

The July Regular Monthly meeting was held on July 7, 2009, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Call to Order

Chairwoman McLean
Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell
Commissioner Mahar

Regrets:
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff:
Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

Delegations:
Councillor Christine Blair

Approval of the Minutes of June 16, 2009

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Burke*

"That the minutes of June 16, 2009 be amended to include additional information regarding Voting at Village Elections."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the amended minutes of June 16, 2009 be approved."

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Agenda, Call for New or Other Business

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the agenda be approved with the additions of the purchase of a storage shed for the Bible Hill Recreation Park and receipt of an invitation to attend the Bluegrass Festival Official Opening on July 24th at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds."

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Councillor Christine Blair

Councillor Blair emphasized the importance of keeping the lines of communication open between the County and the Village. She discussed the Open Burning Bylaw that is on the County Agenda for the second Thursday in August. She will forward this to Commissioners for comments. Councillor Blair requested a copy of the letter that was sent to the County regarding the request that the Noise Bylaw be revisited.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Phase 3 Water Project

The Clerk reported that there will be lane closures on Main Street for two or three days beginning July 8th and possibly continuing through to July 10th. Construction for Phase 3 is well underway. There are Construction Progress Meetings at the Village Office every other Thursday at 10:00 am. The next meeting is July 16th and Commissioners are invited to attend.

Crosswalk College at Osprey

The Clerk reported that he met with the County Engineer and the sidewalk on College Road at Osprey will be approved for the west side as requested by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. The Clerk will have the tender documents at the Construction Meeting on July 16th.

Fire Vehicle Replacement

Commissioners Burke and Dawson-Sharbell commented on the recent Fire Chief's Meeting that they attended in Stellarton to view potential Fire Apparatus for the Village to consider purchasing. The Clerk suggested the Fire Apparatus Selection Committee meet at 6:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month before the Commission in Committee Meeting. The first meeting is suggested for Tuesday, September 8th if all are agreeable. Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell will contact the Fire Chief to confirm the Fire Brigade's ability to meet at this time.

Review of correspondence

Bluegrass Festival

The Village of Bible Hill has received an invitation to attend the Official Opening of the 38th Annual Nova Scotia Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival at the NSPE Grounds on July 24th. Chairwoman McLean will attend.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Protective Services Report, SAC Minutes and Fire Brigade Report

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell reported on the Safety Advisory Committee. The Safety Advisory Committee has requested approval for the purchase of a digital recorder, photo paper, and ink. This will be done through the Village Office. The Committee also requested clarification on the location of the flood signs to be used on Park Street. The Clerk clarified the signs will remain as they were in the past but will be monitored by the Department of Transportation on a more frequent schedule. The Committee also requested the issue of crosswalk painting be discussed. They provided the Clerk with an extensive list. The Clerk will contact the Department of Transportation to have the remaining crosswalks on the original list completed. This item will be placed on the Agenda for the next Commission meeting. Commissioners are invited to a Bus Safety/ Child ID/ Crosswalk Safety Information Session that the SAC is hosting on August 22nd.

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner Burke reported on the Construction Meeting and the Fire Chief's Convention that he attended.

Transportation Services Report

Commissioner Mahar reported on crosswalk issues and his attendance at Canada Day Activities in Bible Hill. Discussion was held on pools without fences. Commissioners will compile list of locations of pools without fences and send to the Clerk. The Clerk will forward

to the County Building Inspector for follow up.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk passed out the financial statement to the end of May.

The Village has received a request for use of the Hall Kitchen for commercial use this summer. Permission was denied unanimously.

The Clerk discussed the issue of flooding on Village Line Avenue and possible solutions and/or recommendations. This will be discussed further at the next Commission meeting.

Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman attended Canada Day Festivities and the Construction Meeting on July 2nd.

Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion Carried

New Business

Shed at Bible Hill Recreation Park

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase a 12' x 16' Board and Baton Shed for the Bible Hill Recreation Park from GDNS Garden Decor at a cost of \$1,900 + HST & delivery."

Motion carried.

Presentations to Commission Policy

The Commission discussed the different "Presentation to Council Policy" used by the County of Colchester and by Halifax Regional Municipality. It was decided that the Clerk, the Solicitor, and the Chairwoman would meet to

develop a policy for the Village of Bible Hill that combines both policies and will be relevant to the Village. This will be circulated in draft form at the next meeting.

Move-On Colchester

The Clerk discussed the Active Transportation Awareness and Action Campaign currently being implemented. It is an excellent biking and walking initiative that the Village of Bible Hill will be supportive of and involved in.

Vandalism at the Bible Hill Recreation Park

Increased vandalism at the Recreation Park was discussed. It was suggested that the Parks and Recreation Director will be instructed to contact the RCMP Community Liaison for the Village to request that the RCMP increase patrols in and by the Recreation Park.

Unsightly Premises

The aforementioned property on Blanchard Avenue was discussed. A follow-up will be done via e-mail.

The Clerk will complete an Unsightly Premises Report to be submitted to the County of Colchester on a property on Guest Drive and Blanchard Avenue.

Meeting with Town of Truro

The Village will offer to host a meeting with the Town of Truro at the end of August to discuss items of mutual concern. There will be a specific agenda and Commissioners were asked to submit agenda suggestions. Some ideas were suggested at the meeting and will be added to a tentative agenda.

Adjournment

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

“That the July 7, 2009 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

K. Curry
Recording Secretary

Sharon McLean
Chairwoman