

**Minutes**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Video Conference**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Bill Nauss, Commission Chair; Nancy Hatch, Commission Vice Chair; Jo-Ann Grant, Commissioner; Martin Hiltz, Commissioner; Dennis Egyedy, Clerk Treasurer; Maxine Veinot, Recording Secretary; Everett Hiltz, Fire Chief (via Zoom)

**Regrets:** Michael Heisler, Commissioner

**Public Gallery – (via Zoom):** Bill Zinck, Jr., Cody Stevens

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Nauss called the March 10, 2021, regular monthly meeting , via Zoom video conference, of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:03 pm.

**2.0 Public Forum**

**3.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda**

- 6(d) Correspondence – Diane (Dolly) Hancock, Central Street
- 6(e) Lieutenant Governor – Community Spirit Award

**MOTION #21-025:** Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:  
The approval of the agenda with the additions of 6(d) and 6 (e).

Unanimously Carried

**4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes**

- a) Regular Meeting: Wednesday February 10, 2021

**MOTION #21-026:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:  
The approval of the Minutes of February 10, 2021 Regular Monthly meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 24, 2021

**MOTION #21-027:** Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:  
The approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2021 Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

## 5.0 Business Arising

Nil

## 6.0 Correspondence

a) Association of Nova Scotia Villages

The Association of Nova Scotia Villages would like to be included in shaping of the direction of the Act's regulations. Request sent to the Accessibility Directorate – Department of Justice.

b) Lobster Made Easy

Request to have ice cream shack down by Lido Pool April 1<sup>st</sup> until November 2021. After discussion it was agreed that there are several questions to be answered. A meeting will be set up to deal with this request and discuss with the owner.

c) Daniel Bradette

Concerns about the Windjammer Motel property for a new firehall. Clerk Treasurer Egyedy was directed to write a response to Mr. Bradette and post information on village website and Facebook.

d) Diane Dolly Hancock

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e) Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

Community Spirit Plaque was received in recognition of spirit and resilience of volunteers during the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The plaque is to be placed in a public place for all residents to have an opportunity to view the plaque.

## 7.0 Reports

a) Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reported that as a follow-up to the February 24, 2021 COW meeting, the amendments to the Village's Agreement of Purchase and Sale have been reviewed by the solicitor, and a motion is required to approve the Agreement as amended.

Preliminary Assessment figures for the 2021/2022 budget were in the Commissioners package, which shows an increase in assessments of \$15,267,200 in all areas except Village commercial which decreased by \$598,800.

The Audit committee must meet prior to the year-end audit to review and approve the audit scope and the committee must meet after the audit is completed. The Clerk Treasurer will contact the auditor and set a date next week for the meeting via zoom or in person.

**MOTION #21-028:** Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of the Clerk Treasurer's report as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) Financial Statement/Bank Transactions – February 2021

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reviewed the financial statements, cheque log and bank transactions for February 2021. Egyedy contacted Eastlink for lease payment which is based on a new five-year contract.

**MOTION #21-029:** Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:  
To approve the Financial Statements and Cheque Log as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Chief

Chief Hiltz reported five (5) emergency dispatches: two (2) fires, one (1) motor vehicle collision, two (2) alarms. There was a minor incident involving #541 and #531 with a new operator during driver training, while backing up. The damage to the trucks was minor and arrangements have been made for repairs.

At the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting Everett Hiltz was re-elected for an additional term of Fire Chief. Chief Hiltz looks forward to another year of collaboration with the Village Commission and the continued progression towards a new fire station and fire service area contract.

**MOTION #21-030:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:  
To approve the Fire Chief's verbal report.

Unanimously Carried

**8.0 New/Other Business**

a) Employee Pay Scales - Tabled from Feb 10, 2021, and Jan 13, 2021

Chair Nauss stated this issue was Tabled to the Human Resources Committee.

b) Amended Purchase and Sale Agreement

Chair Nauss stated that there is a meeting with the Vendor and lawyers on Friday, March 12, 2021 to review the agreement.

**MOTION #21-031:** Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

To Table the discussion on the amended Purchase and Sale Agreement until after a meeting with the Vendor and Solicitors.

Unanimously Carried

c) In Camera – Fire Services Agreement

**MOTION #21-032:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

To move In Camera in reference to the acquisition, sale, lease, and security of village property at 7:53 pm with the following invites: Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy; Chief Everett Hiltz; Deputy Chief Bill Zinck; and Deputy Chief Cody Stevens.

Unanimously Carried

*A five-minute break was declared before starting the In Camera.*

**MOTION #21-033:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:  
To move "Out of In Camera" at 9:05 pm

Unanimously Carried

**MOTION# 21-034:** Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:  
To approve the extension of the current Fire Services Agreement with the Municipality of Chester to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Unanimously Carried

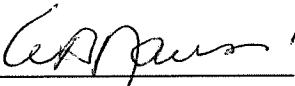
**MOTION# 21-035:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:  
To approve the extension of the current Fire Services Agreement with the Chester Volunteer Fire Society to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.


Unanimously Carried

**9.0 Adjournment**

Next Regular Monthly Meeting – April 14, 2021 – 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Grant adjourned the March 10, 2021 meeting at 9:09 pm.

  
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Bill Nauss  
Commission Chair

  
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Dennis Egyedy, BPA, AMCT  
Clerk Treasurer