

**Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
Video Conference
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 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: One community member

1.0 Call to Order

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy called the October 21, 2020, regular monthly meeting , via Zoom video conference, of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Swearing-in of new Commissioner

Bill Nauss, elected October 12, 2020, was sworn in prior to this meeting by Pam Myra, at the Municipality of Chester.

3.0 Nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy called for nominations for Commission Chair three times with the nomination of Commissioner Nauss by Commissioner Hiltz. Commissioner Nauss was acclaimed Chair of the Commission and accepted the Chair position without challenge.

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy called for nominations for Commission Vice Chair three times with the nomination of Commissioner Hatch by Commissioner Hiltz. Commissioner Hatch was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Commission and accepted the Vice Chair position without challenge.

4.0 Public Forum

No issues were brought forward from Village residents

5.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Commissioner Hatch asked to have item 10(c) Halloween Celebrations added to agenda

MOTION #20-266: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:

The approval of the agenda, with the addition of 10 (c) Halloween Celebrations.

Unanimously Carried

6.0 Review/Approval of Minutes

- a) Regular Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

MOTION #20-267: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of September 9, 2020 Regular Monthly meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Special Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2020

MOTION #20-268: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of September 24, 2020 Special meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Firehall Building Committee: Tuesday, August 18, 2020

MOTION #20-269: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of August 18, 2020 Firehall Building Committee meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

- d) Annual Public Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2020

MOTION #20-270: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of October 7, 2020 Annual Public Meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

7.0 Business Arising

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy asked for a motion to appoint Bob Youden the "Citizen Voting Member" to the Fire Hall Building Committee.

MOTION :20-271: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
To approve the Fire Hall Building Committee recommendation to appointment of Bob Youden as the "Citizen Voting Member" to the Fire Hall Building Committee.

Unanimously Carried

8.0 Correspondence

- a) Lido Pool Fire Inspection

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reported that the Fire Inspection was done by Erin Schurman-Kolb, Fire Inspector/Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator, with Municipality of Chester. The inspection went well, and repairs have been completed. A follow-up appointment will be held on November 9th and a Fire Safety Plan has been developed.

9.0 Reports

- a) Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reported that the flower baskets have been taken down and the wreaths have been ordered and will be installed after Remembrance Day.

The Legion location was great for conducting the village elections. There was ample parking and the facility allowed for social distancing. Several complaints were made that 'villagers did not know about the election'. Egyedy stated that notices were put on the website, Facebook page, newspaper advertisements (3), and posted around the village in 5 locations as per the Municipal Government Act.

Land & Sea has completed the project at the Lido Pool wharf. Change rooms will be looked at in the spring. Terminix was contracted October 2019 for one-year pest control. Egyedy asked if the Commission wished to have the contract renewed.

MOTION :20-272: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To renew the Terminix Pest Control contract for a second year until October 2021 for pest control in the Village of Chester at a monthly cost of \$240.00 plus HST.

Unanimously Carried

Egyedy will be sending out a newsletter and would like to put information from Terminix on controlling pests and various steps that can be taken. The Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) will be hosting a video conference meeting Saturday, November 21, 2020. Egyedy will forward the information to the commissioners when received.

MOTION #20-273: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:

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

Unanimously Carried

b) Financial Statement/Bank Transactions – September 2020

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

MOTION #20-274: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

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

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Chief

Chief Hiltz reported six emergency dispatches: one structure fire, one vehicle fire, one motor vehicle collision and three alarms.

The Office of the Fire Marshall awarded Chester Fire Department with an Emergency Services Provider Fund for \$20,000 grant to be used towards the purchase of SCBA.

The Annual General Meeting brought changes to the structure and officers of the department. No longer will there be an "Assistant Deputy Chief" position, instead there will be two Deputy Chief's, who are Bill Zinck Jr., and Cody Stevens. Captains are Blake Corkum, Doug Morash, Daniel Jessome, Jaren MacDonald, and Nick Hirtle.

Commissioner Hatch asked if the \$20,000 will reduce the budgeted amount of \$50,000 for SCBA or if additional SCBA will be purchased; Chief Hiltz informed that additional breathing

apparatus will be purchased. Commissioner Grant asked if the commission receives the Chief's report, as it should be included in the meeting information. Chief stated he sends the report to the office after the meeting.

MOTION #20-275: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
To approve the Fire Chief's verbal report.

Unanimously Carried

10.0 New/Other Business

a) Request for Decision – DNR Reimbursement

CVFD was reimbursed by the Department of Natural Resources for aiding with fire suppression of a forest fire in Chester Grant on May 22nd and 23rd, 2020. The total amount of reimbursement was \$7,266.15.

Chief Hiltz reviewed the Request for Decision to purchase additional equipment with the DNR funds. If the Commission approves this purchase, the Fire Department membership has voted to give the Commission their portion \$2108.95, of the DNR money to help make the purchases.

Commissioner Grant questioned a point of order as to any decisions voted on with respect to the Fire Department, should Commissioner Hiltz absent himself? Clerk Treasurer Egyedy asked Commissioner Hiltz if he is still active in the Fire Department. Commissioner Hiltz said he is, as they are short members now and there has been money invested in Commissioner Hiltz's training. If the Commission feels he should resign, he will.

Chair Nauss stated when Commissioner Hiltz was thinking of running for Commissioner, Chair Nauss called the lawyer and the lawyer stated the only conflict is if the commission decide to give the Chief more money. Chair Nauss will get information for the lawyer and share with the Commission. Chair Nauss asked Commissioner Hiltz to leave the Zoom meeting until the motion is voted on.

**Commissioner Hiltz left the meeting at 7:41 pm.

MOTION #20-276: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:

To approve the Request for Decision to purchase TMR \$2,297.18 - TMR Service fee \$207.00 - MSA gas detector \$1,033.85 – 14 rounds of Hose \$3,621.70, at a total cost of \$7,190.78, from the money received through the Department of Natural Resources.

Carried

b) Email Communications

Commissioner Hatch is concerned that residents are not seeing the posts on the Website, Facebook, or notices boards around the Village. There needs to be a change to distribute information to Village residents. Commissioner Grant suggested a quarterly newsletter as there are residents with no access to emails.

Discussion was held on this issue and Clerk Treasurer Egyedy will search out solutions to this issue and bring back to the next meeting.

**Commissioner Hiltz returned to the meeting at 7:49 pm.

c) Halloween Celebrations

Commissioner Hatch requested funding from the Celebrations budget for the Fire Department and Heritage Society to host a Spooktacular event at Lordly Park. Chair Nauss suggested budgeting up to \$1000.00 and providing receipts of various purchases.

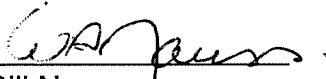
MOTION #20-277: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
That the Commission provide up to, but not exceeding \$1000, from the Celebrations budget to be used by the Fire Department and Carol Nauss for a Halloween Celebration providing expense receipts are submitted

Unanimously Carried

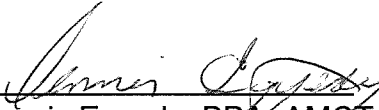
11.0 Adjournment

Next Regular Monthly Meeting – November 10, 2020 – 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the October 21, 2020 meeting at 8:00 pm.



Bill Nauss
Commission Chair



Dennis Egyedy, BPA, AMCT
Clerk Treasurer