

The April Regular Monthly meeting was held on April 15, 2008, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. An In Camera meeting took place from 6:30pm- 7:15pm.

**Call to Order**

Chairwoman Blair  
Deputy Chair Burke  
Commissioner McKenna  
Commissioner McLean  
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

**Staff**

Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer  
Jill Nette, Solicitor  
Angie Ogden, Recording Secretary

**Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2008**

*Moved by McKenna  
Seconded by VanKroonenburg*

*"That the minutes of March 18, 2008 be approved as presented."*

*Motion carried*

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

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the agenda be approved as presented."*

*Motion carried*

**Business arising out of the minutes**

**Commission in Committee Report**

**2008 2009 Budget and Tax Rates**

*Moved by Burke  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the budget as amended to take into account the cost of the fire hall expansion for the 2008-2009 fiscal year."*

*Motion carried*

*Moved by Burke  
Seconded by McKenna*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve and set the residential tax rate for 2008-09 as \$0.66 per 100*

*which includes the sewer rate of 0.17 per 100 and also that the commercial tax rate be set at \$0.775 per 100”*

*Motion carried*

**Transfer of \$184,500 from Operating Fund to Operating Reserve Fund**

*Moved by Burke  
Seconded by McLean*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$184,500 from the Operating Fund to the Operating Reserve Fund.”*

*Motion carried*

**Tender Fire Station Expansion**

*Moved by McKenna  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill award the contracting services to Fowler Construction in the amount of \$533,000 to expand the current Bible Hill Fire Hall station.”*

*Motion carried*

**Review of correspondence**

**Organization of Responsible Bikers- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bike Blessing**

Chairwoman Blair will attend the Annual Bike Blessing on May 3<sup>rd</sup> on behalf of the Village.

**Town of Truro- Volunteer Awards Program**

Chairwoman Blair will attend the Town of Truro Volunteer Awards Program being held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Truro Fire Hall on behalf of the Village as the Community in Blooms representative.

**Reports of commissioners, solicitor, and clerk and treasurer**

**Reports**

**Commissioner McKenna, Protective Services**

Commissioner McKenna reported that the Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee will be holding a babysitting course with Red Cross. He also

reported that Jim Talbot is not available to speak to committee. Upcoming fall programs include ID & finger printing clinic, the committee is looking into who would have a camera to help with this program. The committee is looking at providing safety programs for seniors they will approach the Recreation Coordinator for input.

Commissioner McKenna also reported on the Fire Brigade report. The Fire Marshall's Office is leading a fact finding program on volunteer firefighter membership and retention, soliciting ideas to improve membership and retain current members.

Upcoming events: April 29, Auction, May 31 to June 1 Antique Car Show Parking.

### **McLean, Transportation Services**

Commissioner McLean reported The Village of Bible Hill will no longer maintain curbs, just the sidewalk area, NSTPW will be responsible.

She also reported that when Phase 3 of the water expansion takes place, the road will not be disturbed. The water line will be placed under the sidewalk, therefore the sidewalk will be replaced not the road. In future if the road must be disturbed, the entire width of the disturbed side (from the white line over) must be replaced.

Commissioner McLean also attended a number of events and meetings.

The following concerns were brought to the table by fellow commissioners regarding transportation services: the street stop sign is down at Dixon Court, big pot hole on Pictou Road coming out of Tim Horton's driveway, on College Rd side of Johnson Ave. there is asphalt debris. The Clerk will report these issues to the Department of Transportation. The Clerk was also asked to look into the installation of the light at Maple/Scenic Park.

The Clerk reported that the contractor and village staff will be fixing the sod turned up by sidewalk snow removal in the near future.

**Commissioner Van Kroonenburg- Parks & Recreation**

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported that financial statements were requested from the Fundy Senior Games prior to a donation being made by municipalities, the Bible Hill Recreation Coordinator will attend the next meeting.

She also outlined that the Bible Hill Recreation Department is forming a Strategic plan. A survey of 100 residents will be done next week in coordination with the Town of Truro by NSCC Recreation students. The commission will discuss and approve the Canada Day and Rec Park quotes tonight.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg also reported that feedback has been received on fields, fencing and dug outs. The teeter totters have been removed at the Rec Park and will be replaced.

**Deputy Chair Burke- Environment**

Deputy Chair Burke reported that he attended the meetings regarding water phase 3. He also reported that two driveway entrances on the concrete sidewalk at Saywood Drive need to be repaired. The Clerk will add this to our sidewalk list.

School BH Central, corner block.

**Clerk and Treasurer**

The Clerk reported that he will be attending the Dutch mason meeting at noon tomorrow.

**Chairwoman Blair**

Chairwoman Blair reported on a number of events that she had attended on behalf of the Village.

She also reported she received a thank you call from the Garden Club for our sponsorship maximum of \$250 for a coffee break. She was also asked to bring greetings from the Village. The Garden Club would like to work on a specific gardening project in the Village, the commission was asked to think about a project.

**The Accounts**

*Moved by Burke  
Seconded by McKenna*

*"That the accounts be approved for payment."*

*Motion Carried*

**New Business**

**Contract for Razzmatazz - Canada Day 2008**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill hire Razzmatazz on July 1<sup>st</sup> to perform the Children's show for \$1,130 tax included."*

*Motion Carried*

**Contract Glow Parties- Canada Day 2008**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McKenna*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill hire Glow Parties to provide inflatable's, a bungee run and 9 hole mini golf on July 1<sup>st</sup> for Canada Day at \$4,164.05 taxes included."*

*Motion Carried*

**Purchase of Sand Box Structure- Bible Hill Recreation Park.**

The custom sandbox was included in the approved submission made to the Province by the Village to upgrade the Recreation Park under the Community grant application.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase a sailboat custom sand box from Timbertec Creative Playsystems for a total cost of \$3,842.00 including tax."*

*Motion Carried*

### **Annual Meeting Reports**

It was agreed by the commission that the Annual Meeting Reports from all commissioners be ready and submitted by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Review of Election Period**

The Clerk outlined that the nomination period is May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> for the seats of Chairwoman Blair and Commissioner McKenna. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm. The advance poll is June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Election Day is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Water Expansion Announcement**

The Bible Hill water expansion for Phase III has been approved. A public announcement with the Honourable Jamie Muir and Senator Como is being made on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Cuming Hall, NSAC, 10 am. The fire hall expansion will include hook up to this system, the Village Office will remain on a separate well system.

The Clerk outlined that Main Street has been surveyed. Anticipated tender start date is within a month with a three week tender period. The work is expected to take place during the months of June-September; a break will be taken during exhibition week as outlined in the contract. The Village may require taking money out of reserves to replace the Ryland Avenue sidewalk.

The Clerk will instruct Thompson Engineering to award the contract to Fowler Construction, and then the contractor will supply the Village with a construction schedule.

### **Osprey**

A discussion was held concerning engineering services for College Road/Osprey sidewalk. The commission agreed to proceed with the tender to call for engineering services to design the layout this year and construction to take place next fiscal year.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by McKenna  
Seconded by McLean

*"That the meeting be adjourned."*

*Motion Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Angela Ogden  
Finance Officer

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Christine Blair  
Chairwoman