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Present: Mayor Stanley MacDonald; Councillors Blake Adams, Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, Carol Ferguson and Joey Dumville; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillor Darren MacKinnon.

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor MacDonald called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The agenda was approved with following additions: Newcomers Association addition to website; Letter from O'Leary Region Business Association; Provincial Heritage Designation; Boys & Girls Club request; and CUPW request. Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by E. Gavin and carried.

2. MINUTES

The January 15, 2014 regular council meeting minutes and January 26, 2015 special council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a motion by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried the minutes were approved with the correction on page 1 of January 15, 2015 minutes re Carol Ferguson was absent not Darren MacKinnon.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Changes to Winter Carnival activities noted that due to snow amount the Ellis Field could not be made accessible. Event has been relocated to the Rodd.

- Quotes for website update to be available for next council meeting.

- Information on banners and O'Leary Region Business Association not available.

- Council was successful in bid to purchase the Norman Buchanan property in the tax sale. Purchase price including legal fees and taxes \$5494.43. Noted that Town's judgement against Mr. Buchanan will remain with the person and not the land.

- Presentation on Pate property to be available at next council meeting.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

January 2015 revenue: general \$65,708.40; sewer \$3,106.60. January 2015 expenses: general \$105,880.37; sewer \$2,747.00; Bank balances at the end of January 2015 - general \$42,445.96; sewer \$28,381.95. Copies of budget update to December 31/14 circulated to Council. It was moved by B. Adams, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that financial report for January, 2015 be approved.

Discussion held on budget preparations. Stanley and Carol met today to discuss variances; more detail to be provided next week. Budget meeting planned for Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015 at 5:15 with supper provided.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairperson's report

Stanley's written report circulated to Council. He met with O'Leary Region Business Association, Wade MacLauchlan, Hon. Wes Sheridan and Jeff Ellsworth.

2. Administrator's report

No written report but Bev reported that audit work has begun and sewer bills finished.

3. Reports from Departments

Recreation - Written report from Jeff circulated to Council. Joey highlighted events saying the Winter Carnival stick curling, hockey tournament and banquet went well. Winter Carnival skate was held at the Rodd due to amount of snow at the Ellis Field. Council approved the \$1000 bond to Softball Canada for the Senior Womens Nationals event plus Jeff advised that the Rodd has agreed to a kick back on rooms during the event.

Fire Department - Chief Perry's report circulated to Council. Marvin reported that our fire department has not received payment for expenses incurred during the hazardous material incident last year at the O'Leary Corner. Bev to obtain details and attempt to assist in getting payment. To also check into departments getting reimbursement for motor vehicle accidents.

Streets, Sidewalks, Sanitation - Eric reported theres lots of snow but no issues and everything is good with the sewer system as well .

Development & Tourism - Blake reported that the Norman Buchanan property has been purchased through tax sale. More information will be available at the next meeting on Pate property and the Request for Proposals regarding development plans.

Police - The monthly report was circulated to Council.

4. Town sign - tabled for next meeting.

5. Image Works - No information from Business Association. It was moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that advertising be approved to a maximum of \$3915.00 for a single page with 25% of page sold to other businesses or organizations or a maximum of \$6000 for a double page spread with at least 50% sold. Design costs to be extra. To request our ads be located near other O'Leary items.

6. Health & Occupational Safety - Orders have been received that our method of hanging banners, etc, is not safe and therefore not permitted. Proper equipment is being researched as well as training for such work. As for now all work at these heights is suspended.

7. ADIC - grant & oil tank - The ADIC has been approved for a New Horizons grant of \$25,000 to install heat pumps, storage space, counter tops and purchase of six lap top computers, tables and chairs. The oil tank is due for replacement and Council directed that we proceed with that in order to have a secondary heat source and hot water.

8. Curling Club request - Club requested they be considered in Town's budget again this year. Council will deal with this during budget preparations.

9. Friends of O'Leary Library request - The Friends group requested that Council consider a \$50 donation to assist with administrative costs and outreach programs. Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that \$100 be donated to the Friends of O'Leary Library.

10. Potato Blossom Festival re washer toss boxes and Community Picnic - Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that washer toss boxes donated by Castle Building Supplies be turned over to the Potato Blossom Festival committee. As for the Community Picnic, the Town hasn't had any involvement with this event in the last 3 - 4 years therefore agrees that the festival committee should take control and operate as a fundraiser if possible.

11. FPEIM nominations - Joey and Marvin to consider offering to serve.

12. Other Business and Correspondence

- Newcomers Association request to add text to home page of Town website was approved.

- Response to letter from O'Leary Region Business Association to read that support be offered in their efforts in attracting a senior care facility via tax breaks; that electrical outlets for streetlights will be researched as to cost; and that Town beautification be supported and mention that the Town's budget has allocated approximately \$7000 annually for extra staff to work flower beds and gardens plus supplies.
- Hon. Robert Henderson advised that the O'Leary CN Station has been designated a heritage place.
- In response to the Boys & Girls Club, council agreed to proclaim February 25th as PEI Pink Shirt Day in recognition of the damaging effects of bullying.
- Letter from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers - no action.
- Verbal request from O'Leary United Church for forgiveness of late payment fees was granted with IRAC's approval.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by B. Adams and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:10 pm.

Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that regular meeting resume at 8:40 pm.

Business from committee of the whole session:

Joey reported that Jeff is looking into tennis tournaments in partnership with the Rodd and wanted approval. Council agreed that numbers and costs be explored and also suggested that West Prince Sports Council be contacted to see if they could be involved as well.

Stanley reported his conversations with Ron MacWilliams, O'Leary Area Fire District chair, about an increase in fire dues. Council discussed possibly approving 5% of the Administration budget going to the Fire Department budget.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm on a motion by J. Dumville, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.