

**Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
Video Conference
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

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

Public Gallery – William Zinck Jr.; Deputy Chief Greg Conron; Bruce Perry

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Nauss called the May 12, 2021, regular monthly meeting, via Zoom video conference, of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Public Forum

Nil

3.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Addition – 5(a) Business Arising – April 14, 2021 Minutes

MOTION #21-056: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
The approval of the agenda with the addition of 5(a).

Unanimously Carried

4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Commissioner Grant asked that section 1.0 Call to Order 'via Zoom video conference', be deleted as the Commissioners met in person.

MOTION #21-057: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of April 14, 2021 Regular Monthly meeting with the noted deletion.

Unanimously Carried

5.0 Business Arising

a) April 14, 2021 Minutes: Commissioner Hatch moved: Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
To amend Motion #21-046; Firehall design committee as follows:

To establish a Committee to design a new firehall with the following committee members: Bob Youden, Jane Raeburn, Nancy Hatch, Everett Hiltz, Greg Conron, and Cody Stevens.

Unanimously Carried

6.0 Correspondence

a) Municipality of Chester – Tax Collection 2020/21

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy stated that the taxes collected in 2020/21 were \$892,840.46; less the advances paid and Village tax exemptions leaving the final taxes received of \$3,137.91, with our first quarter taxes levied for 2021-2022 taxation year.

b) Association of Nova Scotia Villages – Brian Banks

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reviewed the correspondence from ANSV. The letter encourages Villages to join the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. The Association meeting Minutes of April 23, 2021 were included and contact information for the Board of Directors.

c) Municipal Affairs – Minister Maguire

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reviewed the Minister's letter which gave notice that, under the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) must be given twelve months notice of any provincial legislation, regulation, or administrative actions that could have an effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities.

d) J. Mason Contracting – Bruce Perry

Bruce Perry stated the condition of the three-foot backwall is very soft, this area is presently being repaired. The outside wall is fairly-sound, but if you let it go too long then a major restoration will be needed. Chair Nauss asked if there are any coatings that could be put on the outside wall? Mr. Perry stated that would be tough, as it is a tidal-wall and it would never be dry before a tide comes in. Getting the moisture out before applying the coating is very important. Mr. Perry will research to see if anything is available for coatings on tide-wall.

Mr. Perry stated that there are advantages to replacing a larger section than smaller phases. Bruce will notify the commission when he will be at the pool to show them the bad areas of the walls.

7.0 Reports

a) Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reported that COVID is back and affecting the dates of the election. A summer grant has been approved for a lifeguard in the amount of \$2,719.00. Egyedy updated a report of our investments of \$1,157,874.05 and the pay-back to the apparatus and operating reserves.

Egyedy included a balanced budget of \$978,114.45 in revenue and \$978,114.58 in expenditures. The budget is for commissioner review. A budget needs to be approved and presented at the Annual Public Meeting (APM) on July 7th, 2021.

MOTION #21-058: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

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

Unanimously Carried

b) Financial Statement/Bank Transactions – April 2021

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reviewed the financial statements, cheque log and bank transactions for April 2021. The Auditor was in and will have his completed audit in a few weeks. An Audit Committee meeting will be held to review the audit prior to the APM.

MOTION #21-059: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To approve the Financial Statements and Cheque Log for April 2021 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Chief

Chief Hiltz reported (7) emergency dispatches: four (4) fires, one (1) motor vehicle collision, one (1) medical, and one (1) alarm. Virtual meetings and social distance virtual training was held this past month. Six members will be answering medical calls and received personal protection equipment (PPE) from EHS. Chief Hiltz thanked Bill Zinck Jr., for his service to the Chester Fire Department as Deputy Chief.

MOTION #21-060: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To approve the Fire Chief's verbal report as presented.

Unanimously Carried

8.0 New/Other Business

a) Elections and Annual Public Meeting

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy recommended postponing the Annual Public meeting and Elections due to COVID 19.

Motion #21-061: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

To amend Motion #21-053 Election and Annual Public meeting dates due to COVID-19 restrictions as follows:

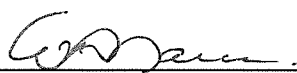
- Nomination Day, Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 – 9:00am to 5:00pm
- Annual Public Meeting, Wednesday, July 7th, 2021 – 6:30pm
- Advance Election Poll, Saturday, July 10th, 2021 – 11:00am to 7:00pm
- Election Day Poll, Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 – 9:00am to 7:00pm

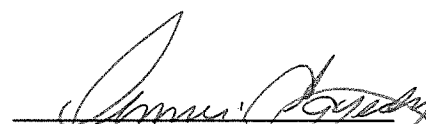
Unanimously Carried

9.0 Adjournment

Next Regular Monthly Meeting – June 09, 2021 – 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the May 12, 2021 meeting at 7:41 pm.


Bill Nauss
Commission Chair


Dennis Egyedy, BPA, AMCT
Clerk Treasurer