

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on March 8, 2016 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Call to Order: Chair Burke
Deputy Chair MacCormick
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner McLeod
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Ogden

Attendance: Councilor Christine Blair

Review and Approval of minutes of February 9, 2016

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

That the minutes of February 9, 2016 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of the Agenda, call for new or other business

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by Burke*

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Councilor report- Blair

Councilor Blair reported on upcoming issues with the dangerous and unsightly premises within the Village. Colchester County is waiting on the increase cost of the RCMP for the 2016/2017 budget. The Council has also decided to have two budget meetings in April when the new County CAO arrives. The County and the Town of Truro has had a presentation from RECC on the 1.2 million dollar deficit for the 2015/2016 year. The County and Town will both contribute \$600,000 each but are currently looking into finalizing a cap to the RECC contributions.

New Business

- **Review of February 2016 Financial Statements**

The Clerk reviewed the February financial statements for the Village of Bible Hill. The Village revenues are on track with a slight increase due to the Natural Playground Grant. Expenditures are also on budget.

- **2016/2017 Budget and Tax Rate Approval**

The Clerk suggested the commission approve the 2016/2017 budget and tax rate, the Clerk is awaiting property assessment information from the County but the budget tax revenue is based on a 1.2% increase. If the increase is more this amount will be placed in the Village reserve account.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Village of Bible Hill 2016/2017 tax rates be set at 0.695 per hundred for the V-1 Residential, 0.525 per hundred for the V-3 Residential and 0.865 per hundred for the V-4 Commercial and that the 2016/2017 budget be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

- **New School Naming Committee**

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg will be the Commission representative; Chair Burke will be the alternate for this committee.

- **2016-2017 Meeting Schedule**

The Clerk reviewed the upcoming 2016/2017 meeting schedule, both the Commission in Committee meetings for July and August are cancelled.

- **Ditching Project- Village Line to Meadowland**

Councilor Blair confirmed that the contractor hired for the Village Line to Meadowland Ditching Project has been terminated. The Clerk will be discussing options with the County Engineer for this project.

- **Sidewalk Meadowland- water problem**

The Clerk has a solution for the water problem on the Meadowland sidewalk. He has been speaking to the property owner adjacent to Meadowland Rink to install a small catch basin in behind the sidewalk and tie it into the storm drain system. The Clerk is obtaining a quote from Will Kare for this work and will work on a letter to the property owner for the install of the catch basin near/on the property.

- **Symposium on Municipal Structure**

The commissioners were unavailable to attend the symposium on municipal structure.

- **Canada 150 Mosaic**

The Clerk reported that Government of Canada is celebrating 150 years by building a Mural Mosaic including all provinces and territories over 80,000 painting and 150 individual murals that

once united will form a gigantic mural mosaic. Each province/territory will have 5-15 individual communities who will be selected to represent the province. An 8X8 Community Mural is \$12,500 and requires up to 400 participants. The commission agreed that we were unable to participate in this project, as we do not have the resources.

- **In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Burke*

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

Motion Carried.

At 7:35pm 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 7:59 pm.

- **Adjournment**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the March 8, 2016 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Deputy Chair MacCormick _____

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson _____

Recording Secretary Ogden _____