

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on December 15, 2015 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Call to Order: Chair Burke  
Commissioner Kennedy  
Deputy Chair MacCormick

Regrets: Commissioner McLeod  
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson  
Recording Secretary Ogden  
Solicitor MacDougall, Burchell MacDougall

Attendance: Councilor Blair

### **Approval of the Minutes of November 17, 2015**

*Moved by Kennedy  
Seconded by MacCormick*

*That the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of November 17, 2015 be approved.*

*Motion carried*

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

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the agenda be approved as presented.*

*Motion carried.*

The Chair welcomed Councilor Blair and Solicitor MacDougall to the meeting.

### **Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations**

Councilor Blair reported that an upcoming Business Networking Breakfast is being held at the Village Hall on January 7th at 8:00am. This provides business owners an opportunity to share their ideas with others and municipal leaders. Similar networking breakfasts have been done in Debert, Tatamagouche and Stewiacke. Councilor Blair also reported on the Flood Advisory meeting that took place this afternoon. The committee is in the process of setting a budget for next year. This year's budget of \$150,000 has \$7,000 remaining till March. A representative from the committee will contact the Village Clerk to discuss the option of additional work on Farnham Brook on the trail section near Perennia. The Village would be required to cost share 50/50 and work completion to be done this fiscal year.

### **Business Arising out of the Minutes**

- **Boiler Replacement - 69 Pictou Road**

The Clerk will contact representatives from ACOA regarding the 150 Anniversary Fund to confirm if the Village is eligible to apply for replacement of our boiler system under this funding. The Commission agreed to schedule a special meeting to award the tender for boiler replacement on December 24th at 10:00am, as tenders close on December 21st.

- **Cost Share Flood Control Projects- Farnham Brook Update**

The Clerk reported that more erosion is taking place on the banks along our trail. He is in the process of coordinating with the Flood Advisory committee on completing the work this fiscal year. The extra work will be weather dependent and will be a 50/50 cost shared project.

- **Cost Share Flood Control Projects- Village Line Ave Update**

The Clerk reported that this project is ongoing. Both the award and start of the project was done late in the season. Only about 20% has been completed of this project and the contractor is currently restricted on continuing work with current weather conditions. It is unclear at this point if this project will be completed in this fiscal year.

- **Guest Drive Storm Sewer Upgrade Phase 2**

The Clerk reviewed in detail with the commission where the current storm sewer pipe is located and that our application will propose that a new pipe is to follow the boundary line under the multipurpose field instead of running under the Senior ball field. This line will be connected to a new outfall located on the right side of the multi-purpose field in behind the Senior ball field. A small section of storm sewer is to be installed on Wright Avenue to help alleviate storm sewer water on Pictou. An estimate was provided two years ago to the Village of a cost of \$1 million. The Clerk requested that the Village obtain a quote on engineering fees from Hiltz and Seamone to provide an updated estimate for this project to the Village.

The Commission instructed the Clerk to obtain a quote from Hiltz and Seamone and if reasonable hire them to update the financial costs associated with this project. The Clerk was also instructed to re-apply under the Building Canada Fund for this project when applications were being accepted. Within our application for the Storm Sewer Upgrade the Village would also include the rebuilding of the current outfall.

### **Review of Correspondence**

There was no correspondence noted this evening.

### **Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer**

- **Protective Services Report**

Commissioner Kennedy read the Fire Brigade Report. The Brigade responded to 3 calls between November 12 and December 2, 2015. The Brigade has 76 emergency calls to date with a fire loss of \$901,000. Elections were held for the 2016 administrative officers with the election

of David Pearston as the new Stewart and the brigade welcomed two new members Ray Upshaw and Barry Haner. The Brigade is considering amending the Brigade By-laws to include Mutual Aid Members. The amendment is based on the successful program in Wolfville. This would allow members of other brigades/Departments that work in the Village of Bible Hill to be primary responders to emergency calls in Bible Hill during their work hours.

The Clerk was instructed by the commission to request additional information on items #5, 6 and 9. Clarification is to be obtained on ineligibility for service award, does that include training performance, also who is supplying equipment to these members as well as insurance coverage "line of duty injury" and the Village 24/7 extended insurance. The Clerk reported that the Chief would be making a budget presentation to the Village Commission at the January Commission in Committee meeting. The Chair will contact the Chief in regards to the adopt a fire hydrant program. Village staff will ensure the adopt a fire hydrant program is put up on the Village advertising sign and website.

- **Transportation Services Report**

Deputy Chair MacCormick reported that the snow removal has begun with the first salting. She also reported that Mike McCleave from the Village of Kingston is the representative of the ANSV on the MGA Review Committee.

- **Environmental Services Report**

The Clerk reported that all environmental concerns were addressed with the storm sewer upgrade.

- **Recreation Services Report**

The Clerk reported that the Natural Playground installation of the new playground equipment is finishing this week. This week the last two dugouts were placed on Field #5 at the Airport Ball fields.

- **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk presented a financial statement showing that the Village is on target to date. He outlined that the Natural Playground expenses has increased but the revenues match the increase and that the surplus from Saywood sidewalk will be used towards the purchase of the boilers at the Village Hall. He also reminded the Commission about the upcoming Christmas party at Roadside Willies on December 17th. The Commission Chambers will also be cleaned over the Christmas break and our office will remain open with a few staff.

- **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported on a recent meeting he attended on behalf of the Village.

- **Accounts**

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Village of Bible Hill approves the accounts for payment.*

*Motion carried.*

**New Business**

- **Bible Hill Volunteer Awards**

The Bible Hill Volunteer Awards deadline is February 29th; all categories remain the same as last year.

- **Appointment of Auditor for fiscal year 2016-2017**

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Village of Bible Hill appoint Grant Thornton as auditors for the Village of Bible Hill for the fiscal year 2016/2017.*

*Motion carried.*

- **Appointment of Law Firm for fiscal year 2016-2017**

*Moved by McLeod  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Village of Bible Hill appoint Burchell MacDougall as our law firm for the fiscal year 2016/2017.*

*Motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the December 15, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Chair Burke \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary Ogden \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson \_\_\_\_\_