

*****Before “**calling the meeting to order**”, Deputy Mayor Shay announced that Councillor Sharon Loder would be joining the Regular Council Meeting by social media.

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Shay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**** Deputy Mayor Shay announced again that Councillor Loder is joining the Regular Council Meeting by social media and made sure that everyone could hear her.

ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay
Councillor Harley Hunt

Councillor Doug Bobbitt
Councillor Sharon Loder – **Social Media**

Assistant Clerk / Treasurer Robby Obermeier

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay called for a motion to approve the agenda.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Hunt)

**Motion to approve the agenda for the
December 11, 2018, Regular Council Meeting.**

DELEGATIONS:

There were no delegations before Council.

BY-LAWS:

There were no by-laws before Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 20, 2018.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt))

Motion to approve of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 20, 2018.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no items of business from previous meetings before Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operations:

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Hunt)

Motion to approve the November 2018 bills for payment:

General \$ 240,561.44
Water & Sewer \$ 36,661.44

Accept Committee Reports:

Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay called for a motion to accept the committee reports.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Hunt)

Motion to accept the Operations Committee and Fundy Civic Centre Inc. reports.

Councillor Loder congratulated Councillor Bobbitt on his newly appointed position with the Fundy Civic Centre as Acting Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no items of correspondence for Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 Budget Approvals:

Our operating budgets for 2019 is completed and both require a resolution of Council for approval.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt)

I move to approve the 2019 General Operating Fund Budget for the Village of Sussex Corner with a Total Budget of \$ 1,515,860.00 less Non-Tax Revenue of \$ 242,378.00 and Community Funding and Equalization Grant of \$ 35,982.00 leaving the Warrant To Be Raised By Local Tax Rate of \$ 1,237,500.00 resulting in a 2019 Tax Rate of \$ 1.2200 per \$100.00 of assessment.

Councillor Loder wanted clarification that this meant no increase in the tax rate, Deputy Mayor Shay stated that the tax rate will stay the same as last year.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt)

I move to approve the 2019 Water and Sewer Operating Fund Budget for the Village of Sussex Corner with Total Revenues of \$ 503,628.00 and Total Expenditures of \$ 503,628.00 and a Water Service rate of \$ 200.00 and Sewer Service rate of \$ 320.00.

Yearend Transfers to Reserve Funds:

Motions are needed to transfer money from Operating funds to Capital Reserves. This is an annual requirement.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Hunt)

I move to authorize the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund for future capital projects.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Hunt)

I move to authorize the transfer of \$2,500.00 from the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund, restricted only for any replacement costs as per the Building Canada Fund Post Road Project.

Remuneration of Council:

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt)

I move to approve Council's salary; By-law #96-06 under Schedule "A" be increased by 25% due

to the elimination of the “one-third” federal tax exemption that will take effect in January 2019.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt)

I move to approve Council’s Special Meeting Allowance; By-law #96-06 under Schedule “A” change from \$25.00 per “Special” meeting to \$40.00 per “Special” meeting due to the elimination of the “one-third” federal tax exemption that will take effect in January 2019.

Appointment of Auditor:

The municipality is required to appoint an auditor to complete the audit of the year ending December 31, 2018. Council has chosen to retain Buckley Professional Corporation in that role.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Hunt)

I move to appoint Buckley Professional Corporation as Village Auditor to complete the audit of financial records for the year ending December 31, 2018.

Outstanding Invoice – Liftow – Bobcat Atlantic:

Councillor Bobbitt explained why the following motion was needed - “when a budget item has exceeded the amount previously approved, then a motion is needed to pay that invoice”.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Hunt)

Motion to approve payment of the following outstanding account:

Bobcat Atlantic: \$828.89

Deputy Mayor Shay congratulated Mr. Taylor on his newly elected Council position and mentioned that due to the Municipal By-Election Schedule and the office being closed over the Christmas holidays that the Swearing In Ceremony wouldn’t take place until Thursday, January 3rd, 2019, commencing at 6:00 pm.

Councillor Bobbitt also congratulated Mr. Taylor and Mr. Stackhouse and he thanked Mr. Gil Stackhouse on stepping up and running and although not successful this time,

he hoped that when the next election comes around in the Spring of 2020, he will try again!

ADJOURNMENT:

M/C (Bobbitt)

Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Assistant Clerk / Treasurer

Deputy Mayor