

**Town of Irishtown-Summerside  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

**In Attendance:**

Mayor Wheeler, DM Parsons, Councilors Hackett, McAuley, and Morgan, by Remote Councilors Penney and Taylor. Minutes recorded by clerk - A. Bennett. Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

**2. Motion 2022 – 043 McAuley / Penney**

Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated with addition of late items. All in favor. Carried.

**6. Committees:**

a) **Public Works**

**Sinkhole**

- Jeffrey required for job, will get it done when he returns

**455 Main Street – Curb Stop Damaged**

- Maintenance will address when Jeffrey is back to work
- Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk Bennett attended site for assessment

**Meeting with Meadows – Mutual Aid Agreement**

- Meeting went really well
- The way things are going, we will need 2 full time maintenance and 1 part time that we can time share with Meadows
- Need to get position for full time filled asap, there are 4 Towns looking
- Would have been great help this week
- May-October is busy time for Meadows, part time is getting full hours and wants to retire
- Discussed Tax Sales, there lawyer is Katrina Warren
- Conversation regarding Criminal Code of Conduct, defer to Privileged Meeting
- Tax Sales, receivables under 3%
- Now that our letter is out, people may start to pay
- Offer 1 year payment plan
- Vacant land to be addressed first
- Disconnect water and sewer first
- List all vacant land in arrears at the same time
- Clerk to get list of vacant properties together

b) **H.I.S. – wait until delegates arrive**

c) **Recreation/Halls**

- Executives are in place and they are planning their first meeting
- Previous Irishtown Recreation to turn in all money, items, etc.
- They will arrange asset tour
- Seniors – discuss joining as 1, Recreation Hall
- Clerk to arrange meeting with Seniors next meeting

**Delegations arrive, back to b) HIS**

**Delegates Chief Parsons and Assistant Chief Bennett 7:30**

- Council welcomed delegates and thanked for all their time and dedication to protect the community
- Advised that this meeting was called to meet Council and is there opportunity to bring forward any ideas or items they wish to address
- Time sensitive discussion regarding SCBA. Ackland Grainger came to service SCBA which is serviced annually, compressors and filters serviced every 2 years. Service was completed on 2 town SCBA sets that HiS passed down to maintenance. They are older but passed inspection. Each year their goal was to purchase SCBA, every year the price increases significantly. Funding cap for SCBA is \$15,000.00. Department currently has 8 sets. They need to replace each until which leaves them requiring 7 more units. Each until has different regulations. Grainger suggested that the department get the 7 units they require and go through leasing/financing. The Dept is not able to qualify for leasing/financing. Would Council be willing to sign for 7 SCBA sets and 8 filters? The Department can pay but are unable to sign lease cause they are an arm of council. If they get them now, they will get today's pricing, there is an increase scheduled for September.
- Council could take \$11,000.00/year from Budget to cover costs. Can have a 48-60 month term.
- Lifespan of SCBA is 15-20 years
- This would allow the department to move forward with their plan, saving money
- Units that have any value to trade can be traded or passed along, whichever Council prefers. Could possibly get \$400-800 for units
- If approved, Department would like to purchase 8 SCBA sets with Carbon Fiber Filter, 8 SCBA for back up, 7 Aluminum SCBA
- \$90,000 Quote coming in tomorrow
- Cylinders extended lifespan is 15-25 years

- If Council purchase, they could save the interest, Hughes Brook pays 15% of expenses
- 2 years ago, the cost was \$3,000 less
- Option could be to purchase up front and reduce Budget by \$10,000/year
- Interest free loan to Department
- Get quote for cash purchase and Council will check to see if we can get Provincial funding
- Department would be willing to take reduction in operating Budget to keep members safe
- Department can recover enough to buy 1 set
- Council to see if we can use Gas Tax to purchase
- Other than the purchase of a vehicle, SCBA is the most expensive equipment
- Discussion regarding Voyant Alert System being purchased for Town, Fire Department would have 1 administrator, they will be required to attend the training session.

**Discussion ended at 8:11 pm**

**Back to 6.d)**

**d) Building Inspections**

- Main Street – Application for attached garage. Mayor Wheeler and Councilor Hackett attended site visit, hard to determine boundary, still snow. May need to decrease size by ½ foot. Will re-visit in the next few days

**e) Beautification**

- None
- \$2,000 grant received, Council will match
- JCP Grant
- Put out request for volunteers

**f) GHJC**

None, meeting cancelled. Former Mayor is Western representative

**g) H/R**



- Part time clerk – Clerk Bennett did not request. Possible offer 15 hours/week. Put out an ad. Would need to be able to work together, Clerk Bennett to be included in interviews/hiring process. Would start at step 1 – Junior Clerk. Student has been applied for to assist in office. Possible job share with Meadows

#### **h) Public Relations**

**Facebook Posts & Updates** – going good. Fireworks Regulations has been posted.

**Website** - Fireworks Regulations posted. Clerk to send Regulations to Chief.

Email re-direction to be explored

#### **i) Correspondence**

**Crown Lands Application W-159538** – no, reject application. Does not meet Town Regulations

**Crown Lands Application W-159554 Existing Cottage** – no objections, send approval

Support Letter – approve \$200.00 donation cap. Add stipulation that Council requires a presentation when resident returns. Political youth, promotes academics. Handle donation requests as they are received.

#### **Motion 2022 – 044 Morgan/Hackett**

Moved to approved \$200 donation for youth heading to Youth Parliament on the stipulation of a presentation when student returns. All in favor. Carried.

### **7. Financials:**

In 2.5 weeks, interest earned totaled \$1,618.08. No longer paying Service Fees

Council reviewed Financial Update as provided with Agenda. Mayor Wheeler read aloud.

#### **Motion 2022 – 045 McAuley / DM Parsons**

Moved to accept financials as presented and to pay outstanding bills. All in favor, carried.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Garbage Box – Town Hall** – Maintenance does not know/recall. Get some prices
- b) **Voyant Alert System** – \$2,400 + HST/year, unlimited messaging, was posted on Facebook for Resident feedback, all comments received were in favour of the system. Pricing in the past had less the 8% increase in 3 years, 24/7 support, training included, can have 1 administrator for HIS

**Motion 2022 – 046 McAuley / DM Parsons**

Moved to sign up for Voyant Alert System for 1 year at the price of \$2,400.00 + HST/year. All in favor, carried.

**9. New Business**

- a) **Main Street**– already addressed
- b) **Garbage Complaint**– send letter to resident for immediate clean up. Hand deliver letter, give 7 days to clean, if not we will have cleaned and they will be invoiced. Near by resident was cleaning the area, was hit with dirty diaper, causing mental health on Council, Mayor will follow up with investigation, Western Health not putting any more patients there
- c) **Painting Town Hall** – bids coming in
- d) **Proposal**– industrial traffic on residential streets. Department of Highways and Engineers need to be involved. Do not want to deny, need to look into options. Council needs to identify area in Town for Commercial/Industrial Properties. Ask resident to come in for privileged meeting

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**11. Deferred Items**

**Seniors Darts** – not there, forward to recreation. PA System missing, tripods, mics, not in IT Hall mixer showed up, recreation doing inventory

- a) Speed Signs
- b) Meeting with Max Simms – Cultural Entertainment Grants to enhance facilities

- c) Emergency Plan (revisions received from Chief Parsons) & Emergency Committee – Emergency Fund
- d) JCP – Job Creation Project Deadline to Apply August 19, 2022
- e) Colson’s Road (wait for response from resident or Enforcement Order)
- f) Change Town Name
- g) Main Street – awaiting response from resident (Survey Pegs – West Coast)
- h) Debit Card Machine – **defer to 2023**

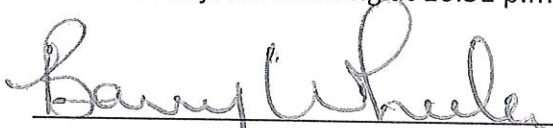
**Date and time of next meeting:** 7:00 pm, Monday, April 25, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion 2022 – 047 McAuley / Morgan**

Moved to adjourn meeting at 10:51 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

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Barry Wheeler - Mayor

Date Adopted: April 25, 2022



Amanda Bennett - Clerk