

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
Video Conference  
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 – 7:00 pm**

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

**Public Gallery:** Two community members

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chairman Nauss called the August 12, 2020, regular monthly meeting , via Zoom video conference, of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

**2.0 Public Forum**

Danielle Barkhouse – re the Ice Cream Booth, from Lobster Made Easy Company, stated that this is a ‘not-for-profit’ business designed to help school teenagers learn about business, entrepreneurial business, accountability, ethics, etc. Ms. Barkhouse would like to see the Ice Cream Booth located down by the garbage box at the Lido Pool.

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

There were two additions to the agenda as follows:

8b – Ice Cream Booth – Chair Nauss

8c – Wheelchair Ramp at Lido Pool – Commissioner Hiltz

**MOTION #20-238:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of the agenda as amended with additions of 8b and 8c.

Unanimously Carried

**4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes**

a) Regular Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, July 08, 2020

**MOTION #20-239:** Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of the Minutes of July 08, 2020 Regular Monthly meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) Special Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 2020

**MOTION #20-240:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

The approval of the Minutes of July 15, 2020 Special Meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Building Committee Meeting June 3, 2020

**MOTION #20-241:** Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:

The approval of the minutes of Firehall Building Committee of June 3, 2020, as presented.

Unanimously Carried

**5.0** Business Arising

There was no business arising.

**6.0** Correspondence

Lido Pool Memorial – Mrs. McCurdy

Discussion was held on location and type of tree as blocking the water view has been an issue in the past. It was suggested to put a nice bench there, but not a tree.

Chair Nauss asked Commissioners if they agreed for Clerk Treasurer Egyedy and himself to have discussion with Mrs. McCurdy to work out an idea for the memorial that would not obscure the view. Commissioner Hatch suggested that a policy be established with regards to memorials.

**MOTION #20-242:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

To approve the Commissioner Chair and Clerk Treasurer to meet with Mrs. McCurdy to develop a plan for a tree and bench at the Lido Pool.

Unanimously Carried

**7.0** Reports

a) Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reported that \$133,000.00 was transferred into Operating reserve - \$123,000.00 and Emergency Health Service reserve of \$10,000.00. As of July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, all reserve accounts total \$1,637,147.67 and the budget contribution of \$150,000.00 will be transferred when the October tax deposit is received from MODC.

Applications for the Low-Income Property Tax Exemption are available and MODC will be processing applications after the final tax bills are issued in mid September.

**MOTION #20-243:** Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:

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

Unanimously Carried

b) Financial Statement/Bank Transactions – July 2020

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reviewed the financial statements, cheque log and bank transactions for July 2020. There were no questions or concerns.

**MOTION #20-244:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

The approval of the Financial Statement and Cheque Log for July 2020 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Chief

Chief Hiltz reported 11 emergency dispatches: two water rescues, seven alarms, one propane leak, and one motor vehicle collision. Chief Hiltz reported that the primary gas detector had a failure that resulted in needing replacement. Practical training is being held with social distancing and masks being utilized.

Commissioner Hatch questioned the Fire Chief on the false alarms and if there is limit on false alarms? Chief Hiltz stated that no trucks responded and that MODC has a policy and the report forms are processed and sent the MODC as their policy states.

**MOTION #20-245:** Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To approve the Fire Chief's verbal report.

Unanimously Carried

8.0 New/Other Business

a) Declared State of Emergency – Direction 20-008

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy stated the directions are not clear and he is awaiting the government to come back with clarification. After the emergency state is lifted then there is a 90-day timeline to have elections. It was agreed to continue meetings via video conference on Zoom.

b) Ice Cream Booth

Danielle Barkhouse stated this is a Pilot Project and the students in the MODC area will benefit. A letter was provided from Mark Lowe, President/Founder of Lobster Made Easy Inc. states that Seaside Creamery is a not-for-profit tool to teach entrepreneurship to students. Daniel stated that the money earned is divided amongst the students and they want to move a booth to the Lido Pool for three to four weeks this year. In 2021, it is hoped to have the Ice Cream booth in Hubbards by the Irving. Barkhouse cannot foresee and problems with the Chester Municipal Council approving the project.

Commissioner Hatch expressed concern over the lack of information from Seaside Creamery, who is responsible for the business? Secondly, where will they get power, water, trash disposal, land ownership, and land-use bylaw requirements. Hatch stated that it is unfair to village businesses that pay taxes. She requested a Recorded Vote on the proposal.

Commissioner Grant stated that the information provided is different from the information presented by Barkhouse. She was concerned that the business could exacerbate the effects of COVID 19. Commissioner Heisler likes the idea but there are some issues. Chairman Nauss stated that he is not concerned because it is a school project. Commissioner Hiltz stated that he supports the project as there is a lot of publicity for the village.

**MOTION #20-246:** Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To approve sending a letter to MODC in support of a pilot project from Seaside Creamery to sell ice cream at the Lido Pool.

Recorded Vote: Commissioner Hatch – In favour  
Commissioner Heisler – In favour  
Commissioner Grant – Not in favour  
Commissioner Hiltz – In favour  
Chair Nauss – In favour

Carried

c) Accessibility Ramp at Lido Pool

Commissioner Hiltz and the Clerk Treasurer Egyedy discussed the site for a handicapped ramp at the Lido pool. Hiltz recommends following the Rick Hansen guidelines for a ramp which would not interfere with swimming instruction. Commission Hiltz confirmed with Darcy Stevens that the location and possible design would not affect instruction area of the lessons.

A suggestion was made to investigate stairway chairlift instead of a ramp. The Clerk Treasurer was instructed to follow-up on the design and costing. Egyedy stated that the final decision/cost of the project would be included in the 2021/22 budget.

**MOTION #20-247:** Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:

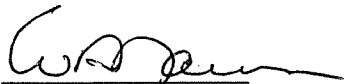
To approve hiring of an Engineer for the design of a handicap ramp at the Lido Pool.

Unanimously Carried

**9.0 Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting – September 09, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the August 12, 2020 meeting at 8:28 pm.



Bill Nauss  
Commission Chair



Dennis Egyedy, BPA, AMCT  
Clerk Treasurer