

Town of Irishtown-Summerside

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2024

In Attendance:

Mayor Parsons, Deputy Mayor Morgan, Councilors, McAuley, Taylor, Bursey and Gushue via Zoom. Also in attendance, Senior Town Clerk Bennett, Assistant Town Clerk Bursey and Project Organizer Cox. Minutes recorded by Assistant Town Clerk Bursey. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Parsons.

In Gallery:

Moment of Silence for

2. **Motion 2024 – 363 Councilor Bursey / DM Morgan**
Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated. All in favor. Carried.
3. **Motion 2024 – 364 Councilor Taylor / Councilor McAuley**
Moved to adopt the Minutes of March 22, 2024. All in favor, carried.
4. **Business from March 22, 2024**
 - Did not get the permit from department of highway to replace the pipe in the subdivision area because after speaking with Tex it will be better to wait for the ground to dry up.
 - The cleaning of the screens is scheduled for April 4, but recycling is backed up because since the fire at the dump, they must weigh in at the dump and bring the recycling to Corner Brook, so it is taking longer.
5. **Delegations- [redacted] / (7:11)**
 - Owner of [redacted] Main Street (vacant land). [redacted] had spoken with the Past Mayor on this matter before and was told by the past Mayor that he wouldn't have to pay for sewer on his vacant land. [redacted] informed the council that he had received a bill for 2024 and was charged for water and sewer on his vacant land. [redacted] told council that he didn't have anything in writing from the past mayor but feels he should not have to pay this and that he should have been able to trust the past mayor's word. The council did inform [redacted] that we must follow the rules given to them. Also told [redacted] that the mayor doesn't make decisions, the mayor is to bring anything back to council for discussion and then a decision is made though council. Council will have a discussion on this matter and be in contact with residents.

[redacted] left chambers 7:21

Council discussed the matter, and we follow the Municipalities Act for water and sewer. If we do for one resident, we will have to do it for all. Will send letter to resident

explaining how the tax structure works and there is nothing in writing from the past mayor.

6. **Committees:**

(a) Public Works

- To come off boil order they have to come over and to do a test. This test we would need the right amount of test before they will come and do their test to see if it is safe to remove the boil order.
- Senior clerk Bennett was out and was monitoring the road on Good Friday with all the rain. The fire hall had a lot of water in the basement they had to pump out the fire hall 3 times. While at the fire hall clerk Bennett lost her personal phone in the water while trying to take pictures of the water. She is going to see if she can get it repaired. Council Morgan suggested if it can't be repaired to get a new phone. Council also said to use the town phone while out in the community in the future.
- Highland had a lot of damage and one resident lost their covert from the amount of water. The road by the lift station around 263-265 Main Street had been damaged also. The contractor is aware of the issues and will make the repairs.
- Call a plumber to have a look at the drain in the fire hall, but they said we would need to contact Pardy's. Pardy's was over but only could get so far in the drain as there were rocks built up.
- Don't look like a sub pump would work.
- The Chief asked if they can get more dehumidifiers for the basement, council discussed and don't see that will work.
- Chief also believes that the fire hall is on the old septic system, Senior Clerk Bennett will talk with Jeffrey to see if this is the case.
- Look into putting rain gutters on the fire hall and also on the garage and also look into having ventilation for the Fire Hall.
- Have to look into having the fire hall issue fixed with the basement, will compile a list and have a meeting with the Chief for his input also and will bring back to council.

(b) H.I.S

- Council McAuley spoke with the Chief and Chief is an agreement with 5-year term for the Chief and Assistant Chief. Once the change is made the agreement can be signed.

- The Chief also asked what the plan was for the old rescue unit. One option discussed was to look for the value and put it on tender. Will look into some information for next meeting.

c) Recreation/Halls

- Recreation had a meeting Thursday pass they add 3 members attend plus Kayla. They received a grant of \$10,000.00 for a pickleball ball court. Kayla has been sending information to the chair of recreation and the info has not been forwarded to all the members. Kayla passed along some ideas to go along with Pickleball, and they passed on the ideas.
- Recreation had asked about doing the food for the festival this year, they were told that the Firettes would be doing the food this year.
- Kayla also give information on receiving a grant for \$2000.00 for Canada day
- Kayla also passed along to Brittany that council give her the go ahead to plan kids activities.
- Recreation also asked if students were applying for this year for recreation, Council didn't apply for any students for recreation the group was told last year if they would like students they can also apply.
- Kayla and Brittany had a meeting and they planned some great activities for the kids like movie night, rock painting, game night.
- Council then had decision on the pickleball court and the location, it was first talk about to put the pickleball court in off Park Lane where the old pool was years ago, council suggested to put it in the back parking lot of the Town Hall. By putting it in the parking lot of the town hall it can be seen by the cameras if damage was to occur.

d) Building Inspections

- N/A

e) Beautification

- Will look to see the deadline given to resident for removal of vehicles from his property.
- Will place flagpole by the town hall and flag poles at the Pynn's Pond Hall Location. Will get new Newfoundland flags and Canada flags.

f) GHJC-N/A

g) H/R

- [Name] has been laid off and is happy with this.
- Will get Kayla trained for more office duties.

h) Public Relation

- Couple messages came though Facebook and was addressed. Senior clerk Bennett had resident ask why commenting was turned off from him and resident was told that it was turned off for everyone and if residents have an issue and what to know more information on a post to contact the office.

7. Correspondence

1. Information on the Provincial Budget

2. Information on the change of location for MNL 2024 Conference

3. Resident looking for the Town's support and approval to place a pantry box in the town for resident to avail of and can give to. Council discussed and they think it is wonderful idea and supports the resident in doing this. Will send resident a letter advising a good location and that they are responsible for keeping the pantry box clean and maintained.

8. Financial Update

Motion 2024-365 DM Morgan / Councillor Bursey

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

9. Unfinished Business

a) Next step of the Emergency Plan is now ready to be signed off. Kayla is still working on a generator for the Town Hall.

b) Resident sent in letter from [redacted] : looking to be reimbursed on his taxes, due to no snow clearing and having to bring their garbage to the bottom of the hill. Council discussed and there will be no reimbursement as we have nothing saying it is a town road. This is a private road and is not up to town regulations for the town to take over. The road was deemed unsafe this year.

10. New Business

a) Councillor Bursey spoke about having a Bi law on Grass burning, maybe having a permit to burn, have some regulations in place, if no permit they may ensure a cost. Discussion took place and the office will draft something for next meeting.

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11. **Late Items**

12. **Deferred Items**

Date and time of next meeting: April 17, 2024

Meeting Adjourned

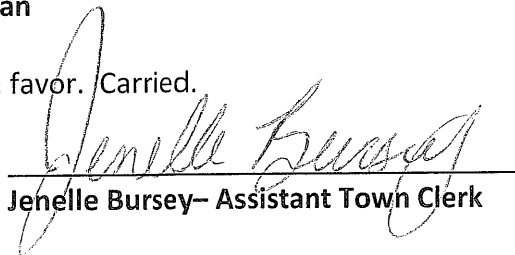
Motion 2024 – 366 Councilor McAuley / DM Morgan

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. All in favor. Carried.



Peter Parsons – Mayor

Date Adopted: May 14, 2024



Jenelle Bursey – Assistant Town Clerk