

**Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 17, 2007**

The April Regular Monthly meeting was held on April 17, 2007, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Call to order

Chairwoman Blair
Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner Hilliard
Commissioner McLean

Regrets - Commissioner McKenna

Staff

Jill Nette, Solicitor
Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

**Approval of the Minutes of
March 20, 2007**

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the minutes of March 20, 2007 be approved."

Motion carried

**Review and approval of
agenda, call for new or
other business**

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the agenda be approved with the addition of volunteer awards
and quotes for ball fields"*

Motion carried

**Miscellaneous business
including delegations**

Councillor Robert Taylor

Councillor Taylor said that he was very pleased that the municipality and the village had reached an agreement on the expansion of the water system in the Village. The municipality will contribute 50% of the municipal share (monies coming from gas tax revenue) for a joint infrastructure application. It was Councillor Taylor's understanding that during the period of the infrastructure application, neither the county or the village would make other applications to the program. Chairwoman Blair pointed out that the Village would be managing the project and that the village had suggested that a steering committee be formed comprising of the Chair of the Village of Bible Hill, The Councillor District 1, Municipal Engineer, and Village Clerk. Engineering services for the project will be contracted.

Councillor Taylor discussed the county's application to the URB for it's adjustment to municipal electoral boundaries. He thought that the URB would approve the submission. Councillor Taylor completed his discussion with the Village on the topic of the upcoming public hearing for a development agreement for a 24 unit apartment building on Pictou Road.

Business from the Minutes Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Hilliard*

“That the Village of Bible Hill continue to provide support for the NSPE and its attempts to obtain permission to open a “Racino” on the Exhibition Grounds, and that a letter be written to Colchester and Truro recommending that they support the NSPE as well.”

Motion Carried

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

“That the honorarium for the Fire Chief be capped at \$6027.”

Motion Carried

Update Main Street Project - award of tender

The Clerk reviewed the nine tenders received for the Main Street sewer project ranging in price from \$224,000 to \$406,600. Horner and Associates Ltd. Have recommended that the contract be awarded to low bidder Brycon Construction.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

“That the tender for the Main Street Sewer Contract be awarded to Brycon Construction Limited in the amount of \$224,000 + HST”

Motion Carried

Water Expansion Project - proposal from CBCL Ltd.

The Clerk reviewed a proposal from CBCL Ltd to update the pre-engineering financial information for the expansion of the water system. The Clerk was requested to have CBCL Ltd review the proposal and reduce the scope of work to:

- Review and update cost estimates to reflect current pricing for water main installation.
- Review and update costs estimates to reflect current pricing for reservoir construction
- Produce letter report to be used in the application for infrastructure grant.

Volunteer Awards

The agenda for the volunteer awards program was reviewed.

Review of Correspondence

Public Hearing - Development Agreement Pictou Road

The Village will not be represented at the public hearing. The village had made input into the development agreement through Commissioner McKenna at the last PAC meeting.

Monitoring Program - former landfill site

Correspondence from the department of environment was reviewed regarding the last testing program conducted at the former landfill site. The department requested that

“In light of the stressed vegetation, ground subsidence, and protruding garbage bag observed during Dillon’s site walkover, the Department requests that the Village of Bible Hill initiate its own schedule of site walkovers. In addition to the site walkovers completed by Dillon in late summer/early fall, Village staff shall conduct a visual inspection of the site each year in early spring prior to park season. Please keep a record of the results of the Village’s site walkovers for inclusion in the annual report.”

Navy League Battle of Atlantic Parade

Chairwoman Blair will represent the Village by laying a wreath at the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony on May 6th.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner McLean, Transportation Services

Commissioner McLean reviewed the tender process for the Main Street Sewer Project. She also commented on both the damage to lawns and curbs that occurred during the Easter Weekend snow storm, due to sidewalk and street snow removal. She reminded the Commissioners that the Village keeps an ongoing list of sidewalks needing repair and to report any damaged sidewalks to the Clerk. The asphalt sidewalk from East Court road to Brite Avenue will be replaced this year.

Commissioner Hilliard, Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation committee has completed testing of the community survey form. The telephone survey will be conducted during the month of May. The committee decided to amend the format of their agendas. There will now be a section for reports and this section will be subdivided into park facilities, trails and active transportation, programming, and special events. Planning for Canada Day is well underway. Razzmatazz, Dave Johnson, Glo

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Promotions Inflatables, Gordon Tucker, and Tents for Events have all been booked. Currently, revenue is projected at \$13,500 and expenditures at \$14,900. Commissioner Hilliard will be attending an Active Transportation workshop scheduled April 27 - 29.

Deputy Chairman Burke, Environmental Services

Deputy Chairman Burke reviewed two meetings he attended at the NSPE. The first was the annual horse owners awards banquet and the second was a special meeting called by the NSPE to discuss the Racino project. Deputy Chairman Burke has been receiving some complaints regarding minor vandalism in the community.

Chairwoman Blair

On behalf of Commissioner McKenna, Chairwoman Blair reviewed the Safety Advisory Committee report and the report from the Fire Brigade. The Brigade has elected Scott MacDonald as 2nd Deputy Chief and Lee Ogden as Treasurer to fill vacancies created by previous changes in the Brigade Executive.

Chairwoman Blair reviewed the various events and presentations she has made over the past month for the Village of Bible Hill. On March 29th, she made a presentation to Colchester County on the expansion of the water project. On the 30th she attended the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. On the 11th of April she attended a meeting at the NSAC for the Community Signs Program and the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. On April 20th, Bible Hill will be hosting a board meeting of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages.

Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

The Clerk and Treasurer reported on staffing of the Parks and Recreation Coordinator. It was agreed that the personnel committee will meet on Monday, April the 23rd to review the short listing and select applicants for interviews.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Public garbage cans on main streets

It was agreed to have the Clerk report back on projected capital and maintenance expenses to have garbage cans installed along some

of Bible Hill's main streets.

Hall Request - Hub Residential Society

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill provide use of the Bible Hill Village Hall to Hub Rental Services Society the evenings of May 25th and October 30th for the caretaker fee of \$46.00 a night"

Motion Carried

Field request - 4th Annual Chelsea Durant Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament

*Moved by Hilliard
Seconded by Burke*

"That the Village of Bible Hill provide use of the Airport Ball fields September 28 - 30 for 4th Annual Chelsea Durant Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament at no charge."

Motion Carried

Annual Reports

It was agreed that the Commissioners would have their reports completed by May 15th.

Quotes on Ball Fields

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Burke*

"That Randy Crowe be hired to deliver 22 loads of Screened Ball Field Fill at a cost of \$135 per load and provide the services of a dozer at \$65 per hour to upgrade the six ball field infields."

Motion Carried

Adjournment

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

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Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Christine Blair
Chairwoman