

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF June 17, 2008

PRESENT: Lewis Benedict, Kim Cogswell, Ernie Hovell, Doug Gates and Craig Newcombe

IN ATTENDANCE: Stanton Hancock , Phillip Porter, Ken Bezanson, Theresa Neary, Jerry Atwater, Robyn Whidden, Brian Tupper and Janet Newton (arrived later while meeting in progress)

The Chairman, Lewis Benedict called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of May 20th , 2008 be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

Fire Department- Report attached. Phillip noted that the department had 5 calls and has purchased an ATV with a portable pump. The fire department has been busy with fund raising events which have included catering, selling tickets on a barbeque and hosting a chicken barbeque. Phillip also noted that the Department now has a website (www.pwfire.org)

Brian Tupper - Brian reported that the past weekend (Port Williams Days) had been very busy. The Village now has 3 recycle / garbage bins but we need to be using proper bags and pictures on the bins would be helpful.

Hall Trustees - Doug Gates reported that the trustees held a meeting on May22. The trustees would like to recommend that a kitchen supervisor does not have to be an elector of the Village of Port Williams. (This is not a change to the current bylaws - it is only to clarify the intent). It was moved and seconded that an individual who possesses all the proper food handling credential may be appointed as a kitchen supervisor and does not need to be an elector for the Village of Port Williams. Motion carried.

Lions- Brian Tupper reported that Port Williams Days were very successful. The fireworks drew a large crowd and seemed to be enjoyed by all. There were 72 yard sales booked. The Lions canteen and supper were both sold out. The dedication for David Johnson also went well. The Princess Float will be participating in parades in Kingsport and Hantsport.

Transportation- Report attached. Stan reported that Centennial Drive was recapped. There are concerns of a pothole near 990 High Street that the Department of Transportation will be asked to address. The Commissioners requested that a note of thanks be sent to MLA Mark Parent for his assistance in Centennial Drive road work.

Recreation- Craig reported that the recreation committee will be holding a work party to put new siding on the shed at the rink. The siding has been donated by Greg Coldwell. Funding has been received for bleachers and benches. There has been some issues with the portable toilet at the Benedict Field being knocked over. It was suggested that Valley Security be asked about doing nightly patrols in the Village.

Public Works- . Report attached. Stanton noted that water meters have been read and he continues to monitor the system. A letter from Hiltz and Seamone was read, action: the Village needs clarification on just what is needed for water compliance. Asphalt quotes were received. The sidewalk near the school needs to be repaired. Stan was asked if he could get a couple of weeks extension on the sidewalk quotes until the Commissioners have an opportunity to look at the budget for the current fiscal year.

Gas Tax Committee: Kim Cogswell reported that the Gas Tax Committee has not met since the last Village meeting and a June date has not yet been set.

Secondary Planning Strategy: The next meeting will be held on July 10, 2008 at 7 pm. The group has completed the session on Transportation and will be looking at parks, open spaces and shorelines at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report- It was moved and seconded that the bills presented be paid. Motion Carried. There was no other financial information presented at this time. A meeting with Lewis Benedict, Loretta Kalkman (Ray Bishop and Company) and Doug Seamone is scheduled for June 18th, 2008 to look at Grants.

Business Arising from Minutes: There was an issue with graffiti on the old Shur Gain building. It was decided that a photo should be taken and sent to Mr. Miller. (Janet Newton volunteered to look after this)

The Princess tiara was fine for this year; Lori Ansems has volunteered to investigate pricing for a new tiara for next year.

The sewer contract with Great Valley Juice needs to be renewed.

Councillor Newton: Janet gave an update on the Shur Gain property and the Carty property. Janet offered to follow up on gas tax money that is owing to the Village from 2005-06. The issue of manure storage was discussed and it was

agreed that a meeting of the well field protection committee should be held to discuss amendments to the Act.

Old Business: There was discussion on different machine options that could be used by recreation for doing lines on fields. One option has a refillable air pig and costs approximately \$1900; while the other option is airless and costs approximately \$3500.

New Business: Fire Chief Phillip Porter questioned when a budget would be approved. The Fire Department has an opportunity to purchase 5 used air packs for \$10,000. There is a time issue involved. The Commissioners gave approval for the Fire Department to proceed with the purchase.

Correspondence-

Municipality of Kings Activity Report- renovation for residential \$85,040.00.

A letter was read from the Department of Environment, Environmental Monitoring & compliance Division, concerning the stockpiling of manure near the water supply.

Invitations were received to attend the AGM' s of the Flower Cart and Kings CED.

Due to the departure of Diane Hancock an interim Village Clerk needs to be appointed. It was moved and seconded that Geneve Newcombe be appointed until the position is advertised and filled. Craig Newcombe abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Job descriptions will be forwarded to the Commissioners who will meet on Thursday, July 3rd to develop an ad, and a job description for the current vacancy.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting UPON MOTION being made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Lewis Benedict, Chairman

Geneve Newcombe,
Interim Village Clerk

