

Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 21, 2009

The April Regular Monthly meeting was held on April 21, 2009, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Call to Order

Chairwoman McLean
Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner Mahar
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Smith

Attendance

Daily News Reporter Monique Chiasson

Approval of the Minutes

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the minutes of March 16, 2009 be approved as presented."

Motion Carried.

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

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion Carried.

**Business arising out of the
minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Von Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill make application to Round 2 of the Building Canada Fund to provide financing for the elimination of the Sewage Pumping Station and realignment of sanitary and storm sewer lines at the Bible Hill Recreation Park location."

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee Policy (2005) be amended to add a committee member appointed on an annual basis by the Bible Hill Fire Brigade."

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill appoint Susan Thompson-Mahar, Troy Zwanepol, Leota Upham, and Julie Gray for two year terms on the Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee .”

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the Village of Bible Hill appoint Gilbert Salmons, Marie Tompkins, Kimberly Matlock and Doug Wile for two year terms on the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee.”

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill approve a residential tax rate for fiscal year 2009-2010 of .66 and a commercial tax rate of .795 (both include a sewer rate of .17).”

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill approve the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$2,430,610.”

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the Village of Bible Hill provide usage of the village hall for POMBA’s fundraising event at the area non-profit community organization rate.”

Motion Carried.

Building Canada Fund Budget

The Clerk reviewed, and stated that the application has been sent in.

Construction of Washrooms Fire Station

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Burke*

"That the Village of Bible Hill place an ad in the Truro Daily News for the completion of washrooms in the new expansion of the Fire Station"

Motion Carried.

Crosswalk College at Osprey

The Clerk clarified the reason for sidewalk from Pheasant Run to College Road is to join the new crosswalk across College Road, sidewalk to sidewalk, recommended by TIR. A design and plan needs to be submitted to TIR for approval. Would like to have completed before school starts.

Award of Phase 3 Tender

The Clerk stated that the County agreed to raise their funding to \$212,232. Also clarification on the budget amount being less than bid amount is that budget is less our HST and rebate, the budget does not include sale of service laterals, valves & water connection for 69 Pictou Road \$20,045, valves for connection NSPE \$6,361, and valves for connection Co-Op Housing \$1,288.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Burke*

"That the Village of Bible Hill awards contract to J.R. Eisener for the construction of Phase III water expansion project.

Motion Carried.

Review of Correspondence

22nd Annual Bike Blessing at Victoria Park

Received a letter from Lloyd Rector, Provincial Rep for Organization of Responsible Bikers requesting a

representative to help proclaim May Motorcycle Awareness Month on May 2, 2009. Chairwoman McLean is unable to attend; Deputy Chair Burke is attending in her absence.

Brian MacIsaac - Bible Hill Central Elementary School

Received a letter from Brian MacIsaac, Principal Bible Hill Central Elementary School, thanking the Village for their efforts in lobbying for a new school facility within Bible Hill, and also thanks the Village in advance for their continued support.

Funding request 2009 Canadian Ball Hockey Team

Received a letter from Jenny Brine requesting financial support for the 2009 Canadian Women's Ball Hockey Team. Funding request was not approved.

**Reports of Commissioners,
Solicitor, and Clerk and Treasurer**

Environmental Services Report

Deputy Chair Burke reported that in regards to the sewage pumping station that they have met with engineers and after conducting a series of soil investigations and test pits, they have come up with 2 suggestions. The Village has agreed to the alignment along the east side of the current parking lot at the park then across Guest Drive to the Salmon River with a river crossing to the trunk line and has submitted application for Round 2 Building Canada Fund.. Deputy Chair Burke attended the Brigade's Spring Banquet last Saturday.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill writes a letter to the the County to have inspectors review the property on Guest Drive for unsightly premises"

Motion Carried.

Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report

Commissioner Mahar reviewed the minutes from the Safety Advisory Committee Meeting on April 6, 2009. Cst. Vicki Colford introduced Cpl. Addie MacCallum to the committee and advises he will be replacing her as the Community Policing Officer and therefore now on this

committee.

The Brigade responded to 3 emergency calls during the period of March 12, 2009 to April 8, 2009. Emergency calls to days are 13, and fire loss to date is \$2,300. They also welcome new member Taylor Dunn. Annual Banquet April 18, Spring Auction April 29, 2009

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reviewed the report on Parks and Recreation. Pre-Teen Dance had 11 chaperones and had 111 pre-teens in attendance. Last dance will be on June 12, 2009. Volunteer Awards will be held on April 22, the last Senior Social of the year will be held on May 20, 2009, Local Senior Games will be taking place May 4 - 8, 2009, Bike Week will be held from May 30 - June 6, 2009. Attended the Brigade's Spring Banquet last Saturday.

Transportation Services Report

Chairwoman McLean reported that the cleaning up of sidewalks is in progress, along with Justaart. A short list of pot hole repairs has been completed. The broken curb are also being cleaned up along with these sidewalks.

Clerks Report

Clerk had nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor only has things for the In Camera Committee meeting to report.

Chairwoman's Report

Chairwoman McLean reviewed the various functions she had attended on behalf of the Village in the past month. She also read a letter she wrote to Minister Streach and Mayor Taylor, for the Commissioners to agree to send out. A discussion was held.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Purchase of Additional Christmas Decorations 69 Pictou Road

A discussion was held regarding adding to the Christmas Decorations for 69 Pictou Road. It was agreed that no additional decorations would be purchased.

Canada Day Purchases

A discussion was held regarding the quotes for the sound system, tents, and inflatables.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill, for Canada Day, engage Gordon Tucker for sound system, Tents for Events for the tents, and Big Entertainment for 3 inflatables at \$1750 (including gas, generators, and travel) plus the soccer kick."

Motion Carried

Audit Meeting - May 12 at 6pm

Clerk mentioned that auditor is in this week. Try to change audit meeting to May 19th, as Commissioner Mahar is away on the 12th, and the Clerk would like all Commissioners to attend.

Canada's Economic Action Plan - CMHC Loans

Clerk reviewed.

Annual Meeting

Clerk reviewed.

Elections

Nomination Period - May 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14

Advance Poll - June 2rd 11:00am to 7:00pm

Election Day - June 6th 9:00am to 7:00pm

Chairwoman McLean reviewed.

**In Camera Committee Meeting of
the Whole**

Property Matter

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to an In
Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole, to discuss a
property matter."*

Motion Carried.

At 8:30 pm the Commission went into an In Camera
Committee Meeting of the Whole; the In Camera
Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at 9:45 pm.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

*"Letters to be sent to property owners abutting Murdock
Park to ascertain if they have any interest in purchasing
all or part of the park property."*

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the April 21, 2009 Regular Monthly meeting of the
Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Michelle Smith
Recording Secretary

Sharon McLean
Chairwoman