



**Regular Monthly Meeting
Video Conference
Wednesday, April 15, 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: Due to Video Conferencing, there were no members of the public in attendance.

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Nauss called the April 15, 2020, regular monthly meeting of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 6:32 pm.

2.0 Public Forum

No public forum as meeting was via video conference.

3.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Commissioner Grant asked to have item 8.0 Request for Decision- Budget 2020-2021 discussions early in meeting as she had to leave the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Motion: #20-175: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
That agenda item 8.0 Request for Decision- Budget 2020-2021 be moved to agenda item #5 and all subsequent items being renumbered.

Unanimously Carried

Additions to Agenda

Correspondence:

7 (e) Letter from Jillian Miller

Reports:

8 (a) Clerk Treasurer Report – Lido Pool and Public Washrooms – Clerk Treasurer Egyedy

8 (b) Financial Statements – March 2020 – Clerk Treasurer Egyedy

New Business:

9 (a) New Fire Hall – Commissioner Hiltz

MOTION #20-176: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
The approval of the agenda with the above additions.

Unanimously Carried

4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes

(a) Committee of the Whole: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

MOTION #20-177: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of February 5, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Unanimously Carried

(b) Regular Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Discussion was held on the Curling Team \$1200.00 financial assistance with regards to the account the monies are to be taken. The Fire Chief will advise the Clerk which account to use for funding the Curling Team.

MOTION #20-178: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of February 12, 2020 Regular Monthly meeting with the noted change.

Unanimously Carried

(c) Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

MOTION #20-179: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of February 19, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Unanimously Carried

5.0 New/Other Business

a) Request for Decision – Budget 2020-2021

Commissioners Grant and Heisler spoke on the budget, considering the pandemic, loss of jobs/wages, etc., makes it necessary to have an absolute ‘bare-bones’ budget` with no expenditure unless it is an absolute essential need. Commissioner Heisler stated that he would like to see a reduction in the tax rate as people need help.

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy stated that Municipality of Chester is delaying tax timelines and increasing exemption limits for low household incomes. CAO Dan McDougall stated that if the Village needs money the Municipality will advance funds and deduct it off when taxes are levied.

Chair Nauss stated that he feels the Village Budget should be deferred and discussed at a COW meeting, section by section and the Fire Chief should be involved in the discussions.

Commissioner Hatch stated that she feels Fire Chief Hiltz should be involved in the budget discussions. All Commissioners agreed to defer the discussions.

MOTION #20-180: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
To defer the Budget 2020-2021 for a future COW meeting for discussion.

Unanimously Carried

6.0 **Correspondence**

a) Mike Mulrooney: 19 Millennium Drive: A letter was received requesting a by-law for Commissioners to have taxes paid or payment installment arrangements prior to nomination day.

Commissioner Grant and Chair Nauss agreed that they did not see the purpose as the Municipal Government Act (MGA) does not state the requirement.

MOTION #20-181: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
To accept Mr. Mulrooney’s correspondence as information.

Unanimously Carried

b) 2020 Preliminary Assessment: Clerk Treasurer Egyedy stated the preliminary assessments were received.

c) Accessibility Act – Attorney General: A letter was received stating the Provincial accessibility timeline is 2030.

d) Chester Village Planning Advisory Committee: Commissioner Hatch volunteered to represent the Village Commission on this committee.

MOTION #20-182: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The appointment of Commissioner Hatch to the Chester Village Planning Advisory Committee.

Unanimously Carried

e) Jillian Miller: A letter was received concerning Mesothelioma cancer caused by exposure to asbestos, and she requested it be posted on the Village website. The letter was accepted as information to be distributed at our next regular meeting.

8.0 **Reports**

a) Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reported that he has a Facebook page for the Village. We have one lifeguard returning and an instructor interested, but they have not confirmed since the outbreak of Covid-19. Clerk Treasurer Egyedy requested Motions regarding the opening the public washrooms and Lido Pool.

MOTION #20-183: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
The approval of the repairs and patching to the Lido Pool to be funded from the Lido Reserves.

Unanimously Carried

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy requested a motion to proceed with sodding the bank behind the fire hall.

MOTION #20-184: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
To approve All Outdoors to lay sod on the bank behind the fire hall at an estimated cost of \$3,866.88.

Unanimously Carried

MOTION #20-185: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
The approval of the Clerk Treasurer's report as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) Financial Statement/Cheque Log – February 2020

The financial statements, cheque log and bank reconciliation for February 2020 were reviewed with the Commission.

MOTION #20-186: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the Financial Statement and Cheque Log for February 2020 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

MOTION #20-187: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
The approval of the Financial Statement and Cheque Log for March 2020 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Chief

Chief Hiltz reported on 14 dispatches - 2 structure fires, 4 MVAs, 1 chimney fire, 4 grass fires, 1 alarm, 1 vehicle fire and 1 illegal burn.

Trucks #541 and #551 needed brake work in order to pass inspection.

Fire Chief Hiltz requested to purchase a disinfectant that can be used throughout the station, through the apparatus and into the cabins. The available product is a 45-gallon drum for approximately \$3000.00. This could come out of GL#5230 Building Maintenance.

Practises and training have been suspended during the Provincial State of Emergency.

MOTION #20-188: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
To approve the verbal Fire Chief report and the purchase of the 45-gallon drum of disinfectant.

Unanimously Carried

Fire Chief Hiltz stated the Municipality of Chester set the Fire Protection Budget with an increase of 6% for 2020/2021 budget. Chief Hiltz stated that if the Commission is setting the budget to a lower amount than it has been, the money, with the 6% increase, will still be collected by the Municipality.

8.0 New/Other Business

a) New Fire Hall Update

Commissioner Grant has heard nothing from John Risley and feels that everyone has a lot going on at the present time with the pandemic and Provincial orders.

Commissioner Grant left the video conference meeting at 7:53 pm.

b) Public Washrooms

All Commissioners agreed that the Public Washrooms would not be opening May 1, 2020. Clerk Treasurer Egyedy will post this on Facebook and the website.

9.0 Adjournment

Next COW meeting re Budget discussion - April 22, 2020 7:00 pm

Next Regular Meeting – May 13, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the April 15, 2020 meeting at 8:05 pm.

Bill Nauss
Commission Chair

Dennis Egyedy
Clerk Treasurer