

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on March 10, 2015 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Ogden

In Attendance: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2015

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Burke*

That the minutes of February 10, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

That the agenda be approved with the addition of fire hydrants.

Motion carried.

Deputy Van Kroonenburg welcomed Ms. Chiasson from the Truro Daily News to the meeting.

New Business

- Contract- Village of Bible Hill and Truro and District Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

The Clerk reviewed the renewal contract with the commission. This contract is for a two-year period, the rates have remained the same and the Clerk has clarified that our solicitor has reviewed the contract and made a few changes relating to insurance. The Slo-Pitch Association uses the Airport ball fields four nights a week and they book a few weekend tournaments. The Clerk recommended we proceed with renewing the contract agreement as presented.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill proceed and renew the contract agreement with the Mixed Slo-Pitch Association as presented for a two year period.

A discussion took place regarding the rental team rate of \$250. It was agreed to increase the rate to \$260.

Motion defeated.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLeod*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill proceed and renew the contract agreement with the Mixed Slo-Pitch Association for a two year period with the rate of \$260 per team.

Motion carried.

- Bible Hill Village Hall - surplus tables and chairs

The Clerk outlined that we have placed approximately 30 chairs and 6 tables from the hall in the basement that will be used at our community events such as Canada Day. We currently have 150 chairs and 20 to 25 surplus tables that need to be disposed of. The commission has requested the Clerk first contact the Community Workshop then local community groups to see if they had any use for them. If he obtains no interest from these groups, the Village will sell them for a reasonable price or be required to dispose of them.

- Bible Hill Village Hall- Quotations on Motorized Blinds

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill proceed with awarding the RFQ for motorized blinds and two channel remote controls to Jennifer Allan Interiors at an installed price of \$4,375.00 plus HST.

Motion carried.

- Bible Hill Village Hall- Quotation for Bar Fridge

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLeod*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill proceed with awarding the RFQ for a commercial bar fridge Conroy Refrigeration for an installed price of \$3,470.91 plus HST.

Motion carried.

- Bible Hill Fire Brigade Budget Requests

The Clerk reviewed the motions placed on the agenda in relation to the Bible Hill Fire Brigades Budget requests. The Fire Chief made a presentation at the last Commission Regular Monthly Meeting outlining their various requests for the upcoming 2015-16 budget year.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Burke*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill increase the maximum on duty coverage weekly indemnity coverage for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade to \$700 at an annual expense increase of \$342.

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Burke*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill increase the maximum capital budget for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade from \$70,000 to \$79,680.

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill replace the three old fire bay doors at a cost of \$30,000.

Motion defeated.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Burke*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill increase the training budget for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade from \$9,500 to \$11,100.

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Burke*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill increase the Stewards budget by \$1,578 in the fiscal year 2015-16 to pay only for the cost replacement of shoulder crest on Bible Hill Fire Brigade Uniforms.

Motion carried.

- 2015-2016 Budget Approval

The Clerk reviewed the current budget that was presented. With the recent motions the brigade budget would increase by \$13,200 therefore reducing the capital reserve for the Village from \$135,441 to \$122,241. The Capital Reserve account has an opening balance in April of \$754,341 and the commission need to be cautious on the depletion of the Capital Reserve account. The large transfer is due to the Saywood sidewalk project that is estimated to cost \$850,000. The Village must also be diligent in watching operating expenses including sidewalk maintenance for the first six to eight months.

Discussion took place in regards to a defibrillator at our hall due to the increasing exercise activities at our Village Hall. The Finance Officer is looking into the proper units and equipment that is required for our type of facility. The defibrillator will not be purchased until the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The Village has allocated \$35,000 for an electric sign. Expenses to complete hall renovations such as the defibrillator will be used out of this line budget item area in 2015-16. The budget item line will be reworded to state \$35,000 Village Hall/Electric sign and be used for either hall renovations or the electric sign.

Discussion took place regarding the Natural Playground and budget allocation. The Clerk clarified that the design from the consultant will be for a \$60,000 Natural Playground structure.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

That the commission in committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill approve the 2015-2016 operating and capital budget in the amount of \$2,919,600.

Motion carried.

- Approval of 2015-16 Tax Rate

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill set the tax rate for fiscal year 2015-2016 as follows; residential tax rate 0.695 cents, residential tax rate (no sanitary sewer service) 0.525 cents and commercial tax rate 0.865.

Motion carried.

- 2015 Volunteer Awards

The commission reviewed the 26 volunteer applicants. The commission discussed who would be next year's Provincial Volunteer Award winner.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill approve the 26 volunteer award nominations and select Art Weatherbee as our 2016 Provincial Volunteer Award representative.

Motion carried.

- Fire Hydrants

A discussion took place regarding the complaints received by the Fire Chief on the fire hydrants not being shoveled out from last month's storms. The Clerk has been in contact with the Town of Truro Engineering Department with these concerns. The Village pays an annual fee for the fire hydrants and it is the responsibility of the Town of Truro to upkeep and shovel out the fire hydrants. The Chair will contact the mayor from the Town of Truro to express our safety concerns of not having the fire hydrants shoveled out. He will also clarify if the Town has any standards set in place to measure the amount of days allocated after a storm for clean up around fire hydrants.

Adjournment

Moved by McLeod

Seconded by MacCormick

That the March 10, 2015 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg _____

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson _____

Recording Secretary Ogden _____