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

Regrets: Councillors Carol Ferguson and Joey Dumville.

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

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

The agenda was approved with following additions: Annual reports; Business cards; Email communications; and for Committee of the Whole - Denton Ellis letter and Stanley MacDonald subdivision. Moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried.

2. MINUTES

The February 12, 2015 regular council meeting minutes and February 24, 2015 special council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a motion by M. MacDonald, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried the minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Marvin considering the FPEIM executive nomination and a motion to be entertained later in the meeting.
- Bev to follow up with Fire Department on hazardous material incident last year.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

February 2015 revenue for general \$98,053.84, expenses for general \$33,984.20; Bank balance at the end of February 2015 - general \$93,229.06. Sewer information not available. It was moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by B. Adams and carried that financial report for February, 2015 be approved. Budget proposals for 2015 were reviewed and approved as follows: General \$864,356.00 and Sewer

\$117,918.00. Tax rates for 2015 set as follows: Commercial \$1.10 and Residential \$0.79. Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by E. Gavin and carried. (Vote held with 3 yes and 1 no.)

5. NEW BUSINESS

Police report presented as RCMP officer in attendance. Staff Sgt. Ken Spenceley reviewed the monthly report for February. The officer agreed to check with Department of Transportation on radar signs and post office traffic situation.

1. Chairperson's report

Stanley's written report circulated to Council. He attended the annual Awards Gala and meeting of TIA PEI where the Premier's Award was presented to the Canadian Potato Museum. Also attended the funding announcement for New Horizons projects and two O'Leary Region Business Association meetings.

2. Administrator's report

Bev reported that audit work has continued throughout the past month plus sewer account receipts.

EDA worker, Shirley Smith, worked for 6 weeks; CN tenant, Rustic Rummaging is leaving at the end of March. Building permit issued to Community Inclusions for remodeling of former liquor store at 76 Ellis Avenue at an estimated cost of \$330,000 to accommodate the Maple House Centre and café (seating for 25 - 30).

3. Reports from Departments

Development & Tourism - Blake reported that he plans to present his development committee proposal later in the meeting.

Fire Department - Chief Perry's report circulated to Council. It was noted that Firefighter Derek Smallman has retired after 20 years and that Council to present a gift when Fire Department does. Also O'Leary Area Fire District Committee was pleased with fire department budget.

Streets, Sidewalks, Sanitation - Eric reported everything is fine with the sewer system except for the line freezing at the ADIC. Some corners have limited visibility due to the amount of snow. A few street signs will have to be replaced or repaired due to plow damage. Maritime Electric rates for street lights to be checked.

Recreation - Written report from Jeff circulated to Council. Jeff is working on the Image Works advertisements with their staff and selling space in the ad is going well. Pictures and text for ad was suggested.

4. Town sign - Darren asked for details on desired sign and that a stake be placed where sign to be located. To obtain advice on set back from the road.

5. Web Site quotes - Moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried that quote from PEI Web

Design be accepted at \$100 per page for a total of approximately \$2000.

7. Curling Club snow removal - Due to the urgency of snow causing damage to the Curling Club Bev authorized Dale to remove snow from between the buildings. Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that no charge be levied. It was suggested that a waiver be used in these situations to protect the town from any damages that may occur.

6. W. Ellis properties - Blake presented his "Potential Subdivision Development Plan" in regards to the purchase proposal for Pate property, PID # 43661 and Main Street lots, PID #s 41566 and 41574 currently owned by Warren Ellis. Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon that the Town of O'Leary purchase these properties for \$150,000 from Warren Ellis. Discussion followed but Mayor MacDonald refused to call for the vote on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting prematurely adjourned at 9:10 pm due to Mayor MacDonald resigning from his office as Mayor and exiting the meeting.