because of the water infiltration problem in the new manhole, a drain will have to be installed that will divert the water to the ditch at the STP. This will be an additional cost on the contract.
- clean up of the new well site will begin next week
- met with Acrotech regarding the SCADA System and installation of the system has begun

Public Works Update

Supt. of Public Works reported on the following:

- the sidewalk sweeper has been purchased and is in the process of being adapted to the tractor
- ordered a new sub pump to replace the existing one (45 years old)
- PW Assistant injured his back and is on light duties for 2 weeks

- put out garbage cans, benches, picnic tables, repairing lawns, sweeping, and doing general spring clean up
- submitted list for tools and projects for upcoming budget process
- met with Foster's Fire & Safety to complete audit for all village properties
- working on retro-fit of PW office to accommodate the new SCADA System

Property Complaint – 455 Main St.

Comm. Spears stated that he had taken some pictures of the property and forwarded them to the Village Office. Clerk/Treasurer stated that the complaints and pictures have been forwarded to Valley Waste Resource Management for action. After a discussion, Comm. Powell will also contact the Municipal Clerk at Annapolis County and ask the Unsightly Premises Committee to view the property.

ADDITIONS:

1. Mr. Pietersma asked if there had been a decision regarding his request for paving. The Commission stated there had not been a decision made as the budget has not yet been finalized.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation

Lynn Roscoe reported the Recreation Committee's meeting has been changed to May 20th and they are still waiting to hear regarding the summer student grants.

Activities/Events Planning Committee

Comm. Spears reported on the following:

- The "Seniors Get Together" was held on May 6 and was a success. There were 22 in attendance and it was decided to hold another session on May 19th to form an interim committee to begin the planning process. There were some really good ideas for activities and events and the group felt that the age limit should be 55+.
- The meeting for the possible formation of a Heritage Group has still not taken place, but hoping to move forward in the near future.
- Still working on the application for the Guinness Book Project.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported on the following:

- had a meeting with Mike Trinacty, NSHPP, regarding funding for arena upgrades and a request for proposals has been sent out for an assessment to be done on the building. NSHPP will pay for half the costs of the assessment

- had a meeting regarding Annapolis County's ICSP and there will also be a meeting held with the Village in the future

Pool Committee Report

Comm. Spears reported on the following:

- fundraising dinner was a success and the hams for the dinner were kindly donated by
- AJ Grocery (value \$200)
- still waiting to hear regarding the summer student grants
- Canada Day plans are almost finalized
- fundraising projects are ongoing i.e. "Basket Raffle"
- pool has been cleaned

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from Annapolis County Council regarding the adoption of the Maple Leaf Tartan as the national tartan of Canada and also the declaration of April 6 as National "Tartan Day". After a brief discussion, the Commission decided they would address this letter at a later date.
2. Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from the Annapolis Valley Exhibition regarding the use of Village equipment. After a brief discussion, the Commission will address this issue at a meeting with representatives of the Exhibition Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

"People Works" Annapolis Valley Work Center

Clerk/Treasurer stated that a request had been received from the Annapolis Valley Work Centre regarding placement of one of their participants for on the job training. After a discussion, the Commission agreed.

Property Damage Complaint – 509 Main St.

Clerk/Treasurer read a complaint received from the owner of 506 Main St., stating that there was some damage to the property during the winter snow removal process. After a discussion, the Commission asked the Supt. of Public Works to view the damage and make repairs as he deems necessary.

Also, Comm. Powell stated that the RCMP had towed some vehicles in the Village and wondered if they had been removed from in front of this property. Supt. of Public Works stated that he did not think that this was the area that the vehicles had been towed, however, he did have a conversation with the owner of the property and he had said that he would rectify the parking problems. To date nothing has been done. After a discussion, the Commission decided that a "no parking" area should be painted on the sidewalk and to obtain some towing signs from the Dept. of Transportation. The Supt. of Public Works will attend to these requests.

Annapolis County Exhibition Program Ad

Clerk/Treasurer asked if the Commission would like to put an ad in the Exhibition Program Guide again this year and the Commission agreed. Clerk/Treasurer will make up the ad and send to the Commission for their approval.

“Live Like A Tourist” Publication

Clerk/Treasurer asked the Commission if they had seen this publication and wondered if the Village of Lawrencetown had ever participated in the publication. After a discussion, Clerk/Treasurer will contact the publication to be included on their contact list for the next issue.

ADDITIONS:

1. It was noted that the Village of Lawrencetown’s Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June 18th, at 7:00PM, at the Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Lynn Roscoe stated that Kathleen Shea, ADEDA, was in Calgary at a specialized IT Job Fair promoting the area and hopefully she will give a presentation to all interested when she returns.
2. Martha Roberts stated that the Youth Arena is looking for new Board members and interested people can contact Laurie Iisley at 584-3500.
3. Mr. Steven Harlow, Fitch Rd., made a request to the Commission for permission to connect to the Village’s water system. He proposes to run a private line approximately .4 km from his home, along the side of the road. He will be responsible for all costs to connecting to the system and also for all permits and/or easements that may be required. After a discussion, the Commission will look at the request and get back to Mr. Harlow as soon as possible.
4. Supt. of Public Works stated he would like to thank Comm. Spears for the food and drinks he provided them with on the night they were working on a water line break. It was greatly appreciated by the workers.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Spears moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:07PM.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER