

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 10, 2010
CIVIC CENTER, NEW MINAS
7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission was held on May 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center, New Minas.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Commissioner Dean Hatt
Commissioner James Redmond
Commissioner Maynard Stevens
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Paula Kinley-Howatt, Commission Solicitor
Mr. Gerard Hamilton, Assist Supt Public Works/Operator
Mr. Greg Messom, Foreman
Mr. Peter Pothier, Supt of Public Works
Mr. Gary Lewsaw, Operator
Mr. Gordon Silver, Resident

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, current Chair

Chair Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE NOMINATION DAY APRIL 21, 2010 – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, current Chair

Chair Chaulk announced the results of the April 21, 2010 Nomination Day: Maynard Stevens re-elected by acclamation. Chair Chaulk congratulated Commissioner Stevens.

OATH OF OFFICE – Maynard Stevens

Commissioner Stevens took the Oath of Office of Commissioner

ELECTION OF CHAIR – called by Commissioner Dave Chaulk, current Chair

Commissioner Dave Chaulk called for nominations of Chair.

Commissioner Pineo nominated Commissioner Dave Chaulk as Chair of the Village Commission. There being no further nominations, Dave Chaulk was declared Chair of the Village Commission.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR - Called by Chair Chaulk

Chair Dave Chaulk called for nominations of Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Redmond nominated Commissioner Dale Pineo as Vice-Chair of the Village Commission. There being no further nominations, Dale Pineo was declared Vice-Chair of the Village Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 10, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Agenda for the regular Commission meeting of May 10, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting April 12, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the minutes of the regular Commission minutes of April 12, 2010 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Coole Land Use Agreement – Decision on Parking

T. Silver advised that Mr. and Mrs. Coole have requested an amendment to the Land Use Agreement presented to them in April.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Village Commission not make any further amendments to the Land Use Agreement with the Cooles , which was adopted at the April 12th Village Commission meeting. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the Water Commission report be adopted as presented (report attached to original minutes). MOTION CARRIED

- b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the Area Advisory Committee report be adopted as presented (report attached to original minutes). MOTION CARRIED

- c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dale Pineo

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the Recreation Advisory Committee be adopted as presented (report attached to original minutes). MOTION CARRIED

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, that the Transportation Advisory Committee report be adopted as presented (report attached to original minutes). MOTION CARRIED

e) Fire Services Task Force – Commissioner Redmond

Commissioner Redmond advised there was no Fire Services Task Force meeting; consequently, no report.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Millett Trust – Chair Chaulk

D. Chaulk stated he was upset when he saw the advertisement in the local newspaper, where the Millett Trust Trustees were looking for RFPs for recreation projects.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that if no word has been received before the next Commission meeting (June), it will be discussed further at that time.

b) Program Fees – Staff and Commission – Chair Chaulk

Chair Chaulk advised that at a recent Rec Advisory Committee, he became aware that Commissioners' families could be enrolled in Village Day Camps free of charge, but the fee was going to change to half price. He said he takes exception to Commissioners having this benefit, and stated he feels it is not appropriate.

This was discussed at length. Commissioners Hatt, Redmond and Stevens agreed that Commissioners, because of their position as elected officials, should not benefit from Village programs and services.

Chair Chaulk also voiced his concern that staff had changed the process that had a direct affect on Commissioners' benefits, and stated he feels staff does not have this authority when it comes to such things that affect Commissioners.

The Clerk stated that a decision had to be made with regard to fees for Day Camp, and she made a judgment call based on financial implications – that is: what staff and Commissioners would be required to pay for Day Camp registrations.

Vice-Chair Pineo stated this is a procedure was put into place in the early '80s and was adopted by way of a motion of the Commission. The Commission feels that this procedure should be amended because they feel it is not appropriate for Commissioners to have this type of perk.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that Village Commissioners be removed from any fee reduction of any kind for Village-funded programs. MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Beert Verstraete – Litter at County Fair Mall

The Commissioners read a letter from Mr. Beert Verstraete, who complained about the disgraceful condition of the property west of the Canadian Tire on Valley View Drive.

Commissioner Hatt advised he has been advised that a contractor has been hired to clean up the property in question. Commissioner Hatt will advise the Clerk of his findings.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Peter Pothier – Peter spoke on his own behalf with regard to Chair Chaulk’s suggestion that staff should not make decisions on behalf of Commissioners’ benefits. He stated that the Clerk is assigned the duty of managing the budgets, and in his opinion that is what took place.

Chair Chaulk stated that he feels assigning benefits to Commissioners is something that the Commission should decide upon, not staff.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chair Pineo, the meeting adjourned.

DAVE CHAULK, Chair

TERRY SILVER, Clerk Treasurer