

Town of Irishtown-Summerside

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, April 5, 2023

In Attendance:

Mayor Wheeler, DM Parsons, Councilors McAuley, Taylor, Hackett and Morgan. Also in attendance, Senior Town Clerk Bennett and Assistant Clerk J. Bursey. Minutes recorded by Assistant Clerk Bursey. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

2. **Motion 2023 – 200 Councilor Morgan / Taylor**

Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated. All in favor. Carried.

3. **Motion 2023 – 201 Councilor McAuley /Morgan**

Moved to adopt the Minutes of March 22, 2023. All in favor, carried.

4.(a) **Business arising from March 22, 2023 Minutes**

- Clerk Bennett took pictures of the roads and will send them to Bishops paving.
- SCBA agreement chief Parsons wanted a change to say members are not responsible for the payment, it is the Departments loan.

5. **Delegation:** N/A

6. **Committees:**

(a) Public Works

- Pictures will be sent to Bishop's Paving
- Contact Tex to see when the repair on Main Street can take place
- Look into getting the guard rails in place on School Lane, Davis Cove and on Christopher's Cove Road.

b) H.I.S.

- N/A

c) Recreation

- Sound panels are in for the walls
- The wicket in the kitchen is now wheelchair accessible
- We have received notice of approve grant for Pynn's Pond Hall
- Still waiting to hear back from the Special Assistance Grant

d) Building Inspections

- N/A

e) Beautification

- Clerk Bennett will look into option for Spring bulk clean up
- Councilor Morgan is having a meeting with the Municipal police in Corner Brook to see if they can patrol our area.

7:31p.m Crane Arrived

f) GHJC –

- Meeting June 24, 2023, at the Town Hall in Irishtown-Summerside

g) H/R

-N/A

h) Public Relations

- Couple of posts on Facebook. Councilor Parsons cleaned up some old messages back to 2017.

7:34- Proceeded with the opening of 3 tenders for garbage collection.

Rico Construction Ltd

- Quote was \$258,336.00

Tex's Transport

- \$221,020.80

Crane's Legacy

- \$260,000.00

7:40 Crane left

- Look into hiring 2 people for 3 days a week.
- Clerk Bennett will give clerk Bursey more task to help with her work load
- Look into booking more appointment
- Will change the form of the agenda to have Correspondence their own tab.

i) Correspondence

(1) Email on taxes from resident- bundling should have ended in 2012 as per correspondence from Municipal Affairs. Vacant land tax is to be charged at the minimum property tax rate of \$400.00. Resident feels that they should not have to pay on land that is not big enough to build on.

Mayor Wheeler spoke with Municipal Assessment Agency and was told that it was a council decision to adjust land taxes if land is too small to build or land is unusable due to land zone. The council had decision on land that can't be used, maybe charged \$100.00 with stipulation on zoning and building. Residents would have to provide documents and prove the land is unusable.

Motion 2023-202 Councillor Mogan / DM Parsons

Motion to have the fee for land that is too small to build on and land that is deemed unusable as per zoning regulation charged \$100.00. Residents must provide all supporting documents for adjustment. All in favor. Carried.

Motion 2023-203 Councillor Mogan / DM Parsons

Motion land in a conservation area will not be charged. Residents must provide all supporting documents. All in favor. Carried.

(2) RCMP looking to see what we would like to see more of in the community- Advise more highway enforcement, drug enforcement and more community engagement.

(3) Enviro Fest Grant up to \$5000.00. Apply for grant.

(4) Reviewed the 2023 Tax Structure

(5) Update on the fraud from the RCMP

(6) Letter from resident on vacant land tax. Will follow up with resident on council decision on land that cannot be built on.

(7) Received Certificate of Incorporation for So Long to Summer Inc.

(8) Email from resident on business tax.

Councilor Hackett left 8:55p.m.

Discussion on business tax. Unfair for some businesses to have to pay taxes and some do not. All must be treated equally. Web base business under the Direct seller's tax in accordance with the Assessment Act. Will draft letter to resident advising the \$300.00 tax fee stands.

(9) Reviewed information on grant for \$18,136.70 waiting on approval letter.

7. Financial Update

Motion 2023-204 Councillor McAuley/ Councillor Taylor

Motion to accept financials as presented and pay outstanding bills. All in favor. Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

- (a) Security for senior clerk's office. The half door is ordered.
- (b) Resident enquiry regarding blasting near residence. Will advise resident the company who is doing the blasting in the area would be responsible for the damage.

9. New Business

(a) Tenders were open at 7:34 pm. Crane of Crane's Legacy was present in the gallery.

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- (b) Guard Rails need to be installed and replaced. Will contact Tex on Guard Rails for School Lane, Davis Cove and Christopher's Road.
- (c) Resident inquiring on why they are not on town water. Will complete work order for maintenance to check the area to see why resident is not on Town water.
- (d) Computer Tech is a go ahead. Working on getting new security systems in place.

10. Late Items

(a) Invoice from lawyer- Passed in Financials

(b) Clerk Bennett will draft letter to resident on Municipal Approval on New Family Child Care Home.

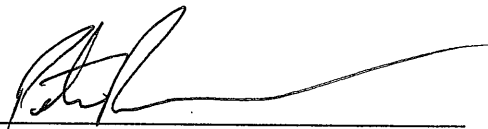
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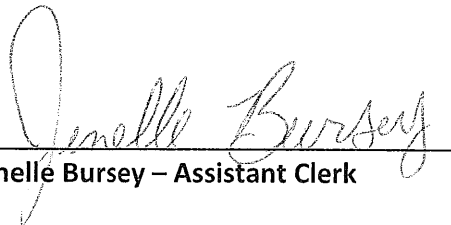
Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2023 – 205 Councilor McAuley / Councilor Morgan

Moved to adjourn meeting at 9:45 p.m. All in favor. Carried.



Peter Parsons – DM Mayor
Date Adopted: April 19, 2023



Jenelle Bursey – Assistant Clerk