



VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
February 18, 2015 @ 9.00 a.m.
Village Office- 904 Central Avenue

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m
- 2) Present Commissioners: Brian Banks, Chair, Don MacDonald, vice chair, Al Belliveau, Bob Baker, Richard Nickerson. Staff Marian Elsworth, Clerk-Treasurer
- 3) Presentation at 10:30 am; Shane Melanson, Black & McDonald gave an informative presentation on the install of the LED streetlights and explained why the process took longer than initially anticipated. He also explained the need to rewire some of the installed lights and to lower them under the power source. Shane will have Black & McDonald Ltd send out the final invoice for the LED streetlight project before the end of March.
- 4) Additions to Agenda : Commissioner Nickerson asked to speak about water ref 8a correspondence; 10. f.) Complaint from Frank Martyn; 10 G.) Kingston village assistance with plowing
- 5) Approval of Agenda; Commissioner MacDonald MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioner Nickerson that: The Agenda for February 18, 2015 be approved with additions . **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 6) Approval of Minutes: Minutes for Monthly Meeting, January 21, 2015 were circulated electronically. The Chair called for any errors or omissions. Hearing none the Minutes of January 21, 2015 are **APPROVED** as circulated.
- 7) Business arising from the January Minutes;
 - 1.) Brian Banks informed the commission that he was able to attend some of the Municipal Alcohol Project workshop held in Berwick on behalf of the village commission.
 - 2.) Outstanding items list
- 8) Correspondence;
 - a.) 2015-01-26 - Email Ian Watson , Answer to Commission Request for Data on homes not on municipal water
 - b.) 2015-02-09 Email from Ian Watson Re Boundary extension update, what next Ian Watson, planner
 - c.) 2015-02-11 Email was sent to Karen Kluska re preliminary Gas Tax allocation 2015-2016.

- d.) 2015-02-12 Email sent to Shawn West re follow up to request to reduce tax levy %. (Request has been passed to Wendy Salsman for review.)

9) Unfinished Business;

1.) *Requested data from Ian Watson;* Comm. Nickerson had asked the planner how many homes are not on municipal water in Pineview/Planesview subdivision. (Ian replied by email 2015-01-26 that in the area west of Bridge Street and north of the river there are 21 properties hooked up to central water and 181 properties not hooked up to central water.)

Comm. Nickerson **MOVED, SECONDED** by Comm. Baker that; The commission forward a letter to Warden Brothers and MLA Leo Glavine, Minister of Health for Nova Scotia requesting that they do a water sampling for PERC and Arsenic to confirm the extent of this problem, west of Bridge Street. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 3.) Boundary Extension update; Ian Watson, County planner wrote to inform that there was not enough positive responses to go forward to the Utility and Review Board to expand the Greenwood Village Boundary. Commissioners agreed to put the boundary extension on hold until further notice.
- 4.) Letter was sent to Shawn West, Director of Finance, Municipality of Kings regarding a follow up to request a review of the % charged for Tax Levy.

10) New Business

- a.) Financial update; The Comparative Income Statement April 1 2014 to January 31, 2015 was circulated by email. Commissioner Nickerson **MOVED/SECONDED** Commissioner Baker that the comparative income statement be accepted as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- b.) Purchase Truck; Commissioner Baker **MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioner Belliveau that; The Village of Greenwood use Capital Reserve funds to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 diesel Truck for a cost of \$54, 745.55 including extended warranty and HST. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- c.) Purchase Plow for new truck; Commissioner Baker **MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioner Belliveau that; The Village of Greenwood use Capital Reserve funds to purchase a Western V stainless steel high wing Plow for the new truck at a cost up to \$7,500.00 plus tax from Ricky Balsor Welding . **MOTION CARRIED.**
- d.) Sell old truck and plow; Recommend motion; Commissioner MacDonald **MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioner Belliveau that; The Village of Greenwood sell the 2001 Dodge Ram truck to Jeff Bowlby Quality Soils for \$2,500.00 and the attached plow to Jeff Bowlby Quality Soils for \$4,000.00 with proceeds deposited to the Capital Reserve Bank Account. **MOTION CARRIED.**

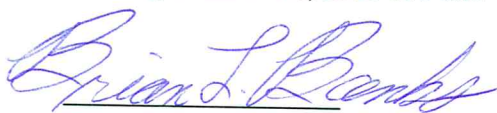
- 5.) Gas Tax Pre-Construction Report (Karen Kluska email) Discussion on the Gas Tax pre construction report Re; request for Gas Tax for Tremont Mountain Rd sidewalk and Black and McDonald lower power line. Ref email to Karen Kluska Feb 11, 2015. An email was sent to Karen Kluska requesting Gas Tax approval for the sidewalk on Tremont Mountain Rd in the amount of \$400,000.00 and that 10,000.00 from the LED streetlight be carried forward to 2015-2016 to lower power source and change some wiring. (*Allocation of Gas Tax for the Village of Greenwood depends on the Municipality of Kings County Gas Tax projects.*)

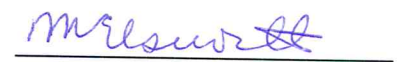
Comm. Nickerson MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioner MacDonald that the Village of Greenwood put in a request for Gas Tax funds for Tremont Mountain Rd sidewalk in the amount of \$400,000.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Nickerson MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioner Baker that; The Village of Greenwood approve spending up to \$10,000.00 in 2015-2016 budget for the LED Streetlight project to lower power source and replace wires as needed per NSP new guidelines and request that LED Streetlight Gas Tax be extended by \$10,000.00 for 2015-2016 for this project. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- e.) Martyn complaint; Chairman Brian Banks reported that Mr. Martyn complained about our public works employees clearing the median between the sidewalk and Argus Drive and the amount of snow blown onto his front yard. Brian asked him to forward an email,(received February 19, 2015 where Frank asked that the village remove the snow from his front driveway on Argus Drive). Some discussion on snow clearing the sidewalks. Noted that it is illegal to blow snow onto the streets, the province has received record amounts of snow with back to back snow storms since the last week of January, with in excess of 52 cm on February 15 on top of what was already accumulated. Since the village cannot remove snow from individual driveways, in future the public works employees will be told to leave the snow median on Argus Drive in place.
- f.) Kingston village assistance plowing; Commissioner Baker informed the village commission that due to equipment breakdown, the tractor had to be sent to Nova International for repairs. The Village of Kingston sent their operator to finish clearing the sidewalk on Bridge street and lend us their tractor with snow blower. The Clerk will send a letter expressing our appreciation .

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am. The next Regular Monthly meeting is March 18, 2015 at 9 am.


Brian Banks, Chair


Marian Elsworth, Clerk-Treasurer