REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING February 9, 2017

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Carol Ferguson; Councillors Tashia Maynard,

Marvin MacDonald, Joey Dumville and Blake Adams; Reporter from West Prince

Graphic; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillor Darren MacKinnon.

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

RCMP Sgt. Gill was in attendance and spoke with Council regarding fine revenue. He agreed to research if any portion of the fines go to a different department instead of being forwarded to the Town. The monthly RCMP report was circulated to Council.

Mayor Gavin called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm and declared a quorum present.

The agenda was approved with the addition of confirmation of sign project to Blain Buchanan and Hockeyville request. *Moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.*

2. MINUTES

The January 12, 2017 regular meeting minutes and January 19, 2017 special council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a *motion by B. Adams*, *seconded by T. Maynard and carried* the minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No response from West Prince Solar on power for street lights and fire department members are still working on quotes for back bay repairs. Tashia is still working on design for gift for Donnie Ellis' family. Application for easement process to IRAC has been submitted.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Financial report presented by Carol - January 31/2017 bank balance for general account - \$112,597.58 and for sewer - \$209,103.91. January, 2017 receipts for general - \$78,388.37, for sewer \$4,759.55. Invoices paid in January, 2017 for general \$100,560.38; for sewer \$131,785.74. Carol noted that as yet there are no budget figures for 2017 so nothing to compare to but nothing out of the ordinary. Income statement without 2017 budget, general ledger bank and cash account statement, accounts payable and receivable report and balance sheet circulated to Council. Financial report was approved on a *motion by T. Maynard*, *seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **A. Mayor's report** Eric reported attending the senior's meeting.
- **B.** Administrator's report Bev reported fire department honorariums have been delivered and that T4's for everyone are in progress. First claim to Infrastructure Secretariat completed with proceeds received amounting to \$108,000. This amount has been applied to the interim loan. First billing for sewer completed and work completed on lagoon right of way and IRAC easement application. Dale and Bev took training on the new lift station alarm system. Audit is ongoing and a site visit planned for next week. Overtime for Bev currently at 17 hours with 4 days of vacation time left; Dale's hours of overtime not updated from 23 last month and has 1 week vacation left.

C. Reports from Departments

Recreation - Jeff's recreation report was circulated to Council. Updates provided on 55+ Games, Winter Carnival, Kameron Cooke Memorial hockey tournament and Under 18 Softball events. The Hockeyville committee approached Joey about putting their video on the Town's website and Council agreed. Council agreed to provide up to \$500 support for their Hockeyville competition which was approved on a **motion by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried.** To also have Jeff help in their promotion.

Streets & sidewalks - Tashia mentioned some sidewalks that are slanted but to check again after frost is out of the ground.

Development - Blake commented that a deadline of Feb. 15th has been set for contractors quotes on proposed strip mall. Estimate has been requested for the Pate land survey and the land swap with O'Leary Legion Development Corporation has been approved. Blake advised that the School Closure rally and meeting scheduled for this evening has been postponed due to the weather.

Fire Department - Marvin reviewed report from Chief Ron Phillips. Department members responded to 6 calls in January and purchased 2 new pagers. Chief Phillips advised that Fire Department member of 30 years, Eric Gavin has resigned as of Feb. 4th. Thanks and well wishes were extended to Eric.

Properties - not available.

Sanitation - Eric mentioned that the IRAC application has been submitted for the easement on Rhonda Harper property.

- D. Request from Under 21 Canada Games team Moved by B. Adams, seconded by T. Maynard and carried that \$250 be donated if that amount is in line with the Town policy on donations.
- *E. FPEIM* Correspondence from FPEIM received requesting resolutions and nominations for awards.
- *F. AGM date/Budget meeting date* Date for AGM scheduled for March 15th with storm date on March 16th. Council is hopeful that budget discussions later this evening will result in a further meeting being not required.

G. Other business & correspondence:

- Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that decision made by Council email survey to award sign project to Blain Buchanan be confirmed. Bev advised that Dale will be capable of erecting the sign without hired help.
- Moved by T. Maynard, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that future regular council meetings be held at 5:30 pm.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 6:05 pm.

Moved by T. Maynard, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that regular meeting reconvene at 7:15 pm.

Results from Committee of the Whole

- Council agreed to assist Norman MacDougall and CHANCES to erect fencing using the surplus chain link the Town is donating. The Town to provide Dale's labour plus help from an EDA worker and also the costs for posts, gates and auger.
- Budget work completed Honorariums for Councillors increased as follows: Mayor \$6000, Deputy Mayor \$4500 and Councillors \$3000; Admin cleaning \$800 to be moved into Admin salary and an extra hour per week added to CAO's wages for cleaning washrooms on days required; Staff wages: 2% increase to Maintenance, Rec Director and CAO.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm on a motion by T. Maynard, seconded by B. Adams and carried.