

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on January 15, 2013 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Call to Order

Chair Burke
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner MacCormick
Commissioner McLean

Regrets: Commissioner McLeod

Staff: Solicitor S. England
Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: W. Parker, County Councillor District 11
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News

**Approval of the Minutes of
December 18, 2012**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

*"That the minutes of December 18, 2012 be approved as
presented."*

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the agenda be approved."

Motion carried.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Parker and Ms. Chiasson to the meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business
Including Delegations**

Mr. Parker spoke briefly about the proposed crosswalk on Pictou Road which will be discussed at the next County Council Meeting.

**Business Arising out of the
Minutes**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the following expenditures
for the construction of the berm at Holy Well Park: TR
Petroleum (\$8,873.40), Justaart Landscaping (\$6,080.05), and
Eastern Fence (\$2,472.50)."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the expenditure of \$2,800 for 100 tons of rock (\$28/ton) to be placed around the parking lot at the Bible Hill Recreation Park by TR Petroleum."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill proceeds to purchase a 4x4 service vehicle with snow plow in the current fiscal year rather than wait for the upcoming fiscal year. This purchase will be funded from the maintenance reserve."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill proceed to issue a Request for Proposals for a fireworks display celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Village of Bible Hill on August 1, 2013. The budget for this project is \$10,000."

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

The Clerk read a letter that will be sent to Colchester County Mayor Taylor requesting a seat on the Joint Flood Advisory Committee of Colchester County and the Town of Truro.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean reported events and meetings she had attended on behalf of the Village. She also gave a short update on the 60th Anniversary Committee's work to date.

Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg gave the fire brigade report. She also read the Year in Review.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod sent regrets to the meeting.

Transportation Services Report

Commissioner MacCormick reported on the letter that was originally sent to Mayor Taylor and Mr. Jerrott of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding a crosswalk on Pictou Road at Village Line Avenue. A response from Mr. Jerrott states that a crosswalk at this location would not be desirable. He stated that pedestrians would be safer waiting for a break in traffic rather than crossing unexpectedly when the speed limit is 70 km/hr. The Village of Bible Hill will not be pursuing the construction of a crosswalk at this location.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk did not have a report this evening.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on events and meetings that he had attended on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion carried.

New Business

**Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal presentation
January 22nd, 2pm by Scott Armstrong MP to H.D. Boyce**

Mr. Boyce was unable to attend the presentation in December so Mr. Armstrong will present the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Mr. Boyce on January 22nd in the Village Chambers. All Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

BHFB - NRS Personal Swift Water Technician Kits & Supplies

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the purchase of two NRS Personal Swift Water Technician Kits and Supplies from North Atlantic Watersports Inc at the price of \$3,471 plus HST."

Motion carried.

Lapel Pins (5,000)

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Village of Bible Hill approves the purchase of 5,000 Bible Hill lapel pins from Simpson’s Specialty at the price of \$1,926 plus HST.”

Motion carried.

Replacement Fire Alarm Panel -

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase a new fire alarm panel for the Village Hall from Sorensen Electric for \$2,200 plus HST.”

Motion carried.

After School Program

The Clerk explained the purpose behind the After School Programs in Bible Hill. The schools chosen for this pilot program are Redcliff Middle School and Bible Hill Junior High School. The target group of this program will be youth from 10-14, with an emphasis on females and inactive youth.

Bible Hill Central Rink

The new outdoor rink at Bible Hill Central Elementary will be officially named in a ceremony at the school on Friday, January 25th at 1:00 pm. The rink will be named in honor of the late Pony Clarke by his wife Julee MacAfee and two children. Skates and helmets will be available for use and will also have been purchased for the rink. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Active Transportation Meeting

There will be an Active Transportation Meeting on Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30pm in the Village Chambers. All are encouraged to attend.

Funding Request

The Village Parks and Recreation Director is currently applying for a grant to complete the accessible entrance at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. An engineering study has already been completed.

Budget Review

The Clerk discussed several points about the budget. The Village will discuss the possibility of increasing both the residential and commercial tax rates in the Village by 1 cent each. He is also suggesting that the Village increase staff pension contributions to 8% by staff and 8% by the Village. The Clerk would like to create a reserve fund for sidewalk plowing which would set aside budget surpluses for future years when snow removal expenses were beyond budget. The Chair suggested that the overall sidewalk budget will be increased due to the new sections of sidewalk that have been built in the last few years. The Village will be hiring two outdoor maintenance summer staff and 4 recreation staff for summer day camps and special events. Commissioner MacCormick asked the Clerk to review setting up a reserve for LED streetlight conversion.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

*"That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to an In
Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole."*

Motion Carried.

At 7:45 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole adjourned back to the Regular Monthly Meeting at 8:55 pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the January 15, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
