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Present: Mayor Stanley MacDonald; Councillors Blake Adams, Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, and Darren MacKinnon; Reporter Connor Doucette; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillors Carol Ferguson and Joey Dumville.

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor MacDonald called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

As RCMP officer arrived, Stanley asked that he present his report now. The member read the report for December. A short discussion followed on the RCMP new 24 hour schedule and ATV's.

The agenda was approved with following additions: Red Tide curling event, Hon. Gail Shea Roundtable, Winter Carnival, Senior Women's Softball Nationals for 2015, and O'Leary website. Moved by B Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried.

2. MINUTES

The December 18, 2014 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a motion by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried the minutes were approved with the correction on page 2, number 5 re Council agreed to invite Jonathon Locke of Image Works not a provincial agent for tourism books..

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Darren and Blake to research Town sign prices and this item to be added to next meeting agenda.
- The Town levee went very well.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

December 2014 revenue: general \$109,507.27; sewer \$2,663.20. December 2014 expenses: general \$47,316.61; sewer \$2,458.32; Bank balances at the end of December - general \$97,997.58; sewer \$30,723.45. Copies of budget update to December 31/14 circulated to Council. It was moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by E. Gavin and carried that financial report for December, 2014 be approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairperson's report

Stanley's written report circulated to Council. Interviews were held with the Graphic and Journal, Stanley met with Hon. Henderson and Police Services Manager for PEI. Stanley plans to attend the Hon. Gail Shea roundtable tomorrow and on Monday, a doctor will be visiting O'Leary and attending a meet and greet at the Complex.

2. Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council.

3. Reports from Departments

Development & Tourism - Blake didn't have anything new to report but has a matter for in camera.

Fire Department - Chief Perry's report circulated to Council and Marvin reported attending the department's annual meeting. Thank you note was received from Donnie and Valerie Ellis re gifts from council. All are very impressed with the gator purchased by the firemen's club.

Streets, Sidewalks, Sanitation - Eric reported that no complaints have been received regarding snow removal and the new sander works well.

Recreation - Written report from Jeff circulated to Council. Jeff advised that he was contacted by Softball Canada regarding hosting Senior Women's Softball Nationals in 2015 which involves 8 - 10 teams, using just O'Leary fields and local accommodations. Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that Town provide the \$6000 bid fee and have Jeff proceed with the proposal to host. Joey and Jeff have discussed Winter Carnival activities and suggested that ice and a sliding hill be put in at the Ellis Field to have a couple of evenings of skating, sliding, entertainment and refreshments. Council agreed this was a great plan and approved overtime hours for Dale to help. To also check with Fire Department for help in ice flooding.

4. Tax Incentive Policy - Council agreed that our current policy is strong and that no changes will be made at this time.

5. Town advertising - Council reviewed the information provided by Jonathon from Image Works earlier in the evening. General consensus was the advertising would be beneficial to our Town and leaned towards purchasing a two page spread with options of reselling to local businesses. Darren to present this at the next business association meeting on January 20th and to bring findings back to Council in February.

6. Other Business and Correspondence

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried that Council sponsor a team in the Red Tide curling event on February 1st.

Stanley is attending the Hon. Gail Shea Roundtable tomorrow, 10 - 11:30 am in Tignish if anyone else would like to attend.

Council agreed that the Town website needs a facelift. Blake to look for design companies and present at next meeting.

It was mentioned that trees need to be trimmed surrounding and leading up to Town sign on Route 2.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:25 pm.

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by B. Adams and carried that regular meeting resume at 9:40 pm.

Business from committee of the whole session:

Moved by B. Adams that an offer to purchase Pate property and lots beside Home Hardware be made to Warren Ellis for \$150,000. Blake withdrew the motion and agreed to wait until a full Council can meet and discuss this motion. A special meeting to be arranged possibly during the last week of January.

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by E. Gavin and carried that a donation of \$2500 be made to Community Inclusions.

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that a donation of \$5000 be made to

O'Leary Area Development Corporation with the condition that if the property sells within a year that every effort be made to recover the \$5000.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm on a motion by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Adams and carried.