

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2012**

COMMISSION

Jaki Fraser - Chair
Brian Reid – Vice Chair
Madelyn McLain
Dianne Moore
Lynette Gilks

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

CHAIRPERSON FRASER called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

MINUTES:

Comm. Gilks moved the minutes for October 4, 2012 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No report available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Village

Clerk/Treasurer gave an update on the event and read a letter from resident regarding some suggestions for next year. The Home Decorating Contest judging will take place the week of December 10 – 14 with the prizes being awarded on December 19, 2012

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Comm. Moore made a motion to accept the Financial Statements for September 2012 as presented. Seconded by Comm. McLain. Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works

Comm. Reid gave the report for the PW Committee (see attached). In the absence of the Supt. of PW, Comm. Reid gave the report (see attached).

Recreation

No report available.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- Council met with Annapolis Royal Town Council to discuss planning, transportation and recreation. Their goal is to have better communication with all the Towns and Village in the County. Council to Council meetings will be scheduled periodically and MS. Roberts will request the Village be included in these meetings.
- the Commission asked what the total cost was that was incurred by the County for the lawsuit against Kings Transit. Ms. Roberts stated the Committee of the Whole would be looking at that at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lawrencetown Source Water Protection Plan

Clerk/Treasurer stated the public information/input meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2012 at 7:00PM at the Fire Hall. The public are encouraged to attend.

Website Update

Diana Ackroyd reported the following:

- the new website would be celebrating its 1st anniversary on December 17th.
- past Commissioners list is up and all the Christmas information is posted
- in the new year, all businesses and service groups will be contacted to update their information and to include their meeting dates on the calendar
- Efficiency NS was very impressed with the Village's website

Additions to New Business

1. Diana Ackroyd gave a brief report on the Volunteer Conference she attended at COGS in November.
2. Comm. Fraser stated the arena has received ACOA funding for upgrades and the announcement will be made at Lawrencetown Consolidated School at 9:00AM tomorrow morning.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Clerk/Treasurer read a message from Jack Slater of Clean NS Christmas Light Exchange, thanking the Village for participating in the program again this year.
2. Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from residents Berend and Marian Pietersma stating they were upset with the installation of the parking restriction signs that were installed behind the old Library building by the Tenant. Comm. Reid explained the parking lot is included in the lease agreement between the Tenant and the Village. His understanding was the

Tenants had no choice but to restrict parking because they were not able to park there in the mornings when they came to work because the parking lot was being used by unauthorized users. Mr. Pietersma stated he felt the parking lot should be available to the public because the tenants of his apartment building need additional parking for their visitors as well as room for parking for the Laundromat. After a discussion, the Commission will look at the parking situation in the Village.

Comm. Gilks excused herself from the meeting at 8:00PM.

3. Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from the Alzheimer Society requesting the Commission declare January as “Alzheimer Awareness Month”. **Comm. Reid made a motion to declare January as “Alzheimer Awareness Month”. Seconded by Comm. McLain. Motion Carried.**

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Mr. Pietersma asked for a copy of the lease agreement between the Village and the Tenants of the old Library building. Clerk/Treasurer stated Mr. Pietersma would have to come to the Village Office and file a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy application.
2. There were comments regarding the changes to the Christmas event this year and, although they enjoyed it, they would like to see it go back to the original separate event.
3. There was a concerns voiced regarding the issue of people not picking up after their pets and the mess that is being left on the sidewalks. This issue is included in the quarterly newsletter and will be highlighted again in January’s publication.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Reid moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER